

paper that was used. An expert in hand-writing was unable to discover anything in the signatures which would lead to a conclusion that they were forged, but the expert in type-writing made the forgery of the type-writing clear to the judge. The conclusion seems reasonable that type-writing as compared with hand-writing is not easily forged, and this is a matter of some practical interest in every solicitor's office.

---

The extraordinary value of "Chinese Made Easy" to lawyers at nisi prius, and in the inferior courts of criminal jurisdiction, induces us to depart from our usual practice and notice it in our editorial columns. The book is written by Walter Brooks Brouner, A. B., M. D., (Columbia) and Fung Yuet Mow, Chinese Missionary in New York City, and is a royal road to the mysteries of the Chinese language as the same is spoken in the laundries, restaurants opium-joints, and other strictly mundane places where celestials are wont to foregather on this continent. As we all know some very pretty quarrels are apt to ensue at times between these expatriated citizens of the heavenly kingdom; and as the essence of these quarrels is reasonably certain to be distilled in court, a speaking acquaintance with the Chinese tongue is an obvious advantage to members of our profession. To attempt to acquire a knowledge of literary Chinese is enough to convince one that the "yellow peril" doesn't depend for its existence upon yellow journalism alone. Such an exploit proves a very "parlous thing" indeed. But, as Professor Giles in his "China and the Chinese" points out, Chinese embraces two languages, one written, the other colloquial, the latter being comparatively easy of acquirement. In the opinion of this learned authority "a student will begin to speak from the very first, for the simple reason that there is no other way. There are no declensions or conjugations to be learned, and, consequently, no paradigms or irregular verbs. In a day or two the student should be able to say a few simple things, after three months he should be able to deal with the ordinary requirements, and after six months he should be able to chatter away more or less accurately on a variety of interesting subjects." Professor Giles has written an introduction to Messieurs Brouner and Fung's book, in which he strongly commends its value for imparting a speedy knowledge of colloquial Chinese. It is not possible