

are to make the introduction of téléphones into electric telegraph offices serve as a signal for their receiving what, in unpolished parlance, is termed "the grand bounce," to enter at once into the study of phonography.

A Knowledge of Shorthand Necessary for Reporters.

A practical acquaintance with shorthand must be regarded as a *sine qua non* to the reporter who expects to make any progress in his profession. There are, indeed, certain departments of newspaper reporting in which longhand is found to answer every purpose; and where those departments alone are cultivated, the reporter may dispense with stenographic acquirements. But special branches of reporting of this description are rare; and no reporter who anticipates a wide field for his labors can afford to neglect the practice of an art which enables him to record not merely the substance, but the exact words of the public speeches to which he has daily to listen. Not, indeed, that he is often called upon to transcribe the *ipsisima verba* of the addresses; a considerable part of his duty is to strip them of needless verbiage, in many cases to omit unimportant passages altogether, and present his readers with a well-digested summary instead of a detailed report. But, now and then, the reporter, even in a small provincial town, finds himself called upon for a verbatim rendering of some unusually important address. Perhaps a prominent member of the Government is expected to speak at a local gathering, and to utter words which may foreshadow the course of imperial or colonial policy; or a new candidate enters the town seeking the suffrages of the electors, and invites them to listen to a public declaration of his principles. On these and similar occasions no mere summary, however well prepared, will satisfy the newspaper proprietors or the public; and every word of the speaker, and every "hear, hear," of his audience must be faithfully recorded. And even in cases where considerable condensation is required, it will often happen that particular passages will call for a literal rendering which the most skilful writer would be unable to furnish without stenographic aid. Thus, while shorthand is not by any means the only requisite, it is absolutely indispensable to the reporter who wishes to succeed and advance in his profession.—*Reporter's Guide.*

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Why are the rapidly written notes of a Scoville like crows? Because they are hardly ever re(a)d.

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Why is a Grahamite like the coat tail of an orator? Because he is always close behind the speaker.

Why are Pitmanitish *verbats* like red-headed darkies? 'Cause we nebber see many ob um.

Why are phonographic notes like stolen kisses? Because they are always taken in haste.

The signal of a red light usually serves the purpose of a warning against danger, and is generally regarded as being a broad hint to "fall back." But, strange to say, when *Pullus* (Benn Pitman's bookseller) happens to find his P. O. box illuminated with a red light, he invariably goes for it in a way that would reflect a high degree of credit on the charge from an infuriated male cow upon the unhappy possessor of a red shirt.

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