

Head be cut off, and that your Body be divided into four Quarters, and that the Head and Quarters be placed where our Lord the King shall assign. And the Lord have Mercy upon your Soul." The sentence was subsequently commuted by the King.

THE EXTINCTION OF BOOKSELLERS

Not long ago, a note appeared in the newspapers, setting forth a new invention for the publication of books through the medium of the phonograph. We thought the whole thing was a hoax or a *jeu d'esprit*, but the following account culled from a newspaper goes to show that the invention is serious. Let the newsvendor and the bookseller tremble! If news, music and lectures may be laid on like gas, why not the newest novel or the latest volume of travels? The following is reproduced from an English newspaper:

"There is one development of newspaper enterprise—though in some respects the phrase involves a wrong description--which has received but little attention in this country. Now that the Post Office is bestirring itself in the matter of telephones, it is quite possible that we may see a novel departure in the furnishing of news. There is such an organisation in Buda-

Pesth, where it has been in successful operation for over two years. It has about 6,000 subscribers. The service has a main wire of one hundred and sixty-eight miles, which is connected to private houses and various public resorts. Between 7.30 in the morning and 9.30 in the evening, twenty-eight editions are spoken into the transmitter, ten men with loud clear voices acting as speakers in shifts of two. The news is classified and given in accordance with a regular programme, so that any subscriber knows when to expect the kind of news of interest to himself. A short summary of all important items is given at noon, and again at night, and subscribers are entertained with music and lectures in the evening."

HYPNOTISM

One of the most recent and most remarkable features of hypnotic science is its application to the treatment of sexual perversions and moral anæsthesia. Members of the medical profession everywhere were started some time ago by the publication of illustrated articles in the New York daily newspapers giving details of the marvellous cures effected by a reputable practitioner and professor of Columbia University. From that time on there