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**What a Queen Cannot do.**

Queen Victoria is not allowed to handle a newspaper of any kind, or a magazine or a letter from any person except her own family; and no member of the royal family or household is allowed to speak to her of any piece of news in any publication. All the information the queen is permitted to have must first be strained through the intellect of a man whose business it is to cut from the papers each day what he thinks she would like to know. These scraps he fastens on a silk sheet with a gold fringe all about it, and presents it to her unfortunate majesty. The silken sheet with a golden fringe is imperative for all communications to the queen.

Any one who wishes to send the queen a personal poem or a communication of any kind (except a personal letter, which the poor lady is not allowed to have at all) must have it printed in gilt letters on one of those silk sheets with a gold fringe, just so many inches wide and no wider, all about it.

These gold trimmings will be returned to him in time, as they are expensive, and the Queen is kindly and thrifty, but for the queen's presence they are imperative.—[Fireside.]

The first book with a date printed in England was "Diets and Sayings of the Philosophers enprynted by me, William Caxton, at Westmestre, the yere of our Lord MCCCCLXXVIJ."

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