

world! We have often thought it would be a good idea for young writers, who are troubled with a verbal flux, to try a course of lightning despatches as a cure. The literary market should be, in some respects, subject to the same rules as the grain market. Wheat and corn cannot be sold together; why should a few seeds of thought, half smothered with verbal husks, be merchantable in the marts of literature? Contributors to newspapers should be especially careful to avoid wordiness. Articles containing much that is valuable and interesting are often rejected because of this fault. Editors have no time to prune such productions; and hence they are consigned to the waste-basket. In the days of the patriarchs, when the lives of men were measured by centuries, time might have been spared by such a process: but in this age, when a lifetime is limited to three score years and ten, and more brain-work has to be crowded into it than Methuselah ever dreamed of, no man can afford to correct and put into shape the loosely expressed ideas of his fellows, unless he does it professionally, and is paid for it. Our advice to all writers whose besetting sin is prosiness, may be put into six words: Make the telegraph system your model. This hint is intended for all who desire to inform, interest, or amuse the busy public by means of the pen.

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