out, while attending service, a lump of pitch having been placed upon the seat he occupied. The consequence was that just as he was about to rise he changed his mind, and concluded to sit awhile longer-till such time at least as a pen-knife could detach a substantial portion of the broadest part of his unmentionables (and he was a portly man withal), which certainly did not improve their appearance. He had to choose between this extreme measure and the alternative of carrying the cushion around with him, which would have been a little awkward, as it was about six feet long. It is almost unnecessary to state that it would have been just about as well if he had not attended church that morning, as the amount of good he derived from the sermon was thoroughly evaporated in the sulphurous atmosphere arising from the expletives that emanated from him on the discovery of his situation. This moral little show was the handiwork of a young imp who, if he continues to "pan out" as well in future as his various exploits on board ship would warrant, will surely claim a seat either in Congress or State Prison. A judicious cultivation of the cabin steward's acquaintance (an extremely prudent proceeding, I assure my confreres) resulted in my receiving various delicacies not included in the menu for the steerage; in fact, enabling me to dispense with that part of the vessel altogether, as his little cabin was always at my disposal to lounge in when tired of the deck; and, what with a good supply of light literature, a bundle of cigars laid in before starting, the keeping of my "log," and an occasional game of crib and walk on deck in the evening with my jolly host, the time passed very pleasantly. On the twelfth day after leaving New York we sailed up the muddy Thames and anchored off Gravesend, from whence we were conveyed by rail to London, emerging into its busy streets through the portals of Fenchurch street station.

Of course, printer-like, "you know," my first impulse was to sample the English "stout," which certainly seemed a substantial equivalent for the lager left behind.

Two or three day's sight-seeing, however, doing St. Paul's, the Abbey, the Strand, the Horse Guards, etc., etc., made my little pile shrink so small, that I became, for the time, far more interested in procuring work than in viewing the treasures in art and science for which London is so justly noted.

An application at Spottiswoode & Co's office, in Little New street, resulted in my securing a job. This large establishment employs about 300 compositors, and some 40 newspapers and periodicals are printed here, besides a vast quantity of book work. A twin establishment lies just across the road—Eyre & Spottiswoode, the "Queen's printers"—which is chiefly engaged in parliamentary and general government work. The two firms are distinct, although the members are related to each other.

The manager referred me to the overseer of the department to which I was consigned, and he in turn placed me in one of the "ships." To make this term intelligible to some of your readers, a word of explanation is necessary. The men are all divided up into companionships, or "ships"-each ship counting a certain number of men, generally not higher than twenty or or thirty. These ships are "bossed" by "clickers," or sub-foremen, whose office is to receive the copy in bulk from the overseer, deal it out to the men, make up the matter as it is composed, keep account of it and make out the wages-bill every Some clickers are selected by the men, and share equally with them in the production of the work. The clickers in Spottiswoode & Co.'s were installed by the office, and paid on time.

One of the first difficulties an American typo has to contend with is the difficult "lay" of the case to that in use on this side. It is almost as bad as learning it over again, as the occasional confusing of the two styles very naturally leads to a state of "pi." I subjoin a plan of an English case, and it will be seen that it differs very materially from ours:—

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