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## PRACTICAL PARAGRAPHS.

### Something About Spacing.

By Chas. A. King, Foreman, Milford, Mass.,  
*Journal.*

The art of correct spacing appears to have been lost in a great majority of newspaper offices, and some job printers are falling into the same fashion. While it is nearly useless to ask piece hands, not on book work, to waste (?) time in spacing evenly, it may be well to remind them that it requires no more time to space headings correctly than it does to space slovenly. For instance, in a short line of full-face capitals, words are separated by a 3em space. What is more awkward?

Perhaps a few hints, culled from typographical writers, and the result of personal experience, may not be amiss to the apprentice:

The first line of a paragraph is usually indented one em. If the line is over 24 ems long, add an en quad to the indentation; if the line is 40 ems long, use two em quads; if 60 ems long, use three.

An em quad should follow a full-point (. 1 7) at the end of a sentence when it does not conclude the paragraph.

After a colon, semi-colon, or lower case f, allow more space than elsewhere.

Thick leaded matter should never contain a thin spaced line, and solid matter should be thin spaced in preference to thick spaced.

Ordinary roman should have a 3em space between lower case words, an en quad between words set in capitals and small capitals or all small capitals, and two 3em spaces or a 3em space and en quad between words set all in capitals. This rule is necessarily varied in body matter, but refers to single lines and headings.

Italic requires more space than roman, except when capitals *V*, *W*, *Y*, are preceded by letters not kernal.

Full-face, gothic, antique, etc., require more space than roman: an en quad between words in lower case, and an en quad and 3em space, or an em quad between words in capitals.