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THE invention of the printing press has been justly regarded as one of the most important events in the history of modern progress, and wonder has been often expressed that it had not been discovered or utilized by the civilized nations of antiquity. The principle of printing was understood as soon as men had found out how to make a number of impressions with a single stamp or die. This was done at a very early period. Metallic stamps for making impressions of the name of the maker upon wine jars and other earthenware, have been found in excavations of the Roman period at Pompeii and elsewhere, and it is believed that they were used at a time