

### The Printer's Wooling.

The printer told of the "galley" loved,

To his friend both tried and true;

"And 'Ed, it' may seem 'comma' cal,—

But I'll give the 'case' to you.

"Her eyes are 'Diamond', teeth of 'Pearl';

Her lips are 'read' and ripe;

There's 'Non pareil'—excuse my French—

Of beauty she's the 'type'.

"She's hardly ever out of 'sorts',

In fact, she's good as 'pi'.

She's got 'a gate' that cuts a 'dash'—

My praise she'll 'justify'.

"You ought to 'semi colon' her,

I 'set up' with her nights,

Her 'form' 'locked' in my fond 'M brace'—

She calls that woman's rights.

"I've got her 'solid'. Oh, you bet

I'll 'stick'. She's got the 'quoin'.

I'm 'going to press' my 'chase' until

Both heart and hand we join."

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### Tidings from Britain.

Our own correspondent.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

Trade appears to be uniformly quiet throughout the country; but there is a steadiness which gives hope of a revival ere long. There are now some two hundred and fifty men signing the out-of-work books of the London Society of Compositors; and the Machine Managers' Association funds are run on rather heavily. Indeed, in this latter connection, in order to avoid the necessity for breaking into their capital fund, the society has, for some time past, extorted a heavy levy from those of its members who are in any regular employ.

The Stationery Trade is just waking up; though nothing remarkably startling has yet been introduced. Messrs. Eyre & Spottiswoode have issued their specimen books of birthday-cards, comprising some very prettily artistic designs; Messrs. John Walker & Co. have several new things in school stationery; and Mr. J. W. Robinson, of Thoburn Square, Fort-road, S. E., has published a handy reference table for printers and stationers. A comprehensive and capital got-up guide-sheet, it is well worth the price charged—one shilling.

I had almost forgotten to speak of the change which has been effected at Messrs. Lawrence

Brothers' late premises in Farringdon-road. The Durable Roller Company, which occupied the offices and show-rooms co-jointly with the first-named firm, have now fitted up the entire ground-floor and basement as offices and workshops for their own exclusive use; Messrs. Lawrence Bros. having removed to more convenient offices at 48 Farringdon street. Here, they have now a full line of American pencils and toy-books, together with a general assortment of stationery appliances from the other side, with which they seem to be doing a fine trade.

Mr. Phineas Lawrence, the English partner, has again returned to New York, on a ten or twelve months' trip, during which time it is expected the new house will be got into thorough ship-shape order.

Mr. Otto Telu, who first introduced the Chromograph, the Schmittotypie, and the Black Autocopyist into this country, has been paying a lengthened visit to Germany, but is expected home very shortly.

Mr. Hurd, of Messrs. Chapin & Co.'s, the American type-agents, has returned from New York; and Mr. M. P. McCoy has departed thence, as American representative for Mr. P. Lawrence's new rubber roller.

There are many other "movements" I could record; but want of space forbids. I must, therefore, hurry on with the news in the lines which lie at my disposal.

The weather has been so very severe of late that even the most robust Briton has been full of ailments and complaints. We have had to dig our way through huge snow-drifts in order to be able to get in-doors; and that, too, in London. Our country cousins have been worse off than us, however, so far as this feature goes; but they can scarcely have felt so troubled about it as we, who were shut off from all intercourse with the outer worlds, on account of the snowing-up of mail trains. Now, that it is all over, we can scarcely realise the fact that, where all is bustle and business, but erstwhile there was naught but a dull anxious expectancy. Not that we, any of us, want to see such weather again for a long time to come. Individually, I trust I may never experience another such period of annoyance and vexation.

The foreign mails are always watched with interest by myself; for the loss of a mail-