

The Origin of the New York Herald.

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Dear Sir,—I could tell a number of interesting facts about my father. I presume you would hardly know that the great "New York Herald" was started by two young men who were apprentices in Chubb's office in St. John, but that is a positive fact.

Smith and Anderson were both in the same office with my father—at Chubb's. They went to New York about two years before my father did, and shortly after, they bought a large press (worked by foot power) and secured the printing of the "New York Sun," and "New York Transcript," both daily papers; also, of course, other work.

One day, early in 1835, my father called in to see them, being old chums in St. John. There was another man in the office, named James Gordon Bennett. Anderson told my father, "We're going to start a daily paper ourselves, but as, if it were known, the "Sun" and "Transcript" would take away their business from us, we have engaged this man Bennett, who is a clever fellow; he is to edit the paper, and have his name on it as editor; and while we supply everything, and only pay him a salary, no one will know our connection with it."

A few days afterwards the first number of the "New York Herald" appeared and it had an immediate success; but the proprietors of the other papers somehow found out or felt jealous of Smith and Anderson, and took their work away. Then, worse still, about one month after the first issue, a great fire took place and destroyed everything, and both Smith and Anderson were ruined. Anderson died in my father's house from his reverses and illness caused thereby. Bennett went to Bruce the typefounder and told him he could make a success of the paper and got credit, and about two weeks after the fire started the paper anew, utterly ignoring Smith and Anderson or any rights they had; and this was the foundation of the "Herald."