

**Horace Greeley at Work.**

A writer in *Packard's Monthly* gives the following pen-and-ink portrait of the most distinguished editor in the world, as seen in his private room, preparing articles for the press:

Mr. Greeley's back is toward us. He is seated at his desk. His head is bent over his writing, and his round shoulders are quite prominent. He is scribbling rapidly. A quire of foolscap, occupying the only clear space on his desk, is melting beneath his pen. A glance at the manuscript reveals two dozen knotty figures. You may be sure of a leader on the National Debt to-morrow morning. The desk itself is a heap of confusion. Here is Mr. Greeley's straw hat; there his handkerchief. In front of him is a pack of newspaper clippings, not neatly rolled up, but closely sprawled over the desk. At his left a rickety pair of scissors catches a hundred nap, at his right is a paste pot and a half-broken box of water-clothes. A clean towel hangs on a rack to his right. A bound copy of the *Tribune Almanac*, from 1838 to 1868, swings from a small chain fastened to a staple screwed in the side of the desk; two other bound volumes stand on their feet in front of his nose, and two more of the same kind are fast asleep on the bookrack in the corner. The room is kept scrupulously neat and clean. A waste paper basket squats between Mr. Greeley's legs, but one half the torn envelopes and other communications flutter to the floor instead of being tossed into the basket. Pens, ink, paper, scissors are always in unfeeling demand.

"Mr. Greeley wants writing paper" creates quite a commotion in the counting room. Mr. Greeley gets paper quicker than a hungry fisherman could skin an eel.

Mr. Greeley can lay a Virginia worm-fence in ink faster than any other editor in New York city. He uses a fountain pen, a present from some friend. He thinks a great deal of it, but during an experience of three years has failed to learn the simple principle of suction without getting his mouth full of ink, and he generally uses it with an empty receiver. He makes a dash at the ink-bottle every twenty-seconds, places the third finger and thumb of his left hand on the paper, and scratches away at his worm fence like one possessed. He writes marvellous fast. Frequently the point of his pen pricks through his sheet for he writes a heavy hand and a snap follows, spreading ink spots over the paper resembling a wood-cut portraying the sparks from a blacksmith's hammer. Blots like mashed spiders or crushed huckleberries occasionally intervene; but the old veteran dashes them with sand, leaving a swearing compositor to scratch off the soil, and dig out the words underneath.

"Josh Billings" real name is Henry G. Shaw.

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JOHN L. LEWIS.

Guelph, Nov. 18. daw tf

**COMMERCIAL.**

**Guelph Markets**

Mercury Office, GUELPH, December 1, 1868.

Flour @ 100 lbs. @ \$2 75 @ \$3 00

Fall Wheat @ bush @ 1 10 @ 1 18

Spring Wheat @ bush @ 1 00 @ 1 02

Oats @ bush @ 0 52 @ 0 50

Peas @ bush @ 0 80 @ 0 83

Barley @ bush @ 0 80 @ 0 83

Hay @ ton @ 10 00 @ 12 50

Straw @ bush @ 3 00 @ 0 00

Shingles @ square @ 1 50 @ 1 50

Wood @ cord @ 3 00 @ 4 00

Wood @ cord @ 2 25 @ 0 25

Butter (store packed) @ lb @ 0 20 @ 0 21

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**RUTHERFORD HOUSE.**

Mr. Greeley still sticks to wafers and sand, instead of using mullage and blotting paper. A small drawer, filled with postage stamps and bright steel pens has crawled on the desk. Packages of folded missives are tucked in the pigeon-holes winking at us from the back of the desk, and scores of half opened letters mixed with seedy brown envelopes, flop lazily about the table. Old papers are gashed and mangled about his chair; the debris of a literary battle field. A clean towel hangs on a rack to his right. A bound copy of the *Tribune Almanac*, from 1838 to 1868, swings from a small chain fastened to a staple screwed in the side of the desk; two other bound volumes stand on their feet in front of his nose, and two more of the same kind are fast asleep on the bookrack in the corner. The room is kept scrupulously neat and clean. A waste paper basket squats between Mr. Greeley's legs, but one half the torn envelopes and other communications flutter to the floor instead of being tossed into the basket. Pens, ink, paper, scissors are always in unfeeling demand.

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Guelph, September 24th. dw

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