

### The Arab and His Donkey.

An Arab came to the river side,  
With a donkey bearing an obelisk ;  
But he would not try to ford the tide,  
For he had too good an \*.

—*Boston Globe.*

So he camped all night by the river side,  
And remained till the tide had ceased to swell,  
For he knew should the donkey from life subside  
He never would find his ll.

—*Salem Sunbeam.*

When morning dawned and the tide was out,  
The pair cross'd o'er 'neath Allah's protection,  
But the Arab was happy, we have no doubt,  
For he had the best donkey in all that §.

—*Somerville Journal.*

That donkey was seen by a Yankee man,  
Who raised his voice and loud did holler,  
"How much'll you take for that 'ere beast,  
In gold, or silver, or paper \$?"

—*Detroit Free Press.*

The Arab he raised his head and looked,  
And then too himself took a quiet laugh ;  
For he knew the man was a Yankee scribe  
In search of a newspaper ¶.

—*Toronto Truth.*

This trifling made the unlucky scribe  
As mad as all tarnation ;  
And the language that he freely used  
May be expressed by an ll.

—*Ottawa Free Press.*

"To think," said he, "I'd be so used  
By an Arab carpet bagger ;"  
So he clinched the man that owned the mule  
And stabbed him with a †.

### Blackhall's "Eclipse" Power Perforator and Duplicating Ruling Attachment.

Referring to the advertisement of Blackhall's "Eclipse" Power Perforator and Duplicating Ruling Attachment, on another page, it is opportune to publish the following letters from two old firms who know when ruling or perforating is economically and properly done. We can recommend the Perforator and Ruling Attachment as strongly as Messrs. Short & Forman and Culver, Page, Hoyne & Co. Here are the letters :—

CLEVELAND, O., June 14, 1881.

MR. E. W. BLACKHALL, Toronto, Ont.:

Dear Sir,—It gives us great pleasure at this time to add our testimonial to the marked superiority of the Round Hole "Eclipse" Lifting Perforator purchased of you some eight months ago. We have tried the various kinds heretofore offered to the trade, not one of which has

given anything like the satisfaction yours has done. We have given it a thorough trial and have no hesitancy in pronouncing it *all* that you represent, and just the machine long wished for by the trade. It is quickly adjusted, rapid in action, the perforations are cut out clean and clear, leaving the work *perfect*. Runs very easy, with but little noise; not liable to get out of order. The device for operating the punches when required to lift on a line, are very simple and perfect in their adjustments. This heretofore supposed impossibility of lifting round hole punches and returning the same, while running, has been successfully accomplished by you, as your machine fully testifies. This lifting device is the long sought object found at last. We most cheerfully recommend this machine to the trade throughout the country.

Yours, most truly,

SHORT & FORMAN,  
Stationers, Printers, Lithographers, and Blank Book Manufacturers.

I am glad to testify to each and every statement contained in the foregoing testimonial, having had the supervision of the same during the time of its being in our house.

Respectfully yours,

J. C. FORMAN.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 23, 1881.

MR. E. W. BLACKHALL, Toronto, Ont. .

Dear Sir,—We have had your Duplicating Ruling Attachment in use for the past year, and find it performs satisfactorily all that you *claim* for it. We consider this a valuable attachment, and cheerfully recommend it as a labor-saving machine.

Yours, truly,

CULVER, PAGE, HOYNE & CO.

### Splicing and Running Belts.

Every month we receive numerous inquiries about the qualities and capabilities of different machines used in the printing and book-binding business, and sometimes a practical question is put concerning rollers, inks, belts, etc. In regard to the latter (belts) we can give our own practice, and would add that we have satisfied ourselves that it is the proper way to splice and run belts. Put the belt on so that the splices will run with the pulleys, not against them. Both pulleys, the driving and driven, run the same way, consequently the splices act the same on both. In instances where a pulley is on both sides of a belt, as is the case when a *tightener* is used, put the belt on so that the splices will run with the smaller pulley. The grain side of the leather should be put next the pulley, as it is more close and will not stretch as much as the flesh side. It is also smoother and will not be so apt to slip under the strain of starting up.