

Please Don't!

WHEN ordering goods some customers enter into long explanations of why the articles are required, what they are for, and numberless other unimportant details that take up unnecessary time and much necessary patience to decipher. For instance, one of our esteemed patrons invariably fills a couple of pages with such as the following: "Yesterday when setting up a job for a customer (James Jones, the florist,) we found all the cap J's in our Piccadilly script had become used up (Jones has always insisted upon this script in his jobs, hence the unusual strain upon that sort), and we have concluded that it would be well for us to have a few extra of them. Can you send us half-a-dozen? Remember, it is only the cap J we want, as all the rest of the font is in good shape. By the way, the foreman says the periods and commas are also pretty well used up, and you might send us about a dozen each of these. We could also use a few pounds more leads and some slugs and also a small font of brass rule, same as you last sent. If you have these you might put in a small font of the rule and say ten pounds or so of the leads and slugs," and so on for about two pages of letter paper. All that was necessary to be said was: "Forward by express small font 6-to-pica labor-saving single rule, 10 lbs. each nonpareil slugs and 4-to-pica leads, 12 each periods and commas, and 6 cap J of 18-point Piccadilly script. Latter can come by mail later if not in stock."

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION No. 13, Boston, Mass., has passed resolutions commending Governor Atgeld of Illinois for pardoning the anarchists.

It is said that the fashion of wearing gloves at evening entertainments is going out. Vanity Fair says that they are no longer worn at London theaters because "the handling of the programme covers the gloves with printers' ink."

OUR OFFICE. All the type from which The Banner is printed and all the material in our job department was obtained through the Toronto Type Foundry, which is a thoroughly Canadian institution and which is supplying many of the best papers in the country. They manufactured all the body type and much of the display type, and it will compare favourably in both style and finish with any foreign make. Orangeville Banner.

Fast Australian Compositors.

APRIL 29th there was a type-setting contest in Melbourne, Australia. Thirteen competitors tested their speed for two hours' straight work. The type used was minion, and the first position was won by a compositor of the Melbourne Standard named Venables with 6,131 ems, beating the records. The previous record of 5,427 ems was beaten by seven of the contestants, the lowest of whom put up 5,498 ems. In this country the measurement is by ems, which is obtained by dividing by two the figures here given.

DEATH has removed John Lovell, of Montreal, Canada's veteran publisher, who during his time probably did more for Canadian literature than any other man.

THE Despatch, a semi-weekly newspaper published at Hull, Que., has adopted a green-tinted paper instead of the predominating white. The reason for this departure from established custom is given in the following editorial announcement: "It is agreed among professional men that of all the endless variety of colours none exercises a more soothing effect on the eyes than green. During the past quarter of a century the tendency to weak eyesight has become alarming. It is enough for our purpose to know that such is the case, and to make an effort to protect the sight of the Despatch readers from unnecessary strain. 'Red,' says a recent writer, 'is distinctly detrimental to the sight, while white is harsh and apt to weary the eye. Green alone of all the colours is soft and harmless.' The Despatch has adopted this tint, notwithstanding the extra expense involved."

WEIGH old type accurately before shipping it to the foundry—or don't weigh it at all. Some customers are very careless in weighing old metal and necessitate considerable correspondence to set them right after it has been received. We are very careful in the matter of weights both in shipping and receiving type, and will in all cases rely only upon our own figures. It is too common a custom for shippers to weigh boxes and all and claim error when they receive a proper credit. Under no circumstances will zinc be received with old type; shippers will therefore be careful to keep out all etchings or other material containing zinc. Prices allowed for old metal are quoted elsewhere in this issue.