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PRACTICAL MATTERS.

Notes on Composition.

Every graduate of a printing office knows, or certainly ought to know, how to set a stick, but it is too frequently guessed at. A lot of leads or slugs, or a line of type, is placed in a stick, the side arm squeezed up tight and the screw tightened. The stick may be properly set, or it may not, but it is scarcely any more trouble to fill it with leads, insert a piece of thin card board or heavy paper, governed to a certain extent by the width of the "measure," and tighten the screw. If the lines are spaced sufficiently tight to stand alone in the stick, the justification is perfect. Too tight spacing or loose spacing are abominations.

Justification of display lines in many offices is a perfect terror to pressmen, and the compositors are not always to blame. Buying type from miscellaneous foundries, it is very frequently found impossible to keep the quads and spaces of the various manufacturers separate, and the variation is sufficient to make justification almost impossible.

The practice of setting matter full measure which should be set in double or triple column, is another source of disgust to the eye of the accurate printer. Very few printers can accurately run the division line in any shape but a crooked one. Every office ought to be supplied with space rule and make it a standing rule that double column matter be set in half measure.

In handling forms, where the same column is regularly run on the outside of the page, letters become broken, and not unfrequently you see :
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itor and proprietor.

Even first-class daily papers sometimes neglect to replace these broken letters, which appear slovenly.

Every newspaper should adopt some uniformity of headings for the several departments, and place printed instructions conspicuously over the copy hooks. We use the following, which saves many questions. It will serve as a sample :