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## EDITORIAL NOTES

The newspaper talk anout amalgamations, absonp. tions, etc., of morning dailies in this city, is the wildest species of romancins.
"I wast a suit of clothes for about 525 . What can you give me for that figure?" This is a common question asked tailors. When they wamt printing done do they proceed on the same line? No: they hem and haw and hiogle, and split on the last cent.

Do not joh printers make a mistake in using the "contour" series in hand-bills? The type is not striking enough for such a purpose unless judicionsly used. A hand-bill is intended to catch the eye at a glance, and not to be taken home as if it were an evening paper.

Jungise from present appearances, the day is not far distant when an "art" compositor will be employed in setting advertisements for the large dailies. The time was when plainess and simplicity ruled in the advertising display, but now borders, rules, eccentric characters, etc., are used freely.

Manis is to be the natme of amall type to be introduced at no distant day by an American foundry. White Minikin will be the smallest type on this continent, yet the Germans will even then be ahead of us. They have a type cast on a two point body, thirty-three and three quarter lines equalling an inch, while Minikin is twenty-four to the inch.
"W'us: a customer tells me the kind of type J must use in his jol, pieks out the paper, and specifers the price of ink, 1 ina:ariably ask him how much he will give for the work when finished," said a job, printer, the other day. "ils he knows detinitely what he wants he should further know the value of it." The printer was right, but when competation is keen it is a serious thing to allow even a musance of a customer to go elsewhere.

Jumang lis apleatances, many comery publishers pay litte or no attention to their rollers. Cicod rollets ate as necessary as good paper or good type. With rollers in fair commition old type maty be bronght out clearly, but use bad rollers on new type and the result is far from pleasiag, as the printed sheet sughests the thought that the ink was spread on the forms with a broom.

A bew days aro a boy stood on the corner of Ring ared longe Streets distributing dodgers. A chum approached the distributor and said:--"Say, cully, whath you get fur slingin' 'em aroumd?" "No slough in this job," :aid the other: "jest mate at "em; crummiest looking flyers I ever lossed, and all for soc. a thousand." Even the street arabs have a keener appreciation for good primting than some of our merchants.

Tus: New lork Herald has given up the use of the hyphen in compound words. The N.I". Sun recently printed in a head-line the following, referring to a vessel in a storm: "Stove her forward turtle hack, and brought down the crow's nest." Instead of the forward turtle being stove back: and the nest of the crow brought down, the forward turtleback was stove in and the crow's-nest brought down. The presence of a space and the absence of a hyphen put a wrong construction on the line. Componad words cannot readily be wiped out liy even the large New lork dailies if they wish to speali intelligently to the community.

Wimesurake job printers are sometmes ats fickle as a maiden, and not unfreguently captivated by a nerw face, allecit it is not ats pleasing as those of older friends. The Amerian Bookmaker says one of our type founders was lately explaining how he had changed the appearance of a arotesifuely ugly face of type and made it presentable. It was one of the ormamental styte, tendrils heing thrown one and little pendants being found here and there. Phese tendrils were shortened one-half, the pendants were cut away, new letters were sulistituted when nothing conld be
done with the old, and in some places a rather wide ohl style capital was inserted instead of the more onnate letter which was there before. "lt was a complete success," said he; "yet even now some of my customets come in and ask me for some of the old original fom. Its very baduess pleased them."

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In an editoial note last month on the several changer in the printing basiness in this city, we memboned the mames of Messrs. Brough \& Caswell and james Murray $\mathbb{E}$ Co. then went on to say "that old establinhed houses, who conduct their affairs in a husiness like way, and never descend to do the Chap and nasty style of work, are still in the ring, and in mo way disfigured." Well, did anyone suppose than referred to either of the above lirms? If they dind they ane wrong. Angone who is familiar with them thows that it is exactly the reverse.

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Tur Toronto Lithographing Co. expect to have thew half-tond department in working order by the midille of August next. Mr. W. C. Jepheott being asked what excuse they had to offer for going into this brauch of business, said: "Well, for several reasons one is that no firm in Canada turn out firstclass latitone work; that is, work that will show the touch of the artist as well as the engraver; and another season is that we have a large staff of the loest artists in Camada and can therefore to the wonk." They promise a very high class of work at a high price, believing that thete are people in Canada who want a good thang and are willing to pay for it.
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Newsim... . lers do not take kindly to small type, espectally if the presswork and paper are not hist-clase. limmor says that there is considerable dissatisfaction expressed by readers of the Glole since the introduction of nonpareil in its news colnmens, and if so they have ample grounds for fault-tinding. As stated in a former issuc, an English newspaper is experimenting with a coloured paper, to make the paper mote acceptable to readers, owing to the reduced strain on the eyes when compared with white paper, and the New lowk Mail and Express has made a move in a like direction, but has introduced harge, clear type, which will be appreciated by those whose eyesight is weak or faling.

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The following surgestion to paper makers, by Pafir and Press, applies also to dealers mprinting sup. plies: .." laper dealers might do the priming trade a food turn ly dechang to sell to publishers and others who are not doing their own proming at the same puces as they sell to promets. The pinter ought to fet a probit on the paper and onght to be able to get
such special terms from the paper dealers as would enable him to supply paper at the same prices as publishers would have to pay if they bought direct from the dealers, and still make a profit. This is done in many other trades, and why not in the printing trade? Until this is done printers onght to charge more for the presswork where paper is supplied by the customer than they would if they supplied it. The expenses of bandling and the responsibility of holding paper belonging to other parties should be charged every time."

## IMPORTANT CHANGES

๑HREE very important, but not unexpected, changes hate taken place among the loronto Craft. The firm of W.S. Johnston \& Co., who have been doing a printing business at 69 Adelaide St. West, will now include two more partners. This firm has bought out the book-binding branch of The Barber \& Ellis Co'y, including the binding and ruling machinery, and the files and patterns of the blank book department. One of the new partuers is Mr. Pim, who has been with The Barber \& Ellis Co. fo: over fifteen years, and the other is Mr. Collins, who has had charge of this Company's ruling and binding for the past ten years. This firm should do exceedingly well, as each member is quite capable, and possessed of much experience.

Messres. Mundol: © Cassidy have purchased the bindery of James Murray \& Co., and will continue to do a high class book-binding trade. Both these gentlemen were in the employ of the old firm for some time, Mr. Cassidy having been foreman for a number of years. The plant is a most excellent one, and the practical knowledge of the new firm should enable them to keep up the reputation of the old one.

Messrs. Brough \& Casweid., the well-known printers of is and so Bay St., have disposed of their present plant to the J. E. Bryant l'ublishing Co., to take effect September ist, and about that date will open up at 11 Jordan Street with an entirely new outtit of both presses and type. Aithough but a few years in lusiness, Messrs. Brough \& Caswell have huilt up a large trade, and have made a most excellent name for themselves as careful, painstaking, prompt and artistic printers, numbering as they do amongst their customers many of the leading wholesale, financial and manufacturing concerns of Toronto and outside towns. Their new premises will be large and well-lighted, will be equipped with the latest and most improved machinery.

Tue printing plant of James Murray \& Co. is now about all disposed of, and Mr. Murray has accepted the management of the Murray Printing Co., which was organized some time ago by his son, Mr. John

Murriy. The Murray Printing Co. have fine oflices at Nos. 31 and 33 Melinda Strect; their type and presses are new and with such an experienced manaeser they should make a record for themselves.

## THE WORK OF THE TYPOGRAPH

ๆHIE reports from the machine in the J. 13 . McLean Co.'s office again show a slight saving in cost of csmposition. During the past four weeks the operator was called away on account of sickness for a few days, otherwise everything has run smoothly. The machine has had two visits from the Company's machinist in Toronto, during the four weeks, once for a slight repair, and again to assist the operator in reversing the matri:es. Since changing the matrices the quality of the work has been somewhat improved, but it has still much room for improvement liefore it can be compared favorably with type. The matrices, being made from thin strips of brass, with the letters punched in, have a very thin wall on the side, and two of these walls have to lay together between each letter, consequently, they being so thin, the constant forcing of the hot metal against them has a tendency to make these walls fall in, causing a very thin piece of metal, or "fin," to appear between each letter. Wie understand the Company are experimenting with a new sort of brass for making these matrices. Another source of tronble is in regulating the metal, on account of the varying gas pressure. This could be avoided by some regulator being placed in the burner, so as to give an even heat. They are also introducing a new metal pot which they claim obviates this. The following are the reports from the foreman of the work done by the machine:-

Machine set for week ending May 6th...... 107,500 (One hour lost for repairs.)
Machine set for week ending May 13 th...... S7,000
(Regular operator called away on account of sickness for $2 f$ days. During absence sub). stitute on machine who was not familiar with work.)

Machine set for week ending May 20th.... ..121,500 Machine set for week ending May 27 th....... 55,000
(Wednesday being a holiday, machine was not working.)

Total set................................404,000
To produce this cost:-
Operator, four weeks, less one day, at $\$ 15$ per week.
357.50

Rent of machine, four weeks at $\$ 7 . . . . . . . .$. . 28.00
Fuel, power, rtc., four weeks at $\$ 2.40 . \ldots . . . .$. . 9.60
S95.10
The cost by hand for the same amount of composition would be, at 28 c . per thousand, Sil3.12,
showing a saving of Si8.02, which is a questionalle saving, considering the quality of the work. Again it may be stated that the operator employed on the machine has been worling on them ever since thes were introduced, conseguently the machine has eversthing in its favor. The week of May zoth being the largest week but one turned out on any machine in 'roronto.

## IN LIFE WE ARE IN DEATH

2REPRESENCMTIVE of this journal happened into the private office of a large piano manufacturer, who we will call Mr. M., the other day, when the manager of a similar concetn dropped in. After the usual remarks tegarding the weather, the quietness of trade, and the probability of this country going to the dogs; the visitor, whom we will style Mr. 13, suddenly discovered on the desk before him a book entitled "Camada's Great Men," or some such tille.

It might be here remarked that years ago but few in the comntry were called "great men." Then it took hard work and ability to earn this titk, but now it is the easiest thing in the world. It jast costs from five to fifty dollars to be called a "great man."

But to return. Mr. B. picked up this book, and the following conversation took place:

Mr. 13.-" Did you see my advertisement in here ?"
Mr. M.-"No, have you an advertisement there?"
Mr. 13.—"Why, yes!"
Here they both spend abont fifteen minutes looking for $i t$, but finally succeed.

Mr. B.-" Here it is. Now, is that not fine?"
Mr. M.-"Yes, that is not a bad advertisment, but did jou see mine?"

Mr. 13.-"Why; no, have you an advertisement in it ? I looked all through it but did not see yours."

Some time is lost in looking for Mr. M.'s biographical sketch.

Mr. M.-"'There you are now, isn't that good? and it was "dead" cheap too. I promised not to saty what 1 paid for it, but 1 will tell you. They wanted fifty dollars, but I got it for twenty-five, and one copy of the book. Isn't that cheap? They can't stick me you know. I have done too much advertising in my day and know all about it. Now, what did you have to pay?"

Mr. 13.-" WVell, ha! ha! They asked me fifty dollars for mine but I got it for five dollars, and at dozen copies of the 'fake' thrown in."

Mr. M.-"-! Let us go and take something,"
Tuse fashion editor wrote, " Boas are fashionable among young ladies," but the intelligent compositor had it the next day, " Boys are," etc.



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## WHAT IS THE POINT SYSTEM？

ๆ1115 is a çuestion frequently asked by com－ positors and printers，and very often the in－ formation given in return is of a very meagre character． As all Amencan and some Camadan type is made on the point system，a brief explanation regarding It may not be out of place．For many yeats printers and publishers foum that they could not use to ad－ vantake the prat spaces and quads in stock with centan fonts of the same body bought from several fommenes，imeed they mate the amoying discovery that erery type fomedry had ：a standad of its own， and when a font of dsplay type was ordered，no matter what quamuly of quads and spaces they had on hand，it was a necessity to order an additional suphly．This led to many complaints，and type founders satw the force of the fauld－finding，and de－ cided to temedy it．The one great necessity that arose was to find a mit of measurement，or some－ thing on wheh to construct a maform system．Hating agreed that pica showld be the sisth part of an inch， they futher agiced that the unit of measurement should be the twelth of a pica，and that the unit should be known as a paint．The prime movers in this movemem were Marder，Lased Co．，of Chicago， who lost all then matrues，moulds，etc．，in the great fire，and as it was necessary to procure a new outit they based it on the puint system，trusting to the mifllikene of the proming thade to take advantage of ther enterprise．Other founders rapidly followed sunt，oud the tesule now is inter hangeable type hodies foom all foumdrics．

Muller N Rechatel and Stephenson \＆Blake，British type fumders，sell considerable type in Camada each
year，and yet their is quite a difference in the pica measurement of these two concerns．In twelve lineal inches there are 72 elus of pica，American measure－ ment，or $\$ 6 .+$ points．Stephenson $\mathcal{E}$ Blake＇s pica shows 72 ems and $1 \frac{1}{2}$ points to the foot，while Miller \＆Richard＇s dops to 7 m ems and 6 points．From this we find that it would require three six to pica leads to make a foot of Miller $\mathbb{\&}$ Richard matter justify with a foot of American type．while Stephenson \＆Blake＇s would be an eight to pica lead over the mark．

The point system was not introduced too soon， us it must prove a great boon in all composing rooms， especially as rules，borders，etc．，are now made on that basis．In connection with this system the follow－ ine is worthy of bearing in mind：－

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This system is generally spoken of as an American invention，but we find from an address delivered before the Lecicester，Eng．，Typographical Techmical Class，that＂as long ago as $18+1$ the system was advocated by Messrs．Bower Brothers，of Sheffeld， in the form of a pamphlet entitted＇Proposals for establishing a graduated scale of sizes for the bodies of printing types，＇and this firm made strenuous endeavors to induce printers to adopt the system． Other founders，however，failed to co－operate，and the printing trade withheld the support necessary to ensure success．The proposed reform was too valuable in be allowed to drop out of sight altogether，and though delayed for the time being，yet in the long run it was bound to come．The imperative needs of a large and rapidy expanding industry like letter－ press printing were destined to urge it forward towards completion．The system is now generally spoken of as the＇American point system，＇though，as I have already stated，it was adrocated by an English firm long before its adoption in America．Some of our home founders do not like the name，but what of that？If，knowing the adrantages of the system to the practical printer，they were yet so wanting in enterprise as not to adopt it，then why complain if the energetic Yankee seizes the idea，carries it into execution，aud dubs the systeni＇American＇？＂

The British printers and publishers，by persistent agitation，may induce the type foundries in the Mother Land to adopt the point system，and a few such well－chosen criticisms as the above will speed its coming．

## THE COMPOSITORS' PARIIAMENT

BEFORE another issue of Pmariek asd Punbasmer is sent forth the International lypographical Union will have met in anmual session, and discussed matters pertaining to the welfare of its members. Several leading topics will doubtiess be carefully considered at the coming meeting, among them the machine guestion. For yeats the great majority of the compositors have looked upon the mittoduction of type-setting machines as bejond the pale of possibilities, and they have hugged an idea that has proved to be a delusion. Type-setting machines are hete, and notwilhstanding their many defects, they are here to stay. Very many of the thinking compositors realize this, and are prepared to view them as labor-saving machines, and conse. quently displacers of a large amonnt of hand labor. While thes acknowledge that their craft will be sadly crippled by the use of machines they realize that it would be absurd to attempt to stay the progress of invention. What seheme the executive of the laternational is prepared to submit is unknown to us, as they lieep their own counsel, but something must be done in the interests of the members of all subordinate unions. Any move that would tend to make a breach between those printers and publishers who are using machines and the compositors would be a tactical blunder and would end in but one way, namely, the employment of remale typewriters as machine operators. Enough non-mion compositors can be procured, with a little bother, to set advertisements, display headings, tables, etc., and the publishers, if they so elected, could soon be masters of the situation. The International should guard against such a contingency, and while its members are looking after their own welfare, they shouk not take a too limited view of the case in all its bearings.

The short hour question will also come up, as there is an agitation on foot for an eight hour daty, in the hope that by reducing the hours of labor more workmen will be sure of steady employment. At present, judging from trade papers, there is a division of opinion on this subject, and we therefore expect the more conservative element in the International will move slowly in the matter. If the proposed reduction of the working hours is strongly advocated there shonld be an effort made to maintain the confidence of printers and publishers by a corresponding reduction of wages.

The book compositors are in a measure dissatisfied with the present condition of affairs, which admits of newspaper and book compositors mecting in the same union. The book men claim that the interests of both are not identical, and that there should be separate unions. Much can be said in favor of a separation, but a division would be a weakness, and
would fall heavily on the newspaper compositors, who have to face the mathine problem, with the certainties that some of them will have to seek work in book offices, or those cities or towns where machines are not in operation.

## A PRINTING BUREAU ADVOCATED

ๆHE Trades and Lathor Comncil of this city favor the establishment by the Ontario (iovemment of a printing burean, in which school hooks, as well as the printing reguired by the Government, may be printed. If Sir Oliver Mowat and his colleagues will profit by the experience of the leceleral Govermment in this respect, a printing bureatl for the province will be but a dream instead of a living reality. The printing office in the Oltawa burean does not pay, if we accept the figures given us, and we have no reason to toubt them, and the establishmen of a similar institution in Foronto would be equally unprofitable. Such concerbs are seldom egupped with the best workmen, but generally by those who have "a pull" with Cabinet Ministers. Worth or ability count for maught so long as the needed influence is behind the applicant. The estab. lishment of a pinting bureatu in this city wouk lead to endless wire pulling until the last vacancy was filled, then it would be at best a political refuge, where the foremen or overseers would have little power, for if influence secured an indifferent compositor or bookbinder a situation, that same influence would keep him there. Government priathg bureaus are not a success, as a correspondent of the Inland Printer speaks thus of the concern at Washington:"The Government Printing office is not run for the money there is in it. Giris, or rather society young ladies, get 5 cents a hundred for single fold. They make about $\$ 75$ a month, and feel terribly poor at that. Women feed the cylinders entirely, and sit in the windows and crochet when no run is on the press." There is but one way for a public body to receive satisfaction when it has work to be done, and that is by calling for tenders, and giving the work to the lowest tenderer if he be capable and trustworthy. A printing burcan would not be ant economical move, but a burden on the province.

## PROFIT SHARING

[^0]stroyed. In lingland there are eighteen printing and pubhshing houses working on the profit sharing plan, white in the United States the Riverside Press, of Cambinge, Mass., the DeVinne Press, the Century Magazine Co., and the Stuts-\%cilung, of New York, share their profits with their workmen, and the Lecher, Philadelphia, and Rand MeNally \& Co., Cherago, conduct their business somewhat in similar lines. A few of the houses referred to have not yet pissed the experimental stage, and are therefore not in a position to speak positively as to results. Among those who introduced it recently is the Devinne l'tess, and from an exchange we learn that in accordance with a custom established last year, each em. ployee who had been in the employ of the firm for a period of at least one year, was the recipient, on April 1 , of a dividend equivalent to abent five per cent. on his yearly salary. Two hundred and thirty(oght persons received the bonus, and the amount dishursed amounted to considerably over $\$ 7,000$. It is guite apparemt that the compositots have no reason to find fault with the new scheme, but the employers have yed to be heard from.

## TO SECURE CIRCULATIOF:

ๆHERE has been no little controversy of lite over the best method to mursue in working up circulation. Une of our contemporaries states that the character and value of a paper is a secondary matter, and that the whole success in working up a harge circulation rapidly is due only to the schemes employed. What experience this wonderful contemporary has had in working up circulation we cannot say, but judging from his remarks we would say that he either knows very little about the subject or that he has not expressed himself clearly. It is and always will be, utterly impossible for a paper to work a lange and steady circulation unless it offers as good or a better mediam than its contemporaties. And there has also been much dispute over the methods employed by the publishers of sume of our largest and best pertodicals: for instance, of the insurance, guessing athd various other sehemes that have been successfully worked, it has heen said that they were "fake schemes," and while they may pay for the time being, it would be practically impossible to retain subscribers gained through them. Why they should be stigmatized as "fake schemes" is heyond our comprehension, for up to the present time we have failed to see angthing that would justify such a chassification. In fact we know of no reputable jourmal that has not been fultilled to the letter, and funthemore, we doult very much whether any reputable periodical has ever suffered any loss as the result of offering premiums in any way whatever. And as
to retaining the patronage of subscribers gained through premium schemes, we should like to be informed why it is not just as easy to retain them (provided a journal is on a par with its contemporaries) as if the subseriptions were sent in the ordinary way. -Boston Gournalist,

## NO PRESS TRIP TO CHICAGO

©HE members of the Canadian Press Association who have been looking forward to an Assocation trip to the World's Fair will be disappointed. The Executive Committec have made overy effort to induce the railways to arrange an excursion, but without success. They will not quote any special rates. At present they are getting on a basis of Sig for return tickets from Toronto. It is expected however that rates will deche hater in the season. It was decided at a meeting of the Executive Committee held in Toronto, Iriday, June 2, to abandon the proposed trip. With the exception of recom. mending a number of name: for membership, this was the only important business done.

## A NEW FORM OF TYPE

ofEW methods in the construction of type has hitherto quite failed to change the original form of metal letters. A type foundry in Germany has applied for a patent, according to Press Nezos, London, for a new method of making types, by which a saving of weight, and consequently expense, is hoped to be effected. The new letters are about half the height of those in use at present, and at the end opposite from the face have one or more grooves which engage and set on interchangeable basis. Corrections with such types would be, it is claimed, more easily made, as any letter can be lifted off and replaced by another without disturbing the others. Also picing would be avoided, as the bases would prevent it. The bases (which look like very low quadrats) are furnished in all lengths, and need be bought only once for each body. If this invention, says a correspondent, proves practicable, it will certainly revolutionize things in the details of the trade. If it proves practicable. Type made half the present size would ummistakably turn things upside down in a printing oflice. Not to mention machining, the furniture, reglet, chases, etc., would need to be made thinner or lower, to say nothing of arranging matters so that the half-sized types worked well with those at present in use. Expedition in correcting proofs .nd avoidance of pieing are desirable to printers-less expense in buying type certainly is.-Paper and Press.

A certain chiropodist has dubbed himself "william the Corn-curer."


STICR TO YOUR RATES, ETC.
Eiditur Printer and Pulishicr.
Sun,-That was a good article in your last issue on the above subject. I had a similar experience with the same firm, and they used the same tactics with me, offering the beggarly sum of $\$ 15$ for a six inch adivertisement, at tise same time holding out "glowing inducements" of "further business." 1 replied, civery time stating that my price $30,-$ the very lowest figure. Result was that the ad. was duly ordered to be inserted at that price. Thus you see that "one price" w"..s tue day; it is no use mabing "fish of one and flesh of another," besides it is not honest. Publishers, stand by your rates, and never deviate from them.

While writing, let me say I was glad to see such a good report of the 'rypograph machine. I hear that the Chatham Bumer has pht in a Typograph, also the Goderich Star. It is only a question of time when the machine will supersede type in every newspaper office. On this point the Mail and Express says:-"Watch steadily the men who set the types, for the day is at hand when manual type-setting will be a forgoten and unnecessary acquirement. Nay, that day is here. Its sun has not only dawned; it has ascended well towards the meridian. $2 * \quad * \quad *$ One thousand ems take up between one-sixth and one-fifth of a column. A particularly fast printer can set up 1,600 ems an hour ; a fairly quick compositor from 1,200 to 1,400 , and an average printer about 1,000 . An expert operator on the type-setting machine can set up about 7,000 ems an hour, the work of four most rapid compositors, or seven average printers. The space occupied by five printers and their stands and cases is about sixty square fect. One of the new type-setting machines and its operator, doing the work of these men, take up about ten sfuare fect."

The tendency of the age is that everything is being run by machinery. Many daily and weekly papers throushout Ontario are now using the type-setting
a machines, and it is the hope of the craft "down by the sea" that they will soon be introduced here. Already there is talk of BIalifax and St. John papers putting them in, and as soon as they do so, scores of other newspapers that are fully alive to the times, will follow suit.

The Printer and Publisher is doing good work for the craft gencrally, and the more information you
give us about the machines the better we will be pleased, becanse every man that works on a paper is more or less interested in the subject.

Y'ours, ctc.,


## THE USE OF THE COMMA

FiN a tecent issue of the Artist Printer, Mr. J. L:. Wall says that punctuntion may be said to be a matter of science rather than of art; i. $i$., it is governed by certain rules existing in the abstract, and it falls withn the sphere of the writer to discover and make practical application of them. Some writers, Mr. Wall chams, have lad down rules, which have long withstood the test of time and usage; and while it would require too much space to detail them here, still a few may not be amiss.

Here are eight particular rules which have most directly influenced Mr. Wall, and upon which he places much reliance.

In regard to the comma, it may be said:-

1. "The comma should be used between two or more words closely related, and where the connecting word has been omitted;" as, Diama was a demure, modest and charming girl.
2. "Before a relative clause which explatins its antecedent;" Hannibal, who was a daring and couragcous general, successfully crossed the $\Lambda$ ips.
3. "A comma should be placed at the beginning and end of every parenthetical clause;" as, The General, John Jones by name, went to the battle of Cold Harbor, came back chilly, and asked for a stove. This rule is often violated, the point being placed at only one extremity, sometimes at the begining and sometimes at the end.
. "Po separate terms that are contrasted or in opposition;" as, The ruler, although dictatorial, was not oppressive; or, Though mild he was firm.
4. "To separate a noun or phrase when placed in opposition;" as, Grover Cleveland, the next president of the United States, is a couragcous man. Or Caligula, the tyrant makes me tired.
5. "To separate the predicate from the sulject, when the subject is long or has a clause;" as, "Phose who have no respect for themselves, will disregrard the rights of others.
6. "To separate a person or subject addressed from the rest of the sentence;" as, Horatio, knowest thou Fluellen?
7. "To separate numbers into periods: and to supply the phace of omitted words."

Mr. Wall claims that these are practical, simple rules, easy to understand, and, if remembered and brought frequently before the mind, will do much toward obviating many of the inconsistencies in the use of the comma.


TME GALLFFT OAUSHTER

## CRAFT NOTES

Bustress in the joh oflices is fairly brisk.
Newspapen comps. are wondering where the mat cline business will end.

Stremat delegates to the International passed though here on their way to Chicago.

Tun: Empirc has ordered another Typograph, heingr amxious to test the latest improvements.

Mr. Chas. H. Clakke, editor of the Orangi Sch. linel, l'oronto, died suddenly on the 2 ghth ult.

Runr. Sterf, the Typograph operator in the Methodist book Room, set about 55,000 in his third week.
l'us staff of comps. at the Govermment l'tinting Burean, Ottawa, has been greatly reduced within the past few wecks.
"13ncis" I3t..nи, a noted tramp comp', originally from Napanec, was in town recently. He looked with sad eyes at the machines in the Mail office.

Fuse operators work every night on machines in the Mail composing loom, and two operators and seven stadents during the day. Ont of the fourteen but one is an apprentice.

A sew publication has made its appearance in Montreal, entitled La Croir, which proclaims itself the chatupion of religion, and wages war upon imported and lucal Frecmasonry and impicty.

Miss Desias, the operator who met with an accident in the Presbyterinn office, Poronto, some weeks anco, now threatens an action against Mr. (.. 13. Robinson, alleging carelessuess on his part.

Miss Emu. G. Hetchemart is publishing a weckly paper in Sherid:m I_ake. Colorado. Miss Matcheraft has recenty been awarded the comme printin: over the head of an older paper in the same town.

Suras:r. newspaper publishers in the interior of Oregon were compelled to rum off their editions on manilla wrapping paper, owing to the snow blockade, which shut of their supply of white paper from Oreson.

Tue regular delay fixed by late for the tiling of Irchbishop Fahre's plea in the suit brought against him by the pubtishers of Las Comahh Reant, eapired on the 2sth ult., and up to that time no pleat had been filed.

It the thisty ninth amual meeting of the Lomion Issociation of Correctors of the l'ress, the fullowing motion was manimonsly supported: "That a committee be appointed to inguire into the rates of pay and hours worked by readers, the sanitary and other conditions under which the work is done, and to consider the advisahility of arranging a scale of uncmployed benctits-the whole of the matter hein: adjourned for a future meeting, when the mecessary particulars are obtained."

What. Cassmr, who for some time operated a Typograph in Winnipeg, returned recently owing to the machine heing out of order.

Oxe of the latest tops for the Typosraph is in use in the Mail, the operator has succeeded in settins about 105,000 in fortyecight hours.

Compostroks sometimes suffer from lead poisoning. In exchange gives the following as a preventative: One-half ounce of iodide of potassium mixed with six ennces of strup of sarsaparilla. Take a teaspoonful three times a day after meals during the time of exposure to the poison.

It is reported that Smith Brothers, printers, leittsburg, Pa., have agreed to the seale of the union, and are now within the jurisdiction of the International Union. One of the members of this firm was present at the lypothetie Convention in Toronto hast year, and was the loudest opponent of the nine hour proposition, and of typorraphical unions generally.

Tin: Proceedings of the thirty-fifth ammal meeting of the Canadian Press Association has been issued in printed form hy Mr. James S. Brierly, of the St. Thomas $\mathcal{F}$ ournul, and is very creditable to that enterprising publisher, the composition, press-work and paper being all that could be desired in a pubication issued almost exclusively for printers and publishers. The litale volume camot but please those crities who will receive a copy.

Tum Mersenthater, as well as the Typograph, has reached British Columhia. In the Vimcouver Ne:res, an evening paper, there are four Mergenthaters, the operators getting Sy a day of cight hous, or joc. an hour for seven hours work. Stadents are paid \$15 a week to commence with, and an adrance of joc. per week umtil the maximum of $\operatorname{Siz}$ is reached. These rates are hetter than those rulina in Toronto, where the operator receives $\$ 2.50$ per night of eight hours: zoc. an hour for day work, and student sia per weck of $5+$ hours, for six weeks.

Tus: Windsor Record during the past two years, has adopted the pay in adrance system. It hats worked well for both the proprietors and the sulbseribers, and, although it eujoys a lariee subscription list, there is ant a mame on its list that is mot paid in athance. liecently a subscriber from Wialkerville. stepped into the office and paid for four years in adrance. lle does nom think the work is foing intu chaus during the next four years and he is just as certain that if the earth cominues io retolve unen its anis the liciord will continue to make its apperance.

Must people would he surpuised to hear that some of the lest printing in liurope is exceuted an Lislon, the capital of Spain. and that lor. Jeslandes, we director of the liogal printing oftice, ranks with looloni and Didot as a master of the art. In lirazal
there is a great activity in the newspaper press. The country covers more than 3,000,000 square miles, and is destined to be popalated with thoee who speak Porturuese. 11 is therefore probable that there is at brigit future for both Tortuguese literature and printing, and that it will some day rival the English, French, and Germa., tongues, now containing the knowledge of the world.
C. IV. Yenest, of the Cornwall Frecholder, is the official repoter for the Ontario Department at the Wiolif: Bair. He will be foum in the Canadian Bavilim. Newspaper men from Camada will be heartily weleomed. Any of them going there should write or apply to him for passes, privileges, etc.

M1.~кs. Drake © Hurfoos, of Minneapolis, Minnesotia, simplify the me:asuring of the "dupes" in newspaper work. A slip of paper shows the sizes of ape agate, nompareil aud minion, a scate of values theing marked for each size from ten cents up to 5 , besite these the "dupes" are pasted lighty on the hefo margins - in successive leaves, if need be. At the upper righthand corner of the "dupe" sheet the name of the compositor is given, with a blank for the totals to be filled in. As at convenience to the compusitur and the cashier it is a success, while its minifumity iculers it valuable as a record if necessary.

The: Daily An:In.American, of Mexico City, recematy appared with the tirst page containing merely the name of the paper, the number, the date, ame the price, and in at central position the explamation: -. This form was pied." In editorial note in the inside gives a further explanation under the heading "lalf shell." as fullows: "The Daly Angho Amerian is phaying to day at what gambers would term hard luck: " The inteligent composing rown assistamt fell down a flight of stain and pied the first page. decording to his own account he slipped and sat down suddenly upn the tgpe, and the only existing copy of that paice is imprimed, not upon the hearts of has comersmen but upen the seat of his ice-cream phatahoms, whin will tre placed on the file in the chtomal ramens of this furnad."

Fiw arol-pher men in the town and villages of Ontario hat hove met wh bill Hicks, tramp promer. Hakk kearued his trate on the Georatown Heralid, and athenard weme to limponton, where he worked for a year. White in bumpen his wiec, to whom be wis murried in Georgetown, left ham, amd hicks beana ar rever, and has since vinted every printing odite in Comand. Recemty he struck Komeo, Michiwown , and tather ion oltain work, sumgh shefter in the
 s.at whohe iswing hown the jail. and at unce commenced in invontin.the. (0) mon breaking into the cell he fomand the mantress of the bed had burned in
several places, presumably from the pipe of the tramp. He at once removed the almost lifeless body to the open air, where everything was done to revive him, but he died in 30 minates.

Recerthe the proprietor of the London Standurd was approached by the compositors with the olject of having the probationary period of four years reduced as a minimum time of service entiling a workman to the week's holiday which those who covered the former period enjoyed. The men were surprised to learn that the management had decided to make some very handsome concessions. Compositors of two years' service will be entited to a week's holiday; of ten years" service, ten days; of fifteen sears' service, a fortuight ; of twents-five years service, three weeks. In addition to this, anyone entited to two or three weeks holiday can have money for half that period in lien of holiday should he so desire it. In the evemt of the Typograph being a success on the Mail, or the Mergenthater on the Globe, some of the twenty gear employees will receive more extended holidays than the above, but they will be very mavelcome.

## PERSONAL

Mk. J. lioss Rubsersox, of the EEEnins Telesram, is in Europe.

Mr. Bentine, of the Mail, was in New York, l’oston, cte., last week.

Mr. Bnock, President of the Empire Printing Co., has just returned from a trip to the Holy Land.

Mr. IV. . . Smeman, Toronto, recemly visited Dew York and other American cities, and received a warm reception from his friends of the Typothetae.

Tunses are four ex-newspaper men in the Cabinet of l'resident Cleveland-Nessrs. Carlisle, Lamont, Smith, and Morton. Each has leen through that crucible of journalistic training which has been the cradle of some of our brightest citizens.

Mr. Joms . . 13en.1., managing editor of the Detroit Fric I'ress, is dead. He was born at St. Catherines, forty-two years ago. Mr. Bell entered the service of the liric l'riss in July, 1865 , at the age of fourteen years, as a galley hoy in the composing room. His bright ways, his information on a range of sulpects and his mature judgement attracted attention to ham in difierent departments if the paper. Ife lecame the proofreader and hefore he reached his majority he was installed a member of the editorial staff. His connection with the foce press covered a period of twemyecight years, and when he left his desk to lie down upon his bed of death he left the atle and responsibility of manaring editor There sas no detail of new:ipaper work with which he was not familiar. The few that are left of the group with
whom he began his career in is $0_{5}$ hear unamimous testimony to his fidelity, his professional worth, his superior mind and his possession of all the elements of true manhood.

Ma. Fuemerick A. Brower, representing Vian Allens \& Boughton, the well-known Huber lrointing Press Manmfacturers, sjemt a few days in the city last month. He has almost recovered from the accident he met with here some months ago.

Mr. Justice O'lbutis, who is perhaps at the present moment the most noted man in Ireland, commenced his career as a compositor working in a Cork newspaper office, afterward making his mark as at brilliant pressuan in Dublin under the late Sir John Gray. Mr. Justice O'brien is very proud of his comnection with the profession of journalism. He is a broad-minded, genial man of the world, and with his keen, shrewd face and wenerally ascetic appearance, his figure is one of the most striking on the Irish bench.

Mr. C. IV. limownent, who has been covering Canada for the Ault \& Wiborg Co., Ink Manufacturers, Cincinnati, has been promoted to the management of the New York office at GS Beekman St. He will, howerer, still retain a hold on the Canadian business, which has developed very rapidly in the past few months, Mr. Brownell says his advertisement in Phister and lumisher has been a material help) to him in introducing his inks and getting buyers in all parts of Canada. He will be ghat to welcome any of the Camadian printers and publishers who may be in New lork.

Two noted printers and pulslishers died recently in P'aris, France. Damase Jouaust, aged $5^{\prime \prime}$ years, was printer, editor and publisher combined. - He was famous as a typographer. The last work which he personally superintended being the magnificent "Romeo and Jalict" for Duprat $\mathbb{E}$ Co. of New York. When only a twelvemonth ago he retired from active husiness, his literary and art colleagucs and a coteric of distinguished bibliophilies honored him with a banquet. With Jounust the printing office vas more than a Home. Alfred Henry Armand Mame, a preat publisher, died in his iznd year. He inherited the publishing business which his father had founded. It grew hy degrees umil it became a vast establishment, where joo to Soo workmen were regularly emploged, who printed and hound 20,000 volumes daily: In 1s73 a prize was awarded to the head of that house as conductor of one of the prominent industrial establishments in Fiance, where uniform social harmony and comfort frevailed among the employees, old and young.

Tue blockhead is of a wooden frame of mind.

## TRADE TOPICS

W. J. Ciscas © Co. are applying for incorporation with a capital of $\$ 200,000$. The change will be more formal than real.

Mr. W. Cuthbert McCallum has been appointed the Toronto agent of the Montreal Paper Mills Co., and will take charge on the 1 st of Junce.
R. J. Buyn, bookhinder, Wimipes, lost \$300 by a fire on the 22nd ult. Several printing firms lost heavily by the fire, including the Loherg Printing Co., and luackle it Appleton.

Mk. '1. D. M. Burssme, formerly with IV. J. Gage $\&$ Co., now Lendon manazer for the St. Cuth. bert's (Eugland) paper mills, is to be marricel carly in Jume to a Toronto lictly.

Pafir and Press for April is one of the finest numbers of its class that hats as yet reached this office. The laalf-tone art subjects being exceptionally fine, showing the work of the artistic as well ats the mechanical engraver.

Tut: Canada Paper Co. have just issued at little booklet manufactured from their No. I Litho. Book Paper, containing a namber of halftone illustrations, which show to perfection on this paper, which is made expressly for Lithouraphic, Pictorial and Letterpress work.

In printers' supplies, the Brown Bros. are making an extra exhibit, and have got out sample hooks of their new lines in wedding stationery, wedeling cards, monnting boards, white and tinted bristol hoards, china boards, cover papers, and other kinds of cardboards. The firm carries a most extensive stock.

Tus: Montreal Paper Mills Co. are altering and improving their plant at present to enalle them to turn their attention to book papers. They will derote their attention to two speciat lines which have never : :fore been manufactured in Canada, vi\%., white hosiery paper and extra quality glazed manilla.

Mr. 'I. G. Winsos, the trustee for James Murray $\mathcal{E}$ Co., reports food progress in the sale of phant and machinery. The finest of the presses have been sold to offices outside of the city. Any country printer in need of phant or machinery of any kind would do well by taking advantage of this sale, as this office was without doubt, the best equipped in Canada.

Tu: Dexter Folder Co., Fulton, N. Y., are now ready to mail their new Catalogne. This will be a very complete illustrated descriptive catalogue of their Folding Machines. In the arrangement of this catalogue it las been found necessary to make a complete change in the Numbers and Sizes of their Johlers, consequently, they wish to place one of these hooks in the-tands of every Printer, Publisher or linder, who will be interested in receiving the same. They
arill be sent out only upon reanest. If you ate at all interested in the suljeet of Folding Machiners, drop thena postal asking for new cataloguc.

Gi.t obr Pacte: when wanting any new goods, woul matenial, which we make, metal type, printers or binders' machinery, which we sell. Also secondhand List. Mongims \& Wilcox, Middleton, N. I'.

Ms. Juns lioss liobsarsos, editor and proprictor of the Tilaram, last Cirand Master of Camada, is harel at work on his Masonic History which, when completed, will be an invaluable hook to Masons; no man in Camala is better, if ats well, qualified to write such a history as Mr lobertson. He is in himself, a perfect Masonic encyclopedia. It will be published in four volumes.

## BUSINESS CIIANGES

J. E. Sman, bookbinder, Hatifas, N. S., has been succeeded by Cunaingham Bros.

A cbaseb: hats just taken place in the personnel of the Cohourg Horld Printing \& Publishing Company, Mr. H. J. Snelgrove having purchased all the roht, tute, intele.t and good will which Mr. M. W'. Willams held therein. The latter withdraws from the firm, while the former assumes entire management and control of the office and busmess.

Mn. A. Deanis, of the licton Standard, hats sold the New Glasgow Enterprise to Mr. A. 1'. Doundas for Sfexo. The Enterprise was founded hy Mr. Dennis in issis. Its chief mission was to gather news from all sections of Eastern Nowa Scotia and it has addmorably succecied. l'ictonians abroad call the Eitterfrise their weekly letter from home. Mr. Demis, who will hive his whole attention in future to the Coldonial Standard, has a bright newspaper carcer. From his connection with the Wimiper Sun down to the present almest everyhing he has touched has heren a success. The Stomidurd has been brought to present high standing among maritime weeklies hy hime. It will be remembered Mr. Jennis married a Kent Co. lady lant smmer-that event was the fremest success of his life.- Moncton Times.

## "PEARSON'S WEEKLY"

ศ"H1: above journal has received world-wide notoriety over the "amising word" boom, and now enjoys a circulation of fully fers, oxpo copies a weck. The master mind of the journal is Mr. C. . Irthur
 his man famons wetkly sume threc years ago in Lomdon. He tirst distinguished limsolf bey winning the - lethship oftered by Tad-Sists, and then rose by ability and enerny umil be became manaider of that periodical, a peontion which he hedi for four gears. He also managed the Rerice of Reritoos for some time, thas
gaining experience which has since been of walue to him. When Mr. Pearson left Tid-Bits and lannched the paper bearing his own mame, he iitule anticipated that its success would celipse that of the older established journal. The fact remains, however, that great as was the success of Tid-IBits, that of Pearson's Weckly has been far greater. Mr. Pearson is a man of restless energy and great ability. One wonders how such a vast quantity of editorial work is accomplished so successfully, considering the many calls upon the time of such a busy man. A good deal of the work is done during his three hours' railway jcurney to and from London, so that very lattle tme, if any; is lost durmg the day. Mr. Pearson accepts no contributions from outside, and has found that much time, temper and energy are saved by kecpung to the rule. A competent staff works undur his guidance, and every department is personally controlled by himself. He is much attached to his staff and takes a keen interest in their welfare. Many of them frequently go with him to his home in Surrey from Fitidy to Monday, so that they are constantly in touch with one another. Looking back on the remarkable career of Mr. Pearson, one hesitates to predict the future, but certain it is that he has alheady proved himself to be one of the most exeratordinary and successful men of the day.

## RECENT AMERICAN INVENTIONS

Winmak 1F. Scumber, of Brooklyn, a space-bar for the Mergenthaler.

Turesestring and distributing machines have been patented by the foltowing parties: A. V. Ruckmich, of New lork; John Hooker, of Beccles, England; John l. Haynes, of St. Louis, Missouri, and two patents to Louis K. Johnson, of Brooklyn.

Geo. 13. Mures, of Washington, D.C., a type case, containing all the letters usually employed in ordinary composition, such as lower case, caps, small caps, punctuation mats, figures, etc. The case is oblong, but the type boxes are arranged in a semi-circular, or fan-shaped form.

Warter Scort, the veteran inventor of Phinfield, New Jersey, has received a patent covering an expedient for the protection of publishers from the dishonest practice of newsdealer of returning, as unsold, papers which have once been sold and read. The apparatus applies, at intervals along the margin of the paper before it leaves the press, a particle of paste. It will of course be impossible to open the paper without detaching these pasted places.

Publisher.-"W` publish nothing int first-chass matter in our magrasinc."

Mr.C. Črious.-""Then why do you have it entered at the post-ofice as second-class matter?"

## THE COUNTRY PRINTER



(c)earhest memories, on those which 1 can make sure are not the sont of e dy hearsaty that we mistake for remembrance later in life, concem a country newspaper, or rather a comutry pinting. office. The office was, in mey childish consenomsmess some years before the praper was, the compositors rhythmeally swaying before their cases of type: the pressman flinging bimself batek on the bat that made the impression, with a swirl of his long hair; the appremice rollog the foms, and the foreman bending over the imposing-stone, wete familiar to me when I could not grasp the notion of any effect from their labors. In due time 1 came to know all abont it, and to understand that these activities went to the making of the Whis newspaper which my father edited to the confusion of the Locofocos, and in the especial interest of Henry Clay; I muself supported this leader so vigoronsly for the presidency in my sevemh year, that it was long before 1 conld acalize that the election in 15 ft had resulted in his deleat. My father had already been a printer for a good many gears, and some tine in the early thirties he had led a literary forlonn hope, in a West Virginian town, wht a monthly magazine, which he printed himself, and edited with the help of his sister. As long as he remained in businsss he remained a comutry edutor and a country printer; he began to study medicine when he was a young man, but he abandoned it for the calling of his life without searet, and though with his speculative and insentive temperament he was tempted to experiment in other things, I do not think he would ever have lastingly forsatien his newspatuer for them. In fact the art of priming was in our blood; it never brondit us great honor or profit; and we were always plaming and dreaming to get out of it, or get it out of us; but we are all in some sort bound up with it still. To me it is now so endeared by the assoriations of childhood, that I cannot breathe the familiar odor of types and presses without cmotion; and 1 shonk not he surprised if 1 found myself trying to cast a halo of romance about the old-fashioned country office, in what I shall have to say of it here.

## 11.

Our first newsp:uper was published in southwestern Ohio, but after a scries of varying fortunes, which i need not dwell upon, we found ourselves in possession of an ofice in the northeastern corner of the State, where the prevalent political feeling promised a prosperity to one of my father's anti-shavery opinions which he had never yet enjoyed. Ite had no money, but in those days it was an easy matter to get an
interest in a combry papar on credit, and we all went glatly to wotk to help him pay for the shate that he acquited in one by this means. An office which atce a fair enongh living as living was then, conld be bourht for twelve or fifteen hundred dollars: but this was an macommonly good oflice, and I suppose the half of it which my father took wats worth one sum or the other. Ifterward, within a few months, when it was arranged to temove the paper from the village where it had always been published to the comery-seat, a sont of joint-stock company was fomed, and the value of his moiety increased so much, nominally, at least, that he was nearly ten yeats paying for it. 13y this time 1 was long out of the story, but at the ingiming $l$ was very vividly in it, and before the world began to call me with that voice which the heart of youth cannot resist, it was very

interesting; I felt its charm then, and now, as 1 turn back to it, 1 feel its charm again, thourh it was always a story of steady work, if not hard work.

The country-seat, where it had been judged best to transfer the paper lest some other paper of like politics should be established there, was a village of only six or seven laundred inhalitants. lhat as the United States Sen.,tor who was one of its citizens used to say, it was "a place of great political privileges." The damntess man who represented the district in the House for twenty ycars, and who had fought tise anti-slavery batte from the first, was his fellowvillager, and more than compeer in distinction; and besides these, there were nearly always a State Senator or Representative among us. The county officers, of course, lived at the conntry-seat, and the leading lawyers, who were the leading politicians, made their homes in the sladow of the court-house, where one of them was presently clected to preside as Judge of the Common lleas. In polities the county was alrcady
overwhelmingly Freesoil, as the forermmer of the Republican party was then called; the Whigs had hardly guthered themselves together since the defeat of General Scott for the presidency; the Democrats, though dominant in State and Nation, and fathful to slavery at every election, did not greatly outnumber among us the zealots called Connoonters, who would not vote at all under a constitution recognizing the right of men to own men. Onr paper was Freesoil, and uts fiek was large among that vast majority of the people who believed that slavery would finally perish if liept out of the territories, and confined to the old Slave States. Wisth the removal of the press (1) the countryeseat there was a hope that this field cond be widened, till every fireesoil voter became a subseriber. It did not fall out so; even of those who subscribed in the ardor of their political sympathies, many never paid; but our list was nevertheless handsomely increased, and numbered fifteen or sisteen hundred. I do not know how it may be now, but then most country papers had a list of four or five humdred suluscibers; a few had a thousand, a very few twelve hundred, and these were fairly decimated by delinquents. We were so flown with hope that I remember there was serions talk of risking the loss of the delinguents on our list by exacting payment in advance: but the measure was thought too bold, and we compromised by demanding two dollars a year for the paper, and taking a dollar and a half if paid in advance. Twenty-fue years later my brother, who had followed my father in the business, discorcred that a man who never meant to pay fee his paper would as lief owe two dollars a year for it as any less sum, and he at last risked the loss of the delinguents by reguiaing advance payment: it was an heroie venture, hat it was perhaps time to make it.

The people of the county were mostly farmers, and of these nearly all were dairymen. The few manufactures were on a small seale, except perhaps the making of oars, which were shipped all over the world foom the heat of the primeral forests densely wooding thes region: The portable steam saw-mills dropped down on the borders of the woods have long since eaten their way through and through them, and devoured every stick of timber in most places, and drunk up the water-courses that the woods had once krpht full; but at that time half the land was in the shadow of those mighty poplars and hickories, chms and chestants, ashes and hemlocks: and the meadows that pastured the herds of red cattle were doted with stumps as thick as harvest stubble. Now there are not even stumps: the woods are gone, and the waterecoursess are torremts in speing, and beds of dry clay in summer. The meadows themselves have vanished, for it has been found that the strong yellow soil will preximet more in grain than in milk. There
is more money in the hands of the farmers there, though there is still so little that by the city scale it would seem comically little, pathetically little; but forty years ago there was so much less than fifty dollars seldom passed through a farmer's hands in a year. Payment was made in kind rather than in coin, and every sort of farm produce was legal tender at the printing-office. Wood was welcome in any quantity, for the huge box-stove consumed it with inappeasable voracity, and then did not heat the wide low room which was at once editorial-room, composing room, and press-room. Perhaps this was not so much the fault of the stove as of the buidding; in that cold lake-shore country the people dwelt in wooden structures almost as thin and flimsy as tents; and often in the first winter of our sojourn, the type froze solid with the water which the compositor put on it when he wished to distribute his case; the inking rollers had to be thated before they could be used on the press, and if the current of the editor's soul had not been the most genial that ever flowed in this rough world, it must have been congealed at its source. The cases of type had to be placed very near the windows so as to get all the light there was, and they grot all the cold too. From time to time the compositor's fingers became so stiff that bowing on them would not avail; be passed the time in excursions between his stand and the stove; in very cold weather, he practised the device of warming: his whole case of types by the fire, and when it lost heat, warming it again. The man at the press-whee was then the enviable man; those who handled the chill damp sheets of paper were no more fortunate than the compositors.

The first floor of our office-building was used by a sash and blind factory; there was a machine shop somewhere in it, and a mill for sawing out shingles; and it was better fitted to the exercise of these robust industries than to the requirements of our more delicate craft. Later, we had a more comfortable place, in a new wooden "husiness block," and for several years before 1 left it, the office was domiciled in an old dwelling-house, which we bought, and which we used without much change. It could never have been a very luxurious dwelling, and my associations with it are of a wintry cold, scarcely less polar than we were inured to elsewhere. In fact the climate of that region is rongh and fierce; and the lake winds have a malice sharper than the saltest gales of the North Shore of Massachusetts. I know that there were lovely summers and lovelier autumns in my time there, full of sunsets of a strange, wild, melancholy splendor, I suppose from some atmospheric influence of the lake; but I think chiefly of the winters, so awful to us aiter the mild seasons of southern Ohio; the frosts of ten and twenty below; the village
streets and the country toads drowned in snow, the consumptives in the thin houses, and the "slipin"," as the sleighing was called, that latsted from December to April with hardly a break. At first our family was housed on a farm a little way out, because there was no tenement to be had in the village, and my father and 1 used to walk to and from the office together in the mornmon and evening. I had taught myself to read Spanish, in my passion for Don Qixote, and I was then, at the age of fifteen, preparing to write a life of Cervantes. This scheme occupied me a good deal in those bleak walks, and perhaps because my head was so hot with it, that my feet were always very cold; but my father assured me that they would get warm as soon ats my boots froze. If I have never yet written that life of Cervantes, on the other hand I have never been quite able to make it clear to myself why my feet should have got warm when my boots froze.
(TO lue conelutid next month.)

## WAGES OF MACHINE OPERATORS

๑PE-SETMING machines appear to be causing more trouble between employers and employees in Great Britain than in this country. The difficulty lies in arriving at a mutually satisfactory system of paying for the work. We are inclined to believe that time work is the most equitable system to adopt en such machines, and sooner or later both employers and employees will come to this conclusion. When preswork was done on hand peesses the men were paid by the piece, but when machines which at once guadrupled the output were invented the men were paid by the week. Whether a press can be run at a thousand an hour or twenty thousand an hour does not effect the pay of the pressman, but employers linow that the faster it runs the more skillf:l the man needs to be who has charge of it; and they pay him accordingly. While the two casts may not he parallel, there is a great similarity; for, although the speed of the type-setting machine is limited by the skill of the operator in a way that the primting press is not, the tendency is to make machines so nearly antomatic that the product can be increased without calling for more work from the operator. Such machines cost large sums, and it would seem that they should be put in charge of good men only, at remuneration which will induce the lest efforts as to both care and speed. It might be well to offer a honus for every thousand ems beyond a certain limit. - American Bookmakier.

In connection with the closing sentence of the above it may not be amiss to state that both in the Empire and Mail offices m this city, a bonas is given the operators if they exceed 1,700 cms an hour.) Eid. P. anis P.

## IMPROVED COMPOSITOR'S CASE

ஷMONC the latest inventions patented in ling. land of interest to the printing trade is a case for the ready placing of types and logotypers, and their easy manipulation. The case is constructed with open sides and fiont, and divided into a mumber of compartments inclined downwards from the back towards the foont, such compartments being divided in two for receiving two difierent sizes of type. Trays are provided made with a number of divisions adapted to receive other trays. preferably stamped onst of sheet metal and divided into compartments or chamels adapted to receive rows of diflerent tjpes. By making the last-named trays of sheet metal they are adapted to comain a reserve row of each type. The composite taass thus formed can casily slid into a d out of the case through the open sides thereof. A noteh is cast in the right hand side close to the shoulder of the type in order to facilitate picling up. Whis is another attempt to introduce logotgpes into the composing room, many of which have already been tried, but alwiys unsuccessfully.
"You say you were once a newspaper man?" inquired the kind old lady.
"Yes'm," answered the sad eyed tourist at the kitchen door. "I once had a responsible position on al big daily paper."
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ๆIIE following history of the inception of the great London daily was told to the writer over twenty years ago by one who vouched for its truth:-

Years ago an educated but tather fast young Englishman, having lun through all his ready capital by : long course of fashionable dissipation in the principal cities of the contument, fond himself, one day, in laris, with his means of livelihood neatly exhausted and credit at a very low ebb. This state of things-almost on the verge of want-set him to thinking seriously, for the first time in many yeats. "Something must be done," mused be, "and that right quickis, too. Bread and butter must be had, and there is no money in my tronsens wherewith to get it; or, at best, only enough to last, with close economy, a few day's longer, and, then what ?' Naturally of a shrewd and inventive turn of mind and a ready writer, he quickly formed the determination of turning his qualifications to immediate action. "Necessity knows no law," and is "the mother of invention" as well. His resolution to strike out in his new course was no sooner taken than he proceeded to put it into execution.

First taking an account of stock our mpecunions friend finds that he has just sufficient funds in hand to settle up with his landlady, take him over the channel to London, and insert an advertisement he had studied up and prepared, three times in two daily papers of the city. "And what was this curious advertisement?" very naturally aslis the reader. It simply called for five handred newshoys to sell a new daily paper about to start. As their commission for doing this they were to receive an extra perecontage, but as a guarantee (and here comes in the joke) each boy to be employed must leave with his emploger just one pound sterling. This condition was peremptorily insisted on in every case. But the cxtra inducement had the desired effect-in fact it took admirably, for in less than a week the five hundred boys, or their friends for them, had applied, reristered their names, and $£ 500$ sterling were duly deposited.

Mr. Smithson, our embryo journalist, now set himself to work night and day to get up a daily paper. Aside from a few paying advertisements and

- some shilhner notices, he himself wrote up the entire contents of the little sheet, and on the day the hoss were told to come for their papers the first number was ready. The paper was no longer a myth, but a living reality. Little did these raged urchins or their friends suspect, however, that the whole thing was got up on their moncy. The venture proved a great success; but on the other hand, had it been a
failure, then what? $\Delta h!$ in that case ons friend would suddenly have found it necessary to resume his travels again, otherwise he would have found himself behind prison bas ticketed for at least ten years.

From the first mumber of the paper the enterprise rapidly grew and fomished; the shoeless little fellows. who so unwittingly furmshed the capital to set up a newspaper, soon had their money returned, and none were the wiser, none the worse, for the elever ruse that had been played.

Thus was ushered into the world that powerful institution known to day all over the two hemisphetes as the London Duily Telegraph, with correspondents in every part of the globe, employing a corps of witers, and welding an influence second only to the "Thunderer" itself.

Mr. S., the projector, died many years ago, wealthy from the proceeds of an enterprise begotten of sheer desperation, and, though rash in its incepthon, yet highly successful in is results.-Amerian Art Printer.

## NOTHING IN JOURNALISM

OfENRV Watterson, whose reputation as a jour nalist is second to none on this continemt, thms expresses himself regarding journalism as a profession. If his opinion is to be believed, and certainly no one should better know what he is talking about than Mr. Watterson, journalism, as at stepping-stonc to fame, is, to use an expressive. but somewhat slangy phrase, "not what it's cractied up to be."
" lt is a wearing, earing business. You get nothing out of a newspaper excepting what you take from it. Iambent on it that neither of my sons shall go into journalism. The eldest is practising medicine and the other two are still boys. There is nothing in it for a man in comparision with almost any other profession. Take Mr. Dana, for instance. Think of his vast accomplishments. There is no other man to my knowledge that equals him in brilliancy and variety of attaimments, and I've known a great many brilliant and versatile men. Le is a fine writer and a clever editor, and have you heard him speak? He's a splendid speaker.
"Now, such a man leaves no posthmous fame, only a tradition. A great journalist is like a great aeter; he leaves no coffin. When he dies, all his brilliant writing is stored away in newspaper files that nobody ever looks up. During his life, his influence is only indirect. Doesn't get eredit for what he does. Compare Horace Grecley and Secrotary Seward. Greeley was a far more potent factor in the Iree-Soil agitation in the way of real, back-breaking work, than Seward. Yon look into any history and you'll find whole chapters aloont Seward and only here an. 1 there a reference te Grecley:"

## PUBLISHERS' MISTAKES

$T$N an address before the South Cablina State l'tess Association on "Country Journalist and l'rinter," Sr. Hugh Wilson concluded as follows:It is a mistalke:-
To buy two suall fonts of body type instead of one large font.

It is a mistake to buy long primer, to fill a blanket sheet with leaded matter.

It is a mistake to buy long primer or brevier, becatuse of the difficulty in getting suitable headletter for those si\%es of type.

It is a mistake to buy a keg of tar, or to talie a keg of ink which advertising agents offer, and attempt $t 0$ primt a decent paper with leaded long primer.

It is a mistake to think the public is not a good judge of newspapers, and it is a worse mistake to suppose that a great many people can be found who will pay for a poor paper which is badly printed.

It is a mistake to maintain fictitious circulation, with the idea that better prices can be had for advertisements.

It is a mastake not to have an abmadance of headelter, and it is a getater mistake to neglect the heads.

It is a mistake to hire printers by the week, instead of by the piece.

It is a mistalie to waste time in setting up mis. cellaneons articles. Better find original matter of some kind.

The chief business of the country office being to print the paper, it is a mistake to economize in the matter of hody type. A surplus for use on extra eccasions is of immense advantage.

It is a mistake to huy small job fonts. better huy not less than twenty-five to fifty pounds of any letter which is used in heads or in advertisements. Sis such fonts would be worth a cartload of smatler fonts.

It is a mistake to puarrel with onces competitor. Better let each attend to his own business; and if we centize the importance of our own work, we will find enough to do 111 pushing our own husiness. These is no sense or protit in local editors hoking cach other up to public adicule.

It is a mistake to quarrel at all with anghody.
It is a mistake to make a circus poster of your alventising pages, or to use more kinds of type than is absolutely necessary.

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- hour" as it would be to say "revolutions per minute per hour." If a shaft is turning at the rate of 120 revolutions per minute, we can designate its specci as two revolutions per second or 7,200 revolutions per hour, but the rate of motion stays the same.

The horse-power is the unit of the rate of power consumption, and whether the number of foot-pounds be divided by 550 per second, 33,000 per minate or
$1,950,000$ per hour, the rate of their production or consumption, and consequently the hotse-power will be the same. When it is said, for instance, that an engine reguires 30 pounds of stean per horse-power per hour, it is meant that 30 pounds of steam are required per hour, or one-half pound per minute, for each horse-power developed.
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