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Subscribers to the *Miscellany* will bear in mind that all subscriptions must be paid IN ADVANCE.

PRACTICAL MATTERS.

Embossed Printing.

This is a branch of jobbing printing that is little practised, compared with what is possible, chiefly owing to the method being utterly unknown to the majority of persons. It is possible, in the following simple and inexpensive manner, to obtain most admirable and attractive effects, and we advise printers who have not tried the art to experiment upon it, now that the process is revealed to them.

The first thing to be done is to get a die in metal of the line or the design to be worked—any brass-cutter or die-sinker can provide this. The lettering may be done either by engraving or cutting in the usual way, or by punching.

Next make the counter die. Cut a piece of thick smooth leather to the size of the die; moisten the side which is to receive the impression, and, laying it upon the surface of the die, give sufficient impression to make the leather go into all the cavities of the plate.

Remove the counter from the die and trim its edges, so that both will be of the same size; after which again adjust the leather to its place on the face of the die, and cover the back with strong gum. Make another impression so as to transfer to the tympan of the press.

A thin sheet of gutta-percha should now be warmed on one side and laid upon the face of the plate, with the side that has been heated uppermost. An impression must again be made, by which the leather and the gutta-percha will become attached. The result will be an elastic counter, which will retain sufficient firmness to throw up any part of the under surface of the card without breaking the parts at the edges of the letters.

When the job is of a large size, such as a show card, the counter die may be made by pasting ten or twelve sheets of smooth paper together with gum, and, while they are in a damp state, press the die into the pulpy mass and leave it to dry before they are separated.

The printer should be careful in his choice of ink. Whatever color is used should be strong in body, and the roller must be passed over the form in all directions, so as to secure a perfectly uniform coating of ink.—*British and Colonial Printer and Stationer.*

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION.

THE PRINTER'S MISCELLANY is issued monthly at \$1.00 per annum, *in advance*, or ten cents per number. Price to apprentices—50 cents per annum, *in advance*.

The name and address of subscribers should be written plainly, that mistakes may not occur. All letters should be addressed to

HUGH FINLAY,

St. John, N. B., Canada.

The Printer's Miscellany.

ST. JOHN, N. B., CANADA, JULY, 1879.

FOURTH VOLUME.

The Printer's Miscellany, with this number, enters upon another—the fourth—year of its existence. Its path has not been strewn with roses, and all that, but, nevertheless, its projector has no good reason to complain. The printers of Canada and the United States have given it a cordial support, although, we must own, a larger following was expected. If any complaint is due it is of the meagre support accorded in advertising by those whose interests are all dependent on printers, and whose duty it should be to support and encourage an independent journal devoted to the "art preservative." That they have not done so, has been no willing fault of ours, as we contend that through the *Miscellany* they have been provided with a medium for bringing their wares before the craft, the equal of which has never been surpassed in this country. We will just add here that large numbers of our subscribers complain that so few manufacturers and dealers in printing plant, etc., make their announcements in its pages. We hope to see this remedied in the incoming volume, as the advertisements are by no means the least interesting portion of the paper. Should our expectations be realized in this respect, the *Miscellany* will be vastly improved, for we are determined that, in both quantity and quality, it shall be found in the foremost rank of periodicals of its class.

Subscribers are respectfully reminded that their favors are now in order for another year. We must insist upon the payment-in-advance system, as it is practically impossible to collect, after the time has expired, the small sum necessary for a subscription. Therefore, the names of those who have not renewed will be taken off our

books after the issue of this number, or unless we hear from them to other effect. It is to be hoped that few will force us to this alternative, as it is our desire to have the *Miscellany* go into the hands of all members of the craft.

Thus we make our bow for the fourth time.

A FIRST CLASS JOB PRESS.

The "Peerless" Job Press is an immense success, as is shown by the great number sold and now in successful operation in all parts of the country. Its continued use has proved it to be, in every respect, a first class job press; simple, strong, readily understood and easily operated. It is so constructed that every motion is positive; all the parts are interchangeable; and the strain-bearing parts are made either of wrought iron or steel, which insures great strength and solidity.

Printers say that the Hinged-Well Ink Fountain for this press is by far the simplest and best working fountain ever attached to a disc press. It can be easily cleaned, and any boy can understand and use it.

Six sizes are manufactured, each one of which will work a full-sized form at fast speed. We give the exact "inside-of-chase" dimensions:—8x12, 9x13, 10x15, 11x16, 13x19, 14x20. Either size can be run with perfect ease by treadle.

J. W. Jones, 14 Sackville street, Halifax, N. S., is agent for the Maritime Provinces.

A NEW RULING MACHINE.

Mr. Brissard, a celebrated French engineer, has invented a cylinder ruling machine, something after the style of the perfecting press, which will rule 4,000 to 6,000 sheets per hour on both sides and in two or three colors. Instead of the old fashioned ruling pens he has substituted brass discs. These discs are inked by revolving against a roll of felt containing ink, and the sheet, as it passes under the disc, receives the line. After passing over one cylinder and under the ruling disc, the sheet is reversed as it passes on to the other cylinder, thus presenting the second side for the operation of the ruling discs of the upper cylinder. An automatic feed is used on these machines, so that one man can attend to several machines. Automatic feeding is a great advantage, as in addition to saving labor, it secures regularity and rapidity. This machine can be worked either by hand or steam. Mr. C. Paetow, 8 Old Jewry, E. C., London, England, is sole agent for Great Britain.

NOTES ON PUBLICATIONS.

Harper's Monthly appears in larger type and with increased width of page.

The Elmira (N. Y.) *Sunday Telegram* when only four weeks old, had a circulation of 5,000 copies.

The *Carleton Courier*, a new weekly, has appeared at Bolton, Ont. It is published by Mr. F. Monro, late of the Orangeville *Advertiser*.

The Amherstburg *Echo*, which as a newsy and carefully edited journal has few superiors among the Ontario weeklies, comes to hand in a new outfit of type.

The Chicago *Inter-Ocean*, recently, instead of its usual eight pages, contained one hundred and ninety-six pages. The additional pages were filled with a delinquent tax list.

The Baltimore (Md.) *Sun* has just completed its forty-second year. It was started on the 17th of May, 1837. It celebrated its recent anniversary by donning a neat and attractive new dress.

The Philadelphia *Sunday Dispatch* has entered on its thirty-second year. Two of its projectors and one of its editors have continued with it from its commencement to the present time.

The *Evening Star*, of Washington, D. C., has an average daily circulation of over 17,500, which, it is claimed, is more than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Washington.

The *Illustrated Journal of Agriculture* is the title of a first-class 16-page agricultural paper published at Montreal, and edited by Ed. A. Barnard, Director of Agriculture in the Province of Quebec.

The Sarnia, Ont., *Observer*, Eyvel & Gorman, editors and proprietors, is a well-printed, entertaining, enjoyable, and enterprising newspaper. It is always filled with the latest news, and its selections and editorials are gossipy and genial.

The *Textile Colorist*, a monthly trade journal, published in Philadelphia, has a novel style of illustration, consisting of samples of cotton, wool and silk dyed in various colors by published recipes. Twelve or more recipes are published in each number, with little tufts of wool or silk showing the results of their practical application. Besides the illustrations the *Textile Colorist* publishes original papers on dyes and dyeing.

The Cosmopolite is the title of a new monthly 16-page paper, of which we have received the initial number, which comes to us from Sioux City, Iowa. It is handsomely printed and its table of contents presents a good solid feast of reason. We wish the newcomer every success, and trust the same may be as large as the field chosen.

The Canadian Poultry Review, published at Strathroy, Ont., at \$1.00 a year, is just such a magazine as many typos—who are poultry and pet-stock fanciers—need and should subscribe for. Send a dollar to James Fullerton, and secure a copy for one year, or, what is better, get up a club for it and secure some of the premiums offered.

The Stamford (Conn.) *Advocate* completed the fiftieth year of its existence on the 22d August. The popular and energetic proprietors celebrated the golden anniversary by giving the paper an entire brand new dress, putting in a new drum cylinder steam press, and otherwise improving the newspaper and job printing departments. The *Advocate*, as now presented to the public, is, by all odds, the most carefully edited and handsomest printed weekly paper to be found anywhere, and advertisers must find it profitable to use its columns. Friend G., please accept our humble congratulations and well-wishes.

The Holyoke Manufacturer, a journal devoted to the manufacturing interests of the United States, is the name and aim of a new 24-page monthly published at Holyoke, Mass. The number before us (No. 1) is a beautiful specimen of newspaper printing and reflects the greatest credit upon the printer, while the editorial management displays remarkably fine and critical judgment in the selection of topics. We feel it is almost superfluous for us to wish it success, for a large measure of that commodity seems to have been already achieved. It starts out with a guaranteed circulation of 25,000 copies, and, judging from its advertising patronage, business men have not been hard to convince of the excellence of the medium.

The Voice, published at Albany, N. Y., for July, contains a paper on "Stuttering," written by the editor and read before the Albany Institute. The causes, effects, manifestations, cure and early history of the malady are treated in an able manner. Mr. Robert M. Zug contrib-

utes a paper "Curing Stuttering," it being the results and experience obtained by the treatment of 150 cases. Mr. C. W. Sykes, of Buffalo, N. Y., discusses "Singing"—some of the defects of various prominent teachers and the need of correct instruction. A humorous account is given of the troubles of a young man with an impediment of speech. The careful consideration of the medical profession is asked for the chapter from Klencke, who says that all the stutterers he has met were tainted more or less with scrofula.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

James Grant, former editor of the London *Morning Advertiser*, is dead, aged 74.

The daily circulation of the most popular newspaper in the City of Mexico, with a population of 200,000, does not exceed 2,000 copies. All the newspapers in the republic aggregate a consumption of only about 800 reams a month.

Mr. J. P. Palmer, who represents Messrs. Millar & Richard, Type Founders, of Edinburgh, at Toronto, Ont., favored us with a friendly call on the 15th August. This was his first visit to St. John, if not to the Maritime Provinces, and we were extremely gratified at having an opportunity of becoming personally acquainted with one of whom we had so often heard, and who has evidently grown gray in the service of the craft.

We have received a circular from Mr. Andrew Campbell, of New York, stating that he has severed his connection with the "Campbell Printing Press and Manufacturing Company," with whom he had for many years been prominently identified, and introducing the new firm of "A. Campbell's Sons & Co." This firm will be privileged to use all the past and future patents and improvements of the senior member of the firm. Address, 19 Beekman street, New York.

Rumors are rife concerning the printing business in St. John. It is needless to say that it is very unlikely that any new departure of much moment will take place for some time to come. The depressing influence of dull times is still too strongly felt, and the "better time coming" has hardly developed itself sufficiently to warrant the undertaking of new responsibilities. Business men generally have become very cautious, and will scrutinize closely the business aspect of any new venture in the printing line.

NEWS OF THE CRAFT.

DOMINION.

The Wyoming, Ont., *Globe* has published its valedictory.

James Bryan, of the Lucknow *Sentinel*, has married Mrs. Boyd, the proprietress of that paper.

L. Carroll, formerly the editor of the *Guelph Herald*, has, we understand, severed his connection with that paper.

Thomas Rossignol, for some years pressman on the *Daily Telegraph*, St. John, N. B., left for Boston on the 25th August.

P. G. Laurie, of the *Saskatchewan Herald*, Battleford, N. W. T., has been appointed Printer to the Government of the North-West Territories.

J. G. Lorimer, of the *Bay Pilot*, St. Andrews, N. B., has been appointed postmaster of Grand Manan, N. B., and has disposed of his interest in the paper.

Messrs. Belford, Clarke & Co., Toronto, who furnish the *Fortnightly Review* from English plates, have now taken steps to supply *London Society* in the same way.

Mr. W. B. Alley, of the *Colchester Sun*, Truro, N. S., recently met with an accident by falling from his wagon and received some severe contusions on the head. His numerous friends will be glad to learn that his injuries were not of a very serious nature.

James Stevenson, a printer, of Toronto, committed suicide by hanging on the 20th August. The unfortunate man leaves a wife and four children and was about thirty-five years of age. He had been out of work for some time and during the last few days had given himself up to drinking.

J. P. Bowes and his brother, F. W. Bowes, have bought the plant of *The Borderer*, of Sackville, N. B., and will continue that publication under the new title of *The Transcript*. Arrangements have been made to add many improvements to the plant, among which will be a power press. We heartily wish them success in their undertaking, and we have no doubt they will succeed, for they are both practical printers. Mr. J. P. Bowes has been subbing on the *Daily Telegraph* for some time, and his quiet, unobtrusive manner, as well as his many other good qualities, have gained for him the good-will and

esteem of his fellow-workmen, as, indeed, every one else with whom he was brought in contact.

We omitted to mention in our last that the St. John *Herald* had ceased to exist, and that the printing plant of the same had been purchased by Mr. P. Tole, of the *Freeman*, which paper is now printed and published from the old *Herald* premises, Germain street. It will be recollected that the *Daily Freeman* suspended shortly after the last Dominion election in New Brunswick, and sold its plant to the Sun Publishing Company. The *Weekly Freeman* was printed at the latter office until the change indicated above took place.

UNITED STATES.

The New Hampshire Legislature elected John B. Clark, of Manchester, State printer.

Wm. Tarbox, one of the pioneer printers of Lynn, Mass., died on the 24th May, from paralysis, aged 69.

Peter Gfroerer, of Terre Haute, Ind., has patented a wooden type having a face composed of a veneering of rubber.

P. B. S. Thayer, night foreman of the Boston *Herald*, was married at Somerville, 26th June, to Miss Nellie Baker, of Winchester, Mass.

Mr. George C. Gorham, late Secretary of the United States Senate, has assumed the management of San Francisco's new daily newspaper, the *Morning Herald*.

Coney Island, New York's famous watering place, has a daily paper this season, printed and published at Brighton Beach. The new journal is called the Coney Island *Daily News*.

"Hub," a typo on the New Haven, Conn., *Register*, is reported as having recently set 7,034 ems brevier in four hours and thirty minutes. The copy contained much italic, with some figures and fractions.

Frank Beamish, a printer, of Memphis, Tenn., was recently shot, but not seriously wounded, by C. B. Hamner. Beamish had reported his kissing an aunt of Hamner's, which he refused to contradict, and which caused Hamner to shoot him.

The Cincinnati *Enquirer* has a \$100,000 libel suit on its hands. A school teacher, who was expelled on account of charges made against him in the columns of the *Enquirer*, wants this modest amount from the paper in lieu of his lost position.

The Portsmouth, N. H., *Chronicle* thus announces an accident to its forms: "The entire outside of the *Chronicle* Tuesday morning was transported from the pressroom to the composing room in a half-bushel basket, two water buckets, and a wash basin."

A sad and melancholy accident happened to Charles Prene, a lithographer, aged 23 years, at Long Branch on Sunday, Aug. 3d. He was on a visit to his betrothed, having only arrived there the evening before, and she, with several others, was looking at his excellent swimming, when she beheld him throw up his arms, shout for help, and sink from sight forever.

Mr. John J. Palmer, of Jefferson county, West Va., recently died, from injuries received by being thrown from a horse. He was at one time editor and proprietor of the Winchester *Virginian*, and afterwards superintendent of public printing of the State of Virginia. He was a practical printer, devoted to the newspaper profession, and had reached his seventy-third year.

At San Francisco, on the 23d August, Rev. Isaac Kalloch, the workingmen's candidate for mayor, was shot and dangerously wounded by Charles DeYoung, editor of the *Chronicle*. Kalloch, at a recent mass meeting, in retaliation for an assault by the DeYongs upon his moral character, and also resenting strictures upon his dead father, denounced the DeYoung brothers as bastards. Charles DeYoung sent word that he would shoot Kalloch on sight. DeYoung rode in a carriage to Kalloch's office, and sent a boy to tell him a gentleman wished to see him. On Kalloch's appearance, DeYoung fired twice, shooting him in the left lung and in the back. A mob immediately gathered, tore DeYoung from his carriage, and but for the large force of police would undoubtedly have killed him. A full force of police and military was required to guard the jail where DeYoung, with his brother, was incarcerated. The *Chronicle* office had also to be guarded.

The convicts in the Northampton (Mass.) prison publish a weekly paper in manuscript, called *Innocents at Home*.

Eighteen daily papers are published in London, and 143 in all Great Britain. The whole number has fallen off eight since last year.

Mr. Wm. Walker, of the Merritton Mills, has authority to make collections for this paper.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Forest City.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 5.

Trade here has picked up a little in the last few weeks, although there is yet room for improvement. The fact is, like many other places, it is overdone during the summer months by printers "passing through" on their way to and from the South.

The Typographical Union in this place is now in a flourishing condition, comparatively speaking. About six months ago it was as good as reorganized, and since then has got along very nicely. Our delegate to the International Union, Theo. Coyle, was instructed to use his vote and influence against the International Fund—to repeal it.

There are eight daily papers here—six English and two German. Of this number only three are union offices, although the rate for composition is about the same in all, morning and evening, 30 cents. The number of weekly, semi and tri-weekly papers is very large, while the job offices, both great and small, and the "cock-robin" shops of every description are innumerable. Cleveland can hold her own in the latter respect with any city of her size in the Union. More anon.

JAKE.

Detroit Pick-ups.

"Senator" Ludlow is now in Boston. Success, Lud.

Charley Paul, the "printer shooter," passed through here some time since.

Four of the *Evening News* editorial staff are practical printers, which accounts in a great degree for its success.

Geo. C. Grant and Albert Ulrich are in Cincinnati, and Henry Smith is making arrangements to go there, too. Logan seems to like Detroit boys.

The employés of Richmond, Backus & Co., bookbinders and stationers, have recently suffered a reduction of 25 per cent. Oh, business is picking right up, now we have "resumed."

In locking up a job the other day Timms pieced the initials of a man's name and in fixing it up got the letters transposed. John Barnman flew over to where he was and wanted to know what he did that for. Timms looked up with child-like blandness and said, "That don't make any difference, does it?" The boys wilted.

The "brain" men, who set advertisements on newspapers in this city, positively refuse to pay bonuses for that privilege, and consequently are violators of the spirit and intent of all union laws, guilty of unfairness, and should receive the condemnation of all good union men.

There is a Steam Supply Company in this city, the object of which is to furnish steam through large pipes for heating buildings and running engines in different parts of the city, after the manner of furnishing water.

Work has been pretty brisk here, but, since the Fourth, has fallen off so as to make subs as thick as cobblestones.

CAP CASE.

A Visit to Paris, Ont.

Visiting Paris, Ont., after an absence of about four years, I find great changes have taken place in the printing offices of that town. Of the *Star* staff, there only remains one who was on it in '75, Richard Spinks by name, and he has not changed one iota during my four years' absence. He spins the same old yarns, and his travels in the United States, while he was carrying the banner, are told with as much vim as of old.

Mr. Isaac Hunter, the late ever-obliging foreman of the *Star*, has taken his departure for the prairie province. He left Paris on May 6. Mr. Hunter has occupied the position of foreman of the *Star* for nearly seven years, and was found ever ready to oblige; was a skilled workman, and during his stay there made many friends. He intends to secure land and try farming. His wife and family accompanied him.

The *Star* staff is now composed of three journeymen, viz.: Richard Spinks, John A. Powell and James Campbell; no apprentices.

The *Transcript* office, under the management of Thomas Pettengill, seems to be doing a fair business. Thomas is a steady and good workman, and has held a "sit" on the *Transcript* for nearly eight years. An old hand press is still used to grind off the edition. The staff comprises: Thomas Pettengill, as foreman, and three apprentices.

Harry Henderson, who finished three years of his apprenticeship in the *Star* some four years ago, paid this town a flying visit while on his way to the far west. He left Paris station, G. W. R., on Wednesday, 7th May, for British Columbia, where he intends to remain for a number of years, for the benefit of his health.

RAMBLER.

Hamilton Jottings.

HAMILTON, Ont., May 21.

There are too many small offices to warrant any substantial change for the better in printing. In fact, it seems to be getting worse every year. I can point out five job offices in this city that do not employ a single jour. saving the bosses. The latest addition has been Flynn Bros., who opened out three weeks since.

"Jim" Small, ex-tramp, was married recently. Likewise Pete Foreman, of the *Spectator* news-room.

John W. Hallock, an ex-editor, who glories in the *nome de plume* of "Ku Klux," "Communist," etc., favored this city with a visit lately. As his signatures attest, he is a little man of very strong opinions, some of which he bestowed very freely on the quality of the hasheries in this fair city, he having been rather unfortunate in his selections.

James Fearnside, a Hamilton boy, edited and published a paper in South Africa. About a year since he returned to this city, bringing a wife from that far-off district. He was engaged on the staff of the *Evening Times* for some months last year. Yesterday he started again for "Afric's sunny strand," intending once more to engage in the publication of a newspaper. There must be money in it. We wish him a good voyage.

R. I.

Stratford Scraps.

STRATFORD, Ont., July 9.

Three of the hands on the *Beacon* struck work; one of them resumed again.

On the Masonic excursion run from here to Erie, Pa., were the following members of the press: James Fahey and F. J. Corrie of the *Herald*; H. T. Butler, R. J. Beattie and A. Hitchcock of the *Times*.

Frank Pratt and Cornelius Tracey have started a job office in town. It is rumored that they will start a newspaper about the first of January.

The *Beacon* had the misfortune to have the third page of their paper knocked into "pi" on publication night. We don't suppose for a moment that the election had anything to do with it. Nevertheless the accident happened on the eve of election day.

The *Herald* office was burglarized recently. An entrance was gained by the pressroom window, going then into the sanctum, where a large safe was kept, and into which they gained an

entrance by a duplicate key, extracting therefrom the sum of \$53 and some notes. It is a very strange thing to find \$53 in a printing office. Mr. Robb explains the matter thus: that the money did not belong to him—that it was only given to him for safe-keeping.

A Chinese cheap laborer—a *rat*—representing himself as a reporter, recently obtained a temporary sit in one of the offices here, doing odd chores. Upon being told that his services were not needed any longer, he was mean enough to offer to work for 18 cts. per 1,000—two cents less than the other piece hands were getting. His offer was accepted, and the consequence was that two good men, residents of the town, were thrown out of their places. I think it is about time the union question, which was proposed in the *Miscellany* some time ago, was brought into working order, to secure a slight measure of protection against such unprincipled beings.

Chatham Chips.

CHATHAM, Ont., June 21.

Jesse Clements, travelling correspondent of the *Chicago Inter-Ocean*, has been in town for the past few days in the interest of his paper, for the readers of which he is preparing "Notes of a trip through Canada."

Dan. P. McMullen, a well known typo in Bay City, Mich., and Jefferson City, Texas, is also in town visiting friends and relatives.

H. C. Buffington, for many years publisher of the *Port Dover Times*, has been appointed U. S. Consular Agent at this port.

Jimmie Cooney, for some time past connected with the job department of the *Planet*, has been superseded by Geo. Richardson, and has gone to Toronto, where, being well acquainted, he no doubt will soon strike a sit.

Job work and tramps are very scarce, the four offices not doing enough work to keep one going decently, and not a single genuine knight of the road having struck here so far.

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WE are pleased to learn that (In-) "Complete Phonography" is no longer to be "bolstered up by its author with false and unjust claims." In the June number of *Munson's Phonographic News* the editor acknowledges his system to be neither "complete" nor "practical," owing to the fact that it is not one by which all words can be fastened upon paper. A letter of Mr. DeBuy's, which appears in phonographic characters, could not be written without borrowing fourteen words from longhand. These words, Mr. Munson says, are written in longhand for the purpose of helping his readers along.

THE *Student's Journal*, with its usual overflow of valuable and highly interesting matter, is before us. The following are some of the articles contained in the August number: "The Type-writer," "California Reporters," "Notes on the Reporter's List," "Animal Magnetism (with remarks by the editor)," "Pleasures of the Palate," and "Errors in Transcription." It also presents a *fac-simile* of Thomas I. Daniel's letter to Arthur R. Bailey, together with a stereographed table showing, that out of the seven errors made in transcribing, six were on *Old-Style* outlines, whilst there were twenty-three other instances of "Standard" phonographic peculiarities in this letter, which were translated without a single error.

WE have received from Mr. Samuel T. Henderson a letter in which he expresses a desire to compare his speed of writing with that of any other writer of shorthand in Canada or the United States (Standard phonographers barred). Mr. H. adds that the stakes are not to be more than \$50 a side—which sum is to be deposited in the office of the *Printer's Miscellany*. He further states that it would be desirable to have the trial of speed take place within thirty days. He intimates that his object in sending the challenge is principally for the purpose of puncturing "that small brood of pin-feathered" Puller-ographers who are continually "cackling" in and around Brown's henery.


Brown's paper for August tells its small circle of readers that Benn Pitman's system is the standard in America, and that it is used by the Parliamentary reporters in Canada. In the editorial columns of the same paper we find the following, under the heading of "Parliamentary Reporting in Canada:" "Last session there were numerous complaints in the House of Commons of the inaccuracy of the reports. . . . It would be difficult to conceive a worse system than the one which produces such results. . . . The work is done by cheap and inefficient men in order that the contractor may profit as largely as possible."

Mr. Andrew J. Graham has in press an order of 7000 copies of the "Handbook and Synopsis." As it is not more than three months since the last edition was published, it is evident that this valuable work is daily gaining ground in the phonographic world.

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W is prefixed to I, OI, and OW, by opening the signs of the latter at right angles, thus :

wi  wow
 woi

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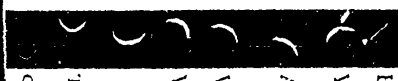
ic. For. Few. Ever. Have. However. Think. Thank. Thee. Thy. Them. They. Thou. } though.



See. So. Use. Was. Use (v.) Sue. Shall. Usual. } wish.



Will. Whole. Here. Her. Ave. Our. My. Me. May. Him. Any. In. No. } will.



Own. Thing. Language. Why. Away. Your. He. } own.



My wife will be here in a few days.
 What do you say they will give for it?
 It is as large as our coach-house.
 He came here twice for your wire.

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It is said that phonographers are always worth their weight in gold. We think they are whenever they manage to scrape about one hundred and fifty pounds (avoirdupois) of it together.

The *Student's Journal* for August contains an article in which is given a list of the errors in transcription which are so often made by writers of stick-in-the-mud systems. So ridiculous are some of the blunders, that, when we read the article, we lawft, and lawft, and lawft, till we couldn't laf any more.

A Grahamite, who was for several years an admirer of Munson and his system, says that Jimmie's "Complete Ape-ographer" is of no earthly use except as evidence in favor of Darwinism. It is presumable that the idea which is intended to be conveyed is that Munson is somewhat indebted to his ancestors for his peculiar gift of imitation.

Montreal has recently been robbed by New York of one of her leading phonographers. Mr. Jno. Weir, a gentleman who has been for many years connected with the Canadian Express Co., as phonographic correspondent, received and accepted, a few days ago, a call to New York. The Express Company had, therefore, to accept his resignation.

Mr. F. O. Popenoc, of Topeka, Kansas, has a very interesting "Standard" phonographic and phonetic department in *The American Young Folks*, a 16-page illustrated journal published for the amusement and instruction of the boys and girls of America. The subscription price of this monthly is fifty cents per year. Send for a specimen copy.

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Aint it 'cute! —Shakespeare.

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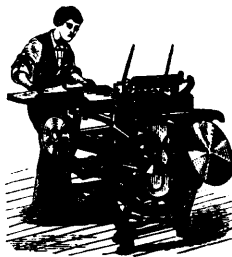
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An editor says that he never dotted an i but once in his life and that was in a fight with a contemporary.

Everything was admitted to the ark by pairs, and they were "good," for there was not three of a kind in those days to beat them.

It is a strange but melancholy fact, that the less water there is on the bar, the more schooners go over it.—*Briageport Standard.*

Prof. Swift, of Rochester, stays out until one or two o'clock in the morning, and then tells his wife that he has discovered a new planet.

It was a darkey who exclaimed, as he rose from his knees at a prayer meeting the other night: "Here I raise my ebon-knees-sir."

"I can't go myself, but I'll send a hand," remarked a mother, reaching for her boy and giving him a box on the ear.—*Steuenville Herald.*

Sh! don't give it away. We keep a bottle with a stick in it constantly on our table. And we find that it adds much to lighten our editorial labors. It paste to keep it.

Among many surmises as to what will become of the last man, it is strange that nobody would suggest that the last man is destined to be talked to death by the last woman.

We knew that our turn to be victimized would come. Counterfeit five cent pieces have at last invaded the security that hedged in and about the average newspaper man.

Never blame a person for that which he can not help. The young man who carried off a half pound of ink on his light summer suit last press day, didn't know the cover of the ink keg was in the chair when he sat down.

Will newspaper reporters ever get through writing that a man seriously ill or badly hurt is in a "dangerous" condition? A man may be dangerous when in full possession of health and strength, but quite harmless when prostrated with illness or wounds.—*Cincinnati Saturday Night.*

The *Boston Transcript* reports that "every man has his preference and every woman her bias." It might have added every soldier has his gore.—*Albany Journal.* Not to mention every after-dinner speaker his hem, and every Irish car-driver his baste.—*New York Commercial Advertiser.*

"What does 12mo. mean?" asked the innocent wife of a daily newspaper compositor as he was lazily partaking of his mid-day breakfast. "12mo.? Why, don't you know what that means? It means the same as d&weowy. Haven't you seen it in advertisements in a newspaper?"—*Oswego Times.*

"Threw up the sponge, did he?" said Mrs. Spilkins, as her husband finished reading an account of a prize fight. "Why, he might have known he couldn't keep a sponge on his stomach. What did he swallow it for, anyhow?"

Thanks to the piscatorial industry of the Princess Louise, the royal family of England have been living of late almost exclusively on salmon. The increased phosphorus in the queen's recent speech was very noticeable.—*New York Telegram.*

A great many of our modern young ladies resemble the lilies of the field—they toil not, neither do they spin? But they spend a pile of money and lay around the house and let their mothers do the work. That's the kind of hollyhocks they are!—*Elmira Gazette.*

When a young fellow arrays himself in his best clothes and on his way down town is for the first time accosted by the bootblacks with "shine yer boots," he may consider that he has crossed the dividing line that separates boyhood and manhood, and that it is in order for him to purchase a meerschaum pipe.

"Young man," said a stern old professor to a student who had been charged with kissing one of his daughters—"young man, don't get into that habit. You'll find that kissing is like eating soup with a fork." "How so, sir," asked the student. "Because," answered the stern old professor, "you can't get enough of it."

A hen out in the country is laying eggs measuring eight and a half inches around the waist. She is evidently tired of hearing of "hailstones the size of hen's egg," and is determined to inaugurate a reform in this particular. It is hoped all the hens in the country will turn in and assist her in her laudable effort.—*Norristown Herald.*

Nothing is more picturesque than a woman at a picnic in the rain. Her finery dampened by the moisture of heaven, her skirts bedraggled in the wet grass and mud, her spirits in the basement of the thermometer, she reminds one of a chicken that has been making believe it was a duck, and got beyond its depth.—*New Haven Register.*

He was a new apprentice just put at the case, and when he collided with the word "gum-boil" in his copy he brought the manuscript to the editor and asked him if he didn't mean gum-bible? Ten years hence he may be the editor and sole proprietor of a patent outside newspaper, and writing financial editorials under the head of "Pay Up—We Want Money."

The editor-in-chief of the *Shreveport Standard* has had his hair mowed. He relates how the barber vexed him during the shearing process with narratives, and in supposed obedience to a request that he "cut it short," reduced his capillary substance to its present state, in which his head would serve for a phrenologist's model. A curious theory advanced is that he likes it short, now that it cannot be helped, "because it flies light on his head and tickle" him.

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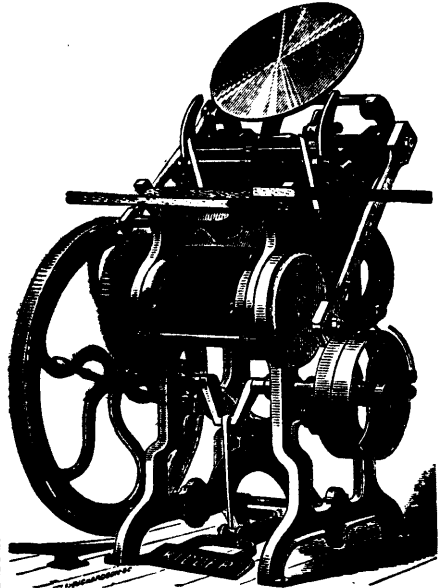
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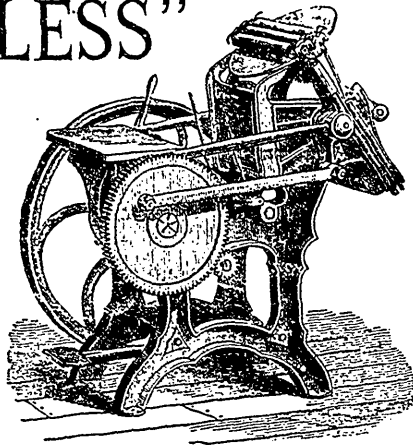
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