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## FDITORIAL NOTER

The: Printer and Pubisuek extends to its many patrons the usual New Year greetings, with the hope that it will not only be a happy but a prosperous year.

IN the Government Printing Bureatu at Ottawat 8.500 galleys are occupied with the Voters' Lists, consisting of $1,211,450$ names, the weight of the type thus locked up leing $180,000 \mathrm{ll} \mathrm{s}$.

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Marmounee, Australia, is a healthy place for pulb. lishers, who are fed freely on pap. The Age received \$9,800 last year for Govermment advertising; the Argus $\$ 7,750$; the Daily Tclegrafh, $\$ 6,100$, and two cevening papers $\$ 6,000$ letween them.

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Ir is difficult to ascertain who carried the day in the recent strike in the office of the Plaindenler, Cleveland, but it appears to be plain that the office is now an open one. The trouble originated in the wage demanded ly an operator of the Mergenthater machine. $a^{*} *$
Some of the job printers in Victoria, 13.C., find fault with others who cut prices, and the suggestion is made to the Union to call from such offices all members of the Union. This plan, when tried in other places, has not succeeded. Cutting prices is the result of competition, and will always exist.

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Mk. T. W. Russell, M. P. for South Tyronc, ireland, who visited Toronto recently, delivered several interesting lectures. One of his suljects was "The Spirit of the Age," in which he spoke vigorously against fixing by law of trades unionism the hours of labor, and also the coercive methods often displayed liy organized labor.

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Tue "Type Trust," or the "Great American Type Foundering Co.," is endeavoring to secure con. trol of the concerns who manufacture brass rule, and so far has partially succeeded. The monopoly is grasping everything within its reach, and reaching
for what is not within its grasp. If the Trust succeeds up goes the price of bratsis rule, etc.

Ont of the first offices in the linited States to introx luce the eight-hour day is the Cosmopolitun Magazine Co., New York. The pressmen work eight hours a day, and receive $\$ 22$ per week. It is clatmed that if the juress work formerly cost 500 . per token the cost under the new system will te fully joce. (In a circulation of 50,000 the additional cost will 1 b . in the vicinity of $\$ 6,000$ a year.

May likos., Nurseryunen, Rochester, are sending out circulars to Canadian publishers, asking them to insert a ten line alvertisement ten times, with the expectation of receiving next spring two dozen stratwlerry plants. May liros. may be shrewd men, but the Canadian publisher is equally shrewd. We give the enterprising firm this free advertisement, in the hope that it will tee the only one they will receive in Canada.

Tus: New lork Recurder frequently prints on its first page an advertisement in which appe:ars at star, printed in red ink, the balance of the paper loeing in hack ink. Many publishers and printers, knowing that the Kecorder is printed on a web press, hatre various theories as to the morle of printing in colors on such a press. An additional cylinder is attached to the press, and on this is placed the portion to leve printed in : different color. Helow this cylimder is the colored ink fountain and the colored impression roller. Those attachments add to the cost of the press, hut all novelties mean additional expense.

A Fressca compositor says "that ability in type. setting is not the result of vivacity, hut of instruction, memory, tranquility of mind, and silence when at work. It is cxcellent also for the compositor to read, mark, learn and digest the manuscript lefore he takes up his stick." One of the compensitors on The Mail, in this city, invarially reads his manuscript through lefore he picks up a type, and the result is clean
proofs. If must ive rememinered that newspaper copy is given out in small "takes, and the comp. is placed at a dieadvantage with such copy, it having neither lexpinthing not cnding, situe "even lines."
$\therefore$ slkoss; effurt is loeing made over the loorder to reduce the hours of work in printing offices, and much is treing said on looth sides by keen advocates. It is possilhe for l'nion men, who are honest in their intenions to secure a greater number employment by a blting down existing hours, to injure unionism. Where mon-t'nion offices exist, and consequently where l'nion regulations would not ine olserved, a reduction of hours without a corresiponding reluction of wage, would rertainly work injuriously against the employers of t'nion lalor. livery honest workman stould have some consideration for his employer, and not make a move that would throw business into the hands of those who are opposed to Cinionisth.

I coknesionimest of the Inlend Pronter favors a new departure liy gol printers, as he asserts that the jole printer of the fusure, if he aims at success, must In. a natural lern artist. The new idea is the use: of illustrations in many stykes of job work. Whilethere may in something in, his assertion is at not possible for a pasty printer to produce a very attractive as we.: as an artistic job with the products of a type foundry? Illustrations have their recognized place, and unless they are used with judgment many jols would lieat a striking resemblance to a dince museum proxramme. There are certainly solme classes of work that would bear embellishment ly some other artist than a compositor, hut if the custoner desirov such work he would probally take it to a lithographer.

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24CONJERKI:NCE was held not long since in New look of representatives of she Alucrican Newspaper Pulbishers' Association, the I nited Typotheta, the International Typographical Union and the Tyju founders, to discuss the standard of type measurement. The following preamble and resolutions were allopted:
"Wistik+as, The frewent manner of remuneration for type composition, owing to the system of measurement, is unjust and ineypuitable for looth employer and cmployee: and linskeas, Differences capalile of xilumsment exist le'swen the employing printer, the compositor, the puhbsher and the typefoundets, thetefore, ine it Resolred. That the lower case alphalet of all faces of troly type shall not measure less than fifteen lowerecase letter m's of its own face: that the thirteen letters of the alphatret most frepuently usid-cdeisinnhoutaz-shall equal the length of the remaining thirteen letters of the alphalet."

The meaning of the atove is that the old system of measurement by em quads will be abandoned, the letter m leing substituted for the em quad. The conference arrived ot its conclusions without difficulty. This is probably the first time in the history of the country that there has been a meeting of the em. ployers, employees and manufacturers on an equal footing to adjust trade diferences with results so satisfactory and harmonious.

## TAK DTVAL MACEIMEA

9HE financial product of the Linotype and Rogers type-setting machines is yet an unknown quan. tity. There is no trouble experienced in procuring figures, hut certain matters should be considered and deductions made before satisfactory conclusions can lee reached. What publishers want to find out is not the actual output of the machines, but the cost yer thousand, and lofore thiat can le ascertained the cost of repairs, of power and gas, wages of machinists, etc., must le considered. These items should lie taken into accourt as carefully as the wages of the operator, and the publisher who overlook: them when considering the purchase or rental of a machine makes a grave mistake. In the printed matter sent forth liy those interested in the machines we frequently find the product of a few experts given. This is often misleading. The representatives of the machines naturally enough present the lest case they can, and doubtless have no intention to mistead anyone, but they should give us the product of the average operator, and not the one whose nimlile fingers enalike him to outstrip his less fortunate workman.
from figures supplical by the Globe, of this city. where linotypes are in use, we find that one operator pist up $117,300 \mathrm{cms}$ in forty.two hours, while another reached 183.400 . The first man averaged $2,785 \mathrm{ems}$ an hour, while the latter reached 4,343 cons. In the same wack at Otiawa, where the Rogers machines are working, one operator set in seven bours 23,000, leing followed by another who put up 20,000 . The average of the former per hoen was $3,287 \mathrm{cms}$, and of the latter 2,857 . Whice these figures are very satisfactory as far as the actual product of individual operators is concerned, yet it would the more satisfactory; were we assured that the matter was corrected and that there were no breakages or accidents. It would also afford satisfaction were we fiven the proportionate share each operator bore of the wages of the machinist, cost of power and gas, and then the prospective purchascr could add to these items the interest on capital invested. By all means give us full returns, such figures that will enable the publisher to accurately count the cost of introducing a needed invention.

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A geshance: from which boys suffer guite as much as employing printers, is the tendency of beginners in the business to "jump" engagememts whenever an advance of wages is offered by another estathishment. For the first six months or a year a loy in a primeing office scarcely earns wages. The second ycar he begins to pay his way and grow into the business. If he remains during a reasonable apprenticeshi, he will be gradually advanced in wages and afforded atl opportunity to learn the business; but if he " jumps" the establishment that gave him an opportunity to learn, for a slight advance over what his legitnmate employer is paying, he works not ouly an injustice to his emploger lout gencrally goes to an inferior office. and turns out a poor workman or wandering specialist. We are pleased to notice that St. Lonis Typothet:e has taken steps to bring alontt reform in this direction, by asking reference from former employers. It is hoped the employing printers of the conntry will do likewise.-St. L.anis Stationcr.

## THE TRADE IN RIO JANETEO

$\$$ShORT time since Mons. Volpari, a wellknown French printer, went out to lio Janciro with a view of organizing the compositors in that city into a trade union, that should le it once practical and leneficial. His efforts do not suem to have met with much success, judging from the rejwort be sent to our contemporary, the Typesraphic Frencasise. The first thing he dit, he says, when be arrived at Rio, wats to put himself into commmuication with his fellow craftsmen, loth lbrazihian and Einropean, and to explain to them the olijects of his mission, and the means by which he proposed to carry it out. They welconed the idea, but when the practical gart was put lefore them mostly lacked out. I commission was ultimately formed to study the matter, lut the climatic condition did not permit of much work leing carried on. Two of the members of the commission caught the yellow fever, and several others were seized with different local disorders, so that the commission feil to pieces of itself, and the project had practically to le abandoned. With refard to the actial condition of affairs in Kio, Mons. Volpari says that matters have not altered in the
math, Ne., there camot lue far from 2,500 componsitors in the lirazilian apital. The average rate of pay is alxout gs. 2d. for 1 to liness, work commences on the daily papers at 7 p.in., and finishes at it p.11n., being only four hous work daily, and it is a common practice with most of them after they have done their mights work on a daily paper to start up the first thing next morning at some look printing or johbing establishment, where they are willing, for their own sakrs, to take a job at starvation wages, to the exchusion of others who are not so fortunate as to have two employments. The consequence is, that those compositors who are not employed on the daily papers, and depend for their substance upon what work they can fet in the ordinary printing offices in Rio, do not have a very cheerful time of it, wages being cut down to the very lowest figure, by reason of the action of the "news" compositors. Mons. Volpari pointed out to them the alisurd nature of this prolicy, which they were quite willing to admit, liut seemed too apathetic to make any effort to remedy matters.

## AsK A PAIR PRICR.

If the failures of printers were to lee closely looked into it would le found that most of thein are due to insufficient prices for the work done. There may le a few cases wherein the faiture arises from defective manatgement in other respects, hut the one great "sink hole" for the printers" capital, as well as that of evergone who will trust hum, is the smatlness of the prices at which he takes work, In most cases this is entirely unnecessary and incxcusable. it is true that comperition is shary and that customers run around to tind the lowest bidder; but that is no reason why a printer shall take work at prices which leaves hitu no protit. The tronble is that be docs not know how much the work costs him to produce, and thinks that he sees at profit when there is none, lint probalily a loss instead. The worst enemies of such men are the gress builders, type founders and paper dealers, who allow them to get into dedit while running at grofitess busi-ness.- American Bookmiker.

Wartt:k Scort, of Plainfield, N. J., the well. known press huider, has taken out a patent for a machine for inending electrotyice or stercotyin: phates. This patent has leen reissued to correct defects in the original patent. The device consists of a cylinder and a fixed concave piece parallel with the surface of the sathe:. The plate to le lent is protected by a piece of thick papker, is fed into the machine and a series of roils linked together in the form of a leelt are drawn between the concave piece and the face of the plate, as the cylinder revolves and bends the same against the cylinder.

## THE WINDRE COXPOBING AYATEM.

N this "System" his machines are used. A Com. poser and a Distributor thoth invented by Col. Winder, and manufactured at Dolton, Eng. The cost of the Composer is $\langle\mathbf{2 0}$, and it is clamed that with it one man can set uj) 1,500 ellis an hour. We are informed that it requires no power to run the Compower, and there is neither broken type nor pi. They are adapted for every font of type, and not, like other machines, confined to one particular face or body. The Distributor casts $\mathcal{E} 82$ tos., and will distribute accurately 5.000 ems at hour, one man leing able to keep three Composers busily employed. Part of the system is a Nickins Machine, which nicks the type to make it workalle in the other machines. The Nicker is lent to purchasers of the Composer and Distributor. Col. Winder referring to these machines, says:-" 1 deem it a sinc que non that any composer to succeed in producing comprosition economically must be able to be sold on an exceedingly cheap rate, that is, so that on Friday night, when the cost of the composition is reckoned, it may be placed at the lowest rate possilte."

The Distributor occupies a space of two square feet, and is driven by very little power. This machine distributes the type into metal tubres, and works automatically. When the tubes are filled they ate taken to the Compower, in front of which is stationed the operator, who is enabled to withdraw but one letter at a time. The stick, which is practically the ordinary printer's stick with an added attachment, is so arranged that the operator can use both hands in extracting type from the tubes, and readily put the letters in the stick. In the distribution the letters are so placed in. the tules that it is unnecessary for the operator to turn them, as there is no danger of a letter coming out the wrong way. A number of English pullishers speak well of the Winder machines, but they think the output of the Composer ought to be increased. As in all type setting and type casting machines the product depends on the expertness of the operator.

## BAD DIETM

alR. 11. G. BISHOP contributes to the Amorican Bookmaker an article on the aloove subject, from which the following is taken:-
"Bad deliss are often due to had habits in the matter of collections. Printers often allow bills to run too long before making application for payment. Perhaps some may smile at this, and say that 200 often printers are so poor that they need the money before it is due, and are not likely to forget to call on time. With some this may be true, and yet they are the very persons who, should they not actually need the nooney, would be most likely to let things
run until they did. What is needed is a systematic collection on certain dates, whether the money may be needed or not. Many a collection which might have leen made on delivety, or thirty days afterward, has never lieen made at alt, because the printer did not happen to feel poor, and when he did want the money he found that the customer could not or would not pay, or that he had failed or died, and the account had to le classed with 'had debts.'
"Then there are the habitually dishonest customers to guard against: men who get all of the credit they can from one printer amd then go to another and still another, until having exhausted their resources in that locality they will change their address to some other city and hegin the same thing over again. Such a case was mentioned to the writer not long ago, the victim being a New York printer who did about $\$ 500$ worth of work for a person whose present address he would be glad to find.
" Here is a field of usefulness for the United Typothetr. Let that organization have a record of all such cases kept and contributed to by its members from all parts of the country, and many of these bad delits might be arevented.
" A 'black list' could the circulated from time to time at a very slight cost, and every menher of the organization would have an interest in belping such a movement along. Something of this kind does exist in one or two cities, hut in order to lie thoroughly effective the list should cover the whole country."

Canadian printers, especially those doing business in the citics, should make a move to minimize losses brought about by "habitually dishonest custonvers" as Mr. Bishop terms them, for they are ever with us. A little troulble, and comparative small expense, would either drive the dead beats into some other line of tusiness or compel them to meet their liabilities.

##  CORERATONDENT IT CANADA

PEisKING of the early days of rew spaper tele. graphy in this city that veteran operator and manager, Mr. Rolvert Easson, of the Great North. western Company, in the Monelary Times says:

- To the Toronto Globe belongs the honor of theing the first newspaper in Canada to receive special reports from 'Our own Correspondent.' At first these specials came from Montreal only. The late Thomas Sellars, elder brother of Robert Sellars, now the in. fluential editor of the Huntingtor: Glcaner, was, at the time of which 1 write, the Montreal correspondent of the Globe. Thomas Sellars, familiarly known as 'Tom Sellars,' who also published the Montreal Echo, was a clever and popular newspaper man. The special despatches wete very brief at first, containing perhaps fifty or seventy-five words, but they
gradually increased in length; and as the importance of the innovation became apparent, the Toronto Lender, too, in the course of time appointed its special correspondent at Montreal. Mr. Sellars took credit to himself for being the first man in the country to send special news by telegraph to a large Canadian - daily, and often referted to the matter with pardonable pride.
" Among the noted events, though of comparatively late occurrence, which I remember copying while 1 was alone in Toronto office late at night receiving telegraphic news, with only a messenger-boy to keep ime company, are the shooting of President Lincoln, in the theater at Washington, by Wilkes Booth, and the shooting of D'Arcy McGee, It the door of his toarding-house at Ottawa, by James Whalen. At this time the night work in the telegraph office here was light, and one operator could manage it easily. The new's of President Lincoln's assassination was received in Toronto at 11 p.m., and it need scarcely be said, created a great sensation. The Toronto Lender was the only paper in Canada, outside of Ottawa, to contain, on the morning after the murder, an account of the shooting of D'Arcy McGee. Many will remember George Gregg, who then represented the Leader at Ottawa. He was regarded as the bestequipped newspaper man in the country, and could do anything alout a newspaper office, from setting type to writing editorials. Parliament was in session at the tinee, and on the evening of the assassination we telegraphers nad got the signal " 30 ," meaning "Good-night," from Ottawa on the Globe and Leader reports, when, a few minutes later, and just as I was going out of the office door, Ottawa hurriedly called me up-it was then between two and three in the morning-and sent 200 or 300 words of a dispatch to the Leader, giving a succinct account of the murder that startled the whole country. It happened that Gregg's boarding house lay in the same direction from the Parliament buildings as that of D'Arcy McGee, and on his way home he gathered sufficient particulars of the tragedy which had just taken place to make a very readable story, and hurrying back to the Ottawa telegraph office, had it forwarded to his paper. All the other reporters at the capital representing outside journals missed this sensational piece of news."

We are in receipt of a handsome pamphlet from the Balcock Printing Press Co. on the virtues of the "Standard" Press. Twenty-five pages are devoted to flattering words from their patroas such as: "The best press for doing all classes of work"; Just the press to do first-class work"; "Am delighted with it"; "Not one cent for repairs"; "The best press for the mones".

## JOE ROWARD

\%VERY newspaper man know, at least by reputation, Joe Howard, of New York, who conducted the Star when "Boss Tweed and Tammany ruled Gotham. Very little is known of Joe's carly life, except that his parents were wealthy and resided in one of the Eastern States, as he is rather reticent about the past, albeit he takes a delight in informing those who listen to him that he has made as much as $\$ 45,000$ a year by his pen. He is certainly a hard worker, a tireless correspondent, and a romancer of no mean order, his Canadian counterpart in some respects leing Ed. Farrer, of the Globe, at al.

Mr. C. R. Johneon, of Toleda, Ohio, gives us in the Boston Yowrwalist some particulars of Mr. Howard's early career, which doubtless accounts for Joe's aversion to talking alout the past:-
"At a critical period in the war of the Relellion a most portentious proclamation in due form, and apparently signed by President Lincoln and countersigned by the Secretary of State, appeared in the Washington special dispatches for a leading New York paper, whence it speedily found its way into nearly every newspaper of the North, and many in foreign lands. It answered its immediate purpose in selling large editions of the sheet to which it was originally contributed, and had nore remote and more important results in creating a tremendous excitement throughout both North and South. Yet it was a forgery throughout, pure and simple, the more conspicuous and flagrant lecause the bogus proclamations actually ansumed to call for an immense new levy of troops to aid the imperiled cause of the Union. Under the sharp search and imminent threats of the government, its author was speedily discovered, arrested, confined for a time in Fort Lafayette, Boston habor, and would in all probatilities have been hanged as a traitor had it not been for the intercession of the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher and other influential friends of his family and himself.
"The fabricator of this greatest and most notorious of all newspaper 'fakes' has long since been pratically forgiven by the American people, without official pardon or ammesty act of congress, and has become one of the most distinguiahed correspondents before the pablic. He is Joseph Howard, Jr., otherwise 'Joe Howard,' or, as he is more commonly represented by the signature to his letters and syndicate articles, just 'Howard."
"Don" Sheppard, when editing the Toronto Newes, imitated Joe to some extent, by publishing a manifesto of some sort, which was a rehash of one of Washington's proclamations.

The Richmond Guardian was the first Canadian weekly to adopt the eight page form.



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## PAY IN ADVANCE

2Hy should the publisher wait till the year has expired lefore he receives the price of his paper from each subscriber? Every week he is giving his subscribers real value, and yet he fails to demand a return until fifty-two weeks have passed by, and may le fifty of his subscribers have passed away or gone to other scenes. Surely the risk should not be on the side of tite publisher alone? As a rnle publishers have a stake in the conmmaity in which they dwell, and are therefore trustworthy. Have they not as much right to demand payment for their paper in advance as to furnish it a year without the sight of a cent from a subscriber? The publisher assumes every clannce, while the subscriber has no responsibility. This problem has been solved by the publishers of the large weeklies in this city, who are invariably paid in advance, and it works satisfactorily. They not only receive subscriptions for their weeklies in advance, but also the greater part of the price of their dailies. A survey of the situation a few years ago forced on them such action, as they naturaliy
to,000 paid-up subscribers, with the mones to the credit of the publishers than 15,000 and the money scattered over the entire Dominion. The country publisher is continually directing outside attention to his town and district, in fact doing much to build it up, and thus materially bencfitting his patrons. In that work he should receive their assistance, and that assistance ought to le of such a nature as to be appreciated hy him. If the publishers would consider
this matter seriously, and place it before their seaders in its proper light, we helieve that the response would lee so general that the pay-in-advance system won!d soon take the place of the present unjust absurdity. That the matter is receiving some thought is borne out by the following letter received from Mr. Alteret Denuis, of the P'icton, N.S., Stamdurd:-
"Diak Sik,-I would like to see an article in next l'rister asbl' l'masta:k on the 'cash in advance system' for papers. I notice that many of the weeklies in Ontario are adopting this sy fem, and any pabhsher who has had experience must know that the cash system is intiaitely the hetter one. The way 1 view it is that it is better to have 1,000 subscribers that pity $\$ 1,000$ in adwance than 3,000 subscribers that only pay $\leqslant$ s,oow in advance, and the publisher run the risk of the other 2,000 , half of which is atmost certain to be a loss. The publisher that adopts the cash prim. 'le has his money sure, saves the cost of extre paper, gets interest on his money, saves in ink, composition, press-work, and in many other ways.'

## NOT ADAPTED FOR A COUNTRY OFFICE

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ANY country publishers are seriously consid. cring the advisability of introducing typecasting :atachines, hoping thereby to save money. Elsewhere reference has been made to some points upon which they should receive enligntentant before investing their capital. The cost of composition in the majority of our towns does not exceed 25 c. to 18c. pet thousind, and it is doubtful if by the use of machines those figures could be reduced. The country publisher could not expect to retain an expert operator, as he would soon drift to the cities, or receive an offer as soon as his capability of produc. tion became known. We firmly believe that there is no money for the country publisher in machines, and that opinion is endorsed by a publisher in a live western town, who recently visited Toronto and ordered a new dress of type. Before placing his order he carefully considered the machine guestion, and after mentally discussing the pros and cons decided that the old plan was the best and most profitable for him. One of the drawhicks that struck him very forcibly was the obsolute necessity of keeping a skilled machinist on his premises, who woukd be of little use for any other purpose, and such a machinist would be a costly luxury.

## ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

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ECAUSE the metropolitan weeklees are sold at one dollar a year is that a good reason why the country publisher should offer his weekly at the same price? We think not. The metropoltan weekly as a rule, appeals to no sprecial class or community -it is purely cosmopolitan. On the other hand,
the country weckly, if well conducted, gives the local news of the district in which it is published, thereby appealing directly to its own constituency: To gather such news and put it into shape, is 2 task that should be rewarded and the publisiter is not justified in asking for such babour less than it is worth. The country wedely fills 2 want enturels irejond the power of the metropolitan weckly so fill, and they should in no way tre looked upon as rivals. The farn.ce and those who dwell in sumall zowrs and vilhages ought to take some of the large and wefl conducted weeklies published in the cities, becanse they set good value for their noney, but they certainly should take the local paper, and known what is transpirng: in their own locality: A knowledge of such works if assurely work at least $\$ 1.50$ a year or shree cents a week.

## HOW TO TIE UP A PAGE OF TYPE

yOCNG apprentices should not get the idea into their heads that they are merely going to be type lifters. Type-setting does not constitute the whole hasiness of a compositor, as most of us are no -louht aware: and if a lad means to get on an shese zo alhead days, he anust give his whole mind to every little detail which belps to make up a kood compositor. It seems a pity that we should lave to tell sume comps. how to tie up a page, but still it is really necessingy for they seem to be getting into a cery carcless way of going alout their business, and uniess somethime is done to put higher ideas intuthe minds of appentices, in a very short time we shall have hurt few first-class compositors.

1 once heeard it remarked by an experienced printer that their were "comps." and "compositors": sadly too many of the former and not enough of the latter. He said the fomer were fookl men at the case, hut If you gave them anything else so do other than type hfting they were at a loss how to make a start: and there were :ungy excellen: comps. who couki not insjume an ciphe-page form cortectly if you gave them a werk's wage . Ind it is just the satue with the st:ijecer we are now koing to consider. How many pages of sold rather and how many display pages have luen pied, all through iaulty zying up. Some men think that if they fict the string round the page in any mamer, so long as it does not drop off, that is all zhas is reypired. llat shis kind of thing will now do. There is a right way and a wrong way of doms eversithing, and if work is to ine turned ont creditathy she sixht way must be aciopred.

When you are alrous to tic up a page you must see that your cord is a good one, scithows dnots, the latter fault haviag heen the cause of many a spill. Then take one e:ad of the cord in your left hani, and
commence at the top left-hand corner of the page, as you stand in front of the galley, or the furthest corner from you if your matter lec on a surface; then with your right hand bring the cord round the pabe and over the part which you hold in your left hand, which will have the effect of keeping it from slippling. Then take the cord round your page till finished, each time round giving it a good pull to tighten it. When arrived at the end of the cord, take a lvalkin and put the end in between the matter and the string which you have already pat round the page: then, taking hold from underneath, give it a good jull from you, and the page ought to lee nearly as secure as if it wers: locked up.

I have seen pages tied up which you could hold by one end, just as you could if they were locked up; and 1 have seen others which, if you attempted to pull a proof on some presses, would ixe broken up, directly. Apprentices, in all your work, whether it lie fine arts or common work, take the advice which the 13.1. is always giving, and attend to det:ails.-..IV. 11. Sxifield in the British Printer.

## ABOLISE TEF PREMIUTS

©HE Phintek and Publishek of Toronto, a journal representative of the pullishing interests of the Dominion, takes strong ground against the practice indulged in loy some newspapers, especially in city weeklics, of giving preniums and prizes and other baits in order to get subscrilers. The views of the Banacr on this point are known. They are in brief that a newspaper that is not worth taking on its nerits is not worth taking at all, and that the money spent in providing these laits to induce prople: to subscribe had much better be sprent in improving the paper, which has to enter the houses of those who tead it fifty-two times in the year, whercas the premium only enters once and is very soon forgoten. The very fact of a lait being offered to subscribers is an adnission on the part of the publisher that his paper is not worth the subscription price, and that he knows this to be the case, otherwise what object would he laxte in offering the lhat? The experience of most pulilishers has lwen that people wito swallow these laits quit the paper as soon as their time is up. They hate got their priminm or prize, or whatever it may te that induced them to suliscrile, and have no further interest in either the pullisher or his paper.-Dxadas Trac Banier.

Mk. Hal 13. Donly, cditor of the Norfolk Reformer, Simeoc, was married not long since in Miss Eimma lbook, of the same town. Mr. Donly has licen for years one of the prominent members of the Canadian Wheclaman's Association, lreing us present secretary and editor of its official paper.

## TMADE CRAT

Comox, British Columbia, has a new ipaper called the Nows.

Mk. Whanam Caktek is a alonut to publish a newspaper at Kalso, British Columbia.

Thi: Mitchell Kecoricr, Mr. T. H. Race, proprietor, has put on a new dress, and looks remarkably well.

Mk. J. C. Jankhurst, ef the Dominion Type Foundry, Montreal, left Toronto recently for Digisy, N.S., after a profitable trip in Western Canada.

Tus regular meeting of the Emploving l'rinters* Association of Torontes, called for last nouth, was postponed, hut will ie held some time this month.

Mk. R. 1. Pafteisoms, of the Miller \& Richard type foundry, recently visited Ottiawa. Probaibly his visit had some connection with the rejrorterl introxluction of the Rogers machine in that city-

Tu: Western World, of Winniper, in it "]lusiness Cloances in the North West" column, says there is roons for a paper in Glenioro, Man., and that "a daily is ladily wanted" at Brandon, Man.

The Toronto Erening Star has moved into its own guarters on Yonge street, a few doors north of its rival. the Erching Neas, and is now printed frons a new font furnished by the Toronto Type Foundry, J. T. Johnston, manager.

The: Sarnia Olsericer recently donned a new dress of Miller \& Richard's type. One marked feature in the new outfit is the almost universaluse of gothics for display lines in advertisements. The Observer has leen a success under its present proprictor, who has ensered upon his fifteenth year in directing its course.

The Colonist, Winnipeg, recently said:-"Another example of the effects of strikes has leen afforided us in the rerent suspension of all Vancouver papwers from publication as a result of the arhitrary demand of the printers for an increased scale of wages. The sooner Jaws are enacted which will put a stop to these strikes the lecter."

Lhee A. Rilay has been in Toronto for the last few days representing the Harper llonnell Co's- inks. Should things prove satisfactory, as Mr. Kiky feels confident they will, the inks of this company leing of the finest quality, especially for half-tone work, he will open a Canadian agency, and we shall eherefore sce more of this amialice gensleman.

Sikaxdimariske Camndicusarex the Scandinavian Canadian) has made its appearance in Winnipeg as a weckly paper of four pages, five columns to the jage. Mr. EmanuelOhlen holds the position as manager. The Scandinavians are to be congratulated on bavingan orsan with such excellent promise as this. It is the only opper printed in their language in the country and will no doult do much to cducate shem in Canadian affairs.

As Euglish press builder is about to gut upon the market a zwin jub press which practically combines two platen machines with one set of motions. This will mean a saving in floor space as well as in cost of the press, as compared with two separate presses. The same idea has been success ily carried out with regard to wire stitching machines, and we see no reason why it should not ie just as successful in connection with a printing press.

One of the most acceptalice visitors at this time of year is the Mcinorandum calendar, esjecially that issued by the Canadia laper Co., Lal. This has a sheet of paper to each week in the year, sulvitided into spaces for each day, and has berome in many offices almost indispensible. Each sheet shows a different sample of one of the papers manufactured by the Canada Paper Co., and altogether the calendar is an unique advertisement and most convenit:nt office accessory.
"The Printer's Art" is the title of an exquisitely neat lintie volume by Alex A. Stewart, Salem, Dlass, It is essemtially a modern book in typographical appearance as well as in the treatment of sulijects and matters discussed. Every alternate page contains specimens of jol, work. many of the designs leing simple but yet very effective, while not a few are claborate productions. The iype-setter or pressman canfind nuchto attract his attentionand improve him in his own line of lusiness by perusing the portions of the brook devoted to composition and press work, and the employer will be alle to glean many valuable hints from it. The author is a practical printer, and in placing lefore his fellow-craftsmen such a capital text book has conferred on themt a bencfit that can only tre fully sealized by carefully studying it. Paper covers, \$1: cloth, \$1.35.

A Curkesposinesce: has lately been proceeding in the Tyfographia francuise on the subject of the cmployment of women in printing offices. Monsicur Storck, president of the Master Printers' Association at L-yons, is in favour of the employment of women to a limited extent, lut Mons. Keufer, a well-known contributor to the journal in question, considers Mons. Storek's arguments bad, and is ot opinion that if the employment of worien, either as compositors, or otherwise, lecomes general in the juinting trade it will sooner or later lead to serious trouble being experienced with the men. Women asa rule are content to work for lower wages, and if some sort of stop is not put to the practice it would soon be the means of ousting a great many male printers from their present employment, a jroceceding which will le almanst certain to result in disagrecable consequences to all concerned. In Canada olıere are quute a fex. female compositors, while there are numerous female fecters of presses. etc.

## CRAFT NOTE8

Ture Rogers Company expect to place several additional machines in Otiawa at an early date.

Theng is not much excitement yet concerning the coming election of officers of Toronto Typo Union, which take place this month.

James Colhter, president of the Toronto Typo Unon, was a labour candidate for Public School Irustec, but met with defeat.

Wonores will never cease. The New lork Herald now uses display type and got out an illustrated Christmas supplement printed in wo colours.

Tue work done by the Rogers machines on The Mail. Toronto, is not creditable to those interested either in the machanes or the mechanical production of that paper.

A sew departure has been made by the London Soci:ty of Compositors. A femate has lecen admitted to its ranks as a compositor at the Kelmscott Press, Hammersmith.

Some discatisfaction exists amongst the members of Toronto Tyjo Unon regarding the setticment made with the Eicoing Nexs, as it is clamed to be piece scale artfully dinguised.

Mk. W. 13. D'mescott, president of the Intemational Typo Union, visized his relatives in this city dutimg the dolidays. Mr. I', is a Toronto loy and jropular with the comps here.

Hesky Onempevek has licen elected president of the Hamilton Typographical Vnion; W. J. Kend, first vice-president: D. Hetherington, second vice-president: E. James, secretary: David Mastings, treasurer.

New Jose Tyzonraphical Union has acdopted a scale for type setting machincs. The price fixed was for moming new:spajer $ミ \mathbf{~} \mathbf{7}$ a week of cight hours a diay for six day: on evening papers $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{i}}$; a weck of cight hours a day for six days. The scale for hand compo. sition will remain as heretofore, jo cents per 3.000 ems on mornims newspapers and fo cents per 2,000 on crening newsjapers.

Tine livensur Doars, Toromoc leas squared itself wath the Typographticai Conon. The logers machines are to le mamed be umion operators as soon as they are proficient enough to take the places of the monunonists. There as not to lee a piece seale. but the
 up ton, doo cmis a week, which is practacally a piece scale of afe per thonsand ems.

Tine lourning of the P'ublic I Codect baiding in l'hiladelphia allustrates the value of a well organized newspaper plant and staff. While the fire was under way, destroying type and everything wheh could not tequickly for ons of weach of the thames, the editors and reponters of the paper were at work writing new copy-
and the compositors were engaged in setting up the the matter in a duplicate composing room, remote from the scenc of conflagration, and always held in reserve to meet emergencies. The readers of the Ledger read an account of the fire in the columns of their favorite paper, atac could not but be impressed with the energy and enterprise thus displayed.'

The Belfast News Letter, which is the oldest news. paper in Ireland, having been established in 1737, and now owned by one family for over one hundred years, has recently decided to march with the times. and has introduced the Thorne Typesetting machines, with the object of getting the forms carlier to press, in order to cope with its increasing circulation.

Tus Christmas number of the Brantford Expositor is a credir te its enterprising publisher, Mr. T. Ki. Ireston. The Jeuterpress is devoted to the early history of the county of lirant, following wihich are sketches of the sprorting associations in the city and county, and lorief biographical notices of leading business men. The pages are fully illustrated, the cuts appearing to advantage on the staperior paper used.

The: British Columbia Commonwealth says Mr. John Houston, formerly of Truth, Westminster, B.C., and more recently of the Miner, Nelson, 13.C., sold the latter paper to a couple of young men, who deened it their duty to handle Mr. Houston rather severely in their newly-acquired property. Mr. Houston almost immediately launched the Tribunc, and has associated with him Messrs. W. J. Mackay and C.V. Drake, who turn out a very readable journal.

A case was ivefore the courts recently in Toronto, involving the right of a sum of moncy held by a stakeholder. The holder of the stakes paid the money into Court, and the case generally was commented on by the Excning Star. A motion was made to commir Mr. Gresg, editor of the Shar, for contempt of Count, "so that litigants may be protected while before the Couzt." For the defence it was contended that the editor was not cognizant of the article previous to its appearance, that no malice wias intended. and that the editor was willing to apologize. Judge MeDongall denounced the pracsice of commenting upon cases before the court loy the press. and imposed upon the defendans the costs of the motion.

Toxonto Typographical Union has another difficulty on its hands. Mr. Wiatson, the manager of the nev: stercotype plate company on Adelaide strect, has given notice to the union that unless the Central Press Agency, his rival, is charged for composition on the sype which it now gets frec from The Wiorld, he will put non-union men in his office. At present the Central Press tales The World type and from it stereo-
types ready-set plate matter for country papers. Mr. Watson's company has to pay for composition, editing and proof-reading, and he does not feel like allowing the other company to compete with him at such an advantage. The Union has decided to divorce Mr. W. F. Maclean's paper and the Central Press. The result of the fight will be fall of interest to the rural press.

A schooi for teaching typhography was established in Brussels in November, 1888. The first year there were 59 entries, the second 73 , the third 67 , while up to November, comprising the fourth year, there had been 66. Practically matters neither advance nor recede, so far as the number of pupils is concerned, but the standard of knowledge is much better. During the first two years no certificates were awarded. last year there were four, and this year five.

## THR NEWS GATHERERS.

Mr. Chaxles Holmens, of the Colonist. Victoria, 1. C., has gone to Liverpool, Eng.

Mr. Ed. Belum has severed his connection with the Victoria, B. C., Nctos.
E. E. Sheprard, of Saturday Night, is a candidate for the mayor's chair, Toronto.
IV. J. Hambly, of the Toronto Mail. carried off a \$25 prize for an essay on Jersey cows.

Mr. James Sawden, of the Kingston Nicurs, has gone to Chicago to accept a position in a lusiness house.

Fefench reporters now take notes at night by the light of a tiny incandescent lamp attached to the pencil.

Miss Alice Gooball., who edits the Simla Guardian, is the only woman in India who holds such a position.

Mr. G. P. Grahax, of the Otzawa Firec Press, is alont to receive a clerkship in she Ontario Department of Agriculture.

Mr. J. J. Dingwell, formerly of the British Columbia Press, is now on the editorial staff of the New York W'orld.

Rex. George: Simpison, for many years editor of the Canadr Presbylerian, Toronto, has been appornted assistant editor of the Chicago Lender, a l'reshyterian journal.

Mk. Wix. Thowison, formerly of London, ihas licen compelled through ill-hcalh to relinquish zhe editorship of the North.western edition of the Farmer's Adsocutc, of London.

Mr. Hoogs, who represents the Toronto Evening Telegram at Toronto Junction, Islington and Minuco, covers his romte daily on a buckboard, to which is attached a lively horse.

Tue Austratian editor has his trotioles. The Coh. dee Times recently published a special edition with refererice to $a$ wreck that has excited some local interest. And this was the editor's footnote: "The above telegrams were handed. in at the Port Camphell.office at half-past sturee $\mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. A one-eyed pigeon with only one wing would le of more use than such a service."

## IK DARVAL'S LITERARY METHODS.

The literary methods of " Ik Marvel" are not very methodical. He usually waits till "the spirit moves," and finds his greatest difficulty in nerving himself to wotk. He can best write "on order," if the subject he given and the order imperative enough. As valuable thoughts occur to him he writes them in his note-books, feeling sure, as his friend Irving used to say, when he sketched a lecaltiful tree and laid it aside, that it would "come to play some time." He hos lost much valuable matter this way. He writes very fast, once started. His carly manuscripts are written on-paper yellow as parchment, and show a good, firm hand and singularly few corrections. He revises alweys enough to make his work satisfactory to himself. This is sometines much work, sometimes little. He seldom varies expression for the sake of the expression itself. but will make any change necessary to add force or clearness to the sentiment. He usually writes in the morning, but of late had much rather go fishing. planting or hunting orchids in the woods.-Ladics Home Forrnal.

In olden times merchants advertised thy leing strictly honest and very attentive to their customers. In this way they buit up their liusiness; but if a merchant of the present day depentied of the process lie would soon find that he was lositg more than he made. The only way 10 work up a large and steady trade in the present day is so carry first-class goots. sell at marketabic prices, and, atode all, advartise thoroughly, largely and continually-by continually we do not mean in liusy seasons of the year, but through every month in the year. This is not as yet thoroughly ielieved in by many, but it is only a question of time for them to lee educated up to this. Don't trust the slow, pokey, old-fashioned merchant who does not telicve in advertising, Look out for hím very sharply, else some day you will wake up a loser, for he cannot compete to day with the wideawake merchant who is always doing thood advertising. The man who does not advertice now-at days is as sure togounder as a stone thrown in the water. Spendevery possible cent that you can raise on good advertising, and continue to do so, and you will find that your busi$n \cdot s s$ is making every possible cent that it can make. When yon get to this stage enlarge your business and then your advertising.-Weckly fowrnalisf,

## TYPE-RETTENO WITE EOKE BANDA.

The foreman of : New York composing room has conceived the idea of using looth hands in picking up and setting the types in the stick, says the National Publisher ard Printer. Ever since the composing stick was known the left hand has held t?le stick while the thumb pressed each successive type into place against the pieces alteady in line. A one-armed compositor came to the foreman's room, and with a single hand set almost as much type as his fellow laborers did with two. After thinking this over, the foreman worked out two inventions by which he proposes to use both hands at once. The first is a little mechanical device for taking the place of the thumb, and the second is an attachuent by which the stick can le put in a convenient prosition for receiving the type without leing in the way of any subsequent operations. Having got so far, the foreman found that an imporsant step was to train the left hand. This was by no means easy, but after patience and practice a considerable degree of efficiency was oltained, and he added 60 per cent to his former capacity.

The gigantic Type Trust leeing now an assured fact, newspaper publishers and job printers may well consider what effect it may have on then. The combination was certainly not made in the interests of the purchaser, hut rather for the benefit of the producer. It is jossible that the introduction of new styles of type will be materially reduced, as the formation of the Trust reduces competition, and there will consequently be less individual enterprise. It is not improbable that discounts on small purchases will be reducel, if not wiped out, which will affect the struggling pullisher or printer. There is a grinz side to such combinations in all lines of business, as a menler of 2 trust recentiy said:-•For twenty years 1 was master of my own lmsiness-now 1 am simply heaci of a depariment. I have created new designs. These 1 cannot push any more than those of my former competitors. I draw a dividend-but 1 cannot make a pronise ur draw a cheque. Even my husiness can lie closed up, and my name, which 1 have sjent years in establishing, wiped out of existence without my consent." Doulsiess his outraged feelings were soothed periodically when the received his divideni.

## A SLIGET ERROR

He came into the counting roon and left an add. vertiscment which read:
*Ten lady typewriters wanted: stite wages. Apply hy Ietter to A. 13.s. Co."

Then he went out and four days later he catlie back.
"What's the matter with the paper:" he asked the clerk.
"Nothing that 1 know of."
"Did you put that ad. of mine in?"
"Of course. Did'nt you see it ?"
"No, 1 haven't had time to look it up, but 1 haven't had a single reply. Are you sure you put it in ?"

The clerk got down the file and turned to the " wants."
"There it is," he said, whirling the paper around so the advertiser could see is.

He read it over carefully and his face lighted up.
"No wonder 1 didn't get any answers," he said curtly.
" What's the matter with it ?" asked the clerk, hauling it around trefore him.
"Read it," commanded the advertiser, and the clerk read:
" Ten lady typewriters wanted; state ages. Apply liy letter to A. 13. \& Co."

The clerk apologized, made the correction, and next day the advertiser received ninety-nine replies, and they are still coming.-Detroit Frec Press.

## DOINGS OF THE PUBLISHERS

The Brandon Times issued a Christmas number.
The: Moosomin Spectator is a new venture which deserves success. Mr. J. J. Youns is the editor.

Application has been filed for a new trial of the Brown v. Moyer (Berlin Daily Nczos) litel suit.

Tut: Young Pcople's Erangelist is a new Disciphes' paper printed at Selkirk, Ont., by Donald Munro.

Mr. J. B. Spurk, formerly proprictor of the Creemore, Ont., Stur, has purchased the Emerson, Man., Times.

TaE Sherbrooke Examincr has abandoned the blanket sheet form, and now appears as an cightpager.

The: Milton Champio: has decided to adopt the cash-in-advance system with all its subscribers after the ist of January.

Tue Streetsville Revicuo which has been publishing an eight page paper for some weeks is giving an extra big dollar's worth for the money.

Tue Toronto Evenius Sun, Mr. E. A. Macdonald, publisher, appeared on December 20th. The Sun favors annexation with the United States.

There: was some trouble recently in the Ottawa fournal office, owing to complications having arisen concerning former partnership arrangements.

Tu: Western Missionary, published in Winnipeg, under the auspices of the Synor, in the interests of Preslyterian Home and Foreign Missions, has entered on its third year

The publishers of the Toronto Eyching Star have entered an action against the World for lureach of contract, claming $\$ 2,000$ damages. The damages arose from the World refusing to print the Star.

Mk. McGuike, pullisher of the Tilsonlurg Liberal, stated recentily that if two Toronto men visited that town they would be ducked in a horse prond. The: Torontonians prosecuted for lilel, but lost the case.

Mk. D. 13rocklemank is publishing the Wellingfon Nicus at Arthur. Mr. Brocklebank purchased the plant of the defunct Keporter, West Toronto Junction, and is issuing a neat cight-paper, which deserves success.

Tus: Frce Press, Winnipeg, has passed its twentieth hirthday. Mr. W. F. Liaston, founder of that enterprising and progressice journal, was presented with a fur coat by his employees in commemoration of the event.

Messes. Whitley \& Todd, of Clinton Neass Kecord, have dissolved partnership, the former retiring to the office of Collector of Customs. Mr. Todd, who will continue the business, is a newspaper man of considerablic experience.

Tue publishors of the Colonist, Victoria, B.C... have issued an advertising dodger of a novel character. Good paper is used, and illustrations; after Dalmer Cox's celebrated "Brownies," add to the attractiveness of the sheet.

Mr. H. P. Moore, of Acton Free Press, has made a move in the right direction, having issued a special subscription circular, announcing that after Jan. 1 , 1893, no paper will be continued unices prepaid. Other publishers who have not already done so should follow suit and stick to it.

Col. F. C. Maude, C.13., V.C., who was stuecial correspondent of the Toronto Mail when Lord Dufferin passed through Canada some twenty years ago, and who then accompanied the Governor-General on his extended tour, is now in Madagascar, and publishing The Word at Camatave. Col. Maude was well-known throughout Ontario, having lived here several years.

Not long ago an issue of the London Times was delivered to its subscribers in Turkey through the British postoffice, but with a certain article clipped from every copy: The article had reference to a plot to assassinate the Sultan, and at the request of the Porte and for diplomatic reasons, the British minister at Constantinople had consented to its removal.

Tue liordons, who hold the controlling interest in The Mail and the Evening News, Toronto, threaten to publish a one cent morning, in opposition to the Warld. They doubtless look upon the World as a sort of sponsor of the Eveniug Stur, and intend to give Mr. Maclean a taste of the benefits of competition, based, probably, upon their own experiences of late.

Procembings have leen instituted in Brantford lyy the directors of the Farmer's Binder Twine and Agricultural Implement Manufacturing Company, of Brantford, against W. S. Mcote, of South Wentworth. J. A. Livingstone, editor of the Independence, puhlished at Grimsby, and the editor of the Weckly Standard, at St. Catharincs, for $\$ 10,000$ cach. The trouble arose out of a dispute about binder twine organizations.

Tut: case of the Manitola Firce Press Co., Winnipeg, ws. Martin, was lefore the Supreme Courf, Ottawia, recently. The appeal arose out of a suit for lile:l instituted by ex-Attorney.General Martin against the Free Press. Justice Patterson read a long prepared judgment dismissing the appeal with costs. The result of the decision is to give Mr. Martin a new trial. The alleged likel was over the proposed hargain of the Manitola Government to give the Manitoba and Northern Pacific railway $\$ 5,000$ fer mile, the Free Press accusing Mr. Martin of being one of the promoters of the road, and making a largain in which he was to profit.

## AMONG THE INVENTIONB

Lous Rossom asb H. W. Maynes, of Akron, Uhio, have patented a line forming machine.
A. J. Kibtzek and Joun J. Guesel, of St. Louis, Mo. havesecured patents for a matrix making machine.

A printer's quoin is the invention of Angus Cameron, of Chicago, lllinois. It consists of two blocks, arranged one alove the other, one of them being moved laterally hy means of an eccentric pin.

Joun K. Bittendex, of Bloomingsburg, Pa., has patented a composing stick. A graduated notched scale is secured to the back side or formed upon the edge of the stick, and the moveable jaw has a toothed end adapted to register with the notches of the scale and te locked there by a friction clamp or a thumb. screw.

A pristinc press perforator, adapted for use in printing stub checks, etc., has leeen patented by W. P. Kastenhuter, P. H. Wuagneux and R. 1. States, of Jersey; City, New Jersey. Each perforating point is surrounded by a rublier cusinion which normally extends to the point of the perforator, to protect the inkiag roller from injury. When the impression is made the rubler yields and the point pierces the paper.

Tus quick making of printing surfaces is the subject of : lisitish patent, A piece of tin-foil is taken and laid on a raised or grained surface. On the top of the tin-foil is laid a thin sheet of India rubleer, the whole is then rolled with an ordinary ruler to give it an evenly dispersed grain. The tin-foil so treated is mo: mited on a piece of flat glass. It now has a surface which can be drawn upon with a style or similar instrument, which presses out the grain and leaves all the lines of the drawing indented on tie foil. Electrotypes can we taken directly from the drawing thus made, or an electrotype can also be made from a matrix produced from the drawing. If copuer foil or other substance bard enough to print from is used as the drawing surface, the foil may lee filled in or backed like an electrotype shell, and by this means a bluck is promuced which can lie used to print from directly: The British and Colonial frinter and Stationer saye of this patent:-" it seems to the a valuable invention, which would be especially useful for rough and ready newspaper illustration. A great number of very nearly similar processes are practised, but this seems to hive the merits of simplicity and directness. Whesher the invention is sufficiently novel to render the patent clainn valid is perlaps open to guestion. The method named of making the block from the drawing is as old as the invention of sterectyping and electrotyping. The use of tin.foil in a somewhat aralogous manner is also well-known.

An incertion patented in lengland is of interest to many printers and pullishers on this continent, as
it will improve the work done ly the Linotype or Mergenthaler machine. The invention relates to improvements in the loose or separable matrices of machines adapted for the casting of logotypes, lino. types, or other portions of printing surfaces, and obviate the damage done with assemblage of the matrices, as it has lween found that each following matrix delivers a blow upon the side of its predecessor, and so in time the matrix sides become indented, re. sulting after casting in lumps and fins, so that there is no proper alignment in the form. This invention arranges for the matrices to be struck centrally, and the blow cannot therefore fall upon the edge of the matrix. The British and Colonial Printerand Stationer referring to this inventionsays:-The chief fault of the Linotype was acknowledged to le that the matrices were susceptible to undue wear. The result of this was irregrlarity of alignment of the matter cast from the matrices. The casts were wonderfully well produced, considering the speed at which the work was done, but the impression given was not as good as that from stereos made from moveable type. This invention may supply the desideratum.

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