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PRACTICAL MATTERS.

Punctuation--How to Use the Hyphen.

(Conclusion.)

PREFIXES IN DERIVATIVE WORDS.

The rules laid down in this case are:—If a prefix ends with a vowel, and the word with which it is combined begins with a consonant; or if the former ends with a consonant, and the latter begins with a vowel or a consonant,—the compound thus formed should appear as one unbroken word, viz.:—*Predetermine, resell, antedate, counteraction, multangular, supernatural, contemporaneous.*

If, however, the prefix ends, and the word to which it is united begins, with a vowel,—both vowels being separately pronounced,—they should be connected with a hyphen, viz.:—*Preoccupy, re-echo, ante-act, contra-indication, retro-enter, supra-orbital, co-eternal.*

So much for the rules; now, by way of explanation or elucidation, we find it laid down that when the prefix ends with a vowel, and is followed by a word beginning also with a vowel, many writers and printers place a diæresis over the latter, instead of a hyphen between them; as, *coeval*.

The adverbs *afore* and *fore*, having now become almost obsolete as separate words, are regarded as mere prefixes; which should, therefore, without regard to accent, be subject to the present rule; as, *aforegoing, foredetermined, fore-ordained.*

As an exception to the first section of the rule, it is worthy of remark, that a derivative which might be mistaken for a word with the same letters, but a different meaning, should be distinguished from it by the insertion of a hyphen between the parts. Thus, *re-creation*, denoting a new creation, is obviously a more appropriate form of this word than *recreation*, which, besides being differently pronounced, signifies refreshment, or relaxation after toil. Thus, also, a difference exists in meaning and pronunciation between *re-collect* and *recollect*; *re-form*, *re-formation*, and *reform, reformation*; which it is

necessary to exhibit in corresponding modes. With the exception of such words, the manner of writing derivatives having the prefix *re* is governed by the rule.

Terms or epithets with prefixes of unusual occurrence, particularly if the compounds thus formed have two accents, should be excepted from the operation of the first branch of the rule; as, *astro-theology*, *concavo-convex*, *deutero-canonical*, *electro-magnetism*.

The prefixes of proper names, or words used as such, substantively or adjectively, follow both sections of the rule; as, *Antenicene*, *Antichrist*, etc., *Antitrinitarian*, *Pedobaptist*, *Cisalpine*, *Transatlantic*; *Anti-American*, *Pre-Adamic*.

Extra is sometimes used as an adjective, and separated from the noun which it qualifies; as, *extra pay*, *extra work*. As a prefix in *extraordinary*, it is not followed by a hyphen, because its last letter (*a*), though coming before a vowel, is silent in pronunciation.

The letter *a*, when by a colloquialism it represents one of the propositions *on*, *in*, *at*, *to*, should be united, without a hyphen, to the following words, if consisting of only one syllable; as, *aboard*, *abed*, *afield*, *apiece*.

Bi and *Tri* are usually consolidated with the words, or parts of words, to which they are prefixed; as, *biennial*, *triumph*, *trium*.

Viceroyalty, *vicegerent*, *vicerojal*, and *vicerojalty* are, in accordance with the rule, written each as one word. The other words, of which *vice* is a prefix, are, by almost universal custom, hyphenated; as, *vice-president*, *vice-chancellor*, etc.

Bi, *ante*, *anti*, *counter*, *contra*, *super*, *supra*, *semi*, *demi*, *preter*, and other common prefixes, are sometimes printed with a hyphen after them; but there seems to be no just grounds for this division, except when two vowels would otherwise come together, or when a dissyllable prefix ends with the same consonant with which the next portion of a long word begins; as, *antievangelical*, *counter-revolution*. To make any exceptions besides these, and a few others such as those noticed above, would lead to inextricable confusion.

THE DIVISION OF WORDS INTO SYLLABLES, ACCORDING TO THEIR PRONUNCIATION.

RULE.—The hyphen is used between the syllables of a word, to exhibit, as accurately as possible, its true pronunciation; no regard being paid to the mode in which it has been formed or

derived, viz.:—*hab-it*, *pref-er-ence*, *trib-ute*, *prophe-ty*, *ap-a-ty*, *pref-er-ence*, *trin-i-ty*, *po-ly-g-a-my*, *astro-n-o-my*, *an-ti-p-o-des*, *bi-og-ra-pher*, *re-vo-lu-tion*.

By this rule a syllable is a combination of letters uttered by one impulse of the voice; as *hab* or *ha* in the word *habit*, according to the specific principle of syllabication which may be adopted. A single letter of a word, pronounced by itself, is also termed a syllable; as *i* or *o* in the exclamation *io!*

The mode of syllabication laid down in the rule is fitted for conveying the true sounds of words, or rather for making some approach to an accurate pronunciation. It must, however, be acknowledged, that many words are divided in the same manner, whether regard be had to their pronunciation, or to the mode in which they have been formed; as, *horse-man*, *sa-cra-ment*, *be-ing*, *na-tion*, *a-mend-ment*; and that there are others, the true sounds of which cannot be correctly shown by any kind of syllabication, without a change in the letters; such as the words *acid*, *docile*, *ancient*, *specify*, *digit*, *register*.

The rule given above is adopted by many American printers in the division of such words as cannot be entirely brought into one and the same line; but the rule which follows is generally preferred by British typographers.

THE DIVISION OF WORDS INTO SYLLABLES, ACCORDING TO THEIR FORM, DERIVATION, OR MEANING.

The hyphen is employed in words in such a manner as is best calculated to show their original composition, or import, and to exhibit the syllables in their neatest form, viz.:—*ha-bit*, *pre-fer-ence*, *tri-bute*, *pro-phet*, *a-pa-ty*, *pre-fer-ence*, *tri-ni-ty*, *po-ly-ga-my*, *as-tro-no-my*, *an-ti-p-o-des*, *bi-og-ra-pher*, *re-ve-la-tion*.

Agreeably to this rule, and partially in accordance with that which precedes it,—compound and derivative words are resolved into their primitives; as, *school-master*, *hand-writing*, *gun-knife*, *snuff-box*, *looking-glass*; *arch-angel*, *genealogy*, *theo-crazy*, *ortho-graphy*. Prefixes, affixes, and grammatical terminations, are separated; as, *dis-continue*, *en-able*, *trans-port*; *char-ge-load-ed*, *print-ing*; *king-dom*, *false-hood*, *diff-er-ence*, *command-ment*. Two vowels, not being a diphthong, are divided; as, *la-ity*, *a-cri-al*, *real-stere-otype*, *vi-al*, *pi-ety*, *li-on*, *tri-umph*, *co-alition*, *po-et*, *medi-um*, *zo-ology*, *vow-el*, *cru-city*, *sun-um*. One consonant between two vowels is so

be joined to the latter syllable; as, *ta-lent, fa-tal; me-lan, le-ver; spi-rit, si-lence; cy-nic, ty-ro; le-gu-ry, mo-no-po-ly*. Except *x*, and single consonants, when they belong to the former portion of a derivative word; as, *ex-ile, ex-ist, ex-amine; up-on, dis-ease, circum-ambient*. Two or more consonants belong to the latter syllable, when they are capable of beginning a word; as, *ta-ble, si-ple, lu-cre, o-gle, mau-gre, stro-pha, de-stroy*. But, when the consonants cannot begin a word, or when the vowel preceding them is short, the first should be separated; as, *ab-bey, ac-cent, vel-lum, ab-ject, gar-den, laun-dry, pam-phlet; sac-rifice, de-ri-ment, blas-phem-er, dis-tress, min-strel*.

It is desirable that compound and derivative words should, at the ends of lines, be divided in such a manner as to indicate their principal parts, when such is possible.

The terminations *tion, sion, cial, tial*, and many others, formerly pronounced as two syllables, but now only as one, must not be divided either in spelling or at the end of a line.

A syllable consisting of only one letter, as the *a* in *cre-ation*, should not commence a line. This word would be better divided *crea-tion*; and so all others of a similar kind. But such a syllable, coming immediately after a primitive, is by some printers brought to the beginning; as, *con-sider-able*.

A line of print must not end with the first syllable of a word, when it consists of a single letter; as, *a-bide, e-normous*; nor begin with the last syllable, when it is formed of only two letters; as, *nation-al, teach-er, similar-ly*. For regard should be had to the principles of taste and beauty, as well as to the laws of syllabication.

Three or more successive lines should not end with a hyphen. A little care on the part of the compositor will, in general, prevent an appearance so offensive to a good eye. Divisions, indeed, except for purposes of spelling and lexicography, should take place as seldom as possible.

Of course, in the matter of dividing words in the practical manipulation of the types, a great deal depends upon the measure used. In narrow measures, with large type, it is impossible to avoid numerous divisions; therefore, that which would be quite inexcusable in wide measures, or with small type, would be quite excusable in reverse circumstances.

While much has been said on this subject,

much more could be added, for the subject is far from being exhausted. However, we think sufficient instruction has been given for guidance in ordinary work; therefore, we will not weary our readers with a more extended treatise. We will treat of the other points in the course of time.

"I Wonder if I'll be 'Papers' or 'Boots' up There?"

"Town Gossip" in Detroit Free Press.

All day long the rain had poured or drizzled, and night had closed in the murky day with a fog and a mist, which made the street lamps appear dim and sickly. The City Hall bell had tolled six half an hour since, and Jefferson avenue had gone home to the bosom of its family, closing its large wholesale houses, and leaving the great thoroughfare gloomy, quiet and deserted; quiet save for the rumbling street cars and lumbering drays and heavy carts, and deserted by all except an occasional pedestrian, the police and the watchmen who haunt the doors of the wholesale institutions. Griswold street—Detroit's Wall street—had gone home, too, and the offices which erstwhile had hummed with life were dark and deserted, except in one or two instances where some young attorney, unmindful of the hour, was still poring over reports and trying to unravel a knotty point in a new case.

Town Gossip was picking his way through the water pools over a Larned street crosswalk, when the familiar cry, gradually dying away, "Evening pay-pur," smote his ear.

"Paper, sir? It's my last. Won't you take it, sir? Then I'll be all sold out."

I let my umbrella slide down to my shoulder as I paid for the paper and stuck it in my pocket.

The boy uttered a "thank you" and ran across the street, stopping under the yellow gas light to count his money. I saw that he was miserably clad, and that his bare feet protruded from his worn-out shoes. Then, on looking sharply at his face, I remembered that I knew him. He was a boy that T. G. was wont to wait for in front of the Exchange every day of the dusty summer after dinner. He was a better "shiner" than the other fellows, and T. G. liked his frank face and ready answers.

"Well, Jack, how much did you make to-day?" I asked as I overtook him.

"Only thirty cents, sir."

"And how much do you usually make?"

"I most allus get eighty or ninety cents

countin' papers and boots, and sometimes as much as ten shillin's."

"Do you remember me, Jack?"

"You bet I do. Oh, last summer I used to make as high as a dollar an' a half some days. But blackin' boots don't pay this weather."

"I remember you had a brother older than you; how much does he make?"

"Oh, he hain't made nothin' for three months, sir; he's sick."

"Is he very sick, Jack?"

"Yes, sir; and that's why I'm a hurryin' to get home. Mother said as how the doctor said this noon that Jim couldn't live very long."

"Where is your home, Jack?"

"Down on 'the Heights.'"

The answer staggered me a little until I recollected that the police have lately given the vicinity of Fort street east the name of "The Heights," in contradistinction to the Potomac quarter, which they call "The Flats;" hence Jack's "down on the Heights."

T. G. resolved to go home with the newsboy.

"Is it far, Jack?"

"'Bout ten blocks. Why, was you goin' with me?"

"I think so. You are not sorry, are you?" I asked, as the boy dropped his head.

"No, sir; but mother——"

"Well, what about you mother?"

"She don't like to have strangers come there—the place looks so bad since Jim has been sick; she's had to set close by him for two or three weeks."

"Has your mother any money?"

"No, sir; we have to get along on what I earn."

"Why have you not applied to the Superintendent of the poor?"

"'Cos mother wouldn't let me. She'd starve first."

T. G. saw the picture of a woman's pride struggling with poverty and want.

"I am going home with you, Jack, to-night, and we'll take a car."

"I most allus do. I ride on the hind step and most of the conductors never see me."

We went through Woodward avenue, which was all a blaze of light. Down Croghan street some distance we stepped off the car and Jack led the way through an alley and into another, where we came to a little old brick building that had evidently been intended for a barn.

Jack opened the door and we went in where were the watcher and the watched. On a lounge against the wall lay the sick boy and near him sat the mother. On a bare table burned a tallow candle, and the only other furniture in sight were two wood-bottomed chairs and a wood-box half filled with broken bits of boards. The woman, whose features were worn with watching, turned a half-scared, bewildered look at the visitor, who simply said:

"I have come home with Jack to know if there was anything I could do for you, my good woman."

"You can not save my boy, sir," said the woman. "Jack, Jimmie is dying—and he won't know you, now."

I looked at the boy, whose years numbered 14 or 15, and saw in the white face, hollow cheeks and the unearthly bright eyes, the unmistakable marks of that dread disease which places its victims beyond all hope—consumption.

On the table lay an old Bible, its yellow pages lying open where the mother had finished reading. The boy's mind was wandering. He was too weak to cough and the accumulation in his throat could not be removed.

"Shine yer boots—shine 'em up fer a nickel—morning paper, sir?" came in feeble accents from the pillow. "Paper, sir? Morning paper? All about the——"

And the sufferer made an effort to clear his throat, which occasioned something like a death rattle. The mother was on her knees at the lounge sobbing, and Jack was by her side crying. I lifted the wasted frame and moistened the poor boy's parched lips and tongue with water from the cracked glass that stood on the window-sill. He felt the cool hand on his brow and his mind came back to him.

"Oh, Jack, I'm so glad you have come home. I shan't sell any more papers or black any more boots, Jack, but don't cry. Mother's been readin' somethin' better'n newspapers to me, Jack, and I know where I'm goin'. Give my kit to Tom Jones. I owe him twenty cents. Bring all your money home to mother, Jack. Keep my badge bright, Jack. I wonder if I'll be 'papers' or 'boots' up there? Good-bye, mother; good-bye, Jack. See 'em shine. Morning——"

Jim, the newsboy, was dead. He was buried decently, and Town Gossip will buy his papers of Jack, and Jack shall black his boots as long as he follows the business.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION.

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

WE WISH ALL OUR READERS THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON, AND MANY HAPPY RETURNS.

CONTRARY to our rule, we have allowed a few of our subscribers time to renew, believing they wished the paper continued while they felt, like ourselves, the effect of the dullness in trade and consequent scarcity of money. For the information of those in arrears, we send bills with this number, showing their indebtedness, trusting they will all find themselves in a position to remit promptly the trifling amount due. The amounts, taken separately, are small; but, in the aggregate, they are quite an important sum. Should any wish the paper discontinued (we will be sorry to part with them), the proper way to do is to pay what is due and notify us of their wishes. Otherwise, it is optional with the publisher to discontinue sending the paper until all arrearages are paid.

REMIT PROMPTLY.

Some months ago we published an article on "Embossed Printing," and duly credited it to the *British & Colonial Printer & Stationer*, in which paper we found it without credit, and therefore presumed it to be original. It now appears that the article was taken by the *B. & C. P. & S.* from the *American Newspaper Reporter*, and we hasten to make the only *amende* in our power to the latter paper. We thank the *American Model Printer* for bringing the matter to our attention.

Henry Rawson, one of the founders of the *Morning Star*, the pioneer of cheap journalism in England, and long one of the proprietors of the *Manchester Examiner*, recently died at the age of 60 years.

The Advance in Paper.

Within a period of sixty days, says a Western exchange, the prices of print and book papers have advanced 50 per cent. Paper that was being sold in September at 6¼ cents per pound is now put upon the combination price list at 10 cents per pound. At a meeting of the Chicago division of the American Paper Makers' Association, held in Chicago on November 25th, the following prices to dealers in car load lots were fixed upon:

Straw print.....	8
No. 1 news (30 per cent wood).....	9
Extra news (all rag).....	10
No. 2 book (machine finished).....	11½
Sized and super-calendered book.....	12½

These are the manufacturers' prices until the next meeting of the association, which will occur the first part of January, at which time another advance may be expected.

A quarry of lithographic stone has been discovered on Lake Pigeon, Ont., and a company has been formed to develop it, with a capital of \$182,000, in shares of \$100 each. Mr. Dillingham, of Quebec, is the manufacturing and selling agent for Canada, while Messrs. E. C. Allen and J. P. Wyman, of Augusta, Me., and Dr. McLellan, of New York, are the selling agents for the United States.

Messrs. McLean, Rodgers & Co., Ottawa, have again secured the contract for the Federal government printing, although it is alleged their tender was considerably higher than a number of others. There is something smacking of sharp practice or a "scandal" in connection with this matter, and we may have more to say about it in a short time.

The latest "hum" heard from is at the Dominion Type Foundry, and it is one which the N. P. can claim as solely its own, although the Reform papers have aided materially in bringing it about. It is caused by the extra demand for the letters, h—u—m, to sort up the cases in the offices of the party organs.—*Chatham Tribune*.

There is considerable talk in this city of starting a newspaper to advocate separation—from the Upper Provinces—and Maritime Union. It is believed by many that this would be a very strong and popular platform for a newspaper to adopt. Go West!

We have received a copy of *Hailing's Circular*, No. 5, Vol. 1. This is a very unique and tasteful publication, issued quarterly by Mr. T. Hailing, Oxford Printing Works, Cheltenham, England. It was started in 1877, as a gratuitous publication, with the "main object," as the editor says, "of imparting to our patrons and more immediate neighbors in the district, a little technical knowledge of the noble art of printing." The demand for copies becoming so numerous, the proprietor has been forced to adopt a subscription price of 1s. per year. The workmanship displayed is a marvel of neatness and good taste, and we trust Mr. Hailing will favor us with future issues.

Another paper for the printing and paper trades is forthcoming—*Hackstaff's Monthly*. It is to be published monthly at St. Louis, Mo., by Geo. C. Hackstaff & Co., and the first number is announced for December 15th. The subscription price is fixed at \$2.50 per year, or 25 cents a number. On the popular principle that there is always room for one more passenger, we hope the newcomer will find no difficulty in squeezing in; after it gets in (or out, which ever you like best,) if the promises made are carried out, there is not the slightest doubt but there will be plenty of room for it; at least, let us hope so.

Mr. P. A. Crossby, Manager of the Dominion Type-Founding Company, Montreal, has been elected to the Master's chair of Zetland Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 12, G. R. Q. It is said he bears his blushing honors with becoming modesty.

A new paper mill has been started in Newburgh, owned by the Thompson Bros. It is stated that this new concern is meeting with good success, and that, owing to sharp competition, the price of paper has been reduced nearly a dollar a bundle.

The *Globe* of this city presents the "Compliments of the Carrier" in a very handsome card, designed, engraved, and printed by Mr. Chas. Lawson. The allegorical allusions to its city contemporaries are exceedingly clever and amusing, and should have more than a passing notice.

Geo. C. Munroe, publisher of the *Fireside Companion* and the *Seaside Library*, New York, is said to belong to Nova Scotia.

A recent New York letter says: "The great revival of prosperity has caused a pressure of business in our streets which is prodigious and unprecedented. Such a rush and a jam in our thoroughfares, particularly in the business portion of the city, was never before known in the history of this city. In nearly all branches of manufactures, especially metallic, but also in book printing and binding, the rush of business makes it impossible to effect new contracts without any reference to definite time."

On Christmas evening, the Boston Newsboys' Reading Rooms were opened for the first time. They are situated at 35 Broomfield street, and have been fitted up with every device to amuse and instruct the boys, including a number of such games as boys are generally fond of, a library, bathroom, etc. They will be open from 9 a. m. until 10 p. m., and Mr. J. H. Marsh has been selected to take charge.

THE PRINTER'S MISCELLANY.—The high rank taken by this monthly as a technological publication is fully maintained in the present number. As an aid to new beginners, who wish to know thoroughly the principles of their art, the *Miscellany* is invaluable. It ought to be in the hands of every printer's apprentice in Canada. To apprentices the price is only 50 cents per annum. As a specimen of good typography all alone, it is worth the money. To printers of all classes it is interesting, because it contains information about the craft, correspondence and news, which cannot be got elsewhere.—*Mitchell Recorder*.

The following contribution, which has been laid upon our table, is published as a warning to those who think they know all about making conundrums:

Why is the editor of the *Miscellany*, when popping the question, like a certain war vessel? Because it's Huascar (Hugh ask her).

We have bought a yeller dog and a shot-gun, and if the author don't "club" us in good shape, look out for a funeral. We would recommend a study of the few rules on building conundrums published in the last *Miscellany*.

Grip's Comic Almanac for 1880 is out. It's a buster. The man who advertises anti-fat medicine may sell out, for everybody is going to "laugh and grow fat" over this side-splitting little volume. It will bear reading all the year round. Don't forget to ask your bookseller for it, and if he hasn't got it, tell him to send for it.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Quebec Notes.

QUEBEC, NOV. 24.

Business dull, with plenty of hands for what little work there is to do.

The prorogation of the Provincial Legislature, and the change of government, has had the effect of "stopping the supplies" of quite a few of the many newspaper men employed by the late government—a Jol(ly) one, and too honest to last—who were very partial to the fourth estate. Four of these gentlemen have got the "run" already, "and still there's more to follow." However, brace up, gentlemen, the pen is mightier than the sword, and can knock railway rings into pi every time.

There are only three Liberal newspapers now left in this city, "Protection" having pulled the wool over the ears of no less than three during the past month. Oh, Consistency, thou art a jewel of untold value. With six papers in their favor, in this city alone, the new Provincial government will have a lively time keeping them served with pap. Only one of the six is English, and it is like a weathercock.

Mr. Chas. Norris, a practical man in the "art preservative," has replaced Mr. Thos. Sheean on the local staff of the *Daily Telegraph*. This change is for the better, as there is some life in the local column now, which no one but a practical hand knows how to put together. Petti fogging lawyers, schoolmasters, and botches generally, should be kept "a thousand miles away" from a printing office, as they, combined with a few "rats," spoil an office, and give good men a heap of trouble to work it up into "ship-shape" again. Every good office should keep nothing but the "solid" men, they are always worth their metal, and have the genuine ring about them.

At the October meeting of "Typographical Union of Quebec," No. 159 (French), the following were elected office-bearers for the year 1879-80:—President, S. Marcotte; Vice-President, F. Lortie; Cor. Sec., T. Cote; Fin. Sec. and Treas., J. Beauchamp; Librarian, N. Cantin; Asst. Librarian, A. Dugal; Marshal, P. Lizotte. Thanks were voted to the retiring officers and the proprietors of newspapers who sent their papers gratis to the society. Mr. Marcotte is proprietor of *L'Evenement*, and has represented 159 at two sessions of the International Typographical Union.

STADACONA.

Truro News.

TRURO, N. S., Dec. 8.

Business is quite brisk here. Plenty of work in both job and newspaper lines, but people still persist in being slow with the cash. Long credits—some *very* long—are most popular.

We have no less than three newspapers in our midst at present, viz.:—the *Sun*, *Guardian* and *Vindicator*; two of these (the *Sun* and *Guardian*) having job offices connected.

I will speak of the *Sun* first, on account of its age. Until last September, the edition was printed by *nigger* power, on the hand-organ principle. During that month Bro. Alley added a four-horse-power, upright, reciprocating engine (what's in a name?) to his already well equipped office, and since then the *Sun* has been forced to rise by steam. Success to enterprise. Publication day, Wednesday.

Next in age comes the *Guardian*, with its Campbell power press, worked *a la* hand-organ. Publication day, Friday.

Lastly comes the *Vindicator*, only four weeks old. Its origin is due to the persistence and rapidity with which the temperance people succeeded in imposing fines on the hotel keepers for selling "bug oil" without license. It is an anti-prohibitionist organ, and said to be the only paper in Canada published solely in the interest of liquor sellers, or in advocacy of the license system. Dame Rumor says it is backed by all the large "oil" dealers in Halifax, who say they intend to stand by it through "thick and thin." It is printed from the plant of the late *Truro Times*, and edited by R. J. M. Constant, late editor of the *Times*. Publication day, Tuesday.

We watch eagerly for the *Miscellany*, and are always well pleased when its cheery contents greet our eyes.

Wishing you, Mr. Editor, and our *Miscellany* a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year, we must now go back to our old corner in the _____ H— Box.

Webster and Vicinity.

WEBSTER, MASS., Dec. 15.

Business is fair here, and seems to assume the same standard in our suburban towns.

The Southbridge *Journal* predicts greater support during the coming year, and undoubtedly deserves it; while Bro. Cort, of the Webster *Times*, claims a constant increase in circu-

lation, probably from the fact that he has issued some excellent supplements of late.

Mr. Fred. Wetherby, formerly of the *Times*, and now of the Providence *Journal*, made us a visit recently. Fred. says the *biz.* is flourishing in that city—rather so for the comps., who have to work fourteen hours per day.

Your correspondent had a recent sit with Chas. R. Stobbs, formerly editor and publisher of the *Times*. Charlie has got a legitimate little job office, and it is said to be the *facile princeps* in that city for turning out good work.

Miss Delia J. Davis, of the *Times* office, on Dec. 11 accompanied to Florida a sister, who has gone thither for the benefit of her health.

The Danielsonville *Sentinel*, we are pleased to see, has appeared in an enlarged form, with a new dress of type, making it an eight-page weekly. It is a patent inside, but the intelligence displayed on the four outer pages make it one of the liveliest and best edited papers in the vicinity. The *Sentinel* deserves an increased circulation, which friend Greenslitt is faithfully striving to obtain.

D. M. Cowie, of the *Times* office, took the character of "Ralph" very creditably in "H. M. S. Pinafore," in Worcester, Dec. 3.

Mr. Edwin Brown has started an amateur job office in Spaulding's block, where, he says, he is obtaining liberal patronage. Old, but true—"Opposition is the life of trade."

A daily evening paper has started in Worcester, *The Times*, under the editorship of James H. Mellen. It is a greenback organ, and circulates quite extensively through Worcester county.

M. J. T.

Jottings from Richmond, Va.

RICHMOND, VA., Nov. 23.

The craft is in a sad plight here, so far as discipline is concerned. W. A. J. Martin, old printer, died here in the latter part of August. W. O. Cammack, talented, former publisher at Aiken, S. C., died in September. The *Monday Morning Herald* suspended in October. The *Tobacco Journal* suspended in August. *Every Saturday*—8 pp., pat.—6 weeks old yesterday. The *Southern Churchman*, weekly, removed here from Alexandria in July. The *Christian Examiner* suspended in August, and good-will merged with the Disciples' paper in Cincinnati. I believe there are as many publications in Richmond as in any other city in the United

States of the same size, but they give employment to few men; boys are the monopolists. Nearly every denomination has an organ. The Baptists—*Religious Herald*. The Presbyterians—*The Central Presbyterian*. The Methodists—*The Christian Advocate*. Episcopalians—*The Southern Churchman*. The Catholics—*The Catholic Visitor*. Two medical monthlies. Two agricultural magazines. One *Insurance Advocate*. Several real estate journals. *Young Folks' Magazine*, *Hotel Reporter*, Southern Historical Society papers, *Market Gazette*, *Prices Current*, two literary weeklies, auction papers, organ of the colored people, three political dailies, Sunday School papers, college papers, Knights of Honor magazine, Knights of Pythias bi-monthly, a railroad paper—daily.

Yet, out of a membership of less than a hundred, there are about twenty-five unemployed printers. I really believe there is a regular publication for every two journeymen at work. To look at the array, one would suppose Richmond could provide for three hundred typos.

NEWS OF THE CRAFT.

DOMINION.

Springhill, N. S., aspires to have a newspaper.

The Aylmer, Ont., *Paper* has changed its name to the *Express*.

Charles Mair, late of the Napanee *Harver*, has gone to Oregon.

The *Witness* and *Star* of Montreal, have each three libel suits on hand.

The *Maritime Journal*, Halifax, N. S., edited and published by Stethem & Co., has "gone up."

The *Trent Valley Advocate* is a new paper published at Trenton, Ont., by Messrs. Nulty and Hawley.

A Stirling butcher is taking action against the Belleville *Ontario* for publishing his name in a "black list" as not paying his debts.

The Digby, N. S., *Courier* has changed hands, and will hereafter be managed by a company. Mr. R. W. McCormick was the late publisher.

The Toronto *Weekly Globe* has been enlarged and otherwise improved, and after the 1st of January will consist of sixteen pages of six columns.

James Colwell, of Fredericton, whom many of our readers will recollect, he having worked in St. John, Boston and Cambridge, Mass., for

some years past, has taken unto himself a help-mate—one of Fredericton's prettiest flowers.

By the announcement made in its proper place it will be seen that Mr. Joseph Loughead, of the *Boston Advertiser*, succeeded in capturing one of Moncton's fairest daughters during his short sojourn in that town in 1877. Thus is the traditional slipper once more brought into use.

The *Moniteur Acadien*, of Shediac, has made its appearance again, and looks better than ever. It would seem that the *Moniteur* is not going to have all its own way for the future, for another French paper, to be called *Le Journal Maritime*, it is said, will shortly be started at Bathurst.

Mr. Parker, who holds a frame on the New York *Herald*, paid us a flying visit on his way to spend his New Year vacation with his friends at Campbellton. He reports many printers idle in New York city, notwithstanding the great business "boom" we hear so much about in the newspapers.

A New York letter, received in this city from a typo who belongs here, states that business in the book and job printing offices in that city is hardly "booming" in the manner set forth by the newspapers generally. The writer says that he has frequently met on the streets there Wm. Nagle, Jas. M. Smith, Wm. Hunter, and S. J. Macready, all of whom were typos formerly employed in this city.

Another letter gives out that Harry Newman was in Dover, N. H., but that he expected to visit Lawrence, Mass., in a short time.

And still another letter places W. H. Turnbull in Lowell, Mass.

UNITED STATES.

Rand, Avery & Co., of Boston, distributed 150 turkeys among their employés at Christmas.

Henry Hoyt, for many years a leading book publisher in Boston, died recently at the advanced age of 74.

Weston F. Hutchins, of the Boston *Journal*, was married to Elizabeth L. Brown, at Dedham, on the 13th November.

The New York *Tribune* fell from its high estate on Sunday, December 7th, 1879. On that date, contrary to all its antecedents, it issued its first Sunday edition.

The office of the *Churchman*, Lafayette Place, New York city, was destroyed by fire on the evening of November 14th. The compositors

—sixteen in number—barely escaped with their lives.

The compositors and other employés of the Boston *Globe* have organized an athletic club. T. S. Sayer, jr., president; Patrick Sullivan, captain; W. E. Post, treasurer; W. G. Biggs, secretary.

The employés of the Burlington, Vt., *Free Press and Times* had a one-hour go-as-you-please race on December 6th, for cash prizes. Eleven entered, nine started, and only five remained at at three miles. Sullivan won with seven miles and one lap, and it is said considerable money changed hands.

The death is announced, at Rochester, N. Y., on the 8th December, of Wm. H. Beach, aged 54 years. Mr. Beach was one of the oldest printers of that city. In 1860 he became part owner of the *Rochester Evening Express*, and was the manager of its book and job printing department many years.

Boston Typographical Union is officered, for 1880, as follows: Andrew Atwell, president; George F. Clark, vice-president; William H. Traves, rec. and cor. secretary; Frank M. Butters, fin. sec.; Stephen Booth, treas.; Geo. H. Polston, sergt.-at-arms; Samuel K. Head, trustee of burial lot; Geo. B. Perry, H. T. Elder, S. K. Head, T. B. Somers, James Pym, J. P. Kennedy, and Jas. F. McCormick, delegates to Central Trades' and Labor Union.

A press rifle match took place recently in Boston between teams from the *Herald*, *Globe*, and *Post* offices, which resulted in a victory for the *Herald* men. The teams, with their scores, were as follows:—*Herald*—Keenan, 31; Danforth, 29; Byrne, 27; Parker, 27; Gomez, 25; total, 139; average, 27.4-5. *Post*—Beal, 23; Porter, 21; Perry, 9; two average scores, this team being two men short, 35; total, 88; average, 17.3-5. *Globe*—Frost, 26; Orr, 19; Dupee, 16; Vincent, 10; Wright, 7; total, 78; average, 15.3-5. At the sweepstakes shooting, which followed the regular match, Mr. Danforth, of the *Herald*, captured the principal "pot" twice, while Mr. Frost, of the *Globe*, came in second. The medals to be given as prizes are emblematical of the occasion, and are said to be very handsome.

The foremen of printing offices are respectfully asked to canvass their offices for subscriptions to the *Miscellany*.



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Dark.

(b) *After* the group sign, if the vowel is short ; thus,



Term.

(c) *Either side* of the group sign, when the preceding rules (a and b) cannot be conveniently applied ; thus,

Engineer  Paralyze.

2. *Dashes* are written through the group-signs ; thus,



Course.

3. *Angles or semi-circles* are written through the group-sign ; or, if more convenient, for the first-place, at the commencement : for the third-place, at the end of the group-sign ; thus,



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Iss may be prefixed to an El-hook sign ; thus,



civil. cycle. saddle. disclose.

Stand-(h)ard Phonographers.

A supposition which has justly gained considerable popularity is that phonography is an easy stepping-stone into a gold mine. A Dublin correspondent, however, sends the following item which is calculated to disturb this idea, and is an evidence of the many trials and dangers through which ponographers are sometimes called upon to pass :

"While an anti-rent meeting was being held at Castlereagh, an incident occurred which nearly lead to serious consequences. Several agitators objected to allowing the government shorthand reporters to have a seat on the platform. The reporters, therefore, stationed themselves in close proximity under the protection of twenty armed constables. During McDonnell's speech, John Nally, a Fenian, from Balla, who was on the platform, cried out to the crowd, "Shove these reporters away ! Shut them up !" The response was a yell, followed immediately by a rush. For a moment it seemed as if the reporters and constables would be swept off the ground, but the latter raised their guns to their hips and presented them toward the people, who fell back all in confusion. For several moments Parnell tried his best to quiet the tumult. Execrations were heard on all sides. Yells arose of "Curse the spies !" "Kill the Saxon bastards !" Parnell said he desired that the reporters should come to the stand, and he guaranteed their safety on the stand if the constabulary would withdraw. This being agreed to, the shorthand men mounted the platform amid the jeers of the crowd. A collision would most certainly have occurred but for Parnell's intervention."

Who says Ireland cannot produce Stand-(h)ard phonographers ?

THE SPEED OF STANDARD PHONOGRAPHY.—

Several years ago, Munson tried to ridicule a California Standard phonographer because he had said that he and his partner had reported testimony at the rate of 245 words per minute—making a perfect transcript. Recently, a young Standard phonographer of California, Eugene Maxwell, wrote 247 words per minute, at a test dictation ; and he has written 267 words per minute.—*Student's Journal.*

The stenographers' fees included in the costs of the prosecution of the Tichborne claimant, amounted to the snug little sum of \$20,000.

A TIRONIAN STENOGRAPHER

Was thus complimented by Ausonius :

Come hither, young and active scribe,
Prepare thy tablets to record,
In quickly flying dots and strokes
What I shall dictate, word for word.

O, wondrous art ! though from my lips
The words like pattering hailstones fall,
Thine ear hath caught them every one,
Thy nimble pen portrays them all.

Quick darts thy hand across the page,
No other movement scarce is seen ;
Yet in its track a thick array
Of signs instinct with meaning gleam.

My words no sooner are pronounced
Than on thy tablets they appear ;
My mind cannot keep equal pace
With thy light finger's swift career.

Say, who is it that doth betray
The cogitations of my heart ?
Who dares to thee my inmost thoughts,
E'er they are uttered, to impart ?

It surely is no human skill
That works such miracles as these ;
No other mortal e'er performed
Such feats with such consummate ease.

Nay, now I see, the mystery's clear,
Some kindly goddess, at thy birth,
Bestowed on thee this wondrous gift
In memory of her trip to earth.

—*Student's Journal.*

Nos. 648 to 671 of *Frank Leslie's Boys' and Girls' Weekly* contain easy lessons in Phonography (Graham's system), which is only one of the many attractive features of this deservedly popular publication.

The American Young Folks, a monthly published in Topeka, Kansas, is doing a good work by giving its readers lessons in Standard Phonography.

Why was the first woman like the first letter of the phonographic alphabet? Because she wasn't right inclined.

What's the difference between a stenographer and a blind man? One is short-handed and the other is short-sighted.

A Standard phonographer, who was asked by the inventor of Tachygraphy why he had not adopted his excellent system instead of Graham's, said he had been informed that a tachygrapher, while making a *verbatim* report, could not be brought to a "dead stop" inside of fifty seconds. He suggested to the inventor that it might be well to provide his system with a safety air-brake, so that in the event of a "Fenian raid" similar to that which was made on the government shorthand writers by the land-agitators, any of his disciples, while engaged in hauling in, at the rate of three hundred words per minute, the harangue of some excited spouter, might be enabled to come to a halt quick enough to allow him to pack up his duds and make himself scarce. We understand the inventor is considering the advisability of following out the suggestion of the Standard phonographer.

FONETIK SPELLING.—The *Chicago Tribune* has put in use the following reformatory rules in orthography:—Omit ue in demagog, catalog, synagog, and other words ending in "logue" and "gogue." Omit the superfluous me in programme, making it program. Omit the second m in dilemma (dilema). Omit the superfluous te in cigaret, etiquet, parquet, coquet, and all similar words. Spell definit in all its forms without the final e, thus: definit-ly-ness; indefinit-ly-ness. Omit final e in hypocrit, favorit; also opposit-ly-ness and apposit-ly-ness. In words ending in "less," viz: carelessness, thankless-ness. Omit the fourth s in assassin (assasin) and other forms of the word. Change ph to f in fantom, fantasm, and all other forms of the word; also in fonetic-s-al, fonegraf, orthografy, alfabet, digraf, difthong. The *Utica Observer* has accepted of these changes.

A Hibernian quick-quillist tells us that a phonographer is very apt to fall into the evil of excessive *phrasing* when, after a midnight carousal, he gets to his boarding-house just in time to find the doors barricaded and the thermometer registering 167° below zero in the shade.

Mark Twain says that the difference between the speed of Standard phonographers and writers of inferior systems is equalled only by that which exists between sliding down a greasy pole and the locomotion of a blind fly in molasses.

To Correspondents.

TRURO, N. S.—Your request will be complied with. Thanks for "notes."

SIMCOE, ONT.—The last number of the *Toronto Leader* appeared on the 5th of September, 1878. Excuse delay.

BIRTH.

At Quebec City, on Nov. 5th, the wife of Mr. John L. Seaward, compositor, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

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"SOBTS."

Passion makes more mistakes than ignorance duz. — *Josh Billings*.

The two honey bees that went into the ark lodged in the archives. — *Scientific American*.

Ajax must have been a sea captain. We frequently hear of A-jaxs-crew. — *North American Review*.

The railroads are bringing in great quantities of game—especially euchre. — *Oshkosh Christian Advocate*.

Women wear lingerie now. They used to wear—well, call it underclothing. — *Atlantic Monthly*.

If a little stream is a streamlet, isn't a little team a team let—when it is hired? — *Scientific American*.

To-morrow, in our city, several hundred blacksmiths will strike—while the iron is hot. — *Atlantic Monthly*.

Uncas is the ominous name of a New York race-horse—Uncas was the last of the race. — *Pewee Methodist*.

The circus spring-board vaulter never gets arrested for "jumping his board." — *Oshkosh Christian Advocate*.

If a hotel clerk smiles pleasantly when you ask him a question, that's a sign he hasn't been there long. — *U. S. Grant*.

Snake stories should not generally be credited unless the name and residence of the snake are given. — *Popular Science Monthly*.

A music seller announces in his window a sentimental song, "Thou hast loved and left me," for three cents. — *Musical Times*.

Job has been marked down in history as the patient man. The fact is that at one time he was just boiling over. — *Pewee Methodist*.

Some influential papers announce that they are "entered in the post-office as second-class matter," and they do not lie. — *Pewee Methodist*.

Simon Burlingame, of Wisconsin, has just married his fifth wife. It is believed that the Republican party of that state pay him a salary. — *The Nation*.

Since Chinese is being taught at Harvard, the students speak broken English in the following elegant manner:—"Sayee, walkee upee, takee drink?" — *Temperance Journal*.

"What is statesmanship?" asks the Chicago *Inter-Ocean*. Statesmanship, we believe, is the peculiar gift some man have of robbing the country without being caught. — *Truth*.

A little boy being asked, "What is the chief end of man?" replied: "The end what's got the head on." It is understood, however, that this boy is not a walker in Gilmore's garden.

Why do the savans talk so much about the "parent tongue," and remain silent about the parent slipper, which is much more of a terror? They were not always so silent on this behalf.

The girl that complains of a lame foot when her mother wants some milk from the corner grocery, will walk about seven miles of an evening with her young man and not feel a bit tired. — *Nineteenth Century*.

Two Javanese princes are the present lions of London. It is possible they Malay their heads together to pay a visit to America. — *Popular Science Monthly*. Javanesy time making that joke? — *Littell's Living Age*.

We are told that "an honest man is the noblest work of God;" but the demand for the work has been so limited that I have thought that a large share of the fust edishun must be still in the author's hands. — *Josh Billings*.

It has been said that when you see a person wearing his best clothes every day that he is going down hill. If this be true, all we've got to say is that we're traveling down an almighty long hill. — *Popular Science Monthly*.

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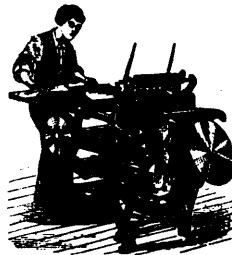
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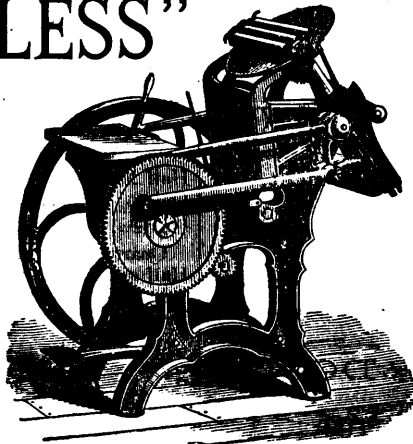
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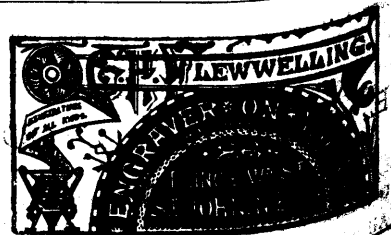
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