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None of the books before me possesses any typographical merit, but each is a carefully done reproduction, by photographic process, and the general effect is excellent. For purpose of comparison and study anyone except a meticulous student of printing has here all that he needs. And furthermore, the titles are of interest in themselves ---such works as Milton's defense of unlicensed printing and Browne's essay on urnburial, in the original guise, at two or three dollars each are worth buying and shelving. If one can have the original issue of Browne, or that handsome Riverside edition of 1907, well and good; but failing those -as most of us do-so skilful a facsimile is welcome. R.

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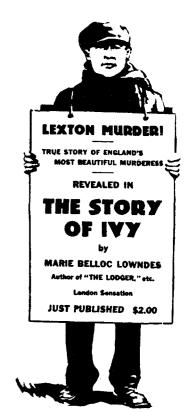
## Greek Type Faces

GREEK PRINTING TYPES 1465-1927; Facsimiles from an Exhibition of Books Illustrating the Development of Greek Printing Shown in the British Museum 1927. With an historical introduction by Victor Scholderer. London: British Museum. 1927.

Reviewed by GEORGE L. HENDRICKSEN Yale University

 $G_{\rm the \ most \ minute \ of \ esthetic \ interests}^{\rm REEK \ typography \ is \ probably \ one \ of \ }$ at the present time. Those who have occasion to read Greek, namely college boys and Greek scholars, from quite diverse points of view have no interest in the matter, as I know from long contact with both, and the questions at interest therefore are confined chiefly to printers who may seek to give an esthetic dress to the books they print, and to the bibliophiles who buy their product. The splendid Oxford Odyssey of 1909, for example, in the sumptuous characters designed by Robert Procter, is a show piece, but it would be a safe bet that it has found its way into the hands of very few who really read Homer.

However, here is a field of art which is briefly and beautifully summed up in this superb publication of the British Museum, with an introduction by Mr. Scholderer, who seeks to draw the lessons from the history presented by designing and recommending a new fount, to which he gives the name of "New Hellenic." The historical specimens show the first tentative efforts to print Greek with Roman letters, and pass to the cursive hand used by contemporary Greeks and adopted by Aldus, which reaches a climax in the calligraphic page of French Royal Greeks. This letter dominated the field from Robert Stephanus almost to the beginning of the nineteenth century. But for all its beauty we must agree with Mr. Scholderer that it was the perpetuation of a false tendency. Its ligatures and cursive lines give it the effect of a page of penmanship, which in origin it was, and it was very uneconomical, not only of expense-it demanded huge sorts and very expert workmen-but of eye and attention. The essential break from this tradition was made in England and in Germany at nearly the same time, in Germany by the great Teubner series, which introduced a fount free from abbreviations and ligatures, but dull, round, and lifeless. Most of us have grown up on it, or on the slight modification and improvement introduced about 1875, but familiarity has not made it beautiful. In contrast the famous Porson letter seemed at first elegant, but it too has become stereotyped into a lifeless form. This has been the standard English type for a century, and is found for the most part in American college texts. Both these types suffer the defect of the Italic slant, a survival from the Greek cursive, and defended by no other reason than its origin. There



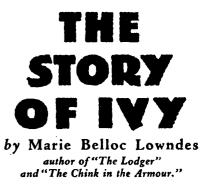
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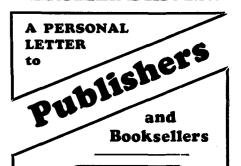
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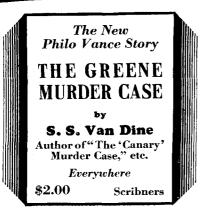


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is no more occasion for it than there is for the Italic form in Roman type, which has justly been rejected in all modern printing except for special uses. It is time that the Italic slant should disappear from Greek typography.

Fortunately the drift is in that direction. Teubner in his later editions of Greek poets, such as Schroeder's Pindar, 1909, has reverted to the admirably legible and distinguished vertical letter which was used earlier in Dindorf's "Scenic Poets." The Berlin Academy in its publications (for example, the smaller edition of the "Greek Inscriptions") has adopted a neat, fine lined, vertical type of small caps, which has an epigraphical character, and more nearly represents the appearance of the best Attic inscriptions of the fourth century than any other fount. The new French series of the Association Budé employs a good upright type, free from the curves and flourishes of the old Didot letter. It has one curious de-

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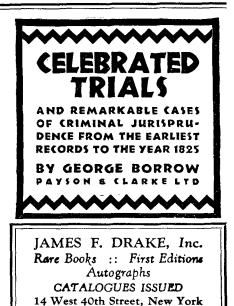
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The New Hellenic of Mr. Scholderer is a vertical letter, except for the gamma, which without apparent reason has been given the Italic slant. In its 12 pt. specimen moderately leaded it is agreeable and legible. In the large 18 pt. its defect appears as too fat and round a letter,—the characters, distended laterally, crowd one another in the line like fat people in a church pew. This is really a serious desideratum, the simple uprightness of Roman. Another specimen (No. 58) without leads (which the form demands imperatively) and with some absurdly sophisticated letters like the delta, approaches the "lunatic fringe" of fine printing, of which Mr. Morley has spoken recently in this journal. My own judgment is that the Teuber letter of Schroeder's Pinar is the most simple and agreeable face of type that has yet been produced, and approaches most nearly to the ideal standard of clean-cut Roman.

T HE transference of Sir Henry Clinton's Headquarters Papers from the home of his descendants to that of Mr. William L. Clements on the shores of Lake Michigan, is bearing fruit in some unexpected but altogether satisfactory ways. The custodian of the William L. Clements Library at the University of Michigan, Randolph G. Adams, will eventually publish many learned tomes containing the documents in this priceless collection. Meanwhile, he is evidently finding it necessary to relieve the drudgery of historical research occasionally by throwing off some of the incidental and merely human aspects of the musty files through which he is sorting his way. The latest manifestation of this is a charactersketch of John André, as he reveals himself in the Adjutant-General's correspondence preserved in the headquarter's files.

On the back of a letter addressed to him, André drew a pen-and-ink sketch of a British officer. The type is unmistakable, and equally convincing is Mr. Adams's suggestion that this was one of the officers to whom the English forces owed their illsuccess in America.



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A In the second class smoking room the invaders found their mana venerable traveller in a huge South African Stetson and a noble gray Inverness-ALFRED ALOYSIUS SMITH, gridiron peddler of Johannesburg, connoisseur of ivory, apes and peacocks, and author-with MRS. ETHEL-REDA LEWIS-of Trader Horn.

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**F** ROM Harcourt we learn that Carl Sandburg recently piloted over the Loop in Chicago that giant plane which took Mrs. Lindbergh on her Detroit-Mexico City trip. An expert pilot sat by Carl's side, but he drove the plane—and froze his face and was unable to shave for several days! As for Sinclair Lewis, another famous Harcourt author, he has found in London the same sort of automobile equipped for long camping trips that he fell in love with in the Arizona desert. He has had it sent to Germany, where he has been spending most of his time, and will tour in it extensively this Spring. . . .

The February-March Book Notes of Edwin Valentine Mitchell, the distinguished Hartford bookseller, contains some remarks by Adrian Harley on the celebrated "Tom O' Bedlam's Song"; but though it is true that Francis Thompson added some fine verses to this gorgeous composition which dates back to the early seventeenth century, Mr. Harley is unintentionally misleading when he states that the verses he quotes are "largely" of Francis Thompson's composing. Most of them are from the old original, though Thompson did add a number. Also--"And the lovely owl my morrow" is either a mistake or a misprint. It should, of course, be "marrow." In the same issue of Book Notes, Padraic Colum is carelessly referred to as "Padriac," a common error of which Book Notes should never have been guilty. . .

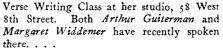
To return to Tom O' Bedlam, Mr. Harley informs us that we are about to have a "complete book on and around this fascinating poem, giving all the versions with their history by *Robert Graves.*" *Norman Lindsay* and his son, *Jack Lindsay*, of the Fanfrolico Press will present it, with "notes by Jack Lindsay on 17th century vagabondage, and illustrations by that accomplished artist his father." Great news! We can hardly wait to get the book. . . .

Henry Holt announces that the longawaited one-volume work on the philosophy of John Dewey will shortly be available to the public. The publication date is now set for May 25th. Dr. Joseph Ratner is the editor, under Dr. Dewey's supervision, and is reported to have performed his task splendidly. . . .

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*Robert Hillyer*, the poet, will be added next fall to the English faculty of Harvard. He will take over the course in the writing of poetry which was made famous by Dean Lebaron Russell Briggs. The Viking Press has just published Mr. Hillyer's latest volume of poems, "The Seventh Hill."...

Father Will Whalen amusedly sends us a clipping from the West, the guilty party being a Catholic syndicate run by one *Linus Wey*. The clipping runs astonishingly:

We are glad to report that the Mrs. Russell who was debarred from lecturing on her free love ideas at Wisconsin University is not the wife of George (A. E.) Russell, who was welcomed at the Catholic university, Washington, as stated here in our issue of Feb. 24.

But just how anyone following life and literature at all, could have made that mistake, is beyond us. There is no Mrs. "A. E." that we know of. Mrs. Bertrand Russell is an unusually fine person, as is "A. E." also—each in their own way. . . .

Unusually interesting is that Harvard Miscellany entitled The Hound and Horn, most extraordinarily good for an undergraduate publication,-its contributors being both graduates and undergraduates. Conrad Aiken and George Parker Winship are two of their Consultative Committee. We have called attention to this magazine before; we do so again because it is one of the most attractively printed periodicals we know and because its third number, now before us, contains the first part of a paper on T. S. Eliot, with a Bibliography, by R. P. Blakmur, which will certainly make this issue and subsequent ones collector's items. The reviews are up-to-date too. Henry-Russell Hitchcock, Jr., covers a year's Proustiana, Walter Eugene Clark tackles "Time and the Western Man," and so on. We respect and admire The Hound and Horn. . .

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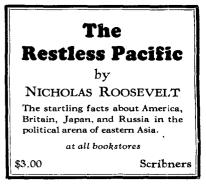


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