

SENSITIVE MACHINES.

TYPEWRITERS ARE JEALOUS OF THEIR INSTRUMENTS.

Why It Is That the Expert Manipulator of the Keys of the Writing Machine Are Particular About the Care of Their Favorites—Fingers Travel Miles.

Stories innumerable have been told relative to the engineer and the sympathy existing between him and his locomotive. Veracious writers have revealed in singular tales in which the engineer's superstitious mind and the locomotive's almost animal instinct have been the chief and bewildering features.

"A man may be a state prisoner for years and yet get square with his enemies. I have enjoyed many pleasant moments even in this prison, for it is a pleasure to believe that there are those who fear me as a man. Chamberlain stood with his hand on his revolver, Christmas, 1879. Oh, how contemptible he looked, the poor cur. Yes, he is a cur of the mongrel breed. Retts of Neb., cripple nine years, caused by neglect of prison officials."

Investigation shows these statements to be correct. Those who have their own machines never lend them even for temporary use, while in large offices, where the firms furnish the instruments, each of the latter has a certain operator, and no one else is allowed its use.

"Whatever the reason," said the superintendent of an establishment where typewriters are sold, "a machine that has been constantly used by a certain person is ruined for that person by some one else's use of it. This refers to expert typewriters—those who do much work and whose constant practice has developed a remarkable rate of speed."

"An operator may try several machines before she finds one to her liking, and when she does no other will she use. An experiment was once made for the purpose of testing this. An operator of a particularly sensitive and nervous temperament, and who was particularly annoying in her complaints regarding the use of her typewriter by others, was blindfolded and tried in rapid succession fifty different machines of the same make.

Few people know the amount of manual labor involved in a day's typewriting or realize the distance the hands travel in a day's work. Probably few of the typewriters themselves appreciate it. Yet their hands cover a distance they would never think of covering with their legs unless necessity compelled it.

The highest rate of speed ever attained is 200 words a minute. This is supposed to be the result of the most rapid movements the human hands are capable of. The person making this record maintained this speed for only four consecutive minutes, and has never been able to exceed that limit. Assuming the words average six letters apiece, 1,200 letters a minute were written. It is estimated that to make each letter the fingers are raised a height of two inches from the keyboard. Two inches added (for the descending movement) make the finger travel four inches before each letter is struck. So this expert's hand in writing these 200 words traveled 4,800 inches, or 400 feet, during the minute in which she wrote 200 words.

But this is unusual, of course. Very rapid writing is a speed of seventy-five words a minute, and this rate is too fast for comfort. Practical work is ten pages of legal paper an hour. Each page contains 300 words. Six hours' steady writing can be regarded as an entire day's work. This is a speed of fifty words a minute, and the practical worker writes during the day sixty pages—18,000 words, or 108,000 letters. If her finger travels four inches to make each letter, during the day it travels 432,000 inches.

This provides for the perpendicular movement only, and it is fair to increase this distance by one-third to estimate the distance the hands travel over the keyboard in a horizontal direction. This total sum in inches is 576,000. This is equivalent to 48,000 feet, or a little over nine miles a day. In a week the hands can cover fifty-four miles, and in a year's steady application to business over 2,800 miles.

So the vagary of the male and female typewriters can in a large measure be excused and their preference for their respective machines accounted for.—New York Recorder.

An Awful Indian Custom. In India, up to within the last few years, the wife, either according to her wishes or otherwise, was cremated on the same funeral pyre that converted her dead husband's remains into ashes.—Philadelphia Press.

Safe. "John," said the dealer, "where is the key to this self locking safe?" "Inside, sorr. It'll not be loast there, sorr," returned John.—Harper's Bazar.

A Guitar's Tale.

Miss Bonnie W. Harris, daughter of a music dealer in Troy, N. Y., broke a guitar which her father had given her some time ago. It was a peculiar looking but fine toned instrument, which had belonged to her dead grandfather, and no one knows how it came into his possession. Mr. Harris, in examining the pieces today, found the following strange inscription written on the wood: "March 6, 1880.—This guitar is put together today by a man who has been in prison eleven years under a sentence of life, a prisoner who is a victim of circumstances and today is held as a criminal. To carry out revenge the plan was so laid that Chamberlain is into it yet unbeknown to himself. In time this guitar may be broken and these words read by some one, and whoever it may be I ask them to know and publish this fact."

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Read backward the signature forms the name "Ben Foster."—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

An Uneven Trade.

A Brooklyn boy nine or ten years old began several months ago to save money to buy a pony. His parents and relatives humored his whim, and having ample means they helped along his accumulations very rapidly. The youngster had no idea of the purchasing power of money, but he had started out with the notion that when he filled his little iron bank he would have enough to buy the pony. When the bank would hold no more he broke it open, and his mother counted \$10.15. "That is not enough to buy a pony," said she. "Then I guess I'll take a tricycle," said the boy. The tricycle was bought, and the boy started to explore the neighborhood. He was gone about two hours, and when he reached home he had no tricycle, but he held his hat carefully under his arm. "Oh, mamma, look at these pretty kitties!" he exclaimed, displaying four small kittens just able to walk. "I traded my tricycle for these." The boy's parents have not yet been able to find the other party to that bargain.—New York Times.

The Telautograph.

Speaking of Gray's telautograph an electrician well acquainted with the promoters of the Writing Telegraph company said: "It is current gossip with the electrical fraternity that the telautograph is to be handled in connection with the Bell telephones. That is, a general company controls the device. It will form local companies in the usual manner, and in working with the Bell telephone people place telautographs with telephones. Thus a man will be able to talk or write as he may see fit. If his "hello" is out he can leave a note. Signatures and legal documents can be transmitted, and you gentlemen of the press can call up your city editor, tell him what you have, receive his orders as to space and write out your copy, which will be instantly reproduced in your editorial rooms. It's a great scheme and will work nicely harnessed to the telephone.—Chicago News.

Tigers' Bones.

Consul Denby, of Peking, China, reports that in 1889 from one port, Ichang, there were exported 13,000 pounds of tigers' bones. For use as fertilizers—the only use intelligent people seem to have for dead tigers—these bones might be worth \$150, yet they were entered at a value of \$3,000. They are to be used as a medicine. From them will be made a "tonic," which the Chinese invalid believes will impart to him some of the tiger's strength and fierceness. For the same "medicinal" reasons 9,000 pounds of "old deers' horn" were valued at \$1,700.

Many of us who are filled with disgust at the folly of such absurd beliefs are now keeping up old customs and habits that are almost as absurd and expensive, in the light of modern progress, as this tiger bone tonic.—Rural New Yorker.

The Army and the Church.

The Austrian war minister has issued an order to encourage religious feeling in the army. He finds that Austrian soldiers do not attend divine service according to the regulations. Inasmuch as the encouragement of religious feeling is regarded as of great service to the military, the army must henceforth go to church at least once a month. Likewise, young officers in command at church must conduct themselves in a more reverential spirit than has been observed lately.—Berlin Letter.

Silkworms.

Some genius in Syria, named Mousa Rhouri, has discovered the secret by which the silkworm makes silk. He can make the silk by machinery without the aid of the silkworm. In this way the cost of making silk can be reduced one-half. A manufactory is to be started in Georgia soon by a Syrian colony. To manufacture silk in this way a large tract of land has been secured on which to plant mulberries, and the emigrants expect soon to make their fortunes.—Meehan's Monthly.

A Floating Fire Engine.

The floating fire engine, propelled by steam, which has been lately built for the service of the prefecture of the port, made a short trial trip in the Marmara recently. It steams twelve to thirteen miles an hour.—Livant Herald.

Two Singular Mayors.

A former mayor of Concord, Fla., lately died in Cabarrus poorhouse. The town of Concord has only contributed two white males to the poorhouse, and the other one was also an ex-mayor.—Marion Free Lance.

Ensnor Lignor Care.

To those seeking a rescue from liquors curse or other evil habits brought about by morphine, tobacco etc. The Ensnor Institute at South Omaha offers one of the most reliable and best places to go with the absolute certainty of a permanent cure. Write or visit the institute.

A Sensible Man.

Would use Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs, it is curing more cases coughs, colds, asthma, bronchitis, croup and all throat and lung troubles, than any other remedy. The proprietor has authorized any druggist to give you a sample bottle free to convince you of the merit of this great remedy. Large bottles 50c and \$1.

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Some Foolish People.

allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They say "Oh, it will wear away," but in most cases it wears them away. Could they be induced to try the successful Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 50c and \$1. Trial size free. At all druggists.

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For a number of years, I have been subject to violent attacks of inflammatory rheumatism which generally lasted about two months. On the first of this month I was attacked in the knee and suffered severely for two days, when I procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and it relieved me almost instantly. I therefore most cheerfully recommend it to those who are similarly afflicted everywhere.—R. D. Whitley is a very prominent man in this place and his disease was widely known as he suffered acute severe pain. W. M. Houston & Co., Merchants, Martindale, N. C. 50 cent bottles for sale by F. G. Fricke & Co. Druggists.

For years the editor of the Burlington Junction, (Mo.) Post, has been subject to cramp colic fits of indigestion which prostrated him for several hours and unfitted him for business for two or three days. For the past year he has been using Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy whenever occasion required, and it has invariably given him prompt relief. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by F. G. Fricke & Co., druggists.

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CHRISTIAN.—Corner Locust and Eighth St. Services morning and evening. Elder A. Galaway pastor. Sunday School 10 A. M.

EPISCOPAL.—St. Luke's Church, corner Third and Vine. Rev. H. B. Burgess, pastor. Services: 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 2:30 P. M.

GERMAN METHODIST.—Corner Sixth St and Grand. Rev. H. T. Pastor. Services: 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 10:30 A. M.

PRESBYTERIAN.—Services in new church, corner Sixth and Granite sts. Rev. J. T. Baird, pastor. Services: 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. The Y. R. S. C. F. of this church meets every Sabbath evening at 7:15 in the basement of the church. All are invited to attend these meetings.

FIRST METHODIST.—Sixth St., between Main and Pearl. Rev. L. F. Brit, D. D., pastor. Services: 11 A. M. and 8:30 P. M. Sunday School 9:30 A. M. Prayers meetg. Wednesday evening.

GERMAN PRESBYTERIAN.—Corner Main and North. Rev. W. H. pastor. Services usual hours. Sunday school 9:30 A. M.

SWEDISH PRESBYTERIAN.—Granite, between Fifth and Sixth.

COTAGED BAPTIST.—Mt. Olive, Oak, between Tenth and Eleventh. Rev. A. Rowell, pastor. Services 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

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SOUTH PARK BAPTIST.—Rev. J. M. Wood, pastor. Services: Sunday School, 9:30 A. M.; meeting, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.; prayer meeting, Tuesday night; choir practice, Friday night. All are welcome.

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A Little Girl Experiences a Light House.

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