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TOM TYPO.

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Tom Typo was a printer's lad,
Bound in the good old way;
And when he'd served his seven years,
The deed was to pay.

So when his boss had paid him off,
To put himself to proof,
He swung his bundle, to his stick,
And left his master's roof.

He started in on odds and ends
Pertaining to his trade;
For well he knew that much depends
On first impressions made.

Where duty called him he was found,
Still working in his place;
He stood while setting up a job,
Which really was the case.

He never swerved an inch from rules,
To make his matter fat;
But spaced life's paragraphs, that fools
Might never scoff at that.

In course of time his honest heart
Twined round a nubile dame,
And as the wearer was agreed,
Their fond lips went to press.

He married pretty Emma Grey,
With many hives and bees;
This little joke he used to say:
"He'd like ten thousand bees."

Sweet Emma proved to honest Tom
A true and faithful wife,
And freely was admitted to
The sanctum of his life.

Time's roller passed across life's bed
But never inked Tom's wealth;
His troubles bore a double lead;
Still he composed—himself.

And so he kept his pages clear
And grew to be a type
Of all that manhood holds most dear
When Tom with age was ripe.

At last, when came the final rest,
Without one sigh or moan
He said: "My friends, above my breast
Place no imposing stone."

He made his last impression here,
While yet his heart was warm;
Just in the nick closed his career,
And death locked up his form.

EPIGRAPH.

Here lies a printer—many a tear
In sorrowing eyes shall swell;
For though he handled much brighter
His life was unexcelled.

Copy his virtues, in the land
Which gave to him his birth;
When such editions are worked off,
We lose the salt of earth.

—New York Clipper.

THE PRICE OF LIFE IN SILVER.—
A letter from Sicily to the London
Times contains the following: A
young captain, Filomeno Genova by
name, was quartered with his regi-
ment, the Twenty-second Infantry,
at Messina. In his rambles through
the town he often observed, and was
observed by a young lady at the
window of one of the houses. After
a short time Captain Genova re-
ceived a basket of fruit from the fair
incognita, in return for which he sent
flowers and sweetmeats, and, as a
matter of course, presented himself
to her family, but when matrimony
was spoken of it appeared that the
damsel had no fortune beyond her
face. On this the captain withdrew
his pretensions, on the plea that he
was not rich, and that his pay was
insufficient to justify him in taking
a wife, and so matters went no fur-
ther. Early in the course of last
month the young lady heard that
her lover was about to leave Messina.
"On what day do you start?" she
asked him. He told her, inquir-
ing at the same time why she de-
sired to know. "That I may give
you a keepsake you will never for-
get," she is reported to have replied.
A few mornings before that fixed for
his departure Captain Genova was
walking on the seashore, when he
was suddenly stabbed in the side.
He turned upon his aggressor, and
pursued him till he took refuge in a
modiste's shop, where he was cap-
tured. The captain, covered with
blood, was taken to the hospital,
where, after a few days, he expired,
his poor mother, who was looking
forward to his return, telegraphing
three times a day for news of his
state. The assassin confessed to
having received only 25 lire for his
work of blood.

THERE are some prejudices which,
though destitute apparently of any
reasonable foundation, are too deep-
ly rooted in the human mind to be
easily overcome. Among these is
the prejudice which associates the
weight of an argument or the sound-
ness of an opinion with the moral
character of the writer by whom it
is put forth. Yesterday's dispatches
state that a German house at Leipsic,
which had commenced publishing a
translation of the first volume of
Beecher's "Life of Christ," has
abandoned the enterprise on account
of the Plymouth Church scandal.

"FRED, how is your sweetheart?"
"pretty well, I guess; she says I
needn't call any more."

Those who have tried it say that
kissing is like a sewing machine,
because it seems good.

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