



HAVING noted for many years the lack of lightness and humor which have characterized alike the dictionary and the city directory, we shall endeavor in this ad. to remedy such defect by inserting a few choice Limericks of home manufacture.

IN the days of the birth of our craft,
Ere the age of traditions and graft,
Secure in position,
Without competition,
Those printers just labored and laft.



SHOEFFER, Gutenberg, and that
other,
First typographical brother,
Johann Fast, for their part
Made of printing an art,
For art of wide knowledge the mother.



IN the centuries after their time,
Inspired by a motive sublime,
The art is read apace,
Regardless of race,
Regardless of country and clime.



By this art he been liberty denied,
Oppression and Tyranny chained,
Wrongs hideous righted,
Liberating the he deluded,
Menopoly curbed and restrained.

As the stand of our craftsmen was
then,
At the birth of the art, and again
Through age after age,
Let us letter the page:
"The Printer - a Man among Men."



No fawcet nor heckspittle he,
He likes not the crook of the
knee,
He will hold his head high,
Look a man in the eye,
Be courteous, kindly and free.



GIVE him his desserts - treat him
nice,
Don't haggle or grudge him his
price;
He seeks but a living,
He asks no alms-giving;
Be guided, and take this advice.



THOUGH he seeks not exorbitant
wealth,
Yet he works not alone "for his
health";
'Tis his mission to aid
In extend'g your trade,
And he works not in secret or stealth.

WE feel that we owe the reader an apology, inasmuch as after offering him lightness and humor, upon "taking our stick in hand" for the purpose of composition, the Limerick Muse has led us into this preachment, a result entirely unforeseen. If the thought is considered scrappy or the verse uneven, bear in mind that, following the illustrious example of B. Franklin and H. Greely, these verses were extemporized "at the case." Courteously yours,

THE CARRUTH & CARRUTH CO.

