

read lines and pages of matter. The result was proper punctuation and faultless spelling. Then it was quality always, over and against increasing quantity and too frequent inferiority, in this era of haste regardless of finished results. The typographic errors, which are allowed to pass to-day, in some of the so-called better books and magazines, would put to blush even the shades of Gutenberg or Franklin.

Standard monthlies, such as *The Century*, *Harper's*, *Atlantic*, *Popular Science*, *Peterson's*, *Godey's Lady's Book*, and other magazines of the nineteenth century, were most carefully printed; and afterward many were bound into volumes. As the years have gone by, the older folks still treasure them for their meritorious literary value. Some monthlies are kept for their steel plates, fashion pages, or hand-carved wood engravings. The latter became a fine art preceding the twentieth century method of illustrating by half-tone cuts. To-day these are universally used by printers, directly from photographic reproductions, on plates, through screens.

Truly this is a marvelous age of pictures and picture reading. Bright colors are lending all their charming beauty to the drab affairs of everyday existence. Books and magazines, to be read, must attract the sense of sight, to attain extensive circulation in these latter days of speed and accomplishment.

NOTE—Some of the first names omitted on the original printed sheets are herewith appended:

The "All Around" Magazine Club. Miss Susan C. Frazer, Miss Emily Carpenter, Miss Susan W. Bursk, Miss Mary Palmer, Miss E. Louise Downey.

The New Century Book Club. Mr. Fred Pyfer, Miss Mary Palmer, Miss Annie C. Carter, Mrs. F. G. Duff, Miss Mary B. Harrah, Mrs. S. P. C. Baumgardner, Mrs. Emma B. Todd.

The West End Revolver. Mrs. Lillian Baumgardner, Miss Alice Nevin, Miss Kate Hager, Mrs. Jos. H. Dubbs, Mrs. John C. Bowman, Mrs. E. V. Gerhard, Miss Emma Powers, Dr. J. S. Stahr, and Miss Charlotte W. Appel.

Ingenious Inventions of Martin Shreiner

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

THE Lancaster Journal of Friday, October 15th, 1830, contained an announcement that the friends of home manufactures were invited to be present at Penn Square in Lancaster on the afternoon of Saturday, October 16th, to witness the trial of "a new and elegant engine," of the first class, constructed by Martin Shreiner, Sr., for the Sun Fire Company.

Two years later, the Lancaster Journal of Friday, August

10th, 1832, extended an invitation to ladies and gentlemen of Lancaster and vicinity, who had a taste for science and art, to visit Mr. King's hotel, in South Queen street, and inspect the most perfect and beautiful astronomical instrument ever seen "on this side of the Atlantic."

The instrument was constructed by Martin Shreiner, under the direction of R. Dennis. It was technically called a Tellurian and Lunarian, and showed the motions of the sun, moon, earth, Mercury and Venus, with great precision. By turning a small crank, the eclipses could be determined for any future period.

Andrew Jackson Invited to Visit Lancaster

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

A MEETING of friends of Andrew Jackson in the city and county of Lancaster met in the court house in Lancaster on Wednesday, April 17th, 1833. Hon. John Lightner was appointed president; James Jackson, of Colerain, Moore Connell, of Leacock, James Humes, of Lancaster township, and John Mathiot, mayor of the city, vice-presidents; and George Louis Mayer and Christian Bachman, of this city, secretaries.

The object of the meeting was explained by William Norris. He offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

"In pursuance of the call published in our newspapers by friends of General Jackson, of the city and county of Lancaster, we assemble for the purpose of appointing a committee to be charged with the pleasing duty of inviting the President of the United States to visit us whenever his high duties and his leisure will permit, during the present year. The people of Pennsylvania desire to see Andrew Jackson. They have three times supported him, and twice elected him for their President; and in his last term, when his delicacy and purity of sentiment, which every patriot must approve of and admire, no longer forbid his mingling with us, let us hope that the man now living, who is 'first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen,' will come to see us, and partake of the hospitalities of Lancaster. Therefore,

"Resolved, That a committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to address a letter to Andrew Jackson, President of the United States, inviting him to visit Lancaster; and that the same committee be charged with the duty of making arrangements for the reception of the President."

The following persons were appointed:

Christian Bachman, John Bartruff, G. W. Barton, Dr. Peter Bier, Paul Black, George Blattenberger.