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Graphic artists have long supported the Macintosh as the preferred system for illustration, image processing, design and layout. And not without reason. But on May 22, 1990, Microsoft

began shipping Windows 3.0 and opset the apple cart.

Now users of IBM and compatible 80386 computer systems can enjoy a true graphical interface and performance comparable to a Mac IIci for about half the price. These savings result from fierce competition in a market that is ten times larger than the Mac market and growing at a faster rate. This growth attracts more hardware manufacturers who create less expensive hardware and inspires software developers to create increasingly sophisticated applications. That's where we come in.



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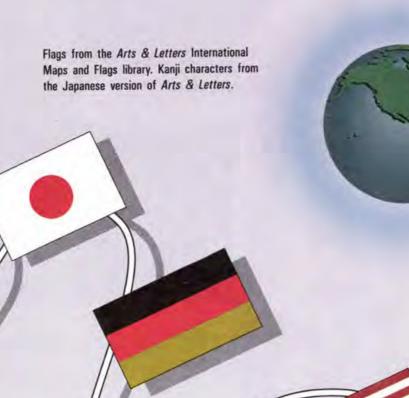
Other important features include automatic shape transformation (a circle to a square), autotrace and fit text to a path. Type can be converted to freeform objects that can be reshaped into logos. For special effects, type may be used to cut holes in objects or as a clipping mask (cookie cutter).



The Arts & Letters Graphics Editor was the first PC-based illustration product to support banner-size PostScript, enabling

users to create and print images up to six feet long on Linotronic laser imagesetters. Featured in Linotype's booth at DRUPA, Arts & Letters was first to support 24-bit color images of up to 16.8 million colors. On the horizon, the Canon CLC-500, the world's first complete color reproduction system . . . but more about that later.

This advertisement was created and automatically separated using Arts & Letters, which retails for \$695. The Japanese kite was drawn using the Arts & Letters Graphics Editor. The entire spread was processed by Pacesetters on a Linotronic 530 and output as a single piece of film.









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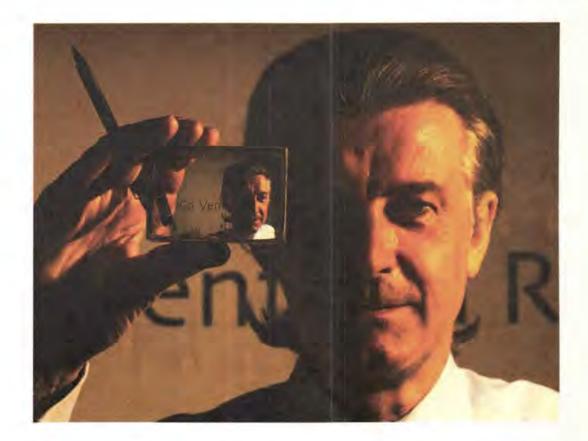
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to Bitstream's growing library of 1,000 faces.

Matthew's career started over 30 years ago, cutting punches for hot metal type. He and a number of Bitstream's senior designers previously worked at Linotype, where they contributed to the building of its type library (you know, the one Adobe sells). When the time came to build the Bitstream* Typeface Library, they discovered what is ultimately true of all things—you do a better job the second time around.

Matthew won the Frederic W. Goudy Award in 1986 for his contributions to the printing industry. And as Bitstream's most important face, he continues to make a mark in the ever-evolving world of type.

Matthew's not for sale, but some faces just need to be seen to be appreciated.



Letter from the President

Type 90 is very important for those of us interested in type.

This conference comes at a moment of critical change. More people are using type, some in new and unconventional ways. For the first time large numbers of people have access to technology that enables them to excel or to make typographic mistakes. This is because technological change has made type very available.

This technology is new, and innovation over the last three to five years has accelerated with unprecedented speed.

For the time being this change has led to confusion. It is not always clear how to get the best results using an available combination of hardware and software. Even people who use type a lot are sometimes unclear about how to get the results they really want.

Ultimately, when there is a critical mass of new type technology being used, the products that survive will be those which truly meet the needs of those who need to use them.

This means a little more confusion for a while and more systems integration. It means the availability of type at differing quality levels for different uses, but as building blocks, making the use of type a truly seamless and interactive process. In addition, we can expect systems to incorporate the flexibility to get a really professional job done. After all, not everybody can do something to the level that he or she aspires to have it done.

Quality will be demanded. Systems will be able to provide it. An issue is whether there will be the incentive for manufacturers to innovate and to produce quality new typefaces and software, and just as importantly for designers to design it.

As digital information and software become an increasingly substantial component of more type products and services, the need to remove the unpredictability of copyright and patent laws becomes a major issue in many countries, and especially in the USA. Those who design and trade in intellectual property need protection to provide the necessary incentive to innovate to the highest possible standards of excellence, and to fully commit to the integration that people who use type need.

This protection is not an impediment to the availability of type or enabling features. We are now approaching not only an integrated world, but also a device independent one, where free competition abounds, and where a very large selection of products is offered.

The problem with type is that the medium on which type is delivered is inexpensive to produce, and if intellectual property is not paid for, but appropriated, the product can be sold at a very low price.

The medium itself does nothing, and has no value. It is only the carrier. The intellectual property contained on this medium is what has value. If this is not protected, and in many countries it is not, then type becomes a commodity because investment in innovative and quality design cannot be justified, and designers cannot be paid.

Type 90 is a wonderful environment to consider these and other issues from both an historic and a future perspective. It is an opportunity to understand how others involved with type are thinking, and to have a voice and to make a difference.

We at ITC support the idea of Type 90.

Mark J. Batty President and CEO International Typeface Corporation

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The ancestor of our present letter 'L' was instrumental in unlocking the secrets of ancient Egyptian culture. The sound of the letter 'L' as we say it now was one of those represented in the names "Ptolemy" and "Kleopatra" on the Rosetta stone.

When the stone was discovered in 1799 it sparked considerable interest among scholars and the general public. It was believed that this four-foot slab of black basalt, because it apparently had identical messages carved in Egyptian hieroglyphics, Egyptian demotic writing and Greek script, could help unlock the mysteries of the ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics.

There are several oval enclosed inscriptions on the stone which were correctly identified by scholars of writing to refer to the specific rulers. It was also correctly deduced that the most commonly named ruler was Ptolemy, and the second, Kleopatra. The repetition of letters in the two rulers' names (PTOLE) was instrumental in deciphering the challenging hieroglyphics.

The Egyptian equivalent of our 'L' was first represented by the image of a lion. Over centuries this evolved into a much simpler hieratic character which could, with a long stretch of imagination, be seen as the basis of the letter we know today.

When the Phoenicians developed their alphabet around 1000 BC, the "el" sound was depicted by an even more simplified version of the hieratic symbol. Actually, it was represented by a number of simpler versions: some rounded and some more angular. From this point on, the "simple" L becomes a rather complicated character. It takes on a variety of forms (sometimes simultaneously) in just about every alphabet in which it is represented. The Greeks alone had four versions.

ITC Avant Garde Gothic®

Goudy Old Style

ITC Tiffany

ITC Tiepolo®

The 'L' is a narrow letter, and virtually an 'E' with the upper strokes removed. The horizontal stroke is approximately half the cap height, but in some designs it can be less. In most serif types the end of the horizontal stroke is terminated in a serif design which echoes the others in the face. In some serif faces, however, such as Goudy Old Style and Poliphilus, it ends in what looks like a tapered brush stroke.

Allan Haley





Egyptian Hieratic

Phoenecian Lamedh

Various Greek Lambdas

The Phoenicians called the letter Lamedh, which meant a goad or a lash. By imagining these objects a whip or lash can be seen in the basic shape of the Phoenician letter, which is made up of two strokes: one probably represented the handle of the whip; the other, the thong.

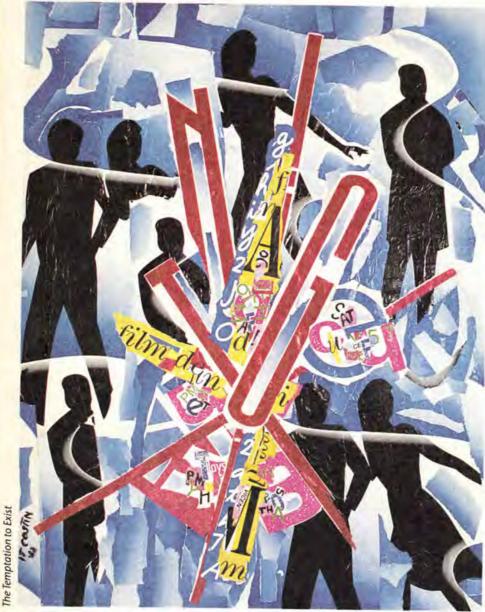
The Greeks, as they did with so many other letters, borrowed the basic shape of the Phoenician letter, but made some slight modifications to its design and name. They established the angular quality of the letter, and changed its name to Lambda.

The Romans adopted one of the Greek versions of the 'L', but initially not the one we are used to today. The first Roman 'L' looked more like an arrow pointing "southwest," rather than the right angle we currently use. Over time, the letter evolved into the horizontal and vertical stroked character used on the monumental Trajan's Columnand the one we use today.





marks worked by natural forces. It all adds to the color and texture of the printed piece.





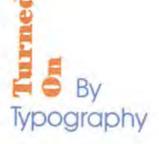


ypographical Landscape

Sometimes he gets even more than he hoped for. When his filched material is three or four layers thick, he then lovingly soaks it in warm water, teases the sheets apart and finds some unexpected pleasures.

Ninety-nine percent of his working materials are found objects. Actually they are the work of graphic designers, typographers, printers, people and nature. Costin assembles his fragments, studies them, arranges them, mounts them on illustration board (the larger ones on canvas), adds a bit of paint here, tears away a swatch there, shifts, tacks on, removes eleents, constantly acting and reacting to what he sees before him, until something goes zing deep inside him and he feels it's right.

Costin is quick to dissuade anyone from looking for a message in his work. They are just arrangements of shapes, colors and textures, especially of typographic forms. He searches primarily for wonderful bits and pieces of typography in his hunting expeditions.



The first dollar Joe Costin ever earned came from a type shop, and typography has been his livelihood ever since. He knows the business from Linotype to electronic typesetting he's done it all. And everything he's learned about esthetics, about form and line and color and texture, has come from looking at and handling type. Letterforms are for Joe Costin what apples were for Cezanne, and dancers

To hear him speak so knowledgeably about painters and painting, and esthetics in general,

you would think he has had extensive formal training. But Joe Costin, with not a trace of arrogance, confesses that he is completely self-educated. No college...no art school... no private instruction. What he had going for him was a mother who, early in his life, aroused his appetite for beautiful things. So much so, he often sneaked off to museums alone, careful not to let his buddies know his whereabouts, and of the secret pleasures he took in looking at paintings and sculpture and all the wondrous things in glass cases.

Along with his genetic predisposition to visual and aural pleasures, he has an insatiable curiosity and a willingness to examine the unknown. Costin explores new materials and plunges into, what are for him, new forms. He recently started working in acrylics, and his modest goal is to become "a good painter."

We feel quite certain Joe Costin will never be intimidated by a blank canvas. There will always be a letterform to get him going. M.M.



Becoming Is B

Joe Costin exhibits at the Katonah Gallery, Katonah, New York.

Gan

The question is not so easily answered. From different perspectives the response can be a resounding yes or a qualified no. Electronic type-setting and type designed for a computer and on a computer have made some type lovers anxious. Yet other fastidious and committed type users have found working with type in this electronic age a compelling challenge.

U&lc approached creative specialists in various fields and posed the question: Can fine typography exist in the '90s? Here are their replies.

Hugh Dubberly Chairman, Computer Graphics Department, Art Center, Pasadena; Creative Director, Computer Graphics, Apple Computer, Cupertino.

Fine typography is alive and well in the '90s. In fact, fine typography is healthier than ever before. That's because more high quality type is available to more people than ever before. What we've seen is the democratization of type. Office workers around the world are familiar with the names Bodoni and Garamond. Who would ever have dreamed of such a thing?

Computers have dramatically reduced the cost of developing a new typeface.

Lower development costs have led to more type and inevitably to more good type.

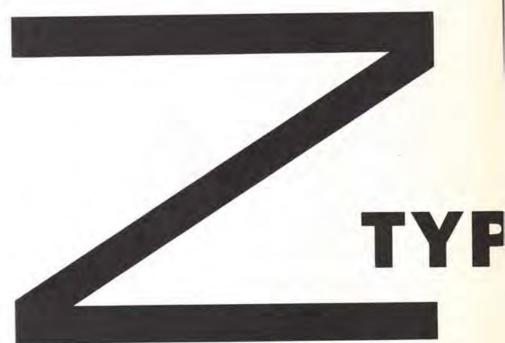
Now anyone with a personal computer has an opportunity to design a typeface.

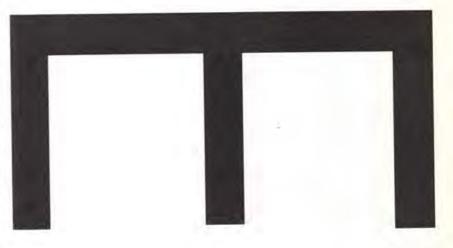
This new democracy of type, the easy access, and a wide range of possibilities have created a tremendous vitality in typography.

Still, fine typography depends on more than well-drawn type. Fine typography is related to what happens when you put type down on a page. For designers the crucial question is how to effectively and appropriately use this type—how to structure and organize a message. For people new to design who do not have any experience using type, the study of typography is essential. I believe that typography should be taught in schools, even in high schools. Learning to use type is as important as learning to write. It is part of being literate.

While computers have changed the way we use type, they are far from perfect. The computer industry is continuing to improve software, and it can be much better. We need to bring more designers into the process. But "layout" programs are just a beginning. Imagine more intelligent programs devised by designers and typographers—smart programs that offer suggestions. Imagine a smart program for office use that takes raw text and offers various design options, suggests type-faces, sizes, positions—structures based on an understanding of the content of the text. Such programs would give designers new tools and roles creating systems for software and corporate identity.

We must also look beyond paper. More and more we will look at type on monitors as finished design—not just a step on the way to printing. We will receive more information directly on screen. This is an enormous new market for designers and typographers. We cannot ignore the computer itself as an exciting and dynamic medium for fine typography. The future for type is brighter than ever.





Aaron Burns Chairman, International Typeface Corporation, New York City.

Fine typography already exists in the '90s. The technology has made it possible. We may not, however, recognize it.

The problem that exists today is not the ability to produce fine typography, but the ability to recognize it when it is seen. To know what it should look like, what to try to achieve.

Bad spacing is bad spacing in any era. If the tastefulness required to produce fine typography is not there, then fine typography will not be possible under any conditions using any technology.

Fine typography is an attitude; one must care. One must know what it is possible to achieve before accepting or rejecting any typography, fine or poor.

What I think is missing today is an appreciation of fine taste. Once people know how to appreciate excellence, they will not accept mediocrity. So it has been for centuries, and so it will always be... for those who care.

Gunter Gerhard Lange Art Director, H. Berthold AG, Munich.

The future of the art of typesetting has not arrived yet. The larger the number of non-professionals in this business, the farther the distance between these new users and the highly qualified professional typesetter. The master typesetter will survive in any event. Although the number of type specialists is shrinking, those who do excellent typesetting will get decidedly better in the quality of the execution of their work.

DGRAPHY EXIST

Zuzana Licko Type Designer, Emigre Graphics, Berkeley.

Over the years, the form of the written word has become progressively less tangible as it has evolved from handwriting to letterpress to phototypesetting to today's ephemeral transmittal over phone lines to computer terminals. These technical advances originally were intended to promote literacy and knowledge for everyone by increasing the speed and volume of publishing while decreasing its cost. Today's amassment of information offers more than could ever be read and understood in one lifetime. It gets harder, not easier, to extract essential knowledge. The problem is no longer one of making information available, but of facilitating understanding. That is exactly the role of today's typography: maximizing comprehension.

The personal computer has democratized every aspect of publishing from writing to layout to type design. Technology no longer restrains the realization of ideas, and this has radically altered the professions of typesetters, printers and type manufacturers. Because the computer is still an unfamiliar medium, designers must reconsider many basic aspects of design that have been forgotten since the days of letterpress. The computer has integrated design and production, and the computer has reintroduced craft as a source of inspiration. Many alterna-

tives can be quickly and economically reviewed, enabling the artist to spend more time evaluating the options, a task which requires intelligent discrimination and a thorough understanding of fundamentals.

Fine typographers have spent lifetimes developing ultimately legible type designs. They have trained themselves to perceive the finest details and have systematically defined guidelines for perfectly neutral typography. Neutrality is achieved when something is so common that it disappears from normal cognition.

Therefore, neutrality is subjective and based on the viewer's degree of experience. So, when we say "design a neutral typeface," we really mean, "define a typeface that is so familiar in form that nothing about it will be noticeably new."

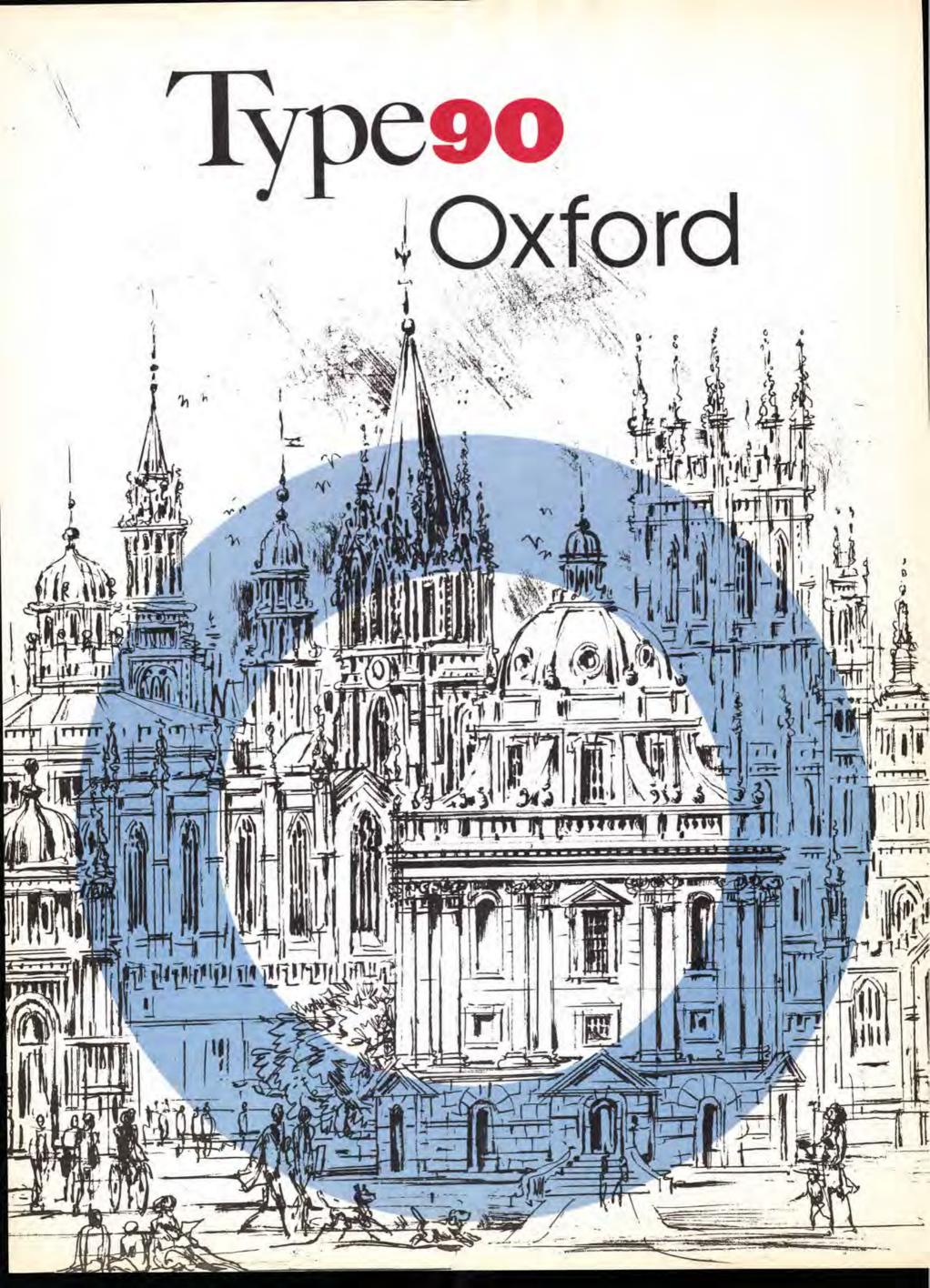
Legibility is neutrality. The most popular typefaces are the easiest to read; the popularity has made them disappear from conscious cognition. After a while, it is impossible to tell if they are easy to read because they are commonly used, or if they are commonly used because they are easy to read. But legibility studies are really an after-the-fact process. For example, they can show that Baskerville is significantly more legible than ITC Souvenir, and that Baskerville is marginally more legible than Times Roman. But the studies cannot prove that Baskerville or any other typeface is THE ultimately legible typeface, since this can't be tested in relation to faces that have not yet been designed or implemented.

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People learn to read best what they read most, and most of what they read currently is of substandard quality both in terms of contents and typography. It is mass consumable literature, such as newspapers, MTV and junk mail, that infiltrates our lives and eventually becomes the invisible, neutral standard. This is the level at which perception evolves day by day. If designers want to control the direction of this evolution, they need to infiltrate its makings, instead of retreating into yesterday's elitist typography.

This is an exciting time for typography with a truly unique opportunity to create new visual languages. The adaptation of our alphabet to today's digital technology is reevaluating the traditions in which letterforms are still deeply rooted. Today's access to type design and manufacture has created an opportunity for a new breed of designer free of traditional preconceptions.

Editor's Note: U&lc welcomes your comments on fine typography in the '90s. Send your remarks to The Editor, U&lc, 2 Hammarskjold Plaza, New York, NY 10017.





For one unique weekend words such as serif, x-height, kerning, readability, PostScript, Ikarus MTM and TrueTypeTM echo in the streets and colleges of Oxford, England. Type90, held from August 31 to September 3, 1990, provides what is for many of the more than 600 type designers, graphic artists and typographers ("typomaniacs," to quote German designer Erik Spiekermann) from around the world, a rare opportunity to gather with others who share their passion for type.

This program of workshops, lectures and "town meetings" is covering such diverse subjects as type design, typography for print and video, stonecutting, non-Latin letterforms and chocolate alphabets. Hands-on workshops and "playrooms" offer conferees the chance to experiment with the latest computer design tools and technology.





Stanley Morison portrayed by Kenneth Griffith

Stanley

Stanley Morison came back to life to be the opening speaker at Type90. Morison, arguably the most influential figure in 20th century typography, died in 1967 but was in Oxford, courtesy of actor Kenneth Griffith, for "Roman Stanley Revived!," a revue at the opening reception of Type90.

Portrayed in typical crusty and autocratic mood, Morison gave a condensed history of his life, illustrated with pictures from the

class

Typographic design issues were discussed by top designers, Adrian Frutiger, Matthew Carter, Gerard Unger and Sumner Stone at a Type90 Master class. More than 100 people filled the Catholic Chaplaincy building to hear these experts' views on copyright, distortions of typefaces and design apprenticeship.

Responding to a question from Paul Luna of Oxford University Press about the distortion of type, Unger and Frutiger both found it irritating. Unger said, "I think it's a phenomenon we are stuck with. It will never go away and we will only see more and more of it. I have seriously thought about distorting a new design which I am working on much further than anyone else could ever do so that it would then be foolproof."



Matthew Carter, Adrian Frutiger, Gerard Unger, Sumner Stone and Erik Spickermann

But Frutiger felt that "A small percentage of manipulation can give interesting results."

"The reason that distortion is possible is because of the technology we now have," added Stone.

Carter commented, "What makes distorted type unsatisfactory is that the whole letterform is either expanded or contracted by the same amount." Carter explainedwhen type is condensed electronically, not only are the horizontal parts of the letter contracted, so to are the vertical stems, resulting in thinner vertical parts. Conversely, expanded type results in extra thick stems. Type is sometimes so highly condensed or expanded that it bears little relation to the original design. Nevertheless, he added, "We're just very grateful they use our typefaces at all."

On training and apprenticeship in design, Unger said he had heard the notion that type design was one of the most secretive professions because designers are afraid to teach their work to others for fear of being copied. But he said he had never experienced this in his own training and had been greatly helped by a number of designers. "When I started, I asked everyone I could ask, questions about how typefaces should be properly designed and fitted, and nobody was ever hesitant about telling me."





past. Through his life, beliefs and career, the conferees were taken back into the history of typography before going on to discuss the designs and methods of the future.

Gerard

Unge

Gerard Unger, graphic designer and teacher is excited by the changes taking place in the world of typography and design. Unger, from the Netherlands, said,

- "Suddenly type has escaped and anyone with a personal computer or a Macintosh who has a type design program is in business. You can call the Macintosh a democratizing instrument because it has led type to escape from its former rigid methods of manufacture and distribution.
- "I think we will see a lot of experimentation of type design. I think the readers of the coming decade will be faced with other unconventional typefaces and the limits of legibility and readability will be really stretched. I like that a lot.
- "Type design and typography has not seen such an experimental situation for a long time. The last time we had such experimentation was in the first quarter of the century with Futurism, Dadaism and



Gerard Unger

Constructivism. All these *isms* had their own art forms and their own typography."

Unger said the most important thing he gained from Type90 was the exchange of ideas and understanding of issues. "At conferences like this you always see and hear things you have never seen or heard of before. I will go home loaded with new impressions and many new ideas."



Conferees at Master class

Adrian

Frutiger

Adrian Frutiger comes to Type90 unmoved by the desktop revolution. Mr. Frutiger, who designed the Univers™ series of typefaces and many others now used widely in newspapers and magazines, says the developments in technology will not affect the way he works.

- "I am not interested in the new techniques because I know from experience that the definition of new techniques will become finer and finer, and in a couple of years, there will be no difference between the definition in desktop publishing and high quality composing machines.
- "I hope that we will have a difference between the quality for ten or twenty years or more but things are changing so fast." Mr. Frutiger, who lives in Interlaken, Switzerland, said, "What the reader looks

for is not new typefaces. He looks for his old typeface.

"I admire the old typefaces and the masters like Baskerville, Bodoni and Caslon. Nothing better has been done for 300 years." Frutiger said he enjoyed the exchange of ideas which takes place at Type90. "I think Type90 is important because it puts you in contact with the young generation and the new technology but also with the traditional way to do things."



Type90 registration

Dreyfus

John



John Dreyfus

"What people are going to want is an image from their fax machines which is much better than what they have been getting from their typewriters. The standard of faxes

London-based typographical histo-

rian and consultant John Dreyfus

forecasts that one of the biggest

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A concern noted by Dreyfus is the danger of the new technology in that young type designers could learn their trade without ever having to physically handle hard type. "I think the knowledge of type you got from handling printers' type was very valuable and is a thing that you can learn. With the new system people do not learn this. The danger is that they become insensitive to size because you are not actually handling the type."



James Alexander, Mandy Farley, Steve Gooderham, Bertram Schmidt-Friderichs, Arnold Enfeldt, Günter Zorn, Erik Spiekermann and Wolfgang Dutschke

Jelle

Dutch type designer, Jelle Bosma, hopes that developments in technology will improve the quality of the modifications made on classical design. Bosma, an admirer of the work of Schneidler, Goudy and Jan Van Krimpen, believes the standard of current classical designs can improve in the next few decades.

He said, "All sorts of people can now make their typefaces and produce them which will make the whole of typeface production a

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fashionable affair. There will always be a demand for certain classical typefaces. One thing I hope is that the new technology will improve things because most of them are now copies of copies of copies of things that were done hundreds of years ago. People can now modify versions and shape their own."

Erik

Erik Spiekermann of MetaDesign in Berlin talks about the theoretical issues raised at Type90 by emphasizing the historical development of the use of type.

Spiekermann says, "We're back in pre-Gutenberg times, because Gutenberg's invention was also the invention of divided labor. There was a pressman. There was a type-setter. There was a type founder. There were all different jobs that eventually over the years became even more separate."

Spiekermann commented that this division of labor eventually became further subdivided. "This division of labor," he explains, "is what art directors bought. They didn't buy type. What they bought were pages, galleys and columns.

Spiekermar



Erik Spickermann

"The art directors would decide what typeface they wanted, what size. They didn't work it out. The typesetter did. So graphic designers weren't close to type at all.

"My definition of the difference between typographic design and graphic design is a question of attitude." Spiekermann comments that the era in which we use type now is again as significant as that of the invention of the printing press with everyone who has access to designing with type on a computer. As a result, Spiekermann states, we are in a seminal period of transition.

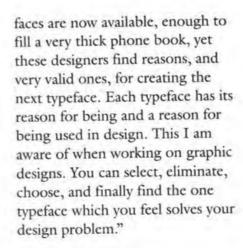
An American graphic designer and type designer working and teaching in Germany, Mark Jamra comments that Type90 is part of a continuing education on type and its ramifications, an exploration of the creative process.

Jamra

Jamra describes this creativity as "confronting myself and discovering parameters through the work." Jamra has created two typefaces (including ITC Jamille™) and is at work on a third.

The essence of Type90, he feels, is more creative confrontation through the conference. Jamra comments that attending a master class in type design, going to workshops and generally becoming involved in the issues and ideas discussed at Type90 makes this a special event.

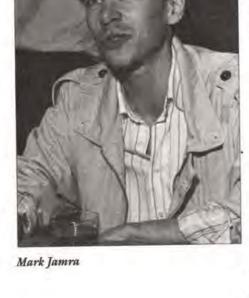
"Type designers," Jamra states, "often comment on how many







Maxim Zhukov



Boge

Lettering artist Garrett Boge came to Type90 believing that the desktop revolution had opened a Pandora's Box of new techniques which will stimulate the development of both new classical and deconstructivist designs. Boge, who works from Gig Harbor, Washington, and has been involved with lettering arts for 20 years, said, "I come from a tradition of letterpress printing and commercial design work.



Robert Norton and Aaron Burns

"These worlds have been ignited by the desktop revolution. It is anybody's guess what will happen now. I feel that designs will modulate between order and classical standards to deconstructivism."

Boge said he was encouraged by the new ideas and methods that were emerging in design. "There is a lot of experimentation being done with type and I think there is going to be more and more.

"I am here to get a sense of where the wind is blowing and also to get an impetus to my own work over the next couple of years."



Conferee at registration



What is the significance of Type90?



Cynthia Hollandsworth AGFA Compugraphic, Wilmington, U.S.A.

"The most significant aspect of Type 90 is the exposure to other people in the international type business who I would not usually meet. At a meeting like this there are many interesting and knowledgeable people from every country who have terrific insights about type and typography. We have developed a number of exciting type projects as a result of these conferences."



Colin Brignall Letraset, London, U.K.

"For me, Type 90 presents an opportunity to 'catch-up' on all of the very latest information in the progressively more complex world of typography. Imparting their considered views on all aspects of the subject from design, manufacture and marketing will be the world's leading experts. Simply, if you are in type then you must be involved in Type 90."

Ed Benguiat Photo-Lettering Inc., New York, U.S.A.

"Type90 is a wonderful thing, especially for a person like myself whose vocation and avocation are one and the same–designing type.

In Oxford at Type90, meeting people who like the same thing I like and who



I can talk about the things I want to hear and talk about makes it one of the most exciting and pleasurable experiences I can expect to have."



Adrian Frutiger, Arcueil, France

"Today, with the popularity of desktop publishing, and with all the non-professional graphic designers who tinker with technology, it is crucial that people meet and talk at a forum like Type 90. More than ever, we need a dialogue. There is a new urgency,"

Allan Haley International Typeface Corporation, New York, U.S.A.



"Type 90 has its priorities correctly aligned. Other events are, many times, nothing more than attempts to make money under the guise of education. Type 90's goal has consistently been to provide timely, valuable, and thought-provoking information to the typographic community.

This is especially important at a time when our industry is in such a state of flux and turmoil. Type90 is the right thing at the right time. It will make a difference."

Günter Zorn Linotype AG, Frankfurt, Germany

"It usually happens only once a year, at ATypI, that typographers from all over the world have the opportunity to meet in one place to share their views on typography and the typographical trends in our industry.

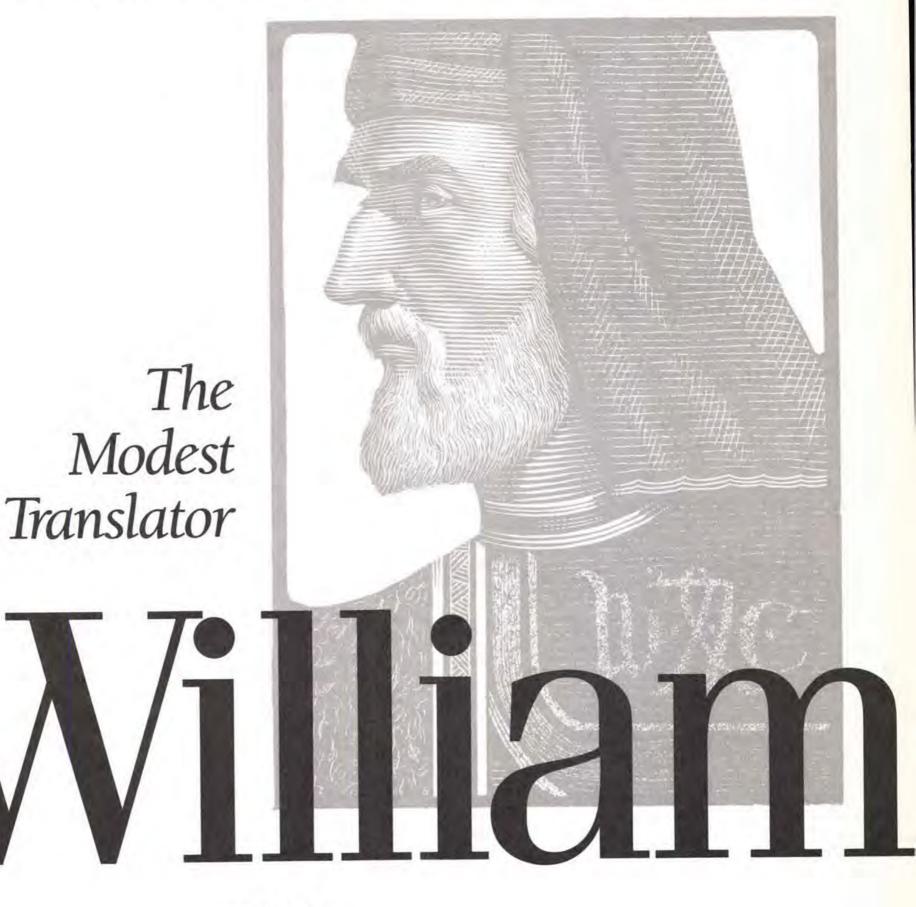
Type 90 following the ATypI conference in Oxford makes it special this year. For a few days, Oxford becomes the Olympus of typography and the meeting will spark impulses for our work for the years to come."



Colin Banks Banks and Miles, London, U.K.

"Type 1987 in New York showed that the horizon facing type and typography was wider than ever before. Standing facing it, it was easy to hear footsteps from the past, more difficult to hear those in front of us and the voices of tomorrow. But they are there all right; the problem is they are rather faint and separated by a lot of space.

Given the right atmosphere and the right structure, and at Type90 in Oxford I think we have both, something will happen."



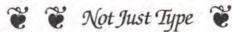
by Allan Haley

Typographic history is peppered with egos. No one would ever describe Johann Gutenberg, Aldus Manutius, Giambattista Bodoni or Stanley Morison, as "shrinking violets." These were passionate men who through their strength of will and remarkable talent had an extraordinary influence on the shaping of our typographic standards and tradition.

As with all things typographic there are exceptions: England's first printer, and certainly one of its most important, was a simple and exceptionally unegotistical person. For much of his life William Caxton was a merchant. For all of his life he suffered from a worldclass inferiority complex. To further separate Caxton from the norm, he was not a talented type designer nor even a particularly skilled typographer. And yet, this

unassuming but well-meaning merchant paved the way for England's renaissance.

Textbooks give Caxton credit for printing the first books in England; and he would deserve recognition even if this was his only contribution to history. But, William Caxton did more-much more.







Not only did he print the first book in English and introduce the art of printing to England, Caxton also did as much as anyone has ever done to establish the English language as a vehicle for literary expression. At a critical period, when English literature was at a low point and the spoken language of England was



Printer's mark, or imprint, used by William Caxton. (The Hulton Picture Company) a hodgepodge of regional dialects, Caxton, by introducing the printing press to his homeland and determining that the press should produce only works in the English language, performed a service of inestimable value to the literature of English-speaking people. And all of this was accomplished after Caxton was well into his fifties.

William Caxton returned to London in the late autumn of 1476 after spending over 35 years representing British commercial interests on the European continent. He began his career as a merchant, but by the time he was ready to retire he had become a diplomat entrusted with the management of treaties affecting the prosperity of England's commerce. After such a long and successful career, most people would be ready to retire. Caxton certainly was.

But then something happened; something that compelled Caxton to pursue what was to become a consuming passion that not only gave him a new career, but added a new meaning to his life.

♦ Beginnings of ♦ ♦ The Second Career

Late in his tenure as a trade diplomat, Caxton had begun translating a piece of European literature into English—mostly, as Caxton said, to forestall idleness. He had done a good job negotiating treaties, improving trade relations and generally creating a smooth-running European business machine for the British government.

conversation with his new boss, Caxton happened to mention his unfinished translation. The Duchess immediately demanded to see his work since she was also a patron of the arts. The opportunity to see the literature of Europe translated into English, her native language, intrigued and excited the Duchess.

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After seeing his initial work she didn't hesitate to ask that Caxton take up the project again, and though reluctant to do so, he was more reluctant to incur the Duchess' displeasure. Caxton, despite his earlier accomplishments, still saw himself as a simple merchant and was uncomfortable with his first efforts as a translator. But the Duchess of Burgundy was exceptionally persuasive. Though unable to cure Caxton's inferiority complex, she did enable him to cope with it—or at least continue his work in spite of it.

Thus Caxton, who loved literature and who had been for a long time deeply disturbed by the lack of refinement and standards of his own language, was forced to take on a mission for which he was qualified, and committed to—but until then lacked the self-confidence to undertake. Caxton probably felt that his work was more akin to a penance than a mission. He wished to please his sophisticated patron but suffered under the belief that he was neither a good translator nor a good linguist. It was only relentless determination that enabled him to succeed.

Caxton

Toward the end of his career (because of earlier successes) Caxton simply had little to do.

So, in the spring of 1469, Caxton, "having no great charge of occupation... to eschew sloth and idleness which is mother and nourisher of vices and to put myself into virtuous occupation and business..." began to make an English translation of a popular European tale. After 40 or 50 pages were written, however, Caxton's self-imposed task began to lose its novelty. After 60 pages he put the work aside. He found that his new hobby wasn't fun and was, in fact, downright difficult.

Some time after this attempt at translating, Caxton retired from business and entered the service of the Duchess of Burgundy as an advisor. One day, while in



Caxton's translations were, in fact, only a painful means to a much more satisfying end. He persevered with them only because ultimately he wanted to print books. Duplicating copies of his work through the new technology of printing became Caxton's goal; the translations were only the means to that end. Various reasons have been advanced by historians for Caxton opening a printing business. Some feel that he foresaw the revolutionary possibilities of this new technology. Others contend that he desperately wanted to see books produced in the English language. Others believe that as a merchant, he saw the tremendous commercial possibilities of acquiring a virtual monop-



The Book of Chess, printed in 1480, was the first English language book to use woodcuts extensively. (The Hulton Picture Company)

oly for printing books in his homeland. The truth probably is that his motives were a combination of all these things.

Caxton's deeply felt appreciation of the good use of language is clear from his many references to his own efforts to improve his personal vocabulary; born, as he acknowledges in his first publication, in a part of England where, "I doubte not is spoken as broad and rude English as in any place in England," and living for most of his professional life in linguistically sophisticated countries, Caxton was naturally self-conscious about the lack of development of his mother tongue.

Although he writes, "I confess me not learned nor knowing the arte of rethoryke, ne of suche gaye termes as how be sayed in these dayes and used," and throughout his work he continually makes references to his feelings of inadequacy and lack of sophistication when it comes to language, Caxton persevered for the rest of his life producing translation after translation to be printed at his press.



Born about 1422 in Kent, England, Caxton began his professional career after serving as an apprentice to one of the wealthiest and most successful London merchants of that time. His father was apparently a well-to-do tenant farmer who also engaged in the cloth trade. It is believed that his father's position provided the opportunity for arranging this important, and very influential, apprenticeship for his son.

Caxton began his training at 14 with Robert
Large, a prominent member of the Mercers Company
(an organization of merchants who dealt in textile
fabrics—especially velvets and silks). A year after the
young Caxton entered his household, Large was chosen to be Lord Mayor of London, an office which
added further prominence to his position and provided
his apprentice with additional opportunities to learn
the politics of business—and the business of politics.

Apprentice

Caxton had completed three years of his apprenticeship when his master and patron died. However, the apprentice was not forgotten in Large's will, which thoughtfully bequeathed 20 marks to young Caxton. Shortly after, Caxton left his homeland with his 20 marks and traveled to Burgundy, where English cloth merchants had their most active European business connections.

He prospered in Burgundy, and by 1449 he had become sufficiently well off to be accepted as a surety for another resident English merchant. But the man left Burgundy without attending to his obligations, leaving Caxton to pay the outstanding debt. The good news is that this was apparently the only unfavorable incident in an otherwise very profitable and successful business career.

Caxton was eventually made Governor of the English Nation, the Company of Merchant Adventurers resident at Bruges. This post was very much akin to that of a Consul in the present day diplomatic service—

and one at which Caxton also succeeded. In all, his career was a model of success and prosperity.

During this time Caxton's interest in and concern for the English language increased. He became more aware of its shortcomings and fragility. Essentially a patchwork of dialects with no written foundation to maintain stability, the English language that Caxton knew was far less developed than many of the languages of continental Europe. As Caxton's concern heightened, so must have his frustration, because he retained a steadfast belief that he had little capability to bring order and strength to his native tongue.

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Besides his feelings of inadequacy as a linguist, Caxton didn't consider himself a particularly accomplished printer or typographer. In these latter areas there is no false modesty. Many of the early surviving books and other printed material which came from Caxton's press show clearly that England's first typographer was not interested in the development of typesetting as an art form. He issued nothing that would compare favorably with the better work of his contemporaries on the Continent. For the first several years that his press produced books, his products were almost crude by continental standards. The typefaces were coarse copies of Northern European fonts, his printing quality was clearly less than optimal, and many of his earlier books even lacked signatures, title pages and illustrations.

Why didn't Caxton seek to improve his craft?

Why didn't he strive to equal the work of his European contemporaries? Because his true mission, the driving force behind his work, was not the design and printing of books—but the books themselves. His goal was to print as many accessible, readable books as he could for a wide audience. Caxton was not producing works of art, he was trying to build an English literary tradition.

After his press had been in business about five years a noticeable change seems to have come over the shop's output. Books began to have signatures, illustrations began to crop up, and there was a general improvement in the quality of Caxton's typography.

What happened? Competition. About this time, a rival printing shop opened just a short distance away from Caxton's. In an attempt to counter his competition, Caxton hired a new foreman, removing himself from the position of chief typographer. The good news about Caxton's new employee is that he was from Europe and familiar with the practices and standards of printing in France and Germany. This new foreman not only proved instrumental in improving the work produced at Caxton's press, he also carried on the business of the press for 45 years after Caxton's death. Thus, Jan van Wynkyn de Worde (or as he is commonly known: Wynkyn de Worde), an Alsace-born expatriate, became England's first typographer.

* * The Mysterious Art * *

Nobody is really quite sure about where Caxton learned the new art of printing, and Caxton himself seems to have gone out of his way to keep this information secret. Numerous stories have been told (some quite fanciful), which attempt to explain the circumstances of Caxton's printing education. One such typographic folktale suggests that King Henry VI commissioned Caxton and another man to sneak into Holland and learn the Dutch secrets of printing. The two men supposedly were involved in high level espionage that included clandestine meetings, disguises, hush money—and even the abduction of a trained printer—all of which would rival a "Mission Impossible" script.

But most historians believe that Caxton learned his craft in Cologne. This is backed up by a statement made by Wynkyn de Worde in the prologue of a book published shortly after Caxton's death.

"And also of your charyte call to remberance
The soule of William Caxton first prynter of this boke
I laten tonge at Coleyn hymself to avavnce
That evey well disposyd man may ther onloke"

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The first book Caxton published, and the first book to be printed in the English language, was the translation requested by the Duchess. This was a small folio of 351 leaves, the first of which contained Caxton's Prologue and was printed in red. Some historians date this volume to 1471, the year in which the Prologue states that the translation was finished. But those who are more familiar with the difficulty of using early type fonts and printing equipment believe that three to four years could easily have been consumed producing this first effort.

Caxton's first book was followed by *The Game* and *Play of Chess Moralised*. This was a translation of a popular French book which likened the game of chess to life itself. Caxton was fascinated by the comparison and the lessons posed by it. He also decided that if he liked the book then his fellow Englishmen would share his enthusiasm.

These first two books and one other were printed while Caxton lived in Bruges. Then, in the autumn of 1476, Caxton returned to England after nearly 30 years abroad to set up a printing business in the Almonry of Westminster Abbey.

In the 14 years that Caxton operated his business he printed over 18,000 pages, mostly of folio size, and nearly 80 books. As time passed, Caxton became less of a typographer and printer, and more of a publisher. His three main assistants, Wynkyn de Worde, Richard Pynson, and Robert Copland increasingly undertook the task of type founding, typesetting and printing, giving Caxton more time to concentrate on his translations.

While working in England he translated 21 works from Latin, French, and Dutch literature. All but one of these were printed by him, and three of them were also brought out as second editions. By current standards, 21 translations may not seem like a major effort, but it was a substantial amount of literary labor

in the late 15th century. The majority of the books required about 250 pages each, or a total of approximately 2,850,000 words. This means that Caxton averaged 400 words a day, five days a week, 240 days a year, during the 25 years after he retired from active life in public affairs.

* * Another First * *

Caxton was England's first printer and being a printer in the 15th century meant, for the most part, designing and founding your own type, thus Caxton was also England's first typefounder. During the 27 years of his involvement in the craft of printing eight typefaces were developed and used by William Caxton.

For his first font, Caxton persuaded a noted Flemish calligrapher to exchange his old profession for that of typeface design. The end result is generally considered to have been a somewhat crude and awkward typeface, but a design that was consistent with Flemish handwriting of the time. Caxton only used this type for the first three books he published in Bruges and did not bring it with him to England. Apparently, Caxton did such a good job of persuading his type designer to switch careers that the former calligrapher kept that type and used it to start his own printing business in Bruges.

Caxton's second typeface (unimaginatively called "Type 2" by historians) was designed and cast in England, and is generally classified as a Flemish Batarda style. It is patterned after a German Gothic style but is more cursive in nature. Of the eight Caxton types, three are of this Batarda style. The others are more in keeping with the angular and pointed Black Letter types of Northern Germany. One of these is generally considered to be the ancestor of the "Old English" types that are still used today.

Caxton's Contributions

When William Caxton died in 1491, he had completed a career of widely varied activities. He contributed to the commercial prosperity of 15th century England, introduced both printing and type founding into England, and provided English readers with some of the best foreign, and later, English literature. Although his commercial exploits were not inconsequential, by far Caxton's greatest contribution was to the English language. His efforts increased the English people's awareness of the poetry and literature of their time, and paved the way for generations of great English writers to follow. Surely there might have been no English renaissance were it not for the likes of William Caxton.



Caxton and his press, from a painting by Vivian Forbes. (The Hulton Picture Company)

Altar >
by George
Herbert

A broken ALTAR, Lord, thy servant reares, Made of a heart, and cemented with teares:

Whose parts are as thy hand did frame;
No workmans tool hath touch'd the same.

A HEART alone is such a stone, As nothing but Thy power doth cut. Wherefore each part Of my hard heart Meets in this frame, To praise thy name.

That if I chance to hold my peace, These stones to praise thee may not cease.

O let thy blessed SACRIFICE be mine, And smetifie this ALTAR to be thine.

Pallone >
by F.T.
Marinetti

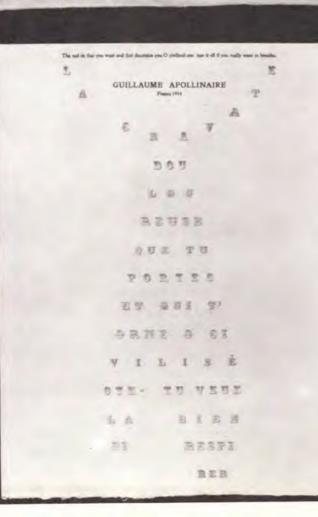
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by Christian
Morgenstern

La Cravate >
by Guillaume
Apollinaire





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read, recite, listen. But the poems on these pages are meant to be seen. If you don't look at them with your own two eyes, you're missing the whole point and half the fun.

If the authors of these works were not verbal people, they might have created a painting or a piece of sculpture, or written a piece of music. But because language is their tool, and they take pleasure in crystallizing ideas into carefully chosen words, their work is poetry. It is called visual poetry, because the way the words are arranged on the page has as much to do with the ideas expressed as the language itself. And even when nonlinguistic elements, such as marks, punctuation, symbols and solitary letterforms are used, their physical appearance is essential to the meaning.

The first experiments with visual poetry appeared early in the 20th century. In its simplest form, the arrangement of words echoes the theme of the poem. A love poem appears in the shape of a heart.

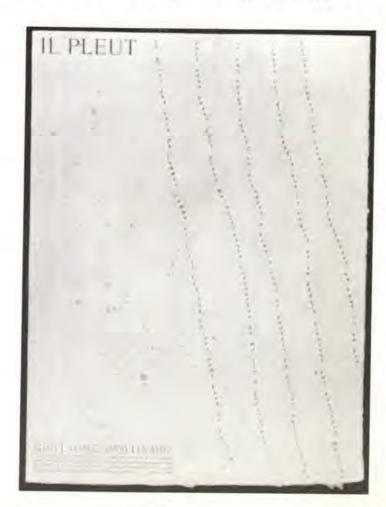
A poem that equates the creativity of a potter with that of a poet takes the form of a vase. A poem about a cravat is typeset to look like a necktie.

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Some visual poets were expressionistic. They used phonics, clusters of syllables, punctuation or letterforms to "resonate" against the eye and suggest various sounds.

Still others created kinetic experiences by the way their words streamed, dribbled, raced or were haplessly blown across the page.

During the post-World War II period, these early experiments culminated in a form called "concrete poetry." The acknowledged father of the movement was a Swiss poet, Eugen Gomringen, who, during a frustrating dry spell with his sonnets, started to play with a freer form of writing. Instead of setting down ideas in a rational, linear, grammatic form, he wrote in clusters of words called "constellations"— a word borrowed from Guillaume Apollinaire. Gomringen published his first works in 1953, and though he is considered to be the innovator of the form, in all fairness it must be said that similar experiments were taking place almost simultaneously in Brazil, Sweden, Italy, Germany and France.



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by Guillaume

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LAUTGEDIUMT MAN BAY

Poem by Man Ray Grasshopper cummings

e.e. cummings

GRASSHOPPER

U.S.A. 1915

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Vision & Prayer by Dylan

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Vision & Prayer Dylan Thomas

Germany 1957 DIETER ROTH Some variations on 44. Just as the worldwide worldwide movement in concrete poetry owed much to the visual experiments of Apollinaire, e.e. cummings, Man Ray and deb

e.e. cummings, Man Ray and others, they all owed a debt to graphic designers and typographic designers. It was during this same postwar period that designers in the graphic arts world started to break out of confin-

graphic arts world started to break out of confining traditional formats. They raised typography from a purely servile element of communication to a major player. They used it expressionistically and to establish an esthetic aura.

It isn't necessary to dwell on which came first—concrete poetry or innovations in typography. During the postwar period the whole art world was in ferment. Painters, novelists, poets, composers, graphic designers—all shook off constraints, raided each other's territory and embraced every new movement. They also looked back into primitive and historic forms for inspiration. (There are precedents for visual poetry and dramatic typographic layouts in old liturgical texts.) At the same time we saw typography serving the visual poets, we saw designers using typography so eloquently, their work qualified as poetry.

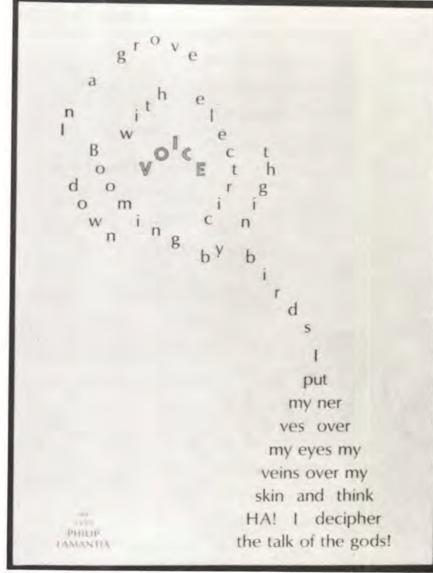
Whatever the source of inspiration, it is reassuring to know there will always be a nucleus of creative people who get restless and lead us beyond the known. Even if they move us into uncomfortable terrain for a while, at least they keep us from dying of boredom.

Marion Muller

The works shown here appeared in an exhibition of Visual Poetry at MJS Books & Graphics in New York.

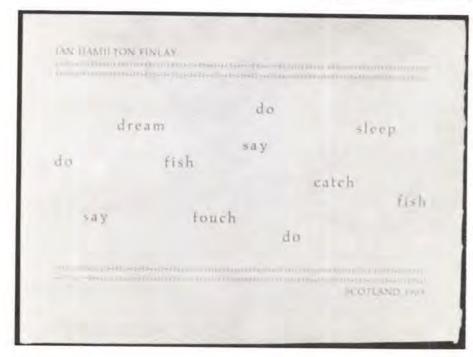
typography...

and vice versa



⟨ Bed/Boat by Ian Hamilton

Finlay



⟨ Voice by Philip Lamantia Architecture, we know, is the conjunction of esthetics and utilitarianism, poetry and engineering.

Like other marriages of necessity or convenience, it wavers between fondness and reluctance. While

> architects may be prone to speaking in metaphors, using forms, proportions and materials that

> > may be symbolic of higher truths, the grimmer truth is that the public at large may be less

appreciative of the poetics of the building than of how successfully it functions as a place to live or work.



ON THE CAND

In the form of the staircase. Steps are a building form that can evoke the sublime in all of us. For while stairways lead down just as certainly as they lead up, we nevertheless associate the staircase as a route upwards, a trajectory with high hopes and

¶ Sculptor Michael Black created "The Swan Staircase" in cast aluminum for London's Science Museum. Photographer: Michael Black, London.

Steps leading to top of 25-foot city walls in Aigues-Mortes, France, were constructed in the 1200s. Photographer: Andreas Feininger, New York City.

▼ Spiral staircase at the entrance to the Vatican Museums in Rome. Photo: Scala/Art Resource, New York City.

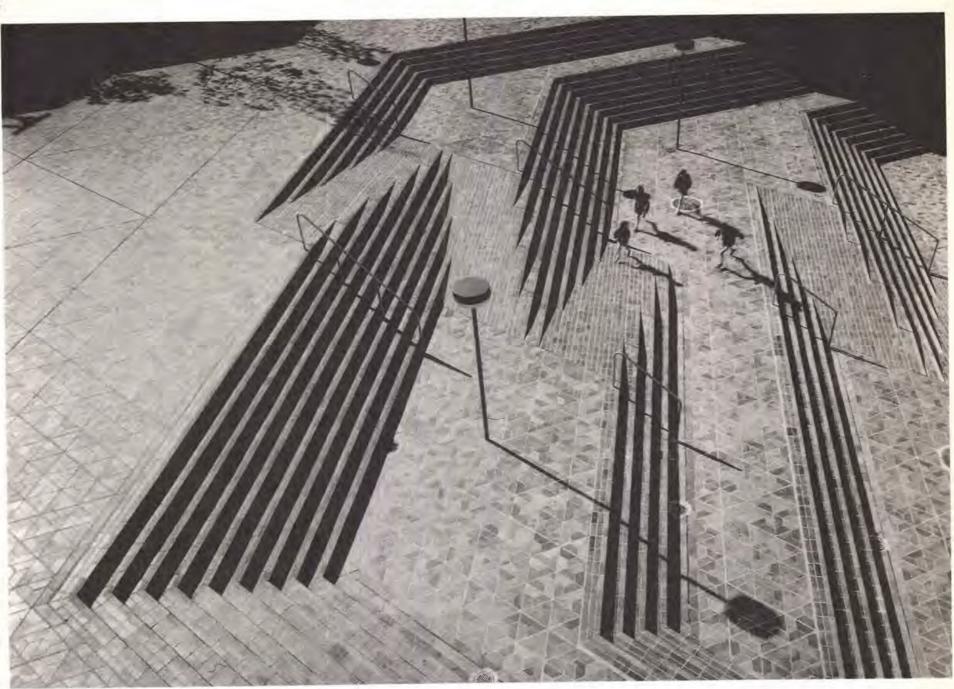
rally to us. Resisting it requires efforts from the mundane to heroic. And it is here that we look to steps and staircases that span that same esthetic range. Steps that are carved in geography of the outdoors make the case most eloquently. Like those cut into the steep cliffs of the Greek island of San-





there is something noble about a building form that
pits man against his natural, earthly and earthbound
inclinations. While yielding to the gravitational
pull of the earth requires little technical assistance,
we need all the help we can get to achieve height,
be it of the physical, intellectual or spiritual order.

Celebrating this effort is a splendid book from
Rizzoli, Steps & Stairways, by Cleo Baldon, lb Melchior, and photographic consultant Julius Shulman.
Stairways are not simply the access to the sublime,



Forecourt area of the Town Hall and civic center in Sunderland, England. Photographer: Henk Snoek, London. sublime in themselves. Indeed, the book demonstrates the extraordinarily varied formats that such architectural exaltations can take. The perfect proportion and sweep to the grand spiral staircase at the Vatican suggests that any voyage to such rarefied strata has its own precise rhythm. Then there are the waves of worn and irregular stone steps of Wells Cathedral in Somerset, England, Immortalized by photographer Frederick Evans in Sea of Steps, that say something else entirely of the history and labor of spiritual endeavors.

Nor is it simply a question of their form. Too,
the surface decoration and embellishment of the
staircase can match the exotic flights of their vari-

library of the Melk Monastery in Austria has been painted to look like marble. The main staircase of the Hermitage is an ornate assemblage of gold leaf and lapis lazuli. In Seville's Plaza de España, richly patterned glazed blue and white balusters support handrails on bridges and stairs. Wood carvings and delicate metalwork abound. A chapter on staircases of the garden demonstrates how risers can be embellished with foliage and moss.

The authors do not simply celebrate the structure and surface of staircases. Too, they observe the functions besides the obvious that stairways serve. Most notable are the gathering areas, from private residential stoops to the grander outdoor



Detail of the spiral staircase painted to look like marble in the library of the Melk Monastery in Austria. Photographer: Julius Shulman, Los Angeles.

or Rome's Spanish Steps which both seat the audience for urban street theater and serve, at times, as the stage itself. For children, steps and ladders are an agenda for learning and play alike.

between a novelist (Melchior), an environmental designer (Baldon), and an architectural photographer (Shulman). It is a provocative synthesis of talents and sensibilities that seems assured and compatible. The rhapsodic visuals of the book are balanced by the more restrained, factual and informative tone of the text. Together they celebrate the ceremony of ascent, from the primitive log ladders of a reconstructed Iron Age village in Denmark

ers, the lyrics of form are more memorable than the language. Indeed, if there is any single building form that, despite all its necessary attendance to human factors and grim rhetoric of ergonomics, remains pure poetry, it is the stairway. Here, happily, is the comprehensive anthology.

Akiko Busch

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Currently she is working on Rooftop Architecture: The Art of
Going Through the Roof, to be published in Spring '91

by Henry Holt & Co.



At right & below: Two views of stairs from above at La Muralla Roja in La Manzera, a residential resort complex on a cliff in Alicante, Spain. Photographer: Glen Allison, Los Angeles.



and rubber known as escalators. And while we learn invaluable technical data on the science of staircases ("A pitch over 45 degrees is not easy to climb, and one under 27 degrees is tedious and slow.") and are made familiar with terms such as runs, risers,







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Each film company took its own tack in exalting its players, and would create for every movie as many as thirty different styles and sizes of posters. MGM, the studio that boasted "More stars than there are in the heavens," poured \$1.5 million annually into poster advertising in the '20s and doubled that amount in the following decades. "MGM posters were the industry pace-setters," says show business illustrator, Al Hirschfeld, creator of hundreds of MGM posters, referring to that studio's inclination to promote, say, the latest Joan Crawford romance with an elegant gouache portrait set against a toney, neutral background. MGM's art directors, Hirschfeld notes, were "men of very sophisticated tastes who had great influence on movie posters of the time." By contrast, RKO, an upstart studio, portrayed such star players as Mary Astor with gaudy colors and offbeat compositions while suave Paramount wrapped Mae West in muted, sensual hues and subtly suggestive poses and title treatments. But even in Hollywood, there were restrictions. "After the Hays Code," says Hirschfeld, referring to the self-imposed censorship strictures of the early '30s," if we drew a couple kissing, they had to be upright. If they were embracing at an angle,

When Gallup Polls reported the public's growing preference for photographic advertising, largely influenced by Life magazine's Bauhaus/Constructivist style, movie studios took heed. Film stars also began to contractually demand photo likenesses on posters. Those factors, coupled with the incentives of lower-cost photography, rang down the curtain on the movie posters' golden age.

the man had to have on his hat."

Stephen Rebello is author of Reel Art: Great Posters from the Golden Age of the Silver Screen (featuring the collection of Richard Allen), published by Abbeville, and of Alfred Hitchcock and the Making of 'Psycho,' published by Dembner Books. A contributing editor of L.A. Style, his work appears in Premiere, Gentleman's Quarterly, and Movieline.

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PERICOLI

By Steven Heller



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Is caricature really dead in the United States? Once there were scores of periodicals offering sanctuary to renegade graphic critics and comedians whose gift it was to distort a visage, metamorphose a body, and thus strip an individual of his or her

physical defenses for all the world to see. Today
the outlets for honest caricature are dwindling.
With few exceptions acerbic caricature
of the kind produced by the
masters of the savage pen is today
rejected by editors and publishers who

refuse to offend the sacred cows.

Federico Fellini, 1985



Albert Einstein, 1987

is preferred over economy, nor moderne, because though he has style, he is not a stylist. Pericoli does not mimic fashion.

With today's information being transmitted instantaneously through fiber optics, the visual world is at our fingertips. Which has given rise to a paradox: the graphic artist as a recorder of life is unnecessary. If true (and I suspect it is becoming more so), then interpretation based on moral and ethical value is what's expected of the contemporary caricaturist. Pericoli poignantly interprets man's relationship to the environment even in the most lighthearted work.

Pericoli's primary fascination with literature is a humanistic pleasure. By environmentalizing the heros of literature (and culture) he weaves their familiar faces into patchworks of image and icon. If one theme recurs in Pericoli's oeuvre—perhaps from a personal history—it is the depiction of the hero as child. Through distortion and exaggeration his heros become curiously smaller than life. Pericoli transforms a dewy-eyed Marcel Proust (1987) into the youth described in his own prose. He makes Robert Louis Stevenson (1986) at one with

the fantasy world he so brilliantly created. And Ernest Hemingway

(1986) innocently dreams the little-boy dream of greatness and danger.

Caricature, whether political, social or cultural, invariably harnesses the great power of humor (acerbic or benign) to pump the heart and inform the mind. Pericoli is witty to a fault. His line is comedic, his ideas ironic. He uses color in the same way an actor uses gesture to enhance the role he is playing. Pericoli's soothing colors not only attract viewer attention, they highlight the personas of his subjects. Freud's darkish complexion. Sartre's reddish nose, Foucault's amberish eye, all subtly add truth to the humor.

Is caricature in the United States dead? The obituary has yet to be written. Perhaps Pericoli's work will encourage the grim reapers to give graphic humor a reprieve. His work certainly proves that smart caricature, though rare these days, is always welcome.

Additional caricatures may be seen in Tullio Pericoli, Woody, Freud and Others, Prestel-Verlag.



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Two
Artists
Express
Their
Reverence

For the

Alphabet







It's an old, old custom. People in love take to writing poetry or paint portraits of their adored objects—their lovers, their pets, their gardens, their favorite cities. And if they happen to be infatuated with letters and words, it's only natural for them to express their reverence for the source of all writing—the alphabet.

The linoleum cuts you see here are the labor of two addicted artists. The words for "Ode to the Alphabet" were written by the Austrian poet, Josef Weinheber (1892-1945), a man known for his expressive ode and hymn poetry. The graphics are by Heinz Mölter, a contemporary German artist, who has explored so many visual art forms. Rather than suggest his order of preference, it's probably fairest (and fitting) to list them alphabetically: advertising design, book design, calligraphy, drawing, lettering, painting, photography, printmaking (linoleum and woodcuts), and typography. In these linocuts, created in 1989, Mölter aimed to complement Weinheber's vivid and sensitive characterizations of Roman letterforms. Each cut is a portrait and a poetic statement in one. Considering that the prints

are a mere 2½ x 3 inches overall, cutting the intricate characters and condensed text in script, serif and sans serif lettering was clearly not an undertaking for the fainthearted. But then, nothing in Mölter's career suggests he ever took the easy route. Heinz Mölter was born in Benstorf, Germany, in 1917, received his basic arts training in the local arts and













crafts school, went on to study at the State Academy of Graphic Arts and Book Design in Leipzig, and later the State Academy of Fine Arts in Stuttgart. During World War II, he served in the German Army and was a prisoner of war in France from 1947 to 1948. He stayed on in France for a year, became designer at

Camille Blanchard, Architecte du
Département et du Gouvernement
in Annecy, and also traveled extensively throughout France. During
his travels he worked on improving
his drawing and painting and had
the pleasure of seeing his work
exhibited at the XII Salon des Beaux
Arts in Annecy. When he











returned to Germany in 1948, he enrolled in the State Academy of Fine Arts in Stuttgart for advanced study in graphics. In the 1950s he worked as a freelance designer, taught graphics and typography, and finally devoted himself to advertising design.

In 1986, a comprehensive exhibit of Mölter's work summed up his career. It was entitled "The Path from Calligraphy to Advertising," and it demonstrated how his love for calligraphy and lettering propelled him into drawing, printmaking, printing on his own handpress, and onto all the side roads of the visual arts. His eventual choice of advertising design for his livelihood has in no way impinged on his personal expressiveness, as is clear from these imaginative prints. Simple arithmetic tells us that Mölter, who created these linocuts last year, was 72 at the time. Obviously neither his hand nor his devotion to letterforms is the least bit shaky. Marion Muller



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by Barry Zuber

Quick Looks

Software

Adobe has released a new image-editing program for the Macintosh. Photoshop" lets you retouch, colorize, edit and manipulate 8-bit color, 24-bit color and gray scale images. \$895. Adobe Systems Inc., 1585 Charleston Rd., Mountain View, CA 94039-7900. (800) 344-8335, (415) 961-4400.

Aldus® PrePrint™ for the Macintosh allows users to quickly and easily generate four-color separations of entire publications-including text, illustrations and photographs, \$495. Aldus Corporation. 411 First Avenue S., Seattle, WA 98104. (206) 622-5500.

Letraset" has announced three new programs that enhance the capabilities of their Macintosh products. ColorCalibrator™ is a utility for precise imagesetter calibration to create ColorStudio" separations. DesignStudio Separator™ (to be bundled with DesignStudio™ beginning in October) is used to produce full-page, four-color

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Nikon* has introduced a new desktop color printer that produces true-to-life color images for graphic designers. The Nikon Full Color Printer™ uses dye sublimation technology with a resolution of 1024 x 1280 to create 16.7 million colors. \$12,950. Nikon Corporation, 623 Stewart Ave., Garden City, NY 11530, (516) 222-0200.

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Color Prepress Front-ends

Unda® Inc. has announced a PostScript interface that makes it possible for users of Macintosh and IBM systems to transfer files to the Unda system for high-quality retouching and production of color separations. The interface supports PostScript files created with Quark,™ Adobe Illustrator,™ PageMaker™ (Mac or IBM), Ventura Publisher™ and other programs that create PostScript files. Unda Inc., 6 West 20th St., 9th Floor, New York, NY 10011. (212) 727-3310.

One Minute Reviews

When Does an IBM PC Act Like an Apple Mac?

You'll know what I mean when you see the new Windows* 3.0 graphical user interface from Microsoft* Corporation. Windows 3.0 gives IBM PCs and compatible computers an easy-to-use graphical interface. What does this mean to you? It means that designers have an attractive, low-cost alternative when it comes to buying a system for graphic design.

Microsoft did their homework by working with consultants to create attractive three-dimensional icons and eye-pleasing color combinations for the desktop. Windows 3.0 comes with a color paint program. an executive word processor, a communications program, calendar, dual-mode calculator, notepad, clock, cardfile, macro recorder and two games. You get all this for a list price of \$149! Over 800 Windows programs are expected to be shipping by the end of this year with all the major Macintosh developers creating versions for Windows 3.0. For IBM 80286 or 80386 PCs. Microsoft Corporation, 16011 NE. 36th Way, Box 97017, Redmond, WA 98073-9717. (800) 541-1261.

Graphic Design Programs for Windows 3.0

The big three graphic design software companies for IBM personal computers have announced new Windows 3.0 compatible versions of their programs. Computer Support Corporation,* Corel Systems* and Micrografx** are shipping products that take advantage of Windows 3.0 features. Computer Support Corporation, maker of Arts & Letters,* can import 24-bit color TIFF images, does masking and ships with 5,000 pieces of high-quality clip-art. Corel Systems' Corel Drawt* comes with 105 type-faces with the ability to edit and modify the outlines to create logos and special effects. Micrografx Designer* is a full-featured

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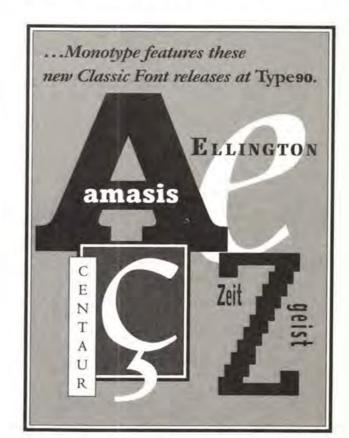


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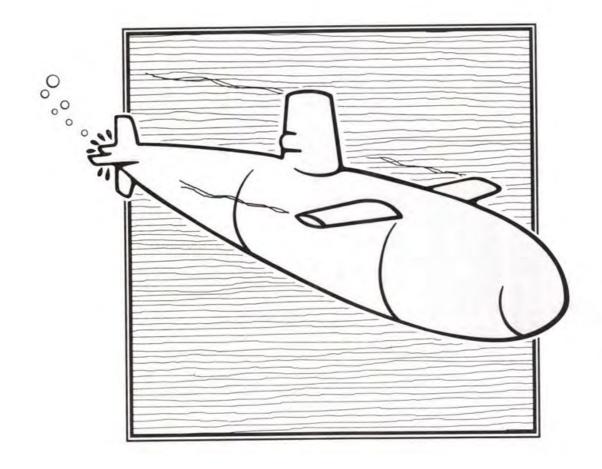
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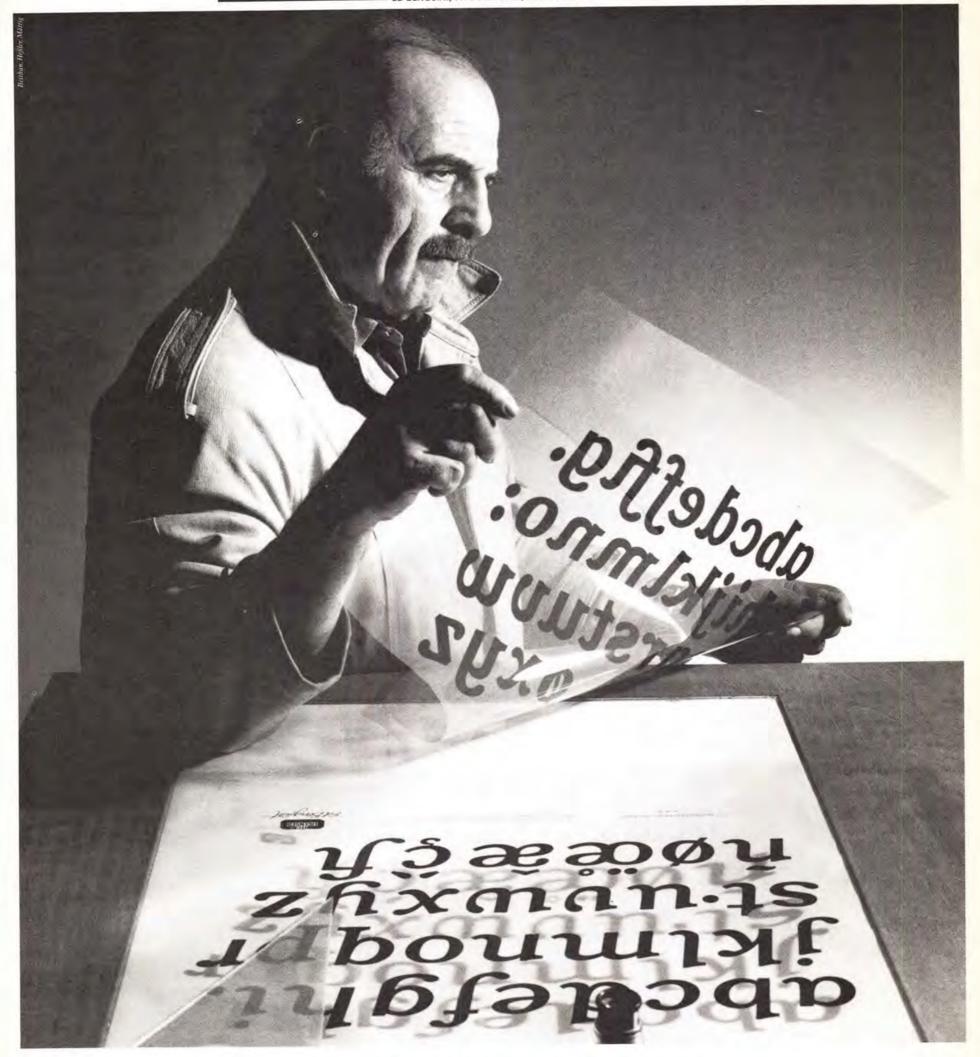
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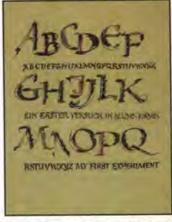


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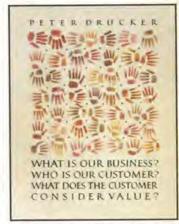


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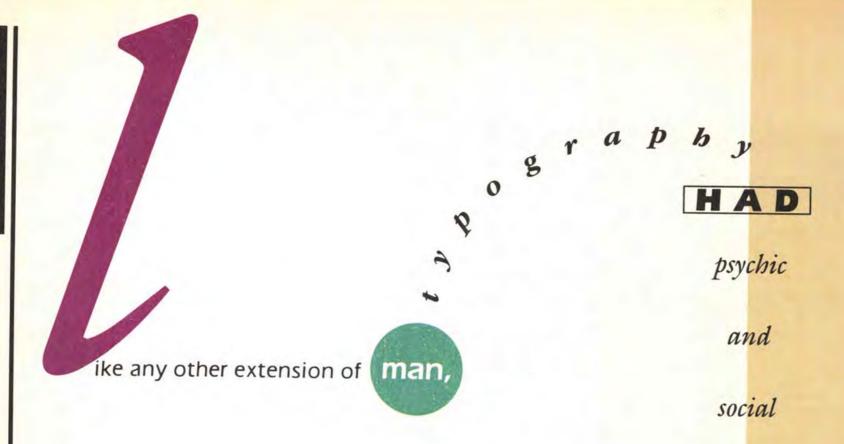
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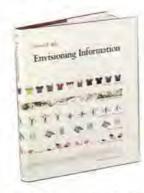
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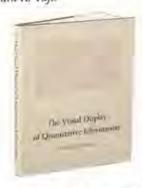
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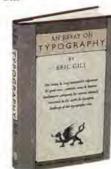
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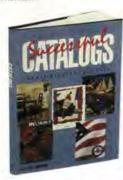
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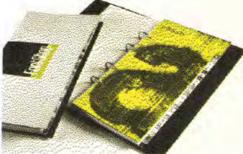
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- c. Oscar Wilde d. Margaret of Anjou

11 What was the proper name of the pub frequently frequented by J. R. R. Tolkien and C. S. Lewis?

- a. Hobbit and Screwtape
- b. Fowl and Fetus
- c. Eagle and Child
- d. Bird and Baby

12 What Renaissance man was responsible for many buildings in Oxford?

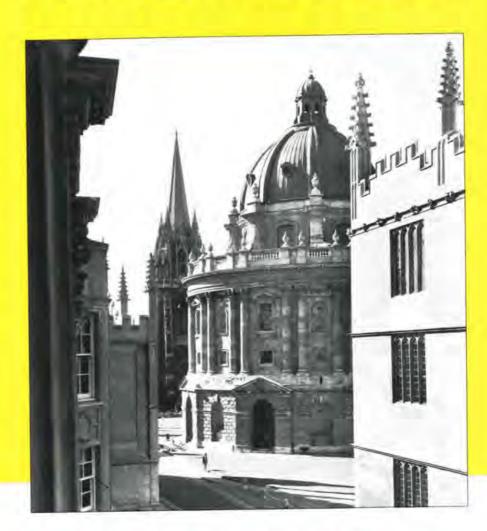
- a. Christopher Wren
- b. Donald Trump
- c. Francis Bacon
- d. I.M. Pei

13 What is the Bridge of Sighs?

- a. A British daytime serial
- b. A divorce contract
- c. A Venetian-style bridge
- d. A Victorian novella

You've now answered all the questions. Next, rearrange the letters to complete the anagram.

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THE SEAT, THE ARCH, THE TOWER AND THE SUN

by Andy Blackford

he Tattooed Lady dropped me at the ringroad, as though it described a magic pentacle around the city. "I'm sorry, I cannot take you further."

Lightheaded and sleepless, I stepped out through Headington as the sun rose. When I reached the brow of the hill where the way sweeps down to the river and the bridge of Magdalen, I first beheld Oxford.

The city's intricate maze of high-walled lanes and secret courts was obscured beneath a thick, white felt of water mist. Only a golden crop of spires and turrets soared up, exulting in the still transparency of the high summer morning.

I hurried on to hurl myself beneath the billows of the fog and didn't emerge for three years.

Cambridge is wide and cold, planed flat by Russian winds that have brooked no obstacle since the Urals.

Oxford slumbers in an enchanted dell. The air is slow and syrupy and laced with opiates. Like the laudanum of the Oxford esthetes, it spreads a languid sensuality. Only in Oxford was the stiff old maiden of the Anglican Church ever seduced by the heady incense of Rome.

Oxford eludes ordinary, chronological memory. I emerged as if from a dream, with a basket of images and occurrences. Some, I'm sure were real.

The Morning of the Tattooed Lady. (I hitched everywhere. Computer analysts drove me to Cambridge, engineers to Manchester. Only to Oxford was I borne in a black De Thomaso by a decorated beauty.)

It was too early for anything sensible, so I ambled along Addison's Walk as loose veils of vapour dissolved on Magdalen Meadow.

I found a stone bench, overgrown and lichen-crusted. It served no obvious purpose, until I sat upon it. Then I saw that I faced a wrought iron gate, choked with bracken and convolvulus and long since rusted shut.

A mile away across the meadow, framed exactly in its arch, stood Magdalen Tower. And as I watched, the sun rose from its parapets in a blaze of blood and gold.

The seat, the arch, the tower, the sun: a line traced by a Druidical intelligence, in a place where men had time to sit and look and think.

Clubfoot Roger was not such a man. He was a Mad Genius who lived in perpetual darkness in a house on the Cowley Road. He daubed the windows with potblack to improve his concentration.

To celebrate his elevation to a philosophy fellowship of All Souls, he invited the college luminaries to dinner and fed them eyes in cold, reconstituted blood.

My last abiding image of Oxford, though, is of a crystal cold night during the power cuts, when the city looked as it must have done in the Middle Ages.

Candles spluttered in garret windows and gargoyles snarled beneath the eaves, brought alive by moonlight.

Beneath a gas lamp, on the pavement by St. Peter's, four young men sat in armchairs. They shivered in their scholars' gowns as they read aloud from Chaucer in thin, brave voices.

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