

Inventions, Preparations, &c.

MANY are the advantages that we enjoy in this century, the ingenious minds of some having invented, for the use of all, such articles of utility, that it is scarcely possible to imagine how we have hitherto managed without them. The writer at the present time refers more particularly to the usefulness of a Shipman's Fountain Pen. It is with one of these that I now am writing this article, and having used it continuously for the last three months, I speak not theoretically, but practically of the great service any one of my readers would find in using one. Mr. J. Funnell Christian, of 17, Paternoster Row, E.C., is the sole European and export agent of the Shipman Fountain and Stylographic Pens, and we believe that it has been the endeavour of both to place upon the market an article that is both thoroughly useful and ornamental. We give here

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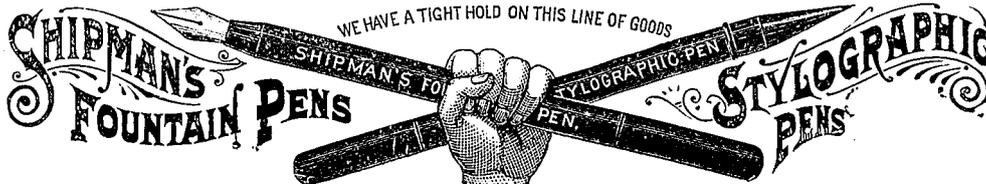
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