

Printing eventually slowed the pace of makeshift invention, forcing out many quaint superfluities, but novel [punctuation] marks, and surprising adaptations of old marks, may appear at any time.

Nicholson Baker

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