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## NOTE BY MISS DAY

PENMANSHIP has, of recent years, assumed a position of so great importance as a branch of art education that there is no need to make any apology for bringing out a book on the subject. The present volume, moreover, deals with a branch of penmanship which has been practically ignored of late, and about which little has been written. The tendency has been to pay little attention to any kind of lettering but uncial, half-uncial, and Roman. But, whilst the dignity of these letters must be apparent to every one, there are purposes for which they are quite unsuitable, and it is for just these purposes that the lightness and comparative frivolity of more modern writing is peculiarly well adapted.

While going through an important collection of Writing Books of the 16th, I7th, and 18th centuries, at that time in the possession of Mr. Batsford, it occurred to my father that here was a very mine of suggestions for the inspiration of writers, illuminators, architects, engravers, and the numerous art workers who have to use lettering in one form or another.

Mr. Batsford's collection, which has been largely drawn upon for this volume, contained a number of rare old writing books, not to be found at the British Museum or in the Library of the Victoria and Albert Museum. We have, however, not been content with simply reproducing these; we have gone
through hundreds of writing books-Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish-in order that we may be able to give not only a representative collection of handwritings, but the best possible examples. In examining this mass of material, we were astonished to find how much of it, though finely engraved, was quite unsuitable to modern needs. We discovered, further, that the later writing masters were in the habit of calmly copying from their predecessors (though they don't usually mention the fact) and vulgarizing their work in the process, so that from one cause or another a good many of the most easily accessible writing books are really worthless to the student.

My father had, before his death, chosen most of the examples now reproduced, the remainder have been added by Mr. Percy J. Smith, Mr. Batsford, and myself; and we have closely followed his principles of selection, and have adhered in the main to his plan of arrangement. Our special thanks are due to Mr. C. L. Ricketts of Chicago, who has most readily offered suggestions as to the volumes best worth referring to. We have also to thank the authorities of the British Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum for permission to reproduce certain plates.

It is not contended that all the pages given are altogether admirable, or that everything, or indeed anything, in the volume should be copied as it stands. What we have tried to do is, to provide students, teachers, and craftsmen with good examples of penmanship which may serve to show them what has been done, and what can be done, with a pen, and to inspire them to attempt something of their own which may be distinctive and graceful without necessarily being too far removed from the writing of everyday life.

With regard to the arrangement of the plates, writing masters used such varying terminology that it was hopeless to
try to group the examples after the manner of any particular penman, whilst to arrange them in a strictly chronological order would have meant simply chaos. It has therefore been necessary to try some rather different plan. The book begins with some examples of the various Chancery hands, and these are followed by specimens of Old English, German, Roman, and other more or less formal types of penmanship. The rather restrained running hands come next, followed, in their turn, by writing characterized by more or less heavy blobs of ink at the ends of the letters. The current hands in which flourishes are predominant, bring to an end the examples chosen simply as writing. The remaining illustrations contain a few specimens of how title-pages and other special work were set out and framed up, and some examples of scrolls and flourishes.

The book does not pretend to be in any sense a history of penmanship-that would be a very large undertaking-but those interested in calligraphy, from a more or less antiquarian point of view, will find a good deal of information in the list of books from which the illustrations have been taken, whilst the wants of the more strictly practical student have been provided for by the descriptive list of plates.

R. M. D.

## SHORT CRITICAL NOTES ON PENMANSHIP WITH REFERENCE TO THE EXAMPLES IN

 THIS WORK, BY PERCY J. SMITHDURING the 16 th, 17 th, and 18 th centuries Penmanship, i.e. the style or manner of writing, occupied a position in the curriculum of studies which it is difficult for us to appreciate to its full extent: its practitioners and professors were often men of culture and influence, and held a very high place in the esteem of their contemporaries. Among these we may mention, as a representative English scribe, John Davies of Hereford. Educated at Oxford University, and pursuing his occupation as writing master in the same city, he was very well known during the late 16 th and early 17 th centuries both as a poet and as one of the most skilful penmen of his day. His epigrams and sonnets, containing references to Shakespeare, Fletcher, Ben Jonson and other writers of the period, show the calligrapher to have been on terms of friendship with many of his most notable contemporaries. At one time he had many pupils in Magdalen College, and drew others, including Algernon, Lord Percy, from families of the highest rank. One of his pupils, Richard Gething, who worked at the sign of the Hand and Pen in Fetter Lane, London, also attained considerable eminence at a little later date.

The work of the best of the penmen deserves study, not only because we find reflected in it the spirit of their time, but because, if we put aside their exaggerated displays of technical skill and "ingenuity in making divers curious figures," for theirs is essentially a conscious art, we shall find much that is beautiful, fundamentally right, and of practical use in the work of to-day.

It is not possible within the necessarily brief limits of these notes to consider separately all the examples from old writing books here brought together; moreover, were they thus treated, the interested student would lose somewhat the valuable and pleasurable exercise of personal judgment and discovery. Nor will the relation between the styles or the development of the various characters be investigated, for to treat that part of the subject adequately would require a history of writing. This is an introduction to the collection as a whole; references will be made to specific examples, but mainly as representative of a particular style or of a method of treatment, while the criticisms made and principles laid down will be found capable of a very wide application. The guiding thought and intention will be to open the eyes of the mind to perceive the best.

It is deeply to be regretted that we are deprived of the advantage of the late Mr. Day's experience and trained judgment in the introduction which should rightly be his, for his knowledge of, and interest in, everything appertaining to lettering is too well known to need emphasis here, and it must needs be a source of regret that we cannot know his thoughts and consider his criticism on these examples of the craft. Both before and since his death the collection has passed through many examinations and siftings, and every example contains some feature or features justifying its inclusion; though occasionally pages are reproduced with details which it is not desirable that we should emulate or study. Especially is this true of the initials, as, for instance, in the work of Beauchesne and Baildon in Example 30, but with the exception of this initial the page well repays study, both for the character displayed in the small letters and for the signs of playfulness in the slight scrolls and flourishes.

At the close of the 15 th century a formal literary or bookhand ceased to be generally practised; it was superseded
by the printing press; and it was during the 16 th century that cursive writing, under the pressure of influence from the northern Gothic or pointed style and the southern more rounded and freely written Italian script, passed through one of its most interesting phases. This period may be considered to mark the birth of modern writing. The first three examples of this collection, and others of the style of Examples 7 and 8, exhibit very clearly the influence of northern 15 th-century bookwork. The letters have much of the "weight" and solidarity of type, while the freedom of penwork is evident in the treatment of descending strokes, and in the use of flourishes and scrolls. Example 4, which is also type-like in character, is taken from a Spanish writing book of the i8th century and shows a style of work noticeable for its fine roundness and bold simplicity of form, combined with good, clear spacing of letters and lines; the value of these qualities in ensuring readability, and what we may define as tranquillity and a forceful serenity of character in the page, cannot easily be overestimated.

The decorative value of a headline of letters, larger and heavier than the text, may be seen in such examples as II, I8, 20, and 25 ; while No. I4, an example of work by John Ayres, writing-master in St. Paul's Churchyard during the last half of the I7th century, is worthy of study as suggesting a legitimate method of interlineal decoration forming, as it were, a rich background of pattern or tone which need in no way interfere with the legibility of the matter. The somewhat thin and weak treatment of some of the scrolls and the complete isolation of others are weaknesses we must not repeat in work based upon this example. The page is, however, full of suggestion to metal workers and engravers, of whose craft it is peculiarly reminiscent. The superiority of the wide Gothic writing over the laterally compressed form in such
essentials of good lettering as legibility, dignity, and strength, may be studied in Examples 14, 15, and others.

The Italian or Roman style, destined to supersede the heavier and more complicated Gothic, is illustrated in Example 35, a very beautiful piece of late 16 th-century work. The initial " $D$ " is well constructed and full of vitality. The student should observe the strength and very beautiful subtlety of form in this letter, especially noting how the bow springs from the base of the stem and, curving well out, returns and completes its form with a slight drop. Observe, too, the honouring of the two important words and the decorative value accruing from the use thus made of the line of capitals; the equality of weight as between the large and small letters; the excellent spacing, which is a thing so little understood and so rarely well done in these days; the freedom with which the lines are allowed to terminate where they will, without excessive spreading out or closing up; and, lastly, the simplicity and good composition of the whole. All these features combine to make this a very quiet and dignified inscription, severely simple, yet stored with lessons and inspiration for the modern scribe, but even more for the discerning letter-cutter, typographer, and architect.

In Plate 32 we have a small, interesting example of decorative writing from a Spanish copybook of 1650 . The arrangement and balance of effect are excellent: and the flourishes are legitimate and unforced accentuations of distinctive parts of the letters from which they spring. They are full of vitality, and while adding interest to the page form a good example of organic decoration. The three lines of small writing are invaluable in providing a base and thus steadying the composition.

Spain has provided us with many examples of a style of calligraphy which, though closely akin to that of Italy, has a distinct
national character. Example 49, taken from an I8th-century writing book, is strongly and beautifully written with a slanted pen, and shows an interesting and varied treatment of the serifs or terminating strokes of the $p$ 's and $q$ 's. Both in this and in other examples, it is well to note that the placing of the dots of the $i$ "s is responsible for a feeling of "spottiness." The practice of making the dots range with the tops of the ascending strokes was, and is, often followed, with a resultant loss of connection between the two component parts, and consequent isolation of the smaller member. It adds to the unity of the letter, to the strength of the lines of writing, and to the restfulness of the page, if the dots are placed close to the stems of the letters of which they form necessary parts. It is to be regretted that the border in this example is not in scale with the writing; it is weak in weight of line, and somewhat disconnected in design; nevertheless it contains suggestions as to decoration which should be of practical use to the discriminating student. Another method of adding a decorative interest, and at the same time strengthening the composition of a page which would otherwise be disconnected, is by tying the parts together with bands and lines. These may be judiciously interlaced-as in the two examples from the book of Palatino, one of the earliest and best known of the Italian writing masters, given in Examples 66 and 67 .

The very beautiful Italian semi-formal script of the Renaissance had a decisive influence on other European styles, and, mainly as the result of this influence, English cursive writing gradually lost a great part of its disjointed and angular character and acquired the freely written and linked-up manner exemplified in the writing of Peter Gery (see No. 5I). Plate 38 and the succeeding italic alphabets and writings are replete with hints to modern workers-witness the interesting and useful forms of amperzands; the character, strength of curvature, and subtleties
of shape and construction in the letters; the spacing, compactness, and uniformity of the lines; and the treatment of capitals and ascending and descending strokes, with their flourishes and scrolls. The manner of writing the word "Socrates" in Example 82 is an instructive example of the pride of display and "ingenuity" of the French penman, Jean de Beaugrand, not without its fascination for the modern scribe and letter-engraver. Examples 71 and 72 illustrate good "placing" of title or heading, and the free but fairly reticent rendering of the scrolls in which the writers loved to show their control of the pen, while the management of the various items of the note on Plate 74, written by Maria Strick as a specimen for the guidance of her numerous pupils, shows a good feeling for balance and composition.

Two varieties of upright writing, both showing good judgment in arrangement, deserve mention. That in Plate 75 has a pleasing little scroll carried into the lower margin and flanked and supported by some long vertical lines that materially steady the design. The other, Plate 90, notwithstanding a rather heavily inked initial and flourish, exhibits a very beautiful economy of line in the construction of the letters and suggests the presence of that restrained power characteristic of most achievements which win an abiding place in the hierarchy of things done.

The most delicate writing in the series is that shown in Examples 80 and 8 I , selected from a book issued by Beaugrand early in the 17 th century. The graceful and fanciful treatment of the initials in both examples and of the two scrolls in the lower margin of the latter is very pleasing and contains ideas for the modern calligrapher and designer, while in both plates the judicious placing of the flourishes and consequent accentuation of the corners greatly strengthens the design as a whole.

The excessively intricate borders so often found in the old
writing books-though they are the inevitable development of the ornamentation of the initials-rarely add to the true beauty of the work and certainly show but little feeling for that restrained power to which reference has just been made. It is sufficient to say here that the examples shown are the most restrained and the best that could be found, and, while they are not to be considered as in any way perfect examples of taste, they are typical of their time and contain suggestions which may be of service.

We are on happier ground when we come to such page arrangements as that of Peter Gery (No. Ioo). The natural manner in which the arm of the initial L in this plate holds the text, and the steadying influence of the line or base formed by the signature, are vital elements in a very good composition.

A cursory glance through this collection is sufficient to clearly reveal the great importance of the ensemble made by the composition. The value of a well-shaped mass-be it light or heavy-as a contribution to the success of a page may be judged by a reference to such examples as $53,8 \mathrm{I}$, and 86. Construction and growth of letter, line, and ornament; steadiness and balance of part against part; the due accentuation of this and the dropping of the other; the question of scale, and the using of ornament, not for its own sake, but to support and give value to the whole; all these considerations are involved in producing a strong and beautiful piece of work and must be remembered while studying these examples.

In conclusion, the writer of this introduction would emphasize, with all due reserve, the supreme importance, in the whole range of Penmanship and Lettering, of an appreciation of reticence combined with legitimate freedom in execution, associated with depth and vitality of spirit in tone and inspiration.
P. J. S.

## DESCRIPTIVE LIST OF ILLUSTRATIONS

For full Titles of the Books quoted, see Alphabetical List of Authors at the end of this Volume

I. PAPAL CHANCERY HAND. Spanish, from the Recopilacion Subtilissima of Juan de Yciar, 1548.
2.) PAPAL CHANCERY HAND. Italian, from Il Perfetto Scrittore 3.) of G. F. Cresci, I 570 .
4. A MUCH LATER VERSION OF THE SAME KIND OF HAND. Spanish, from the Arte nueva de Escribir of J.C. Aznar de Polanco, 1719.
5. SET CHANCERY HAND, from A booke containing divers sortes of hands by J. de Beauchesne and John Baildon, 157 I .
6. GOTHIC WRITING. Flemish, from the Exercitatio Alphabetica of Clement Perret, I569.
(Compare Nos. 8, 9, and 14.)
7. GOTHIC WRITING. Netherlandish, from the Exemplaar-Boek of A. Perlingh, 1679.
8. GOTHIC WRITING. Flemish, from the Exemplaria sive Formulae Scripturae Ornatioris XXXIV. of J. Houthusius, I59I. (Compare Nos. 6, 9, and 14.)
9. GOTHIC WRITING, from the Theatrum Artis Scribendi by J. Hondius. This is a so-called "bastard" English type, and is written by M. Martin, 1594.
(Compare Nos. 6, 8, and 14.)
10. GOTHIC WRITING. Flemish, from the Exemplaer-Boec of J. van den Velde, 1607. B
II. GOTHIC WRITING, from the Lust-Hof der Schrijft-Konste by Symon de Vries, I6rg. Notice the terminations of the $p$ 's and $q$ 's which are particularly ingenious and the decorative value of the headline.
12. GOTHIC WRITING. German, from the Anweissung zur zierlichen Schreibkunst of B. U. Hoffman, 1694. (Compare Nos. I I and I4.)
13. GOTHIC WRITING. English, from A Tutor to Penmanship by John Ayres, 1695. (Compare Nos. 9 and I4.)
14. GOTHIC WRITING. English, from the same source.

Note how the flourishes form a kind of middle tint, and decorate the page without obscuring the writing.
15. GOTHIC WRITING. English, from Multum in Parvo, or the Pen's Perfection by Edward Cocker, c. 1675.
The third word on the fourth line is meant for a contraction of Christian—but Cocker, or one of his predecessors, has evidently gone astray and mistaken the Greek $\rho$ for a $p$.
16. GOTHIC WRITING. English, from Writing Improved by John Clark, I7I4.
17. GOTHIC WRITING. German, from Kunst-richtige Vorshriften, Frankfort and Leipzig, 1702.
It is interesting to compare this late German example with the three English versions which precede it (Nos. I4, 15, I6), and to note how in this case the letters are all closed up and, as it were, flattened, whilst in the English work they are much rounder and more open.
18. GOTHIC WRITING by Peter Gery, 1670.

This shows a headline in large letters satisfactorily combined with smaller writing on the rest of the page.
19. A SMALL SCRIPT, rather Gothic in type, from the Exemplaria sive Formulae Scriptorae Ornatioris XXXIV of Houthusius, 159I. Note the character given to the writing by the long tails of the $s$ 's.
(Compare Nos. 20 and 2I.)
20. ANOTHER EXAMPLE of the use of the long $s$, from Poecilographie by J. de Beaugrand, 1598.
Note the decorative value of the headline. (Compare Nos. 19 and 21.)
21. GOTHIC WRITING, from the Spieghel Der Schrijfkonste by J. Van den Velde, 1605.
Note the characteristic long s's and the curious form of the double $s$.
(Compare No. 26.)
22. CURRENT DUTCH WRITING, from the Tooneel der loflijcke Schrijfpen of Maria Strick, 1607.
(The four lines at the top of the page compare with Nos. 59 et seq.)
23. A PRETTILY SPACED RENDERING, in Gothic script, of a poem in three verses, from the same source.
24. CURRENT WRITING, to go with larger Gothic letters, from 'T Magazin oft' Pac-huys der Loffelijcker Penn-const by D. Roelands, 1616.
25. A MINUSCULE WRITING, showing certain affinities with Gothic. From the Paranimphe de l'Escriture Ronde of $F$. Desmoulins, 1625. (Compare Nos. 19-23.)
26. ANOTHER CURRENT HAND with long tails to the $f$ 's as well as the $s$ 's, from 'T Magazin der Loffelijcker Penn-const by $D$. Roelands, I6i6.
27. A CURIOUS and characteristic Dutch script, from the ExemplaarBoek of A. Perlingh, 1679 .
28. SECRETARY HAND, from A booke containing divers sortes of hands by J. de Beauchesne and John Baildon, 157 I.
29. ANOTHER HAND showing the characteristic $d$ of 28 , from Chirographia by R. Gething, 1619 .
30. AN EXAMPLE OF LETTRE PATTÉE, from the Exercitatio Alphabetica of C. Perret, I 569.

3I. LETRA ANTIGUA. A kind of simple Roman letter with occasional flourishes introduced, which very much help the balance of the page. From the Recopilacion Subtilissima of J. de Yciar, I 548.
32. AN ITALIC HAND, in which some of the letters are adorned with flourishes. Spanish, from the Primera Parte Del Arte De escrivir by J. de Casanova, 1650.
33. A VERSION OF ROMAN MINUSCULE, having some affinity with the so-called "diplomatic hand." From the Libellus valde doctus elegans, utilis, multa varia scribendarum litterarum genera complectens of R. Wyss, 1549.
34. ROMAN SCRIPT, from the Exercitatio Alphabetica of C. Perret, I 569.
35. ROMAN SCRIPT, from Il Perfetto Scrittore of G. F. Cresci, I 569.
36. ROMAN SCRIPT, from the Primera Parte del Arte de Escrivir, by J. de Casanova, 1650.
37. ROMAN SCRIPT, from Kunst-richtige Vorschriften. Frankfort and Leipzig, I702.
38. ITALIC WRITING, bearing some resemblance to No. 33. From the Anweissung einer gemeine handschrift, by J. Neudorffer the elder, 1538.
39. ITALIC WRITING, from the Exercitatio Alphabetica of C. Perret, I 569.
40.) CAPITALS AND SMALL LETTERS, from A booke contain-
41. ing divers sortes of hands by J. de Beauchesne and J. Baildon, 1571.
42. LETTERE PIACEVOLLE, a rather fantastic italic hand from the same source.
Note the unsatisfactory initial.
43. A VERY SIMPLE ITALIC HAND, from the Exemplaria sive Formulae Scripturae Ornatioris XXXIV. of J. Houthusius, I59r.
44. TWO SIMPLE ITALIC HANDS, in which the tops of the $l l$ 's
45. etc., show traces of the blob-like thickening which characterizes the more flowing hands illustrated in Nos. 53 to 64 . From the same source as the preceding example.
46. SPANISH "BASTARDO" WRITING, from the Nueva Arte de Escribir of P. Diaz Morante, issued by Palomares in 1789.
47. REDONDILLO, or Spanish round hand, from the Arte de Escrevir of Francisco Lucas, I580.
Note the curious form of the $d$ which characterizes this type of writing.
48. BASTARDO Spanish Writing, from the same source.
49. SPANISH WRITING, from the Nueva Arte de Escribir of $P$. Diaz Morante, issued by Palomares in 1789. Note the interesting treatment of the $p$ 's and $q$ 's.
50. ROUND HAND WRITING, from the Copy-Book of Richard Daniel, r664.
51. ROUND HAND, by Peter Gery, 1670.
52. FRENCH AND BASTARD ALPHABETS, from L'Art d'Ecrire, by J.-B. Allais de Beaulieu, 1680.
53. EARLY EXAMPLES of the heavy endings to $l$ 's, $d$ 's, and other
54. letters with limbs above the line which form so conspicuous a feature in the next ten examples. Italian, from the Libro di G.-B. Palatino, I 540.
55. MORE FORMED WRITING, Italian, from Il Perfetto Scrittore 56. $)$ of G. F. Cresci, I 570.
57. A BELGIAN RENDERING of the same characteristic, from the Exercitatio Alphabetica of C. Perret, 1569.
58. ANOTHER EXAMPLE of the same kind of writing, in which the Initial is less satisfactory and there is more tendency to introduce flourishes. From the Exemplaria sive Formulae Scripturae Ornatioris XXXIV. of J. Houthusius, I59I.
59. A MORE RUNNING HAND, with the same characteristic blobs, from the Tooneel der loflijcke Schrijfpen of Maria Strick, I607.
60. ANOTHER EXAMPLE, with typical penwork scrolls of the period above and below the writing. From Les Oevres de Lucas Materot, 1608.

6r. AN ITALIAN EXAMPLE, from Il Cancelliere by L. Curione, 1609.
62. AN ENGLISH EXAMPLE, from The Writing Schoolemaster of John Davies of Hereford, 1648.
63. ANOTHER EXAMPLE, with typical scrollwork, from Les Oevres de Lucas Materot, 1608.
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64. A PORTUGUESE EXAMPLE, from the Nova Escola para aprender a . . . escrever, by M. de Andrade de Figueiredo, 1722. (Note the $f, p, j, q$, and compare them with Nos. 49,62 , and 63. )
65. AN EXAMPLE, showing the same typical thickening, in a modified form, combined with the flourish. From the Grundliche Unterricht der edlen Schreib-Kunst of G. Scheurer.
66.) ITALIAN MERCANTILE HANDS, showing an early re-
67.) strained and happy use of the flourish. From the Libro di Palatino, 1540.
Note how the lines help the composition of the page.
68. ANOTHER ITALIAN MERCANTILE HAND, with flourishes, from the Opere de Frate Vespasiano Amphiareo, I554.
69.)ITALIAN WRITING with flourishes. From Il Perfetto Scrittore 70.) of G. F. Cresci, 1570.

7r.)PRETTILY SPACED and arranged pieces of flourish work.
72. From the Spieghel der Schrijfikonste of J. van den Velde, 1605.
73. RATHER RIOTOUS FLOURISH WORK, from the Tooneel der loflijcke Schrijpen of Maria Strick, $160 \%$.
74. SLOPING AND UPRIGHT WRITING, with flourishes from the same source.
(Compare the two lines at the top with No. 75.)
75. UPRIGHT WRITING, with flourishes, from the 'T Magazin oft' Pac-huys der Loffelijcker Penn-const by Daniel Roelands, I6ı6. (Compare the upper part of 74.)
Note the pleasing little scroll and how the long vertical lines on either side of it help to steady the design.
76. SLOPING WRITING, with flourishes, from Les Oeuvres de Lucas Materot, 1608.
77. ANOTHER SLOPING WRITING, with flourishes, from Il Cancelliere of L. Curione, 1609.
(Compare No. 6r.)
78. RIOTOUS, but on the whole legible, flourish work. From 'T Magazin oft' Pac-huys der Loffelijcker Penn-const by David Roelands, 1616 .
79. A WELL SET OUT piece of flourish writing, from Chirographia by R. Gething, c. 1619.
80.) TWO EXAMPLES, in which the flourish is kept within bounds, 8I. ) from the Poecilographie of J. de Beaugrand, I633.

Note the delicacy of the writing and the fanciful treatment of the initials.
82. RESTRAINED FLOURISH-WORK, from the same source.
83. SLOPING WRITING, with flourishes, from a book by Thomas Weston, 168 r .
84. ANOTHER SLOPING HAND, with flourishes, from Kunstrichtige Vorschriften, 1702.
85. A SIMPLE CURRENT HAND, with a few flourishes added. From M. Baurenfeind's Vollkommene Wieder-Herstellung der Schreib-Kunst, 1716.
86.) PORTUGUESE WRITING, with flourishes. From the Nova
87.) Escola para aprender a . . . escrever by M. Andrade de Figueiredo, 1722.
88. CURRENT WRITINGS, from Chirographia by R. Gething, 89.) c. 1619 .
90.) TWO WRITINGS WITH FLOURISHES, showing a deliber-
91. ately sought after effect where the ink has not run freely from the pen. From Richard Daniel's Copy-Book, 1664.
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93. GREEK WRITING, from The Universal Penman by George Bickham, I743.
94. TYPICAL BORDER WORK, from the Tooneel der loflijcke Schrijfpen by Maria Strick, 1607.
95. TYPICAL BORDER WORK, from Calligraphotechnia by R. Gething, 1619.
96. VERY ELABORATE BORDER WORK, from the Pen's Transcendency by Edward Cocker, 1660.
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1or. A PAGE OF WRITING framed by one sweeping line. From the Exemplaar-Boek of A. Perlingh, I679.
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104. A FLOURISH, from the Exemplaar-Boek of A. Perlingh, 1679.
105. LETTERING WITH FLOURISHES, which form a kind of scrollwork, from Chirographia by Richard Gething, 1645 .
106. A BORDER OF HEARTS, from the same source.

10\%.) FLOURISHES, one encircling the signature, from Calligrapho108. $\int$ technia by Richard Gething, I619.
rog. AN ELABORATE FLOURISH starting from the downstroke of a $p$. From A. Perlingh's Exemplaar-Boek, 1679.
rio. AN ELABORATE FLOURISH starting from the tail of a $k$. From the Exemplaria sive Formulae Ornatioris XXXIV. by J. Houthusius, I591.
iri. A FLOURISH, by Peter Gery, c. 1670.
ir2. SIGNATURE FORMING A HEART, from Richard Daniel's Copybook, 1664.

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