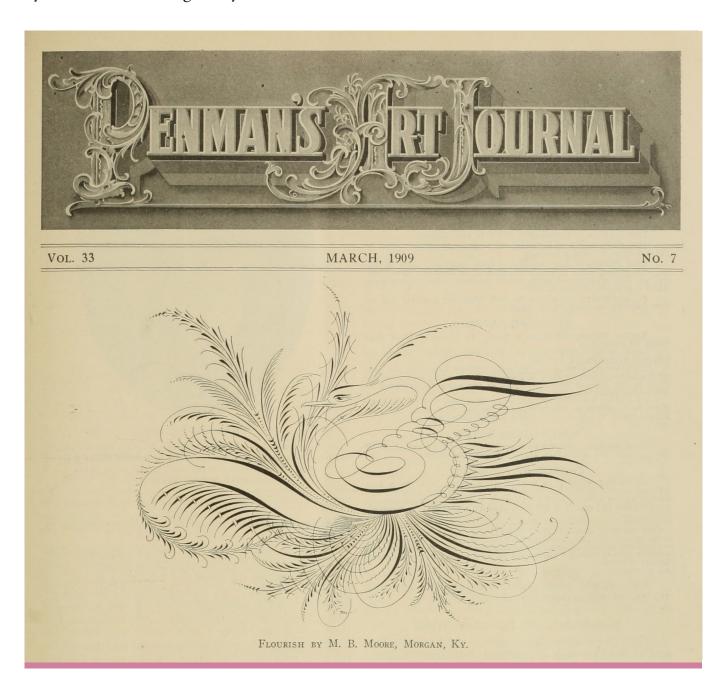
Lessons in Flourishing

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It is with a great deal of pleasure that I contribute this course in Practical Off-Hand Flourishing to the columns of The Journal, for it is from these very pages that I have obtained my skill and inspiration during the past twenty-five

It shall be my plan to give only such exercises as are really practical and essential. Off-hand flourishing is still an important branch of penmanship, and I earnestly advise all who appreciate the artistic and beautiful to take up this course and follow it through with me.

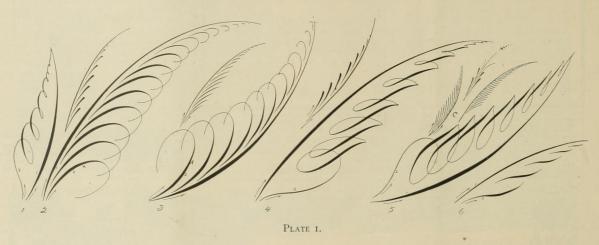
In Plate I I have given eight elemental exercises. In Plate 2 I have some simple applications, showing how these movement exercises may be used.

Hold the pen as shown in the cut. Use the best quality of paper, a fine, flexible pen and black ink. Instructions will be continued at length.

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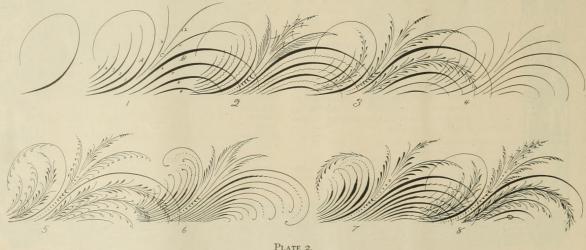


Special attention is called this month to Exercise I in Plate 2. Its importance may be understood when it is known that it is repeated oftener in finished designs than any other. The student should learn to grasp this exercise in sets of strokes, and to better enable him to do so, I have divided it into three sets of strokes designated as A, B, C, made in the order indicated by small figures. Now, if the student will thoroughly master this exercise and the various styles of finish as shown in sets 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, he will be the possessor of the key to highly finished off-hand flourishing.



Before practising an exercise, study it carefully. Note the repetition of stroke, the symmetry and harmony of arrangement. Have you ever taken time to define beauty? What makes the exercise beautiful? We hear this word, possibly, more frequently than any other adjective when an attempt is made to describe any object or piece of work that is pleasing. In a subsequent lesson, I am going to talk about beauty, and show how it applies to the art of Flourishing, and why Flourishing appeals to everyone.

Use jet black ink and a fine, flexible pen. Send some of your best work to The Journal office for mention among the Student Specimens or in the Scrap Book.

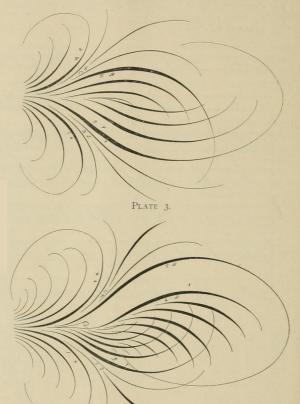




I hope that you practised carefully on the copies given for October, and that you made splendid progress. Be sure to watch the sets of strokes to which I called special attention last month.

For November I present several exercises, and believe you will have a good month's work if you master them. The exercises on plates 1, 2 and 3 prepare the way and lead directly up to the scroll designs shown on plates 4 and 5. The X, Y, Z sets of strokes on plates 2 and 3 are simply the reverse form of the A, B, C sets. The exercise on plate 3 is a modified form of the one on plate 2, and is very effective in rapid dashy work.

The small figures on the strokes indicate the order in which they are to be made.



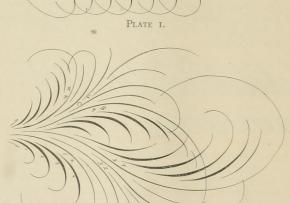
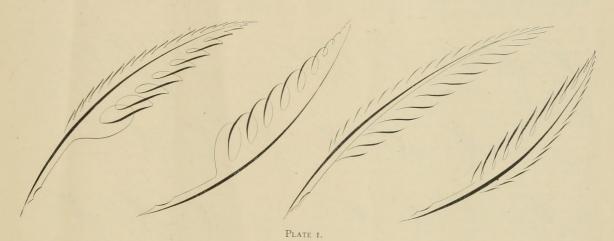




PLATE 4.



Here are some exercises a little more complicated than those given last month. After mastering the first plate you will find yourself prepared to take up the second successfully. The first, second, third and fourth exercises on the last plate should be taken up in their order, and a great deal of work will be necessary to bring out the fine lines and delicate shadings in the last piece of flourishing. Do not be disappointed if you fail many times. Your final success will amply justify the effort.



Next month you will have an opportunity to put into practice the skill you have acquired, and see what you can do in really artistic flourishing.





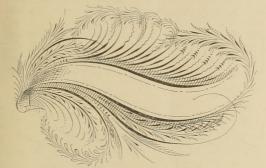


PLATE I.



PLATE 2.



PLATE 3.



PLATE 4.

For my January lesson I am going to give my pupils a little drill on bird flourishing. Note that each stroke is numbered in the order in which it is to be made. This branch of flourishing has always been considered the most fascinating of all. There is nothing more graceful than the bird, and as the graceful line constitutes the sole claim of merit for flourishing, we have here a combination that we could not get any other place.

No specific instructions need be given, for everything is set out as plain as possible.



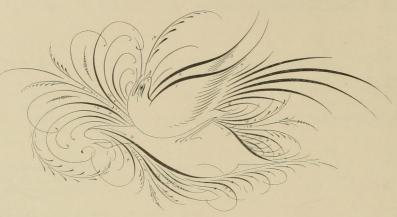
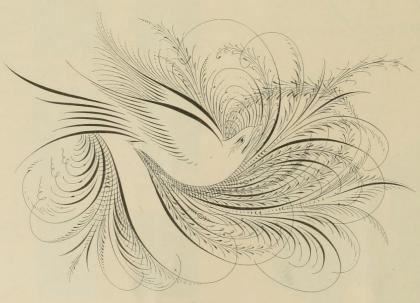


PLATE I.

Plate 1 shows a bird flourish similar to the one you practised on last month in Plate 4, excepting that more strokes have been added to make it more fancy. All the strokes are numbered on this flourish which shows the order in which they are to be made.



In plate 2 we have a very dainty and beautiful flourish. Practise same very carefully and send your best work to The Journal office. We will reproduce the best specimen received. Execute your work in jet black ink.





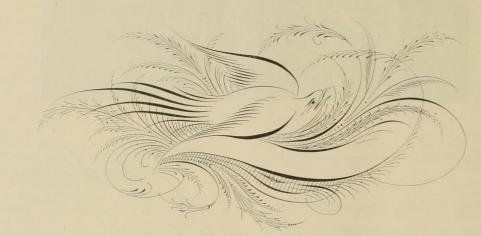
This month I present a more difficult flourished design. The cut above shows the two principles leading up to the finished flourish which appears on the first reading page this month. Practise the principles carefully. Watch your shading. The Journal office should like to receive a specimen of your best work on the flourish appearing on page 7.

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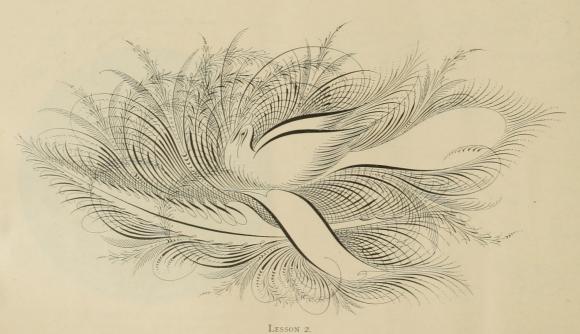
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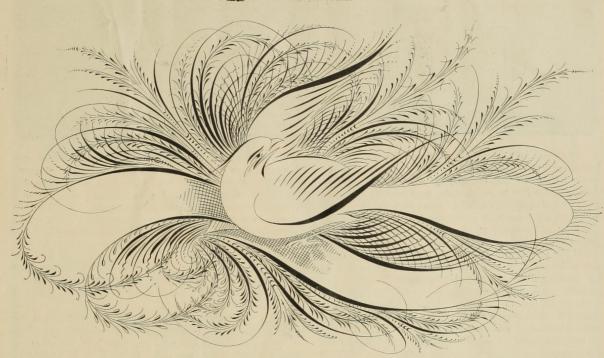
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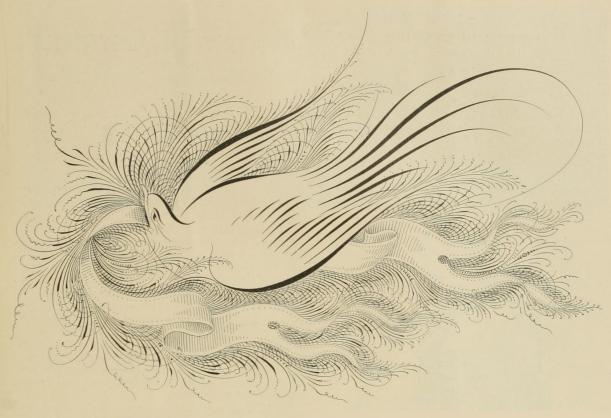


then draw the breast line. After that has been done, flourish the scroll in front and then the one beneath the bird. Fill in the grasses as instructed in former lessons.

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The flourish presented this month is a little more difficult than the one I gave in the September number, for the reason that the two scrolls must be made to balance. In my last lesson there was but one scroll, with the bird resting upon it, and penmen should have little trouble in getting proportions right. The flourish this month will require more skill. First flourish in the wings and tail of the bird, and



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This month I present another difficult flourish. Watch the details carefully. The instructions which I gave for last month will also apply to this flourish. The scrolls should balance. Take particular notice of the shading on the scrolls. This is put with very fine short lines, and is the last thing to be done. In executing this flourish make it again as large as the illustration shown.

We should be glad to receive specimens of the work done on this lesson.

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