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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	De Vinne, Theodore Low, 1828-1914
<b>Title:</b>	Theodore Low De Vinne papers
<b>ID:</b>	4078693
<b>ID:</b>	MS#0340
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1850-1914
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2.5 linear feet 6 boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Theodore Low De Vinne papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

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American printer. De Vinne was one of the founders of the Typothetae of the City of New York, serving as secretary and president.

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## Summary

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Correspondence, documents, scrapbooks, and notes, drafts, and manuscripts of De Vinne's books, essays, and articles on printing. The collection contains much documentation relating to the Typothetae of the City of New York.

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## Arrangement

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Selected materials cataloged; remainder arranged.

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Source of acquisition--Typographic Library. Accession number--M-59.

## Ownership and Custodial History

From the Typographic Library.

## Processing Information

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 06/--/89.

## Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared.  
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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Printing -- United States
- Printing -- Societies, etc
- Articles
- Drafts (documents)
- Drawings (visual works)
- Essays
- Financial records
- Galley proofs
- Scrapbooks
- Printers
- Typothetae of the City of New York

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## Collection Inventory

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### Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
Cushing, J. Stearns, 12 November 1900	box 1
De Vinne, Theodore B. To:	
Everet J. Wendell, 12 May 1914	box 1
Henry Lewis Bullen, 20 september 1910-20 January 1917	box 1
Camille DeVeze	box 1

Editor of the American Printer	box 1
Joel Munsell, 11 January 1875	box 1
Mr. Mackellar, 17 March 1887	box 1
L. B. Benton, 30 June 1896	box 1
Mr. Mackellar	box 1
Mr. Cochrane, 29 March-20 June 1901	box 1
The Century Company, 11-13 August 1900	box 1
J. M. Stoddart, 2 November 1903	box 1
Ginn and Company, 20 December 1906	box 1
Frank B. Berry, 20 & 23 March 1907	box 1
Henry Lewis Johnson, 8 November 1907	box 1
Mr. Veeder, 17 June 1908	box 1
Dr. George P. Holden, 27 July 1909-18 May 1912	box 1
Felt, Charles W., 14 April 1865	box 1
Gilliss, Walter, 18 January 1905	box 1
Holden, W. H., 5 March 1876	box 1
Howe, James Lucas, 28 September 1864	box 1
Knox, J. F., 5 October 1864	box 1
Martin, James H, 24 October 1904	box 1
Miller, Leonard H, 5 May 1871-31 May 1875	box 1
Munsell, Joel, 9 August 1864	box 1
Richardson, Warren, 22 May 1900	box 1
Rooses, Max, 17 October 1884	box 1
Saint-Andre de Lignereux, 12 January 1904	box 1
St. John, James A, 3 May 1883 & 19 November 1890	box 1
Smeding, L. H., 26 June 1901	box 1
Sewell, Alfred, 13 October 1864	box 1
Shipman, Craoline, 1904-1905	box 1
Smith, R. H., 10 December 1869-15 November 1870	box 1
Wright, A. J., 10 November 1864	box 1
Miscellaneous Correspondence	box 1

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<b>Proofs and Engravings</b>	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
De Vinne:	
Engraving on Wood	box 1
Brehmer, Henry:	
Renner type: Trial proofs, 1898-1899	box 1

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<b>Documents</b>	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
DeVinne "Memorandum re. the differences between employers and employees"	box 1
DeVinne "Agreement for uniform price scale"	box 1
DeVinne Calling Card with instructions, 14 January 1904	box 1

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<b>Manuscripts</b>	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
About Novelties in Typography	box 2
About Pages and Margins	box 2
About Typographical Unions	box 2
The Adaptability of Papers	box 2
Addresses	box 2
Address to Columbia University students in architecture, December 1906	box 2
Address to Yale College Club	box 2
Bookmaking	box 2
Brass Rule	box 2
Choice of faces	box 2
Address to Electrical Engineers, 9 February 1903	box 2

Address to Stationers	box 2
Composition	box 2
Compositiojn in time	box 2
Concerning Composition done for the Century Company, November 1894	box 2
Decoration	box 2
The Decoration of Books	box 2
Detachable notes	box 2
The Different Methods of Printing	box 2
Display	box 2
Display	box 2
Early Roman Printing Types (1)	box 2
Early Roman Printing Types (2)	box 2
Estimate of copy, often called the Casting-Off of Copy	box 2
Greek Type	box 2
Hints about Job Composition	box 2
The Implied Agreement between Author & P (unfinished)	box 2
L'Imprimeris #623-627	box 2
Initial Letters	box 2
Initials and Headbands	box 2
Italics	box 2
Librarians Abbreviations - English, French, Italian, Latin	box 2
List of Books belonging to Mr. Theo. L. DeVinne in Office Library, October 1906	box 2
Memoranda about early Roman types	box 2
Memoranda of litrary work concerning practical printing	box 2
Measurable Matter	box 2
Measurements	box 2
Medieval Typography	box 2
Misc. copy for Specimen books - less than 100 words	box 2
Misc. copy for Specimen books - Poetry	box 2
Misc. copy for Specimen books - 100 words or more	box 2
Miscellaneous Manuscripts	box 2



New Styles of Text Type (unfinished)	box 3
New Text Types (unfinished)	box 3
Notes made for a speech before the Typothetae at Aldine Association, 1900	box 3
Old rules of display (on ms. leaves numbered 29-33)	box 3
Paper	box 3
Paper and Paper-Making	box 3
A paper on the state of the printing trade, 1887	box 3
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Read but never published	
Planning of display	box 3
Plantin, Christopher "Dialogues in French for Young People" (with De Vinne's ms. notes)	box 3
A new edition of "The Inferno"	box 3
Roman Type	box 3
Routine of Book-Composition	box 3
Sketches of printers of Italy	box 3
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Notes on books examined or used for fascims	
Society for the Encouragement of Arts. "The Report of the Committee on the Deterioration of Paper", 1898?	box 3
Some Wrong Notions	box 3
Wood-cuts . . . Errors of designers	box 3
Why some wook-cuts are unsatisfactory	box 3
Weber's "Buchdruckerei"	box 3
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
DeVinne's ms. excerpts of sections 39-41	
Typographical Efforts	box 3
A poem	box 3
Practice of typography (notes, etc.)	box 3
Printing in New York	box 3
Proofs	box 3
Printing in the XIXth Century	box 3

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Contribution to Evening Post, September 1900

The Proper Proportions of Pages and Margins, etc.	box 3
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
From The Sizes and Shapes of Books	
La Reliure francaise (French book-binding)	box 3
Remarks by Theodore L. DeVinne before the Board of Trade, 29 January 1903	box 3
Types, &c.-memoranda	box 3
Type	box 3
To measure copy	box 3
The Theory of Presswork (unfinished)	box 3
Spacing of letters	box 3
Spacing	box 3

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Title/Description	Instances
Drawings:	
Miscellaneous	box 4
Hoe Catalogues Furnituire	box 4
Printed Ephemera	box 4
Miscellaneous Notes	box 4
Galley Proofs-Miscellaneous	box 4
Financial Record:	
Bills and bank drafts	box 4
Miscellaneous Printed Materials	box 5
Scrapbooks:	
Printed Books:	
<i>Fascililes of Types of Notable Printers of Italy During the Fifteenth Century</i>	box 6
<i>Theodore Low De Vinne Printer</i>	box 6

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<i>First Constitution of The Typothetae together With Autographs of the Original Signers, March 1866</i>	box 6
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<i>The De Vinne Press, 1900</i>	box 6
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<i>Catalogue of Works of The De Vinne Press , 1929</i>	box 6
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Grolier Club exhibition catalog

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