

New York, transcribe testimony, Rodgers reading direct to the machine (the old No. 1 Remington), which Black operated at high speed.

SAMUEL C. DUNHAM, until recently a stenographer in the office of the commissioner of labor, Washington, D. C., and best known to the shorthand world as the author of "The Missing Link in Shorthand," is reported missing. Last July Mr. Dunham was selected by Labor Commissioner Wright as a special agent to visit the gold regions in the Upper Yukon Valley and report upon the condition of the working people who had gone from the states to Alaska in search of gold. Colonel Wright selected Mr. Dunham, it is said, because he regarded him as a level-headed man, conservative and cautious, with "no tendency to slop over," and because he had had considerable mining experience in California. The last information received by the bureau from Mr. Dunham was that he had reached Lake Bennett, having crossed Chilkot Pass and Lake Linderman on his way down the Yukon. This was September 4, and winter was setting in. In the ordinary course of events the bureau should have heard from Mr. Dunham by October 17, on which date letters were received from the region where he was supposed to be. The commissioner is greatly concerned for Mr. Dunham's safety, and an inquiry as to his whereabouts has been set on foot. He has been connected with the bureau about twelve years, and was before that a court stenographer in Minneapolis. He also acted at one time as private secretary for the late Senator Voorhees, of Indiana, and as stenographer to the congressional committee on military affairs. He is a widower and has several children.

ONOTO WATANNA is the name of the young lady who is chief stenographer for the Great Northern Coast and Inland Company, of Chicago. She is 21 years old and a native of Japan. At a tender age she accompanied her parents, brothers, and sisters to England, and later to Canada, where she received her education in Montreal. She taught herself phonography from a Benn Pitman *Manual*, and has held some very good positions as a short-



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hand writer. At the age of 16 she was a court stenographer in Kingston, Jamaica, and reported officially many parliamentary debates there. An attack of yellow fever made it necessary for her to go to New York, and her position in Kingston is now filled by her elder sister. Several years ago she went to Chicago, where she was stenographer for the Commercial McKinley Club during the late presidential campaign. While she depends on shorthand for a living, she has aspirations in the field of literature, and has indeed already achieved no mean success therein. Several of her short stories have been published in magazines and newspapers and her novel, "Miss Chrysanthemum," is now being adapted for the stage by Gillette. In a recent letter to the editor of the MAGAZINE, she says:

I am not a "new woman." I believe in girls working in offices and holding positions downtown, but only where they stand up for the standard salary and are thus in fair competition with men, and, therefore, not ruining their prospects. I seldom have employed a girl who offers to work "cheap." They are a curse to the trade both for men and women. The employer will tell the young man applicant, "I can get a girl to work for so and so," and where a girl stands up for a proper salary (and she generally gets it just as easy as a small one) she is a better friend to the opposite sex. I realize that "necessity knows no law," but I also know that no one can live on the salary paid to some women; therefore it would be just as well that they did not work at all, but spend the time looking for work more remunerative. For it is time wasted working for what does not afford a living. If she will put so much by each week she will not fear being out of work.

ANDREW DEVINE, who since 1885 has been one of the official reporters of debates in the national house of representatives,* has resigned that office to accept the position of vice-president and consulting director of the American Phonograph Company. On the evening of December 20, he was given a dinner by some of his

many friends in Washington, as an expression of esteem and good wishes. There were present:

W. E. Annin, S. J. Barrows, Milton W. Blumberg, Chas. A. Boynton, David Wolfe Brown, Henry L. Bryan, James O. Clephane, Paul Cromelin, An-

* For biographic sketch see PHONOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE, Aug. 1, 1893, page 283.



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