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Lupfer Zanerian Memories

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This is a story of INSPIRATION to anyone who is taking up the learning of Penmanship, no matter what branch of it. The late Earl A. Lupfer was raised on a farm. He enrolled at THE ZANERIAN COLLEGE OF PENMANSHIP which was operated by Mr. C. P. Zaner and E. W. Bloser, both MASTER PENMEN. Mr. Zaner at that time was considered the best all around Penman in the world. That meant that he had mastered every branch of pen work: Business, Ornamental, Roundhand, Lettering, Engrossing and Flourishing. The Zanerian College had a tremendous influence on the Handwriting in America. Nearly all the great penmen either attended the college or took a course by correspondence. The College had a fine reputation. Young Earl Lupfer had so much difficulty learning that Mr. Zaner called him into the office and said he would like to refund his tuition because after many weeks of work, he could see no sign of his ever being able to master the art. Lupfer was a determined young man-from Pennsylvania and he said, "I came here to, learn Penmanship and I'm going to do it." Mr. E. W. Bloser took him under his wing and he persisted with his lessons. I don't know exactly how long it took him, but Mr. Earl A. Lupfer became the principal of the College, he became the Penman-who wrote the copy for their books, he became the Editor of "The Business Educator" and he took Mr. Zaner's place of prominence in the Penmanship World by being considered the best all around Penman in the World. He mastered Business Penmanship, Ornamental, Roundhand, Lettering, Engrossing and Flourishing. He was courageous, determined and reached the pinnacle of perfection in Penmanship.