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Albert S. Pritchard (1846-1910)

Albert S. Pritchard died on January 13, 1910 at the age of 64. He was a penman of the old school, having been a student in penmanship under the late George J. Becker at Girard College, where he graduated. He then started to learn the lithographic business, but his ability leaned towards penmanship and much of his time was spent in writing cards, flourishing, etc. In those days, card writing was a main- feature in the penmanship business, and he was kept busy several years in this line of work. For more than 35 years he carried on a general engrossing business in Philadelphia. He was a master in his profession. His work was in black and white almost exclusively, and in this particular branch of the art, he was considered one of the finest executants in the country. He was a gentleman of cheerful disposition, and a conscientious worker. For over sixteen years he was a close friend of the writer, who appreciated his fine qualities as a man, and admired his superior skill as a penman. His loss will be greatly felt by all who knew him.

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(\*George J. Becker (1816-1903), mentioned in Pritchard's bio, published the book *Ornamental Calligraphy* in 1876. The book is currently offered by Dover Books.....Joe Vitolo)

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