

## Platt R. Spencer's Publications on Penmanship

1848. "Spencer & Rice's System of Business and Ladies' Penmanship"; a graded set of copy-slips, with accompanying rules and explanations. These were later published under the title, "Spencerian or Semi-Angular Penmanship."

1855. "Spencerian System of Writing," in a series Of 13 copy-books. Also, "Theoretical Guide to Spencerian or Semi-Angular Penmanship."

1857. "Spencerian System of Penmanship," for Academies and Public Schools, in 6 numbers of copy-books. Also, "Compendium of Spencerian or Semi-Angular Penmanship," copyrighted by P. R. Spencer & Sons, containing 65 plates of Penmanship engraved facsimile from the author's writing, with instructions. Also, a Chart, entitled "Correct Spencerian Position of Hand and Pen, with Explanations.

1858-59. "Spencerian System of Practical Penmanship," in a series of 8 progressive copy-books. Instructions on covers; freehand copies. A handsome, practical series.

1860-61-62-63. "Revised Spencerian System of Practical Semi-Angular Penmanship." Common School Series, 5 numbers; Business Series, 2 numbers; Ladies' Series, 2 numbers; Exercise Series, 2 numbers.

## Spencerian Publications by P. R. Spencer's Sons.

After Mr. Spencer's death, the perpetuation of his System of Penmanship through new publications naturally devolved upon his sons, who had been associated with him in his labors. The last of the elder Spencer's works appeared in 1863. Since that date have appeared as follows:

1864. "Spencerian System of Practical Penmanship," in 12 Numbers, 4 distinct Series, New Standard Edition; all Copy Books. Also, Spencerian Charts of Writing and Drawing, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

1866. "Spencerian Key to Practical Penmanship. "A manual of instructions, with copious illustrations; for adepts, teachers, and pupils.

1873. "Shorter Course in Spencerian Penmanship" Copy Books, in 3 Graded Numbers. Also, "Tracing-Book, Spencerian Penmanship"; also, "Spencerian System of Penmanship"; large Copy Books embracing Common School Series Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 4 1/2, 5, and 6.

1874. "Theory of Spencerian Penmanship"; an illustrated hand book of instruction for teachers and pupils. Also, Spencerian Charts of Writing, 47 pages or leaves, presenting magnified forms of letters and figures, with explanations.

1877. "New Graded Series," in 7 Numbers; "Shorter Course, Spencerian System of Penmanship." Also, "Tracing-Books," 1, 2, 3, and 4.

1879-80-81-82-83-84-85. "New Spencerian Compendium of Penmanship" Parts I., II., III., IV., V., VI., VII., VIII., each containing nine plates, all of which are embraced in this completed work, in book form.

1884-85. "Spencers' New Copy-Books," embracing School Series, Nos. I, IA, 2, 2A, 3, 4, 5 and 6; Business Series, Nos. 7 and 8; Ladies' Series, Nos. 9 and 10. Writing and instructions simplified. Hand-Chart and Movement Exercises, on covers.

1885. "New Standard Practical Penmanship," Business College Edition; simple, rapid, practical. A complete set of copy-slips, with ample illustrations of position, pen-holding, and movements.

The Spencer authors, have been assisted from time to time, in the arrangement and grading of copybooks for schools, by experienced teachers. Among these, Mr. M. D. L. Hayes, the enthusiastic and successful general agent for the Spencerian publications, from 1864 to 1875, is entitled to special mention, in connection with the series of larger copy-books; also Mr. George, H. Shattuck, his successor in the agency, for valuable suggestions in the preparation of New Shorter Course Copy-books.

The elder Spencer Brothers gratefully acknowledge their appreciation of the devotion of their younger brother, Lyman P. Spencer , to the execution of this work, The New Compendium of Spencerian Penmanship.