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THE HISTORY OF THE EIGHT WORLD WONDER

The wonder:



A successor of Gutenberg:

Uppercase
(Capitals)

Lowercase



Ottmar Mergenthaler

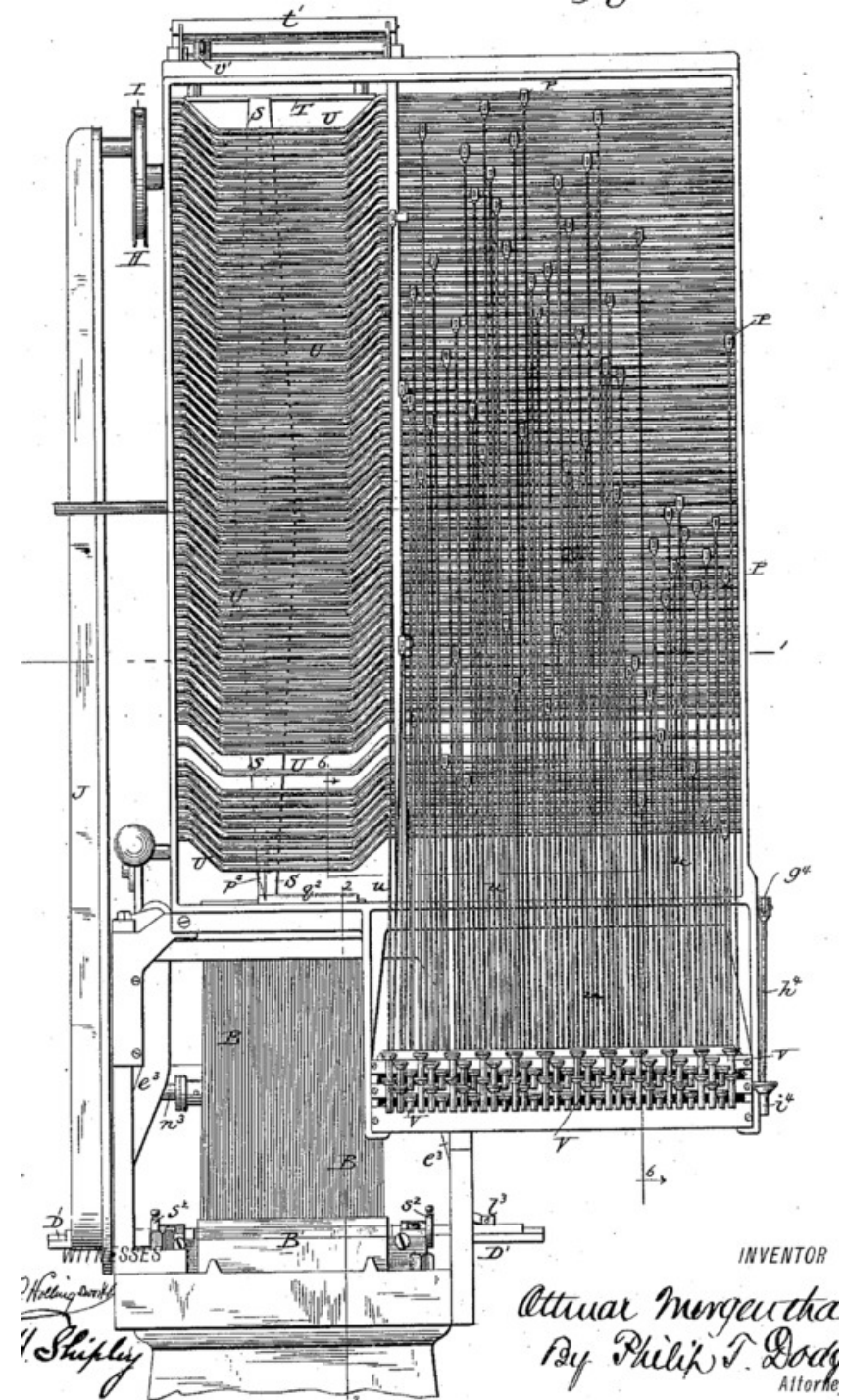


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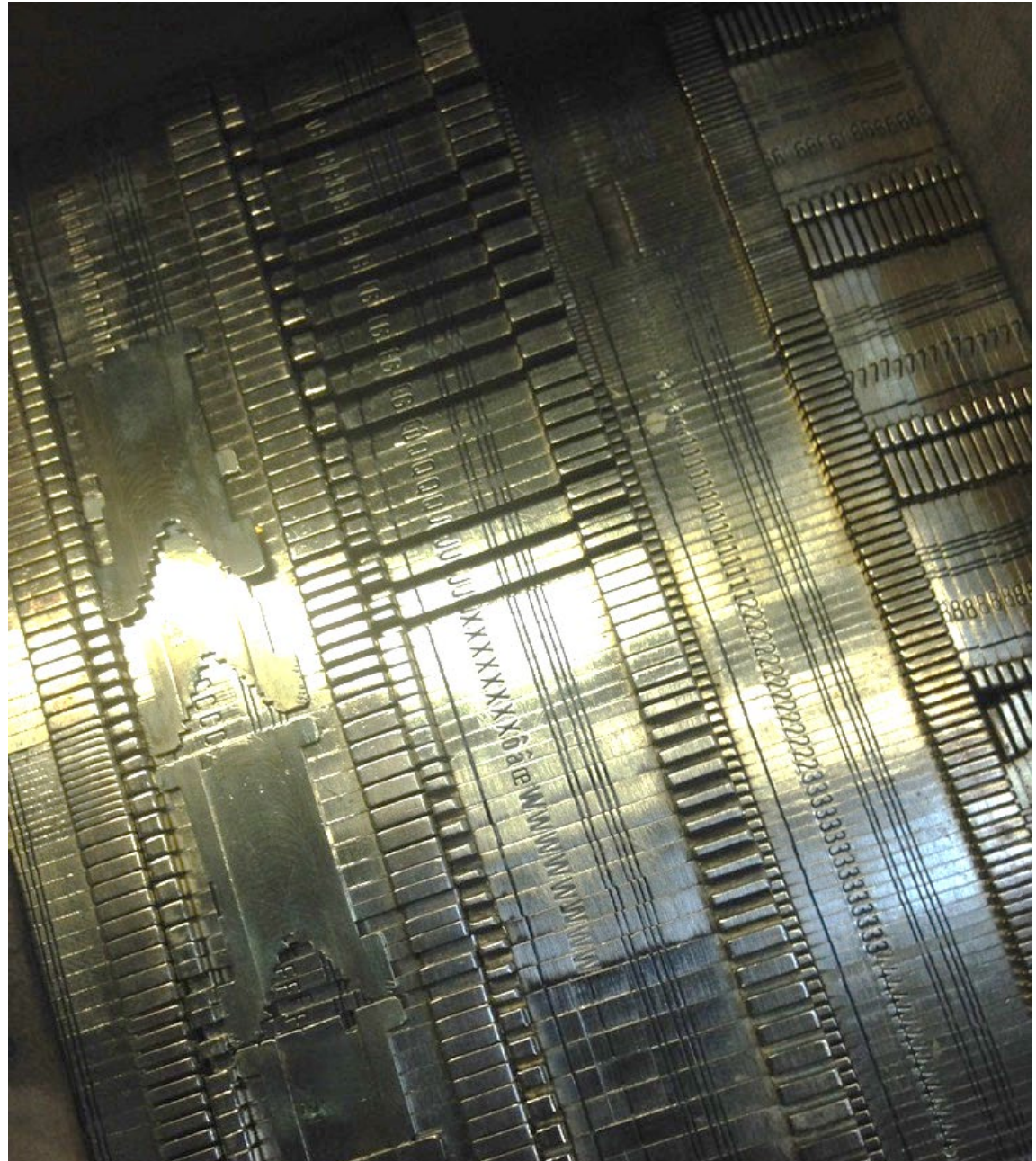
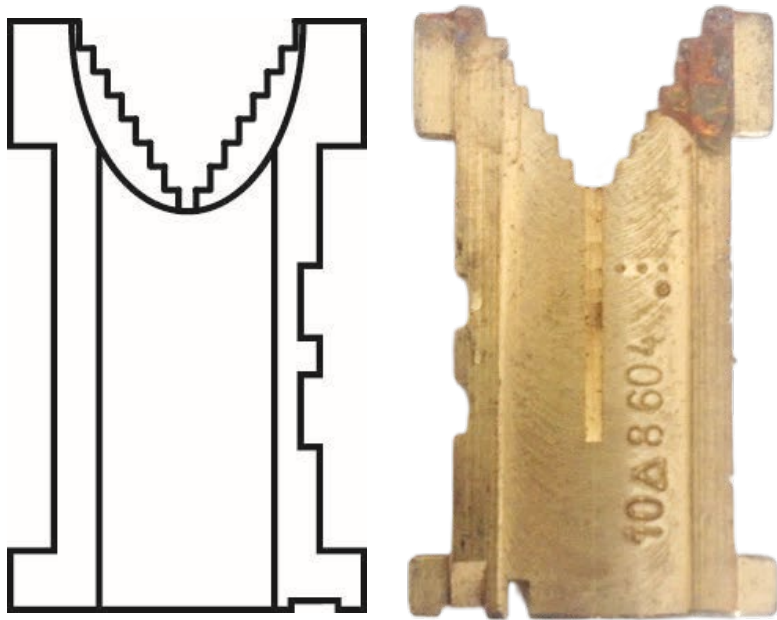
1872-1886:

14 years of development

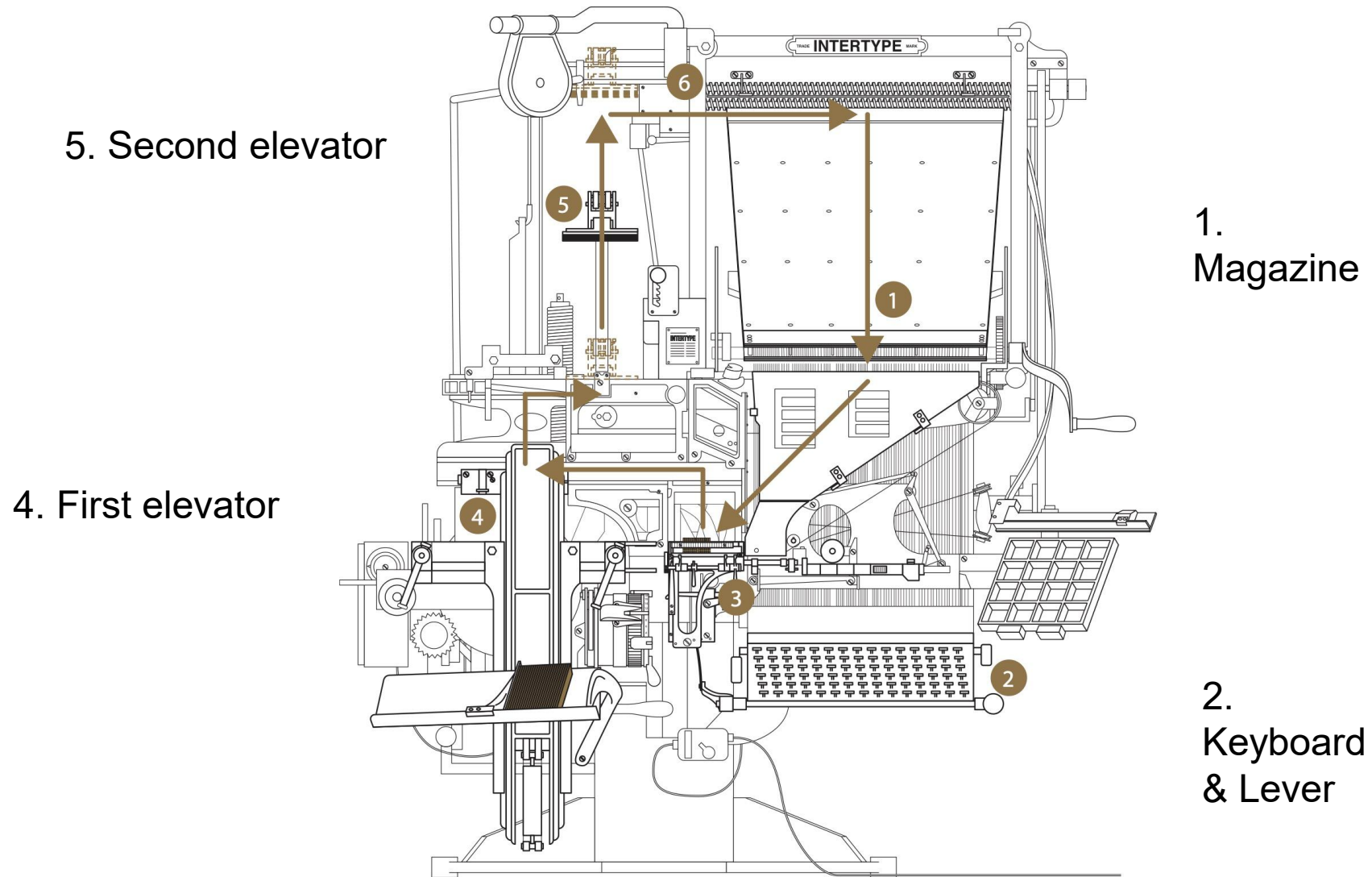
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The improvement: matrices

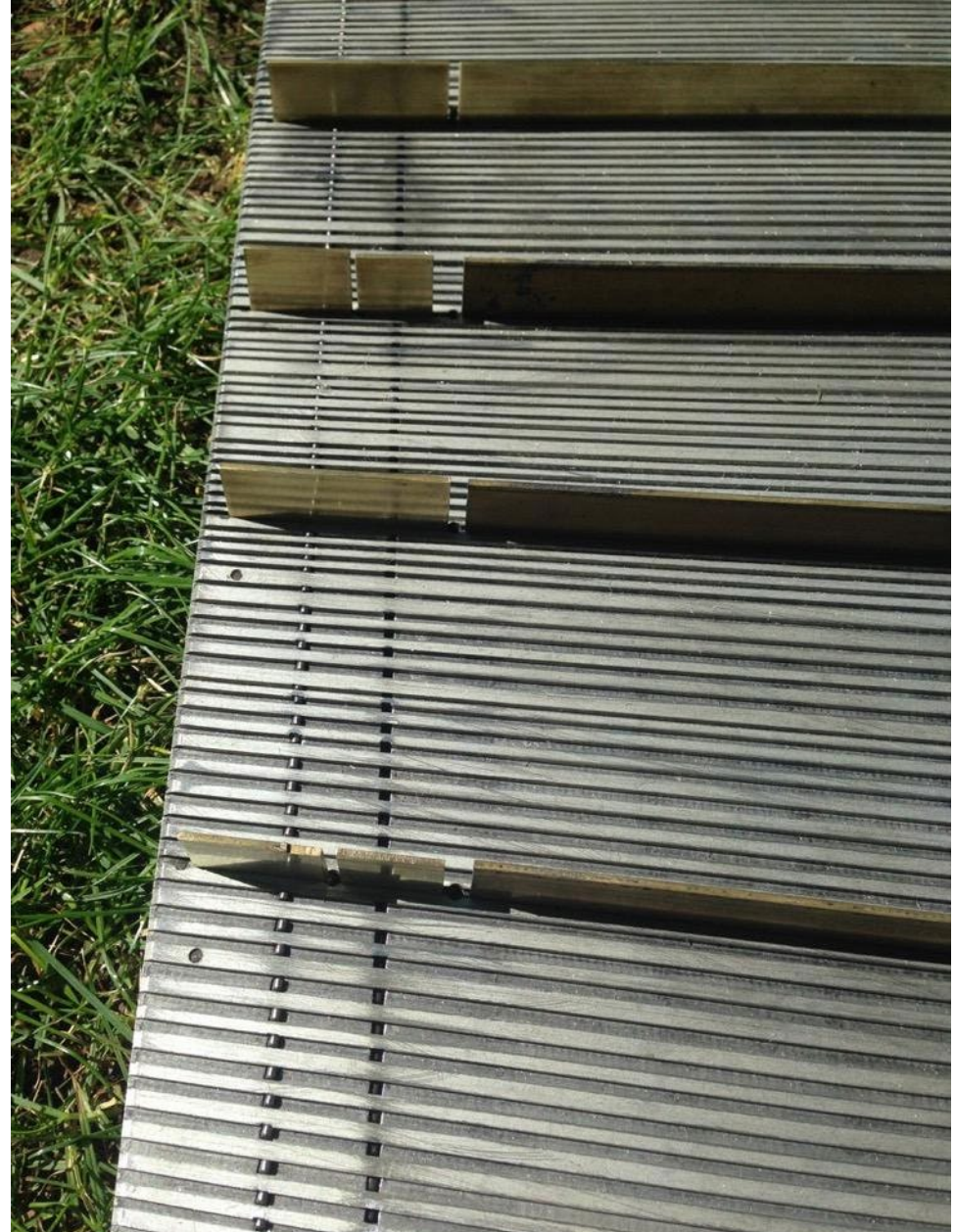


6. Distribution



3 Assembling elevator

1. The magazines

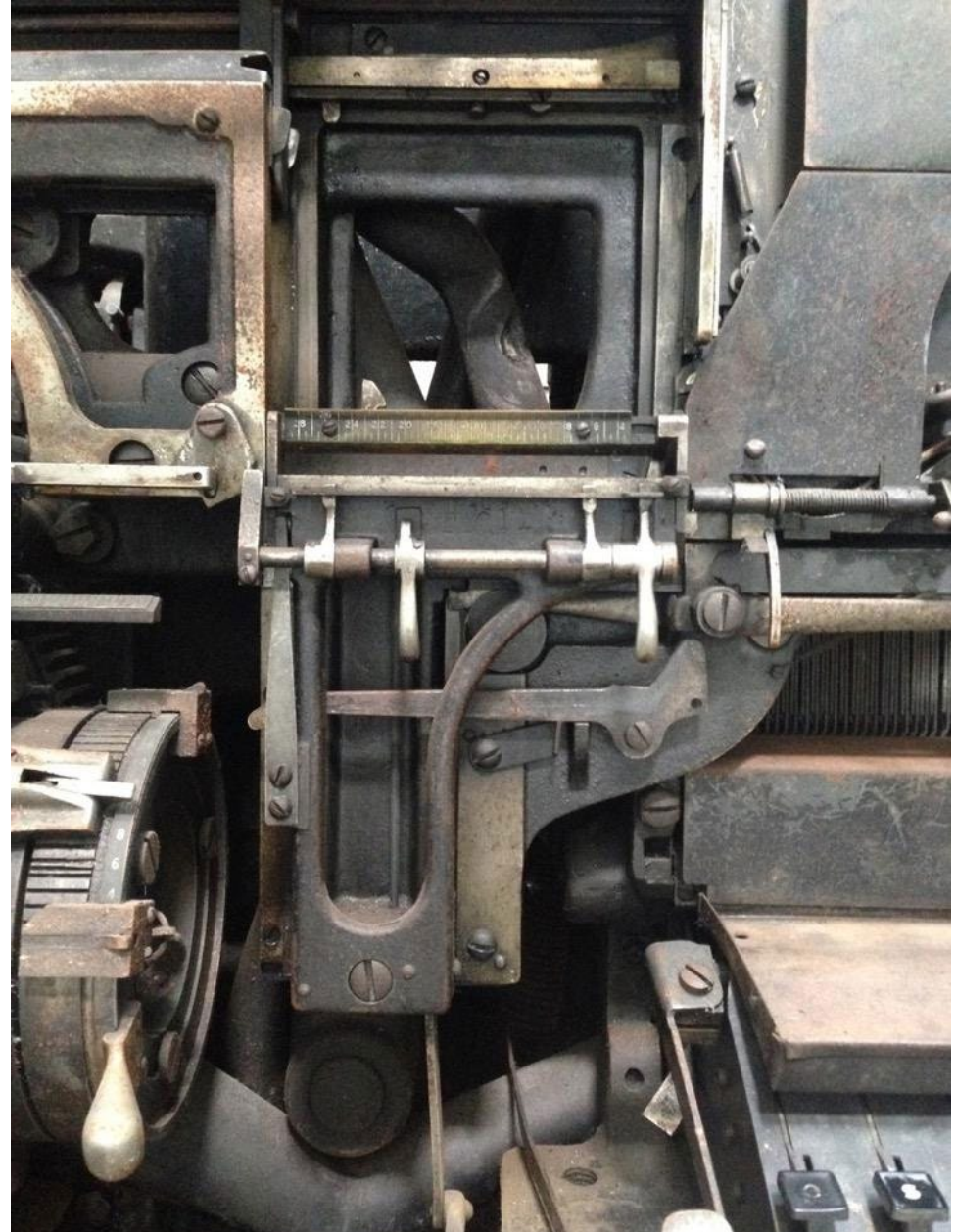


2. Etaoinshrdlu

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3. Assembling



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4. Casting. The output:



To the press!

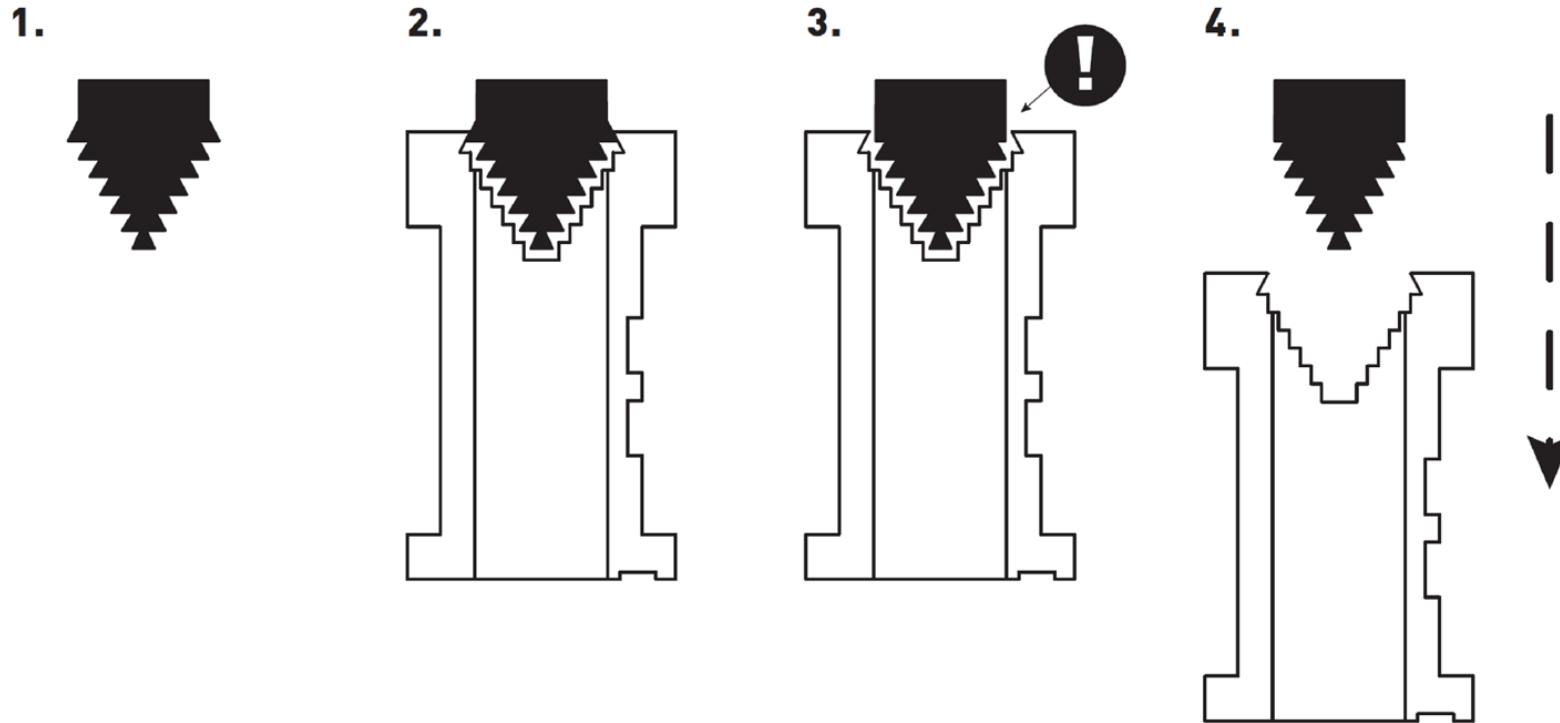


5+6. Second elevator & distribution With automatic matrix sorting:



6. Distribution

With automatic matrix sorting:



Variations:



German model 5



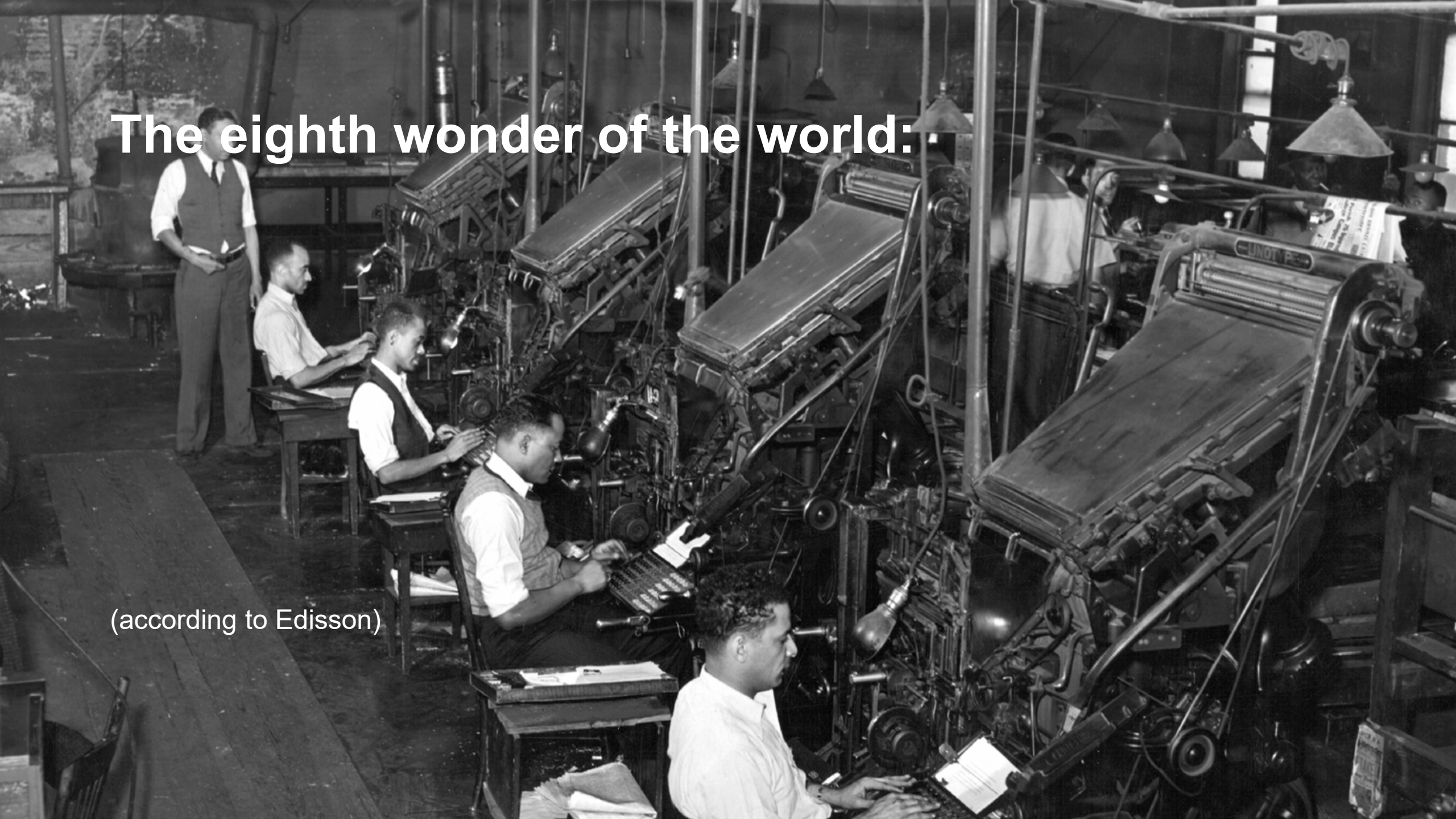
German model 10A



German model 4B

The eighth wonder of the world:

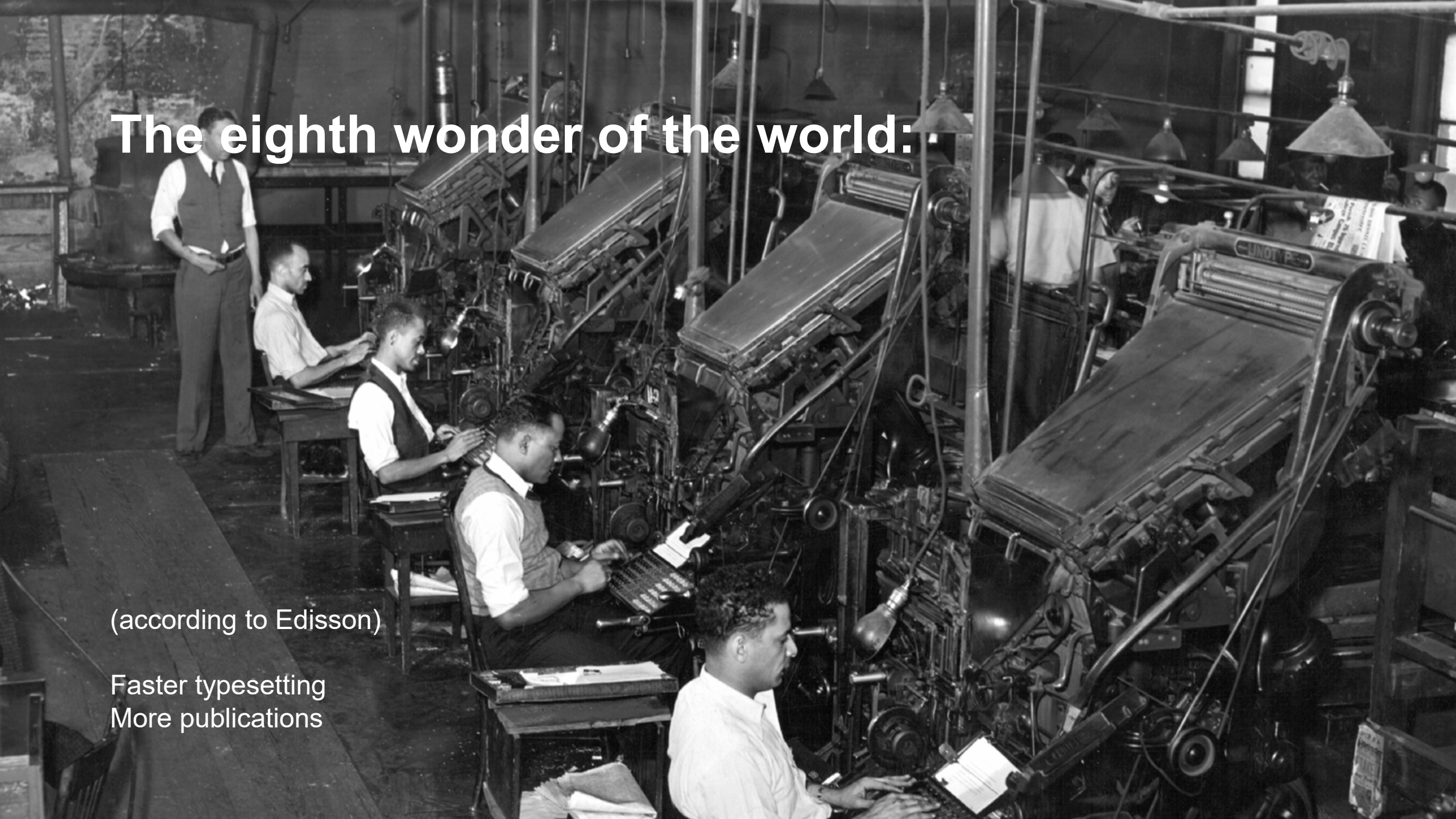
(according to Edison)



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More publications



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More opportunities for free
speech

