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When he was <sup>still</sup> 13, he felt that he should help out (to provide for the family needs) by going to work. What he could bring in would be small, but he felt it was his duty to contribute it. He told his parents that he wished to quit school and begin to work. To this they objected. But he had custom on his side; boys of his station in life, <sup>even</sup> expected to begin work at his age or earlier. The parents reasoned with him about the need of learning, but he thought that learning was not a matter of going to school; it is an inner hunger. He knew that his own father had not obtained more than the fundamentals at school and yet through study had acquired an unusually good education. Being a strong-willed boy and possessed of an unusual ability to persuade, he left school and found work at a shipping office. Here, his penmanship, in which he took great pride, was an asset for all copying was done in long hand, and legibility, rapidity and beauty were of great importance. In this field he worked long and faithfully to improve. His handwriting came to look like copper plate engraving.