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"The new literacy"

This is the piece (>10 years ago) I mentioned to you.

A few other folks have since used that phrase; but I don't know that anyone has commented on the effect of engraphy on writing style (beyond my brief remarks).

Has anyone (perhaps Eliz. Eisenstein) done that for "Gutenberg"?

[But there was eventually such a large impact on reading: that overshadowed all the rest. Perhaps the same will be true of the electronic media. When we "deposit something in a data base" that will be a different composition than "writing an article", quite apart from the technology of inscription and editing.

I enjoyed meeting you,

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