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A half century of demographic, social, cultural, technological, and commercial changes at once accompanied, propelled, and shaped an exploding "print ecology" in the United States. Important studies by Christopher P. Borus, and Susan Coultrap-McQuin emphasize how these changes made obsolete the personal, paternalistic, leisured, and belletristic world of the "Gentleman Publisher" and of the "coterie marketplace" in antebellum and mid-century America. In its place emerged a much more robust, competitive, impersonal, professional, profit-driven, and in many ways, recognizably modern marketplace for what E. But no needs were more prevalent than the desires for popular entertainment, moral instruction, and cultural edification to be had from literature, whether lightsome or high-minded, ephemeral or durable. The late nineteenth century accordingly experienced an outpouring of literature in general and of fiction in particular to meet the demands of diverse and dispersed readers. Not all of the magazines and periodicals counted by Mott survived beyond infancy. Also, this competition was taking place in a national marketplace rather than in the northeastern and mid-Atlantic regions that had previously been the prime markets for publishers. Harbingers of the emerging mass market were the story papers, weekly tabloids of stories and serialized novels that had circulated in America since the s. In the s and s, however, their numbers and their readership surpassed all of the literary magazines. This material was frequently pirated from English periodicals, occasionally reprinted from earlier issues, and as competition demanded, commissioned from popular writers under exclusive contracts. Southworthâ€™for example, was a stalwart of the New York Ledger. Even after they were supplanted by the Sunday supplements and the literary inserts of the new daily newspapers, the story papers remained a convenient archive of material metropolitan stories, western and military and maritime stories, science fiction stories, detective stories for the second great wave of paperback publishing in America. A flood of cheap paperbacks also began in the s and continued into the early s, until cutthroat competition, overproduction, the adoption of an international copyright law in , and the financial panic of significantly stemmed the tide. In the intervening two decades paperback houses churned out disposable books with amazing rapidity, in some instances a new title daily. Because profit was a direct function of volume, the paperback houses inundated the market with literal and figurative bales of inexpensive reprints, frequently of popular foreign books, at the expense of new and indigenous American titles. First it is serialized either in the Sunday press or, less probably, in a weekly or monthly. Then it is made up into book form and sent over the course a second time. The original publisher sells sheets to a Toronto or Montreal house and a Canadian edition reaps a like harvest. It is not at all unlikely that a special cheap cloth edition may be bought and launched by some large retailer either of New York or Chicago. Then comes the paper editionâ€™with small royalties, it is true, but based upon the enormous number of copies, for the usual paper edition is an affair of tens of thousands. Next the novel crosses the Atlantic and a small sale in England helps to swell the net returns, which again are added toâ€™possiblyâ€™by the "colonial edition" which the English firm issues. Last of all comes the Tauchnitz edition, and with this bar the improbable issuing of later special editions the exploitation ceases. Eight separate times the same commodity has been sold, no one of the sales militating against the success of the other seven, the author getting his fair slice every time. These paperback biographies and novels were affordable, and affordably disposable, throughout the ranks of the working classes. The novelist and editor William Dean Howells â€™ observed in his essay "The Man of Letters as a Man of Business" that the prosperity and prominence of the new magazines had given "a whole class existence which, as a class, was wholly unknown among us before the war. Howells might have noted as well that the growing dominance of the periodical press over the book trade tended to conflate literature and literary journalism in a manner that led a remarkable number of mostly male writers to serve apprenticeships and even to establish careers as journalists and "magazinists. Life and Times of a Lost Generation p. Yet the rewards of the periodical press were not without

costs. Writers already accustomed to trimming their work to the presumed moral sensibilities of the reading public had to accommodate themselves as well to the practices and policies of the mass-market periodical. Often known as "ten-cent magazines," the mass-market periodicals typically had a circulation of a quarter million or more. They dominated the periodical trade by the mids, but they had been preceded by what were sometimes referred to as the "quality" magazines. In *Reading for Realism: The History of a U. Literary Institution*, Nancy Glazener termed these quality periodicals the "Atlantic group" of magazines, and they were a veritable marketplace unto themselves through the s. Such magazines were frequently owned by and used for promotional purposes by publishing houses, were run by editors who thought of themselves as men of letters, were directed primarily to a genteel and conservative audience of northeastern subscribers, and were instrumental in fostering and shaping American literary realism by embracing in their fiction if not in their readership representations of the common man and woman. These literary magazines were eclipsed by their more fashionable, more popular, and more profitable mass-market competitors: As a group, these magazines published popular if occasionally homogenous fiction alongside topical and "timely" articles, human-interest stories, and copious photoengravings and eventually photographs. They differed from their genteel predecessors in several important respects: In an column, the editor Frank A. Munsey offered his literary formula for the successful magazine: The magazines relied upon advertisers for revenue, their publishers relied upon professional editors for policy, editors frequently relied upon staff writers for contributions, and everyone relied upon the marketplace rather than aesthetic standards for cues to taste. One such "nonaffiliated, voluntary contributor," the popular New England writer Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward, no doubt spoke for many of her fellow writers in her complaint to Robert Underwood Johnson, editor of *Century Magazine*: Magazine publishers benefited as well from a revision of the postal system that took place in , which introduced rural free delivery and lowered rates for any printed material remotely resembling a periodical. Meanwhile, new technologies lessened the dependence of printers on time-, labor-, and cost-intensive manual skills. The Hoe and Tucker web press of was capable of enormous print runs of newspapers and periodicals. The Kraft thermochemical pulping process of produced wood-fiber paper in abundance for ever-cheaper books and magazines. Similarly, the Mergenthaler Linotype machine of finally mechanized typesetting, and the late s brought the advent of less-expensive halftone rather than hand-engraved illustrations. At the same time, as Richard Ohmann argues in an essay in *Politics of Letters*, the unparalleled wealth accumulated under late-nineteenth-century industrial and finance capitalism strengthened publishing houses and periodicals, which had previously been undercapitalized and often folded after a short time in operation. Nor can one dismiss the social and cultural factors that swelled the increasingly diversified and stratified but still predominantly female ranks of readers: Yet many of these developments, whether in transportation or in education, differ more in degree than in kind from analogous causes cited for the first great expansion of American literature in the s and s. More definitive of the later marketplace, though, were those developments that gave the air of efficient professionalism to the production, dissemination, and management of literary properties. The new marketplace, whether for books or periodicals, clearly favored the steadily industrious writer. Wilson argues that the romanticized antebellum emphasis on authorial inspiration divorced writing from the idea of work, but the emergent standard in postbellum America was a bourgeois ideal of productivity and its associated values of timeliness, reliability, discipline, responsibility, and expertise p. Edith Wharton won the Pulitzer Prize for *The Age of Innocence* only after she had already published nineteen volumes of novels, novellas, and poetry in the preceding two decades. Henry a pseudonym for William Sydney Porter, who started late, published nine volumes of stories between and his death and left material for an additional four posthumous volumes. And then there were the legendary dime novelists Prentiss Ingraham, who purportedly authored more than six hundred works for Beadle, and Gilbert Patten, who, writing as "Burt L. In Henry James observed that "periodical literature is a huge open mouth which has to be fed—a vessel of immense capacity which has to be filled" "Science," p. But entrepreneurs such as Ansel Nash Kellogg ? McClure had already recognized that even the most productive authors were unable to meet the ravenous demands of readers and editors. Their contribution in the s was to form literary syndicates to distribute stories and serialized novels for simultaneous publication in newspapers and newspaper inserts. Bachelier has little to

say in his memoirs about the mechanics of syndication other than to emphasize what was of no small concern to writers, "the doubling of rates all along the first rank of authorship" p. But the syndicates were responsive to shifts in popular taste, helped writers to reach wider and more dispersed audiences, and generated broad interest in a work prior to its book publication. In his study of the syndicates, *Fiction and the American Literary Marketplace: The Role of Newspaper Syndicates*, Charles Johanningsmeier emphasizes the prevalence of the practice on both sides of the Atlantic and lauds the syndicates as "the most potent catalysts for the many positive changes that came in the literary marketplace in the s for both authors and readers" p. If periodical syndication was an efficient means of reaching a widely dispersed readership, subscription publishing was an equally effective means of reaching more directly the comparatively small book-buying segment of the larger reading public. A number of subscription publishers successfully managed to bypass the bookstore, relying instead on commissioned agents to solicit individual orders for a book prior to its publication. Granted, most editors and publishers tended to disparage the practice as undignified, while less-scrupulous agents exploited the system to fleece the purchaser, occasionally by outright fraud but more often by pushing on uninformed buyers oversized, overpriced, but lavishly illustrated works of dubious merit. Still, the use of subscription agents to canvass potential customers in rural areas and isolated communities that lacked bookstores was a marketing strategy well-suited to minimizing the risks of dealing in expensive reference works, deluxe editions of standard works and Bibles, sets sold on installment plans, and works of regional interest only, such as county histories. Success was apparently not limited to Twain or to specialty publishers. Hart estimates that "outside of school books and periodicals, more than three-fourths of all the money expended in the United States for books each year passed through the hands of agents" during the s and the early years of the twentieth century Madison, pp. These included periodical syndication, cloth and paperback editions, and international publications. These multiple outlets helped writers to recognize that their interests were not vested solely in one periodical or publishing house and that their success was not necessarily insured by personal relationships. This further moved the act of publication in the direction of business transactions founded upon contractual negotiations. The changing relationship between those antebellum stereotypes, the grateful and deferential writer and the magnanimous if not condescending publisher, is conveyed in a series of admittedly selective vignettes. An article titled "Letter to a Young Contributor" in *Atlantic Monthly* in April , likely penned by the editor Thomas Wentworth Higginson , who served as mentor to Emily Dickinson , reassured potential contributors of the essentially collaborative and congenial nature of the mid-century marketplace. The article described a mutually amicable world of letters wherein authors, editors, and publishers worked toward the common good on little more than a handshake because "the real interests of editor and writer are absolutely the same, and any antagonism is merely traditional" p. Only eight years later, however, Mary Abigail Dodge â€” , the Washington essayist and journalist who used the pseudonym Gail Hamilton, signaled that the times were changing with her self-published *A Battle of the Books* , a fictionalized version of her acrimonious dispute with the genteel Boston publisher James T. Fields over alleged underpayments. The emergence of literary agents in the last two decades of the century was another instance of entrepreneurship in the cause of efficiency, but it was also an explicit sign that the business of writing and the business of publishing were no longer synonymous. Bret Harte â€” stated the point explicitly in his May testimonial to Alexander P. Watt â€” , his English agent: Soon he was earning his standard 10 percent commission for shopping books, stories, and articles to publishers; negotiating contracts; bargaining for advances and royalty rates; arranging for English publication and translations; marketing ancillary rights, especially as film adaptations became more and more common; and a myriad of additional tasks on behalf of a clientele that included, among others, Stephen Crane, Hamlin Garland, Booth Tarkington , Willa Cather, and Ellen Glasgow. Publishers, of course, tended to disparage agents as intrusive at best and parasitic at worst. Some, Charles Scribner and Henry Holt among them, initially shunned any writer represented by an agent. The irrepressibility of the agent, though, is clear from two editions of *Authors and Publishers: The first edition*, in , was a relatively slim volume of ninety-six pages devoted to refuting the "popular assumption that between authors and publishers little sympathy existed" Putnam and Putnam, 1st ed. A more holistic assessment of the role of the agent in the marketplace is that of

James West in American Authors and the Literary Marketplace since The agent encouraged in the serious author a healthy attitude toward the business of writing, an acceptance of the idea that literary work could be artistically challenging and, at the same time, financially remunerative. American writers had enjoyed domestic copyright protection since , but no legislation safeguarded their financial interests in foreign markets or sheltered them and their publishers from the ruinous competition of domestic reprinters issuing foreign works in pirated editions that undercut the sales of copyrighted works. However, attempts to legislate copyright protection involved protracted debate between publishers, pirates, authors, free-trade advocates, protectionists, and powerful sectional that is, rural interests. Only with passage of the Platt-Simonds Act, effective on 1 July , did American authors receive a twenty-eight year international copyright on their works, a privilege shared by foreign authors who arranged for simultaneous publication and American manufacture of their works. The Platt-Simonds Act brought with it many things: But copyright protection was also something of an act of submission to the realities of the new marketplace. Sentimental domestic novels from female authors whom Nathaniel Hawthorne derided as the "dâ€”d mob of scribbling women" had found sizable American audiences in the mid-century. Southworth are ready examples. Likewise, religious and utopian titles such as Ben-Hur: Sheldon, and Looking Backward, â€” by Edward Bellamy had large and lasting sales. Because the best-seller epitomized so many of the developments in the early modern literary marketplace, though, one can plausibly wonder whether the bestseller, as distinct from the popular work, could have arisen any earlier than the mids.

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Imagining the Territory So You go looking for the real territory that you imagined in your dream Finding the Territory The two clearest distinctions between the literary marketplace and commercial marketplace are compensation, circulation, and genre. Circulations are also different, say, , to millions for commercial magazines-and from to , for literary magazines, with a literary magazine such as The Sun being at the top end. All that said, you probably wonder: Why would anyone want to publish stories in literary magazines if commercial ones seem so lucrative? While there are only a handful of commercial magazines publishing stories, there are literally thousands of literary magazines. The odds for literary magazines are better, though not much better. A good solid literary magazine such as the Mid-American Review publishes about 24 stories out of 2, submissions a year 1 percent. But with literary magazines there are a wider variety of types and editorial tastes to which you can match your work. The Land of Lakes These days, many literary writers establish their reputations in the literary marketplace, and then use that to help with book publication and commercial success later. What is this territory like? The Maps As daunting as this land of lakes may be, there are some excellent maps of this literary territory, some in bound volumes and some on the Internet. Here are a few, with descriptions: But it gives scant information about tastes, guidelines, payment, and rights. The Literary Marketplace LMP --Like a telephone book, it contains names and addresses of many, many publishers, broken down by type, but not much else. Bookstores and Libraries--Browse them; read some of the selections; jot down names and addresses of editors. Webdelsol --Contains many useful links to literary magazines and resources for writers. Navigating the Literary Marketplace Many people write these days. As a consequence, even small-circulation magazines receive thousands of submissions each year, from which they can select only a handful to publish. Here are some tips to improve your chances to get where you want to go: Make sure your work is perfect. It should be clearly printed or reproduced. It should have no typos. And it should be a fully realized work of fiction. Know why the work is ready to be made public. Know what it says, its effect, its contribution to the literary arts. Have a sense of that yourself. Consult these guides thoroughly for submission guidelines specific to each magazine. Read sample copies of the magazines you wish to submit work to. Cover letters should be simple and to the point, e. Can you use it? You may also want to include something about your training in writing or in the arts or humanities in general. Do not explain your story. Fiction writers should send one story at a time, double-spaced, with a reasonably sized typestyle, say, point, Times Roman. Put your address and phone, single spaced, in the upper right of the first page; then double-space down a couple times, center your title, double-space down again, then start your story. Stories over thirty pages are tough to place. Include an SASE with all correspondence to editors. If you send your work simultaneously one story to more than one editor at a time , you must keep accurate records of when you sent something and to whom. Next, to keep your morale up, keep your hand in play. Get to know at least thirty different literary magazines. Next, do as I have told my students in the past: Horror and Other Stories Livingston, Further examples of his work can be found at [http: Copyright Wendell Mayo](http://Copyright Wendell Mayo).

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Technological innovations, economic changes, and social and political factors together resulted in an explosion of printed material designed to meet the needs of an increasingly literate population. Authors once dependent on the support of literary patrons or subscriptions were now subject to the greed of publishers and the whims of public taste, which often tended toward the simplistic and sensational. Technological developments in the early part of the nineteenth century, among them improvements in the printing press and the invention of steam-powered printing machines, made possible the rapid dissemination of information to the growing populations of Europe and America via the newspaper. Although a small number of public libraries had existed in England from the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, they were of little use to the general reading public. Few had endowments that would enable them to add to their original collections, and most were devoted almost exclusively to religious tracts and antiquities. Despite increased readership throughout the nineteenth century, authors were often impoverished due to a variety of factors ranging from the greed of publishers to the vagaries of copyright law. The first Copyright Statute in favored the publishers who could buy copyrights from authors and hold them in perpetuity; authors, meanwhile, could hold their own copyrights for a limit of twenty-eight years. Writers in need of money would often sell their copyrights for a flat fee and if the book became successful, they would see none of the profits, which could be considerable. Others operated on the half-profit system, whereby author and publisher split the profits after expenses were met. Many authors complained that production costs were inflated by unscrupulous publishers and even best sellers yielded no profits to their authors. James Hepburn describes conditions in Writers on both sides of the Atlantic, with the exception of established, well-known authors, were hard pressed to earn a living from their trade. Such writers often obtained temporary relief from the Royal Literary Fund, founded in to provide financial assistance to authors in need. Petitioners normally had to have their requests sponsored by a prominent citizen or government official. While members of the middle class had difficulty achieving financial success from their writing, members of the upper class were constrained from making money in the book tradeâ€”either as writers or as publishersâ€”by a tradition that suggested such work was not respectable. They did not want it known that they had written for money. Tuchman offers the example of Fanny Burney, who wrote at night in order to hide her activity from her parents, and who sent her brother in disguise to communicate with her publisher. Even as writing became more respectable and more profitable later in the century, serious authors were forced to consider the changing tastes of their readership. William Charvat reports that there was little market for short fiction, as illustrated by the career of Nathaniel Hawthorne, whose collections of tales were unprofitable. The boom and bust cycle of the American economy also had a profound effect on the book trade. Nigel Cross has studied their situation in nineteenth-century Britain and claims that female authors were inevitably paid less than their male counterparts and were excluded almost entirely from certain categories of literature such as history and literary criticism. While women were discouraged from entering the profession, there were few other options open to them if they had no independent source of income. There were, of course, numerous exceptions to this bleak picture. Nonetheless, publishers treated successful female authors differently. Susan Coultrap-McQuin recounts a story of the twentieth anniversary dinner of Atlantic Monthly magazine, held in Boston in However, despite the large percentage of female contributors to the Atlantic over the twenty-year period, not a single woman was invited to participate in the celebration.

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American Literature, " The Transformation of a Nation The Civil War, and the enormous devastation and loss of life it caused, left the United States morally exhausted at its conclusion. At the same time, the war stimulated innovations that helped the country prosper materially for the next five decades. The first transcontinental railroad was completed in with the use of poorly paid laborers from China. The railroad made it possible for people and goods to cross the country quickly and inexpensively, thereby moving the American economy into the industrial age. The telegraph, electricity, and the telephone began to revolutionize daily life. He set forth the theory that the frontier was crucial to American dynamism and to the formation of a distinctive, democratic American identity. Eager to compete with European nations, the United States sought to expand its influence and land holdings beyond its continental borders, engaging in conflicts in Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, and Hawaii. American expansionism continued to impinge on the rights and cultures of Native American peoples as U. By the late nineteenth century, well-meaning but misguided white philanthropists began agitating for the assimilation of Native Americans into the white mainstream by imposing white schooling, white patterns of town settlement and agriculture, and white religion. Industrialization and manufacturing on an unprecedented scale emerged in the United States at the end of the nineteenth century. Major industries were consolidated into monopolies, allowing a small number of men to control enormously profitable enterprises in steel, oil, railroads, meatpacking, banking, and finance. Immigration exploded between and , especially with the arrival of millions of immigrants from southern and eastern Europe. Immigrants often settled in urban centers, increasing the relative populations of cities versus rural areas in the United States. Rural farmers cultivating traditional family-run operations found it difficult to compete as railroads and land speculators drove up the price of land. Large-scale farming soon took over from the family farm, increasing agricultural yields but displacing many farmers. Industrial workers received low wages, labored in inhumane and dangerous conditions, and had few legal protections regulating safety and working hours. Neither farmers nor urban laborers organized effectively to protect their own interests. The Literary Marketplace Rapid transcontinental settlement and changing urban industrial conditions introduced new themes, new forms, new subjects, new characters, new regions, and new authors in the half century following the Civil War. The numbers, circulation, and influence of newspapers and magazines grew in this period. American writers of this period increasingly adopted the form of realism in their fiction. Critically praised writers such as Mark Twain, William Dean Howells, Henry James, and Edith Wharton used literary realism to different effect and to address different concerns, though all were interested in constructing distinctively American protagonists. Though the focus of the era was mostly on prose fiction, Walt Whitman and Emily Dickinson wrote important poetry in this period. Most realist fiction focused on the observable surfaces of the world in which fictional characters lived, and strove to make those surfaces seem lifelike to readers. Some realist writers strove to represent the experiences of poor or outsider characters, while others emphasized the interior moral and psychological lives of elite, wealthy characters. Literary naturalists, unlike the realists, for whom human beings defined themselves within recognizable settings, wrote about human life as it was shaped by forces beyond human control.

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With these changes, questions about how the literary marketplace has mattered to literary history have been asked with increasing urgency, and the histories of those institutions that engage in producing, distributing, and selling literature have received increasing amounts of scholarly attention.

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