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AS there are no works of Ancient Alphabets of any excellence published in a cheap form, I have been induced, after many years' study and research in my profession as a Draughtsman and Engraver, to offer this collection to the favourable notice of the public, trusting that its very moderate price, and general usefulness will be a sufficient apology for the undertaking.

The demand for a Fourth Edition within so short a period of the publication of the Third, has convinced me in the most agreeable manner that it has been a work required by the public. To render it still more worthy of their attention, I have here introduced some additions, likely to enhance the interest and increase the value of the pages, as an indication of the esteem in which I have held the encouragement, and the respect I have paid to the suggestions of the purchasers of this book, and the critics by whom it has been so liberally reviewed.

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8th Century. Vatican.

A B C D E F G H I K

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8th Century. British Museum.

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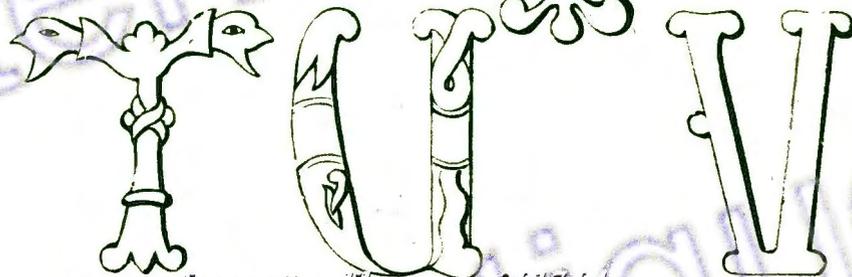
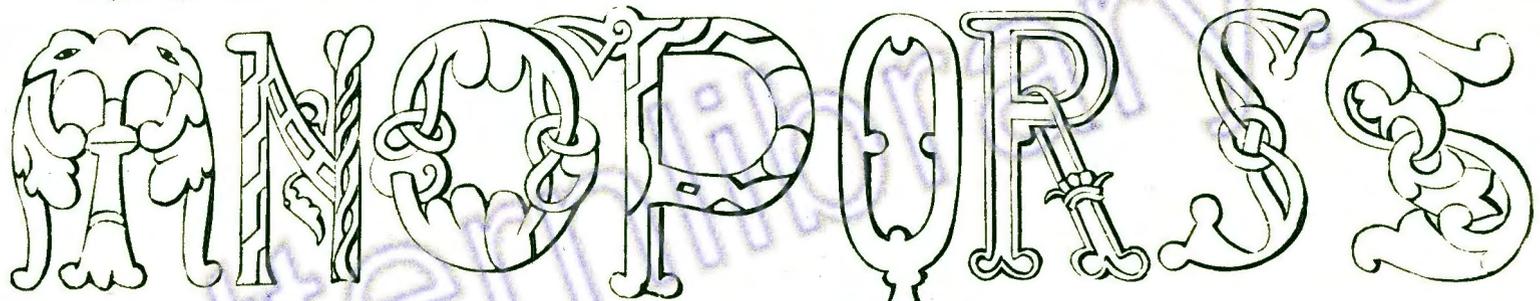
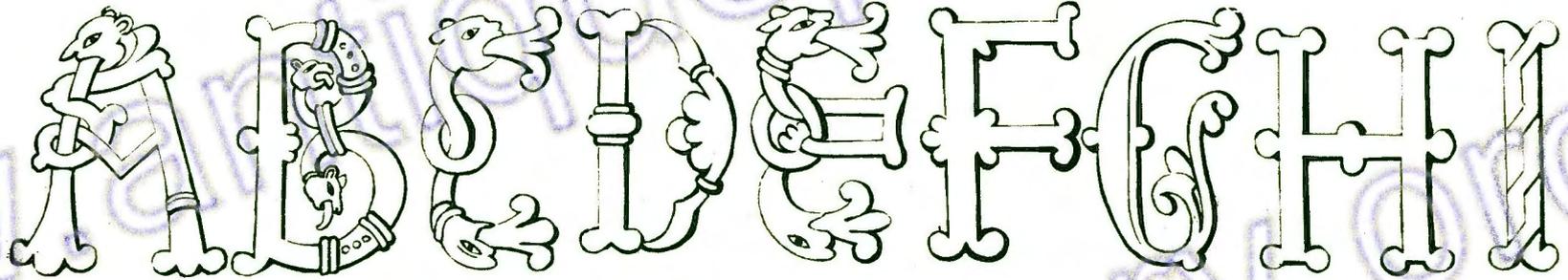
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9th Century. From an Anglo-Saxon MS. Battel Abbey.

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From M.S. Library of Minerva, Rome.





10th Century. British Museum.

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11th Century, and Numerals.

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K L M N O P Q R S

T U V X Y Z

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

12th Century. From the Mazarin Bible.



12th Century. British Museum.

a b c d e f g h i k l m n o p q

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r t o w x y z

12th Century. British Museum.

A B C D E F G H I J K
L M N O P Q R S T U
V W X Y Z

12th Century. Bodleian Library.

A B C D E F G H I

K L M N O P Q R S

T U V W X Y Z

13th Century. Henry the Third. Westminster Abbey.

A A B C D E F G
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T O Z

13th Century. From Latin MS.

A B C D E F G H I

L M N O P Q R S T U

V W X Y Z

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13th Century. MS.

A B C D E F G H I
K L M N O P Q R S
T U V W X Y Z

14th Century. Date about 1340.

A B C D E F G H
I L O P Q R
S T U V X Y Z

14th Century. British Museum.

A B C D E F G H I
K L O P Q R S T
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14th Century Illuminated MS.



14th Century Richard the Second. 1400. Westminster Abbey.



14th Century. Richard the Second. 1400. Small. Westminster Abbey.

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14th Century. British Museum.

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14th Century. From MS. Munich.

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K L M N O P Q R S

T U V X Y Z

14th and 15th Centuries. Two Small. British Museum.

a b c d e f g h i k l m n o p q

r s t u v w x y z.

a b c d e f g h i k l m n o p q

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1475. British Museum.

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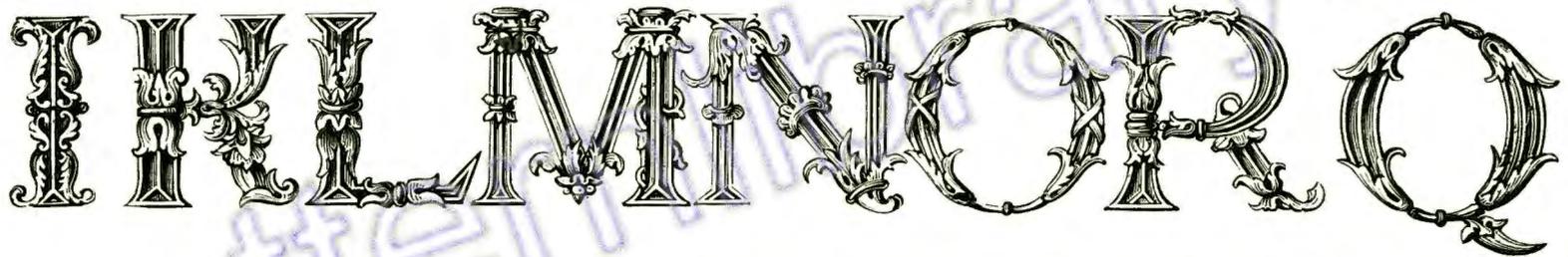
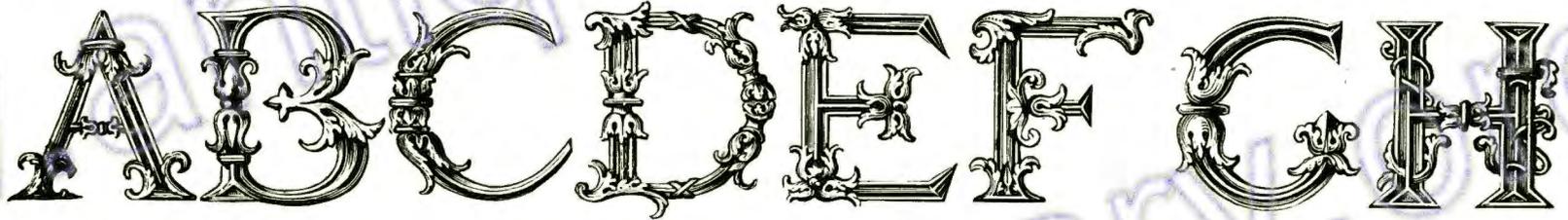
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R S T U V W X Y Z

1490. British Museum.



Henry the Seventh. Westminster Abbey.

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K L M N O P Q R

S T U V X Y Z

15th and 16th Centuries. German.

A B C D E F G H I K
L M N O P Q R S T
U V W X Y Z & E

15th and 16th Centuries. German. Small.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r
s t u v w x y z

15th and 16th Centuries. Ornamental Ribband.



Ioannes de Yciar



16th Century. Henry the Eighth. MS.

A B C D E F G H I

K L M N O P Q R S

T U V U Z

16th Century. From Italian MS.

A B C D E F G H I

K L M N O P Q R S

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16th Century. Albert Durer's Prayer Book. Large.

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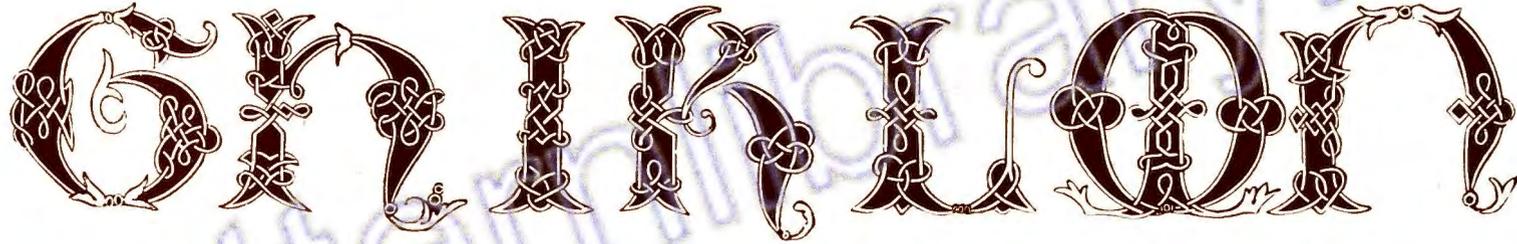
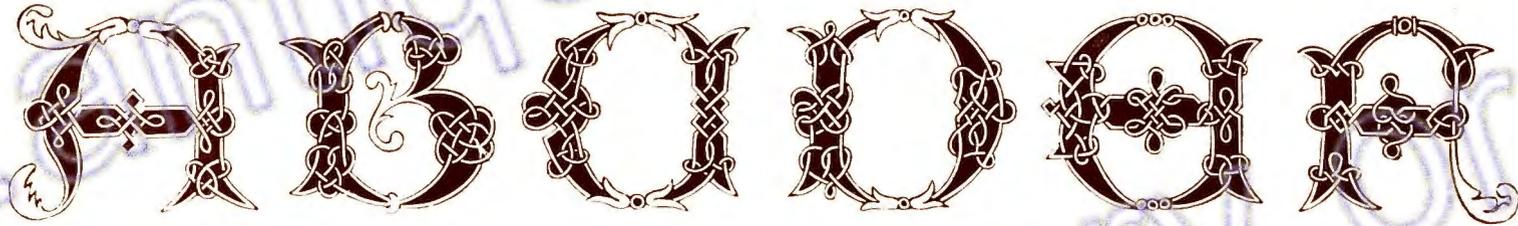


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16th Century. Albert Durer's Prayer Book.

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16th Century. Vatican.



16th Century Gothic MS.

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K L M N O P Q R S

T U V W X Y Z

16th Century. Gothic.

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16th Century. Gothic. MS.

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16th Century. Large, Small, and Numerals. French. MS.

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17th Century III S.

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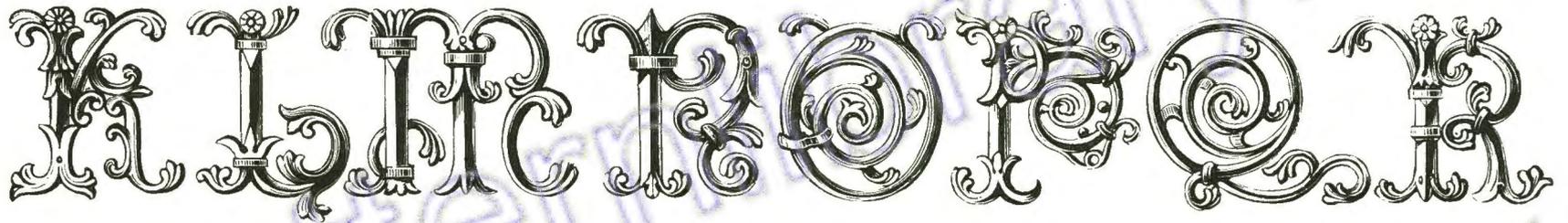
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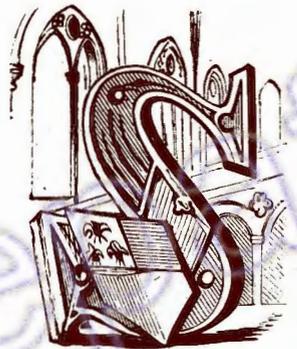
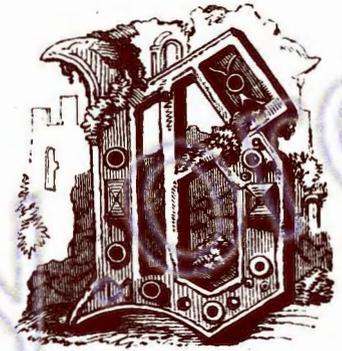


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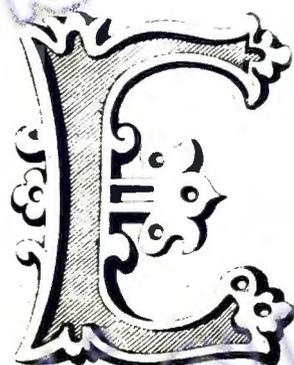
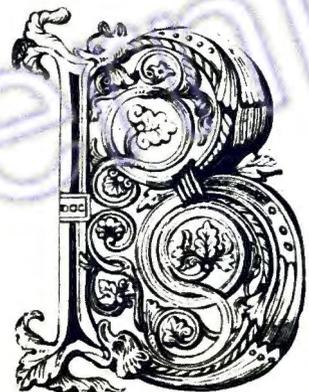
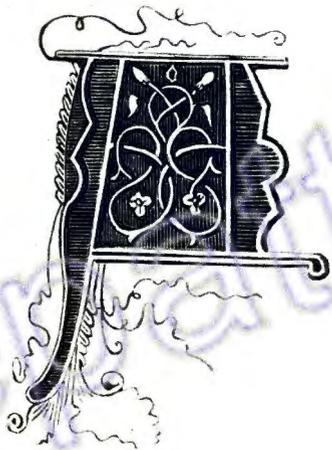


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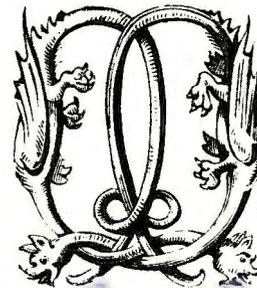
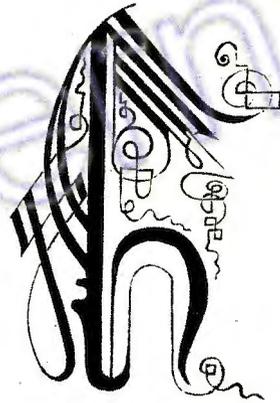
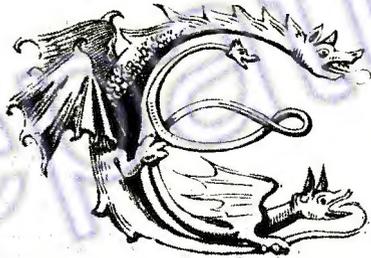
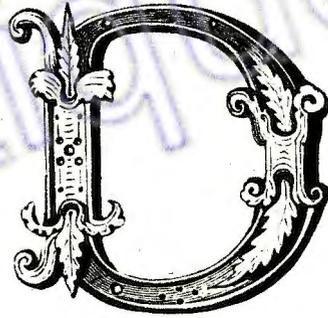
Initials.



15th Century.

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Initials.



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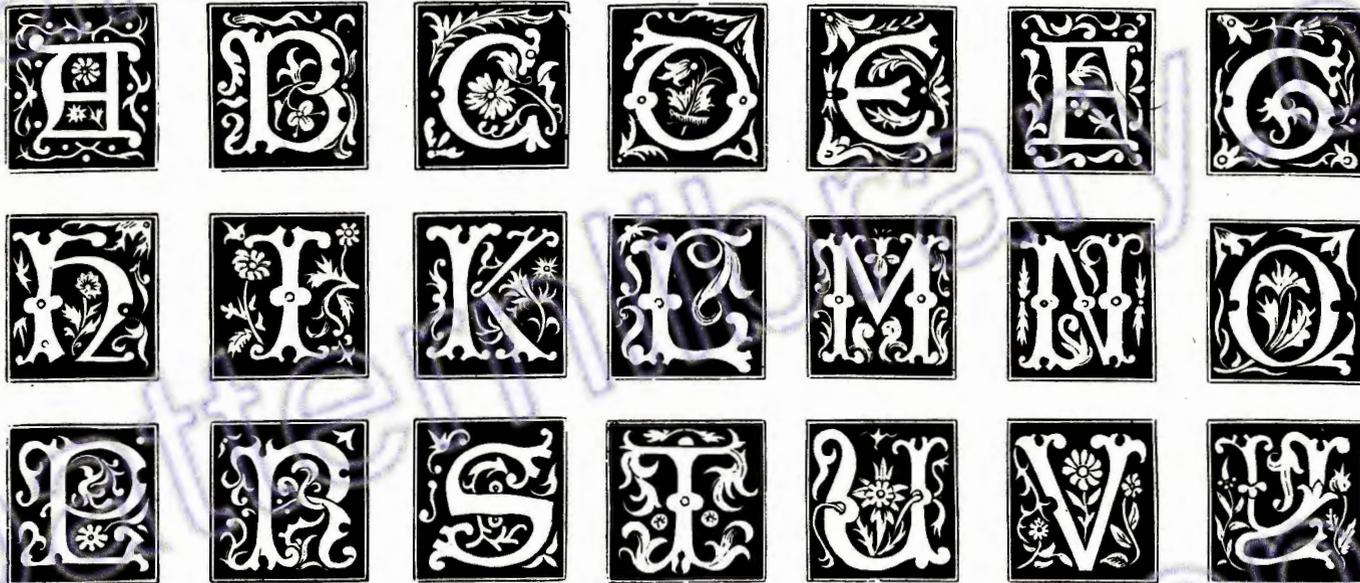
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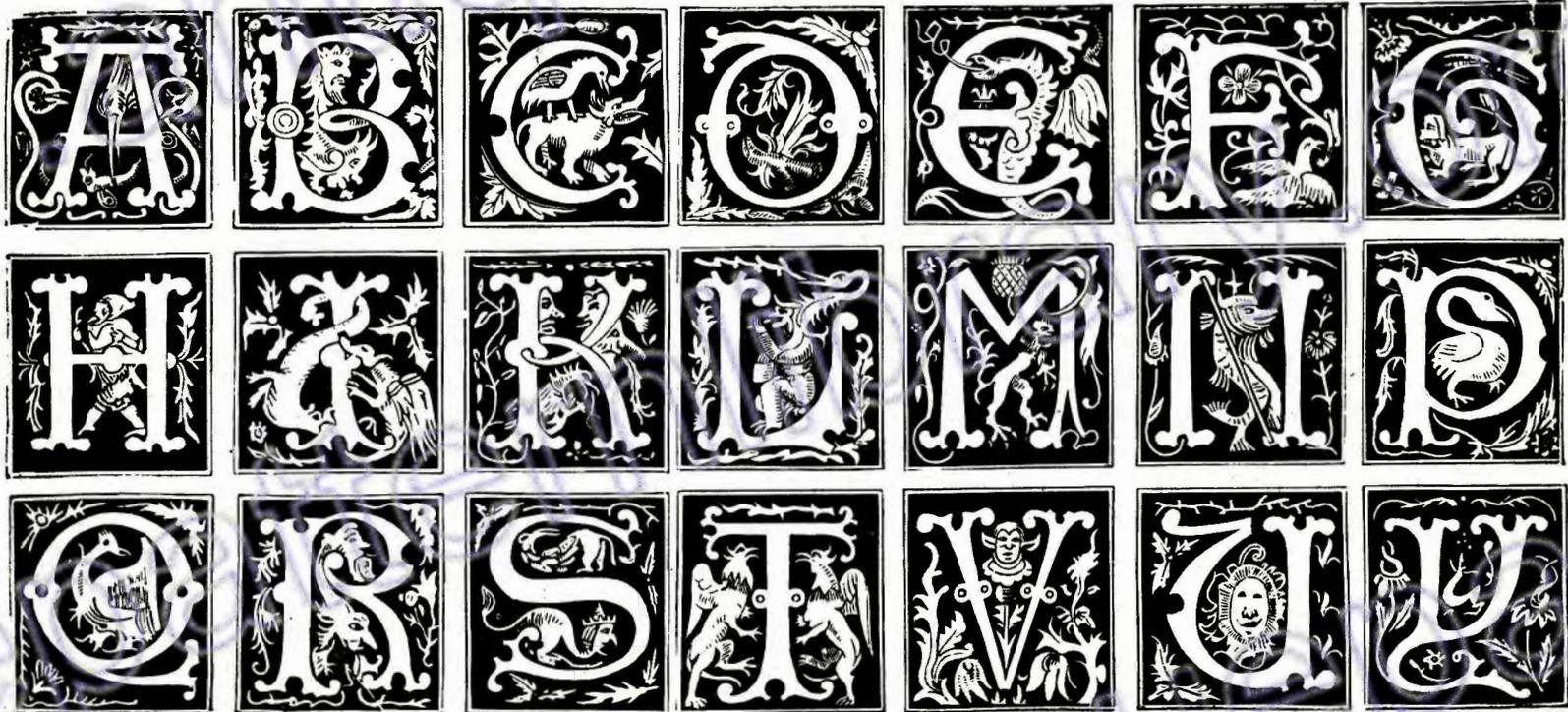
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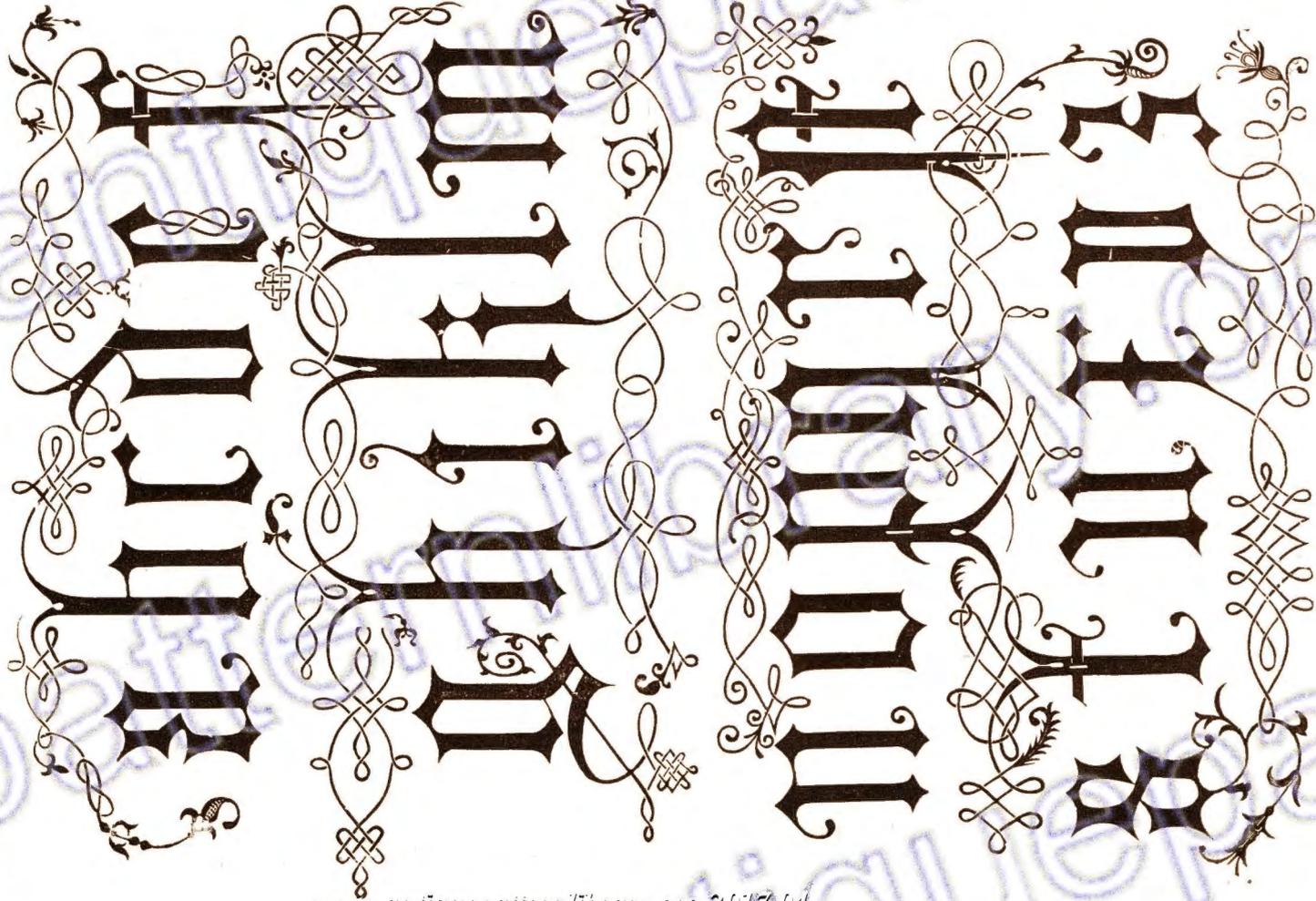
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