



NOTICE



WOOD TYPE ODDITY



Wood type sizes are given in “lines”—one line equals one pica. For example, an 8-line wood type is a block of wood 8 picas high.

HOWEVER

Unlike metal type, when a wood type font has characters with descenders—g j p q y and sometimes J and Q—these letters are on blocks longer than the designated type size. Thus in an 8-line font, letters with descenders might be, say, 10 lines high:



This saves much expense and storage space, but it has always confused printers. The 1888 Wm. H. Page wood type catalogue admonishes printers not to send these long letters back under the impression that they do not belong to the font.

