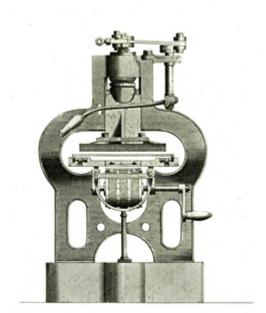


"The Newspaper Editor," *Illustrated London News*, 11 September 1880.

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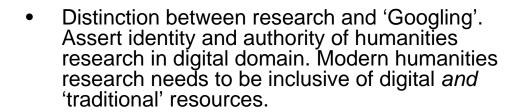


Stanhope Press ca. 1820-30

- Digital text as 'automatic', searchable
- Mark-up allows the addition of further information. Hypertext locates texts in nonelinear relationships
- Digitisation allows republication of some text for the first time- resolution of preservation and access issues?
- Radical intervention in the nature of the archive, raising the profile of the sources which are digitised – at the expense of others?
- Hyperbole? Need for a balanced view



Why we should care





- Ownership of resources and scholarship which creates them. Need to be involved and orientate development towards our interests and needs.
- Digital methodologies to theorise the relationship between archival material, digital surrogates and scholarship arising from it.
- Academic careers. New funding models. New working models of multidisciplinary and commercial collaboration. What constitutes publication?







ncse titles:

Monthly Repository (1806-1838)
Publishers' Circular (1880-1890)
Tomahawk (1867-1870)
English Woman's Journal (1858-1864)
Leader (1850-1859)
Northern Star (1838-1852)

Project deliverables:

- Full-text digital edition of six nineteenth-century serials freely available via the web
- Users navigate facsimile images of pages
- Searching text strings on OCR text
- Searching by bibliographic, generic and thematic metadata
- Contextual and scholarly materials







"Messrs Jarrold and Son," *Publishers' Circular*, 51, 6 December 1888 (1888), p.1523.

Research objectives:

- Compilation of most complete edition possible from public repositories and private collections
- Innovative approach to digital editing
 - New model of scholarly editing in the digital domain
 - Implementation of model through new approaches to digitisation and processing and development of hybrid software and bespoke interface
 - New methods of text processing via text mining and data analysis
 - New collaborative working model





An archive model digitisation

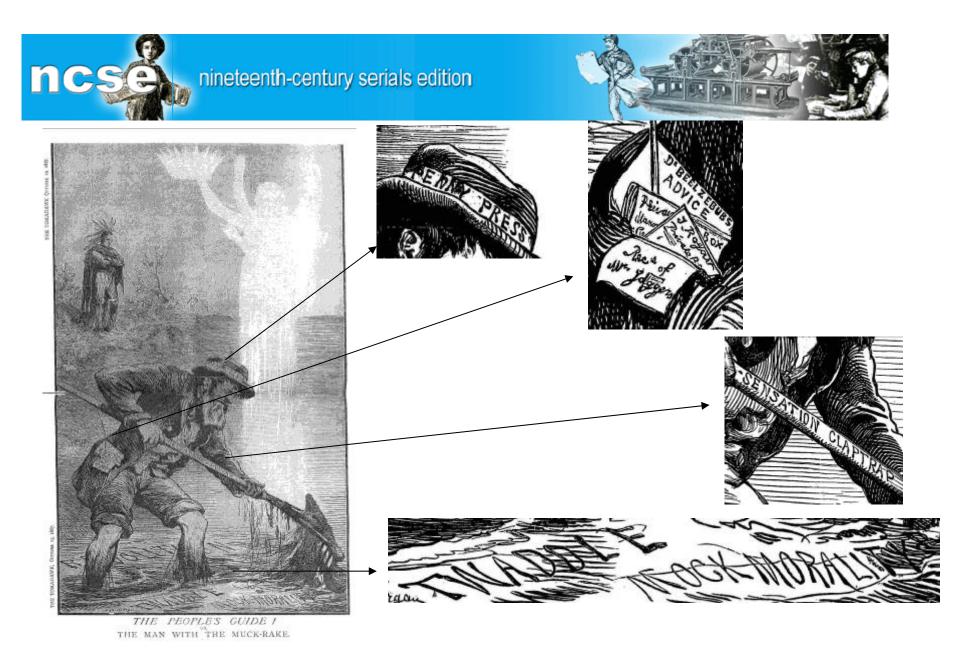


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Source: British Library digitisation of the *Penny Illustrated News:*

http://www.collectbritain.co.uk/system/paper/



"The People's Guide! Or the Man with the Muck-Rake," *Tomahawk*, 1, 19 October 1867, unpaginated.











THE MAN WITH THE MUCK-RAKE

Left: two images of an illustration in the *Tomahawk* taken from microfilm. Right: an image of the same page generated digitally directly from the hard copy.



Some useful resources

- •NINES <u>www.nines.org</u>
- •ncse <u>www.ncse.kcl.ac.uk</u>
- •Dino Franco Felluga, "Addressed to the NINES: the Victorian Archive and the Disappearance of the Book," *Victorian Studies* (2006), pp. 305-319.
- •Patrick Leary, "Googling the Victorians," *Journal of Victorian Culture*, 10 (2005), pp. 72-86.
- •Victoria Research Web (the home of Victoria) http://www.victorianresearch.org/
- •The Victorian Web http://www.victorianweb.org/





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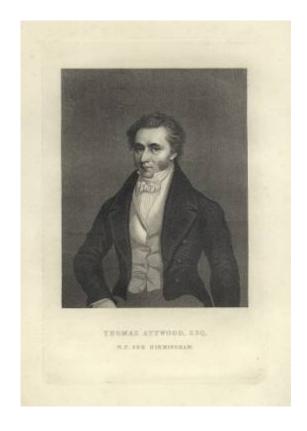


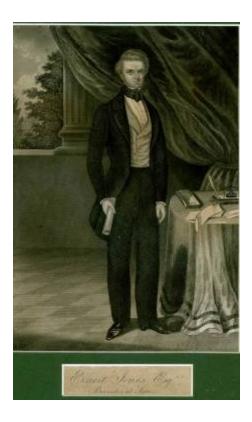


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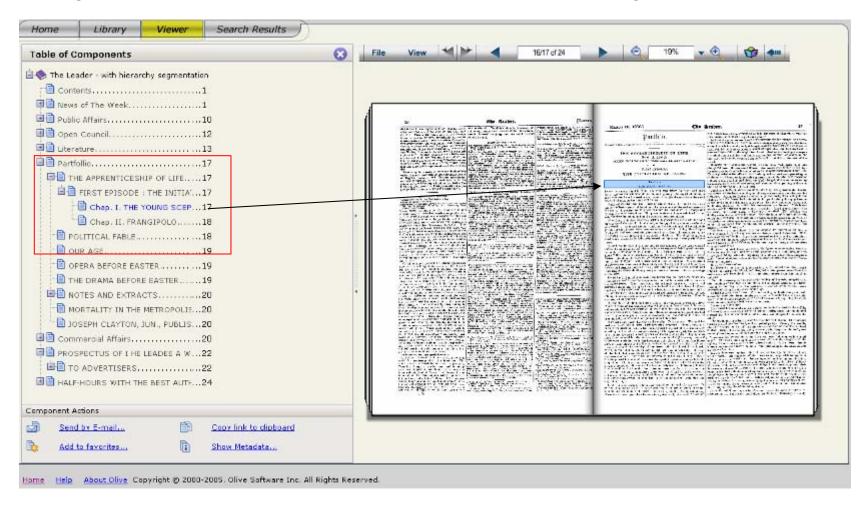






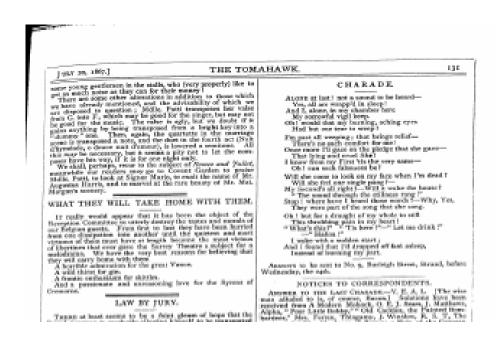
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