Drop Caps

drop caps or elevated caps for first letter can be translated from InDesign but may need some adjustment in CSS

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In fair Verona, where we lay our scene,
From ancient grudge break to new mutiny,
Where civil blood makes civil hands unclean.

And another example from Darwin's The Origin of Species

hen on board H.M.S. Beagle, as naturalist, I was much struck with certain facts in the distribution of the organic beings inhabiting South

America, and in the geological relations of the present to the past inhabitants of that continent. These facts, as will be seen in the latter chapters

Styling the first line in paragraph

don't use character style in InDesign because this is not dynamic enough

Use CSS p:first-line

Styling the first line in a paragraph

OFTEN A BOOK DESIGNER WILL STYLE THE FIRST line in a chapter to be in a different style. Small caps seems to be a tradition in some earlier texts.

InDesign, does **not** have a simple way to style the first line. You could use nested styles, but this offers no option to dynamically style the first line (in flowable books, this line length will change with different font size choices). CSS does include the potential to target the first line like this: