reduce the cost. The grinding and polishing was done on wheels similar to those used for knives and the final operation was riveting, or bolting, the two parts together.

Mr. Kauffman is possessed of a further qualification as a distinctively appealing writer. He cares about children and their toys, and he is concerned about what happened to helpless animals such as dogs and horses. His Early American Ironware: Cast and Wrought is a collector's item in itself — a book to treasure with affection.

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Expensive reprints and limited subscription editions of secondary material have in recent years become an anathema to the bookselling business and the learned professions, but the publications of the Genealogical Publishing Company of Baltimore are a welcome exception. This publishing house is making available at very reasonable prices reprints of materials consistently searched for family data by the general public, genealogists, and local historians during the past fifty years or more. The company's current list of books on Pennsylvania includes eleven reprints and six forthcoming publications whose original editions are basic historical, genealogical, and biographical reference works on the colonial and revolutionary period that are rarely offered at any price on the used book market today and have been jealously guarded by librarians.

Pennsylvania German Pioneers by Strassburger and Hinke is an excellent case in point. Originally published in 1934 as three volumes in the Proceedings of the Pennsylvania German Society, this work contains 506 ship lists, including approximately 38,000 names, of Germans who arrived in the port of Philadelphia between the years 1727 and 1808. Although the lists are not exhaustive and the historical introduction is spotty, Pennsylvania German Pioneers is the best single source for German arrivees in colonial Pennsylvania.

The reprinted edition omits the second volume of the original edition which consisted entirely of signatures in facsimile from the
lists. Because of the widespread acceptance of Hinke's decipherment of the available lists and the excellence of his historiography, only a few researchers in the German language will mourn its omission.

With the bicentennial of American Independence less than a decade away amateur researchers should have little trouble starting, if not locating the arrival of their colonial German ancestors in Pennsylvania, in time to identify their permanence in American life now that Pennsylvania German Pioneers is again in print. The Genealogical Publishing Company instead of taking advantage of status-seeking Americans is making it possible for genealogists and local historians as well as the general public to enjoy more than another half century of satisfying family research.

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This volume is an amateur production in the sense that it is a creation of men and women who love their theme. It is a homey book, "established on a friendly footing." Mr. Collins is ardent, and he has waved into life the enthusiasms of a long list of volunteer helpers, including Edgar A. Roth, whose aid especially on the pictorial side is a blessed imponderable for which the Western Pennsylvania public should be warmly grateful.

Stringtown on the Pike naturally is not faultless. It contains many regrettable errors which should be corrected in future editions. More particularly, it has the fault of numerous omissions. But these editorial blemishes may serve the useful purpose of enlisting further popular cooperation. It will be the duty of every reader to collaborate in the requisite improvement of the text. Suggestions of whatever sort should be sent without delay to the Chamber of Commerce offices as listed above.

East Liberty is a magnetic subject. Life has been vibrant there for more than two centuries. What inspired Mr. Collins through twenty years of collecting material was the human magnetism of the