

The Preservation of Rolls or of Folded Sheets.

It was only when writing was made upon separate pieces, or sheets, of pliable and perishable material that binding proper was invented to hold the pieces or sheets together and give strength to them and protection and beauty.

But, says the Fortnightly Review, we must distinguish. The pliable written sheet may be either rolled or folded, each giving rise to a form of binding peculiar to itself. The rolled sheet is bound by fastening each sheet to the other sideways and rolling the whole from end to end, the last sheet serving as a cover to all the rest. This form of binding is no doubt the more ancient of the two, and it was a long time in general use. It was used, for example, by the Egyptians—it was probably invented by them—and it was used by the Greeks and by the Romans, and great libraries of rolls existed for some time after the Christian era, and many industries were engaged in contributing to the perfection of the binding. It has, however, been superseded for many centuries by the folded form of literature, the invention of which is attributed to Eumenes, king of Pergamus (from whom, too, comes our parchment, or skin, prepared for writing on), in the third century before Christ. But, if the form has disappeared, the terminology of the roll has survived, and the word "volume," originally a thing that is rolled or wound up, i. e., a roll, is now applied indiscriminately to its substitute, the book of folded sheets.

The folded sheet, or section, as it is called, is bound by simply sewing or otherwise fastening the parts of the sheets to one another at the back crease or fold, and a number of sections are bound by fastening each of them to some common support at the back, so that when all are sewn or otherwise fastened they may yet be free to open and to shut at pleasure at the front or "fore edge."

The invention of the folded sheet thus gave rise to the invention of modern binding, which in its essence is the union at the back of the folded sheets, which together constituted one folded book, or, as I may say, despite the latent contradiction, the folded volume.

Eulogies on Senator Vance will be delivered Thursday of next week in the Senate by Senators Ransom and Jarvis and a number of other Senators. Representative Henderson will call together the House delegation for the purpose of making arrangements there in a few days. Perhaps every North Carolina member will deliver an address.

Cotton and Peanuts.

Below are Norfolk prices of cotton and peanuts for yesterday, as furnished by Cobb Bros. & Co., Commission Merchants of Norfolk:

COTTON.	
Good Middling	5 9-16
Middling	5 1/4
Low Middling	4 13-16
Good Ordinary	4 1/8
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PEANUTS.	
Prime	1 3/4
Extra Prime	2 1/8
Fancy	2 3/8
Spanish	2
Tone—Dull	
Eggs—steady at 18 to 19 cts.	
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