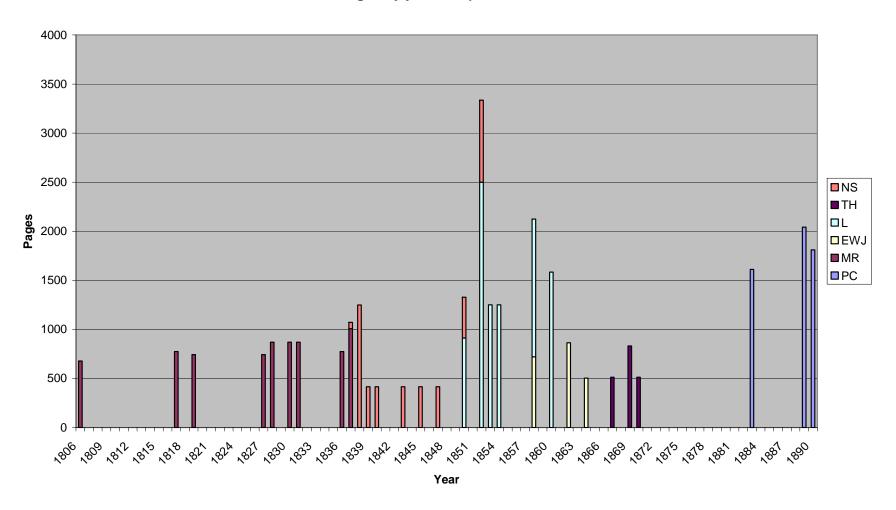
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From Life on the Shelves to Digital Shelf-Life: Representing Journalism as an Historical Artefact in the Digital Domain

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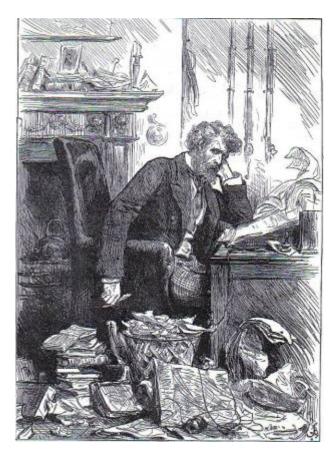
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Publishers' Circular (1880-1890)
Tomahawk (1867-1870)
English Woman's Journal (1858-1864)
Leader (1850-1859)
Northern Star (1838-1852)

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







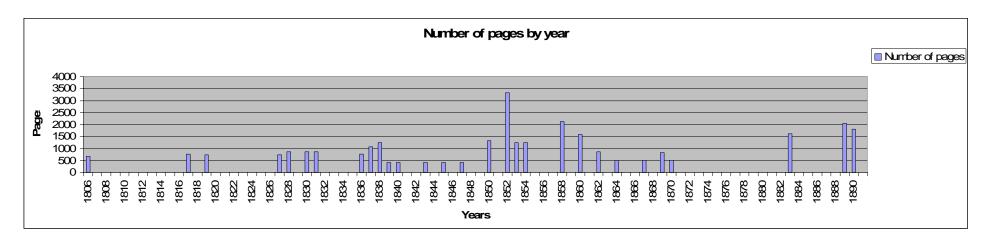
"The Newspaper Editor," *Illustrated London News*, 11 September 1880.

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



The Challenge of Scale



Distribution of 98,565 pages in ncse edition





The Challenge of Scale

1805: Universal Theological Magazine

1806: Monthly Repository of Theology and General Literature

1827: Monthly Repository and Review of Theology and General Literature

1831: Monthly Repository and Review

1837: Monthly Repository [and Retrospective Review]

A 'family tree' of the *Monthly Repository* and its supplement the *Unitarian Chronicle*

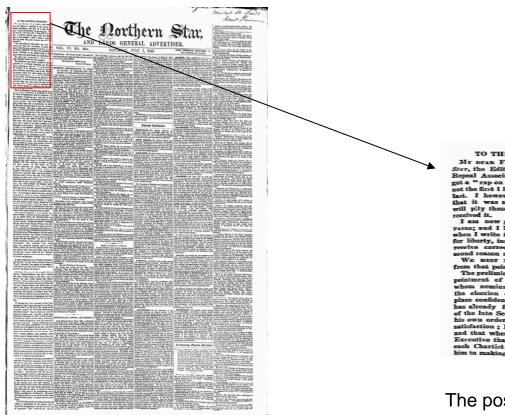
1832: Unitarian Chronicle

1833: Unitarian Magazine and Chronicle

1835: Christian Teacher and Chronicle



The Challenge of Depth: Layout



TO THE IMPERIAL CHARTISTS.

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My dear Friends,—In a leader in last week for, the Editor, in speaking of my joining the Repeal Association, may that he is glad that got a "rap on the hunckles" for my over zeal. It not the first I have had; now, I fear, will it be the last. I however entirely agree with the Edite that it was meried; while I think a majori will pit was meried; while I think a majori will pit was meried; while I think a majori will pit when who gave it more than him will received it.

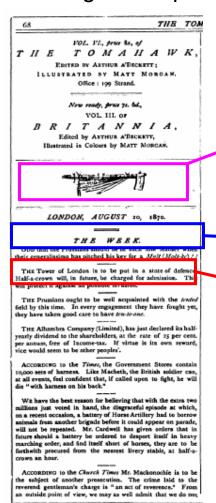
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The position on Fergus O'Connor's weekly address to readers signals it as important content





The Challenge of Depth: Typography



A picture of a tomahawk which almost always precedes the department called 'The Week'.

This is the department header, signaled by the double line which precedes is

This is the item within "The Week" It is separated from the department heading by a single line and from the next item with the same line type.





The Challenge of Depth: Temporality



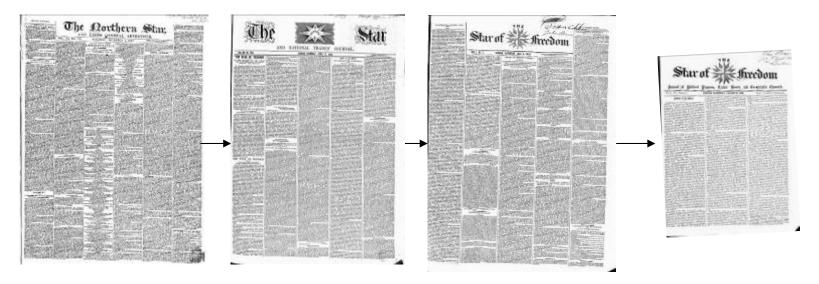
Advertising pages from a heavily illustrated Christmas number of the *Publisher's Circular*



Northern Star, first and second edition, 5, 20 August 1842, p. 1. The first edition was published wanting the illustration due to the late arrival of the train carrying its plate.



Challenge of Depth: Mobility of form in the Northern Star



Changes of format and paper size in the Northern Star over its run.













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.





An archive model digitisation



In this archive display of search results isolate content from its context and some of the content of the segment (see highlight left) is lost. On selecting full page view users can only zoom in on segments of content rather than elements of form.



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

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



Bibliographical Control and Editorial Choices: Determining the reader/user



Mastheads from the six nose titles and a British Museum Stamp for the back of an illustration plate in the *Tomahawk*





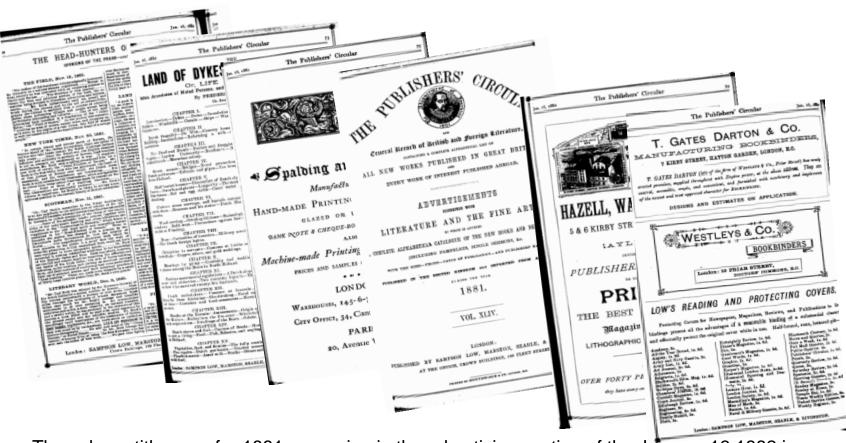
Representation: Edition structure

Edition

- Title
 - Volume #1
 - Front Matter
 - Number #1 (edition town/country/#)
 - wrapper
 - number contents
 - department #1
 - item #1
 - item #2
 - etc...
 - department #2
 - department #3
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The volume title page for 1881 appearing in the advertising section of the January 16 1882 issue

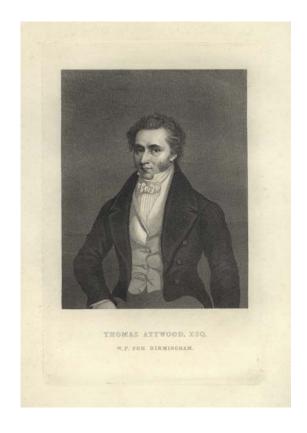




Pages from the Tomahawk Almanac 1869



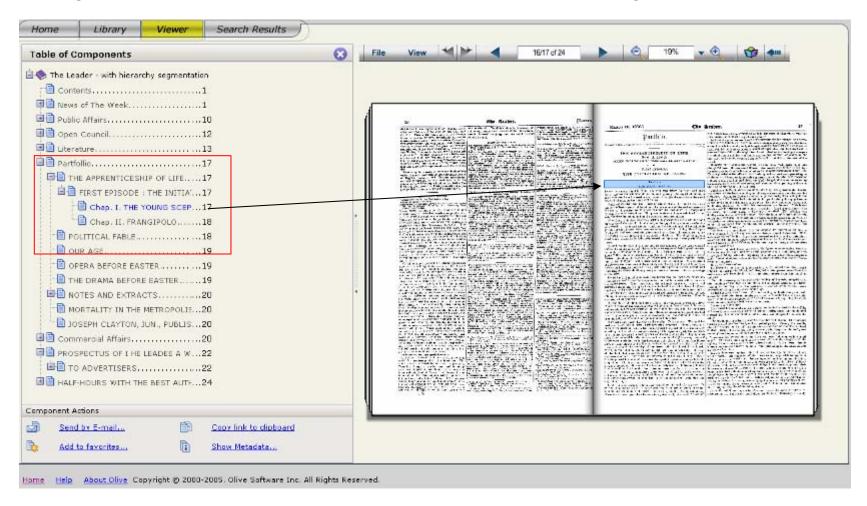






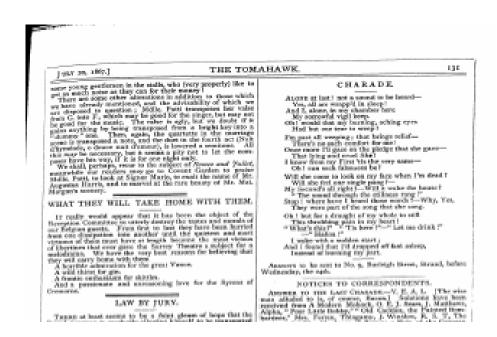
Portraits of prominent Chartists issued with the Northern Star





Representation of department>item hierarchy in table of components



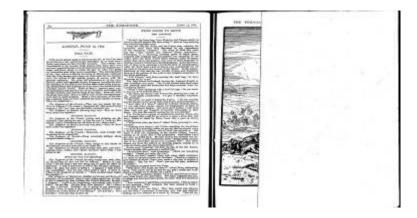


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The English Woman's Journal and Tomahawk which do not have a clear department>item structure





Fold out illustrations in the *Tomahawk*







Representation: Metadata schema

nose Essential Metadata Fields

A. Number Level Metadata

Inputted Metadata:

- A1. Periodical Title.
- A2. Date day:
- A3. Date month
- A4. Date year
- A5. Page span.
- A6. Source
- A7. Series
- A8. Volume
- A9. Number.
- A10. Edition.
- A11. Bibliographical
 - Location (number)

B. Department Level Metadata

Inherited Metadata (from number):

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Inputted Metadata:

- B1. Department Title
- B2: Department Generic Metadata :

C. Item Level Metadata

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- A9. Number:
- A10. Edition:
- A11. Bibliographical Location (number).
- B1. Department Title
- B2. Department Generic Metadata

Inputted Metadata:

- C1. Page number
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- C3. Bibliographic Location (item):
- C4. Item Generic Metadata
- C5. Image Description.





Bibliographical Control and Editorial Choices: identifying thematic content

DESPERATE ASSAULT.—On Wednesday, two athletic young men, named John Hurlock and William Fleming, were placed at the bar before Mr. Broughton, charged with having assaulted and wounded police constable Walter White, of the G division, whereby his life had been seriously endangered. Shortly before one o'clock on the morning of the 22d instant, the complainant was called to suppress a disturbance in a public-house, in Holywell-lane, Shoreditch, and on entering the house, found a tumultuous mob assembled in front of the bar, amongst whom were the two prisoners. The instant he endeavoured to separate the assemblage and get them out of the house, he was attacked by the prisoners, and

Police report from the *Northern Star, May 2, 1846* concerning a violent disturbance in a pub

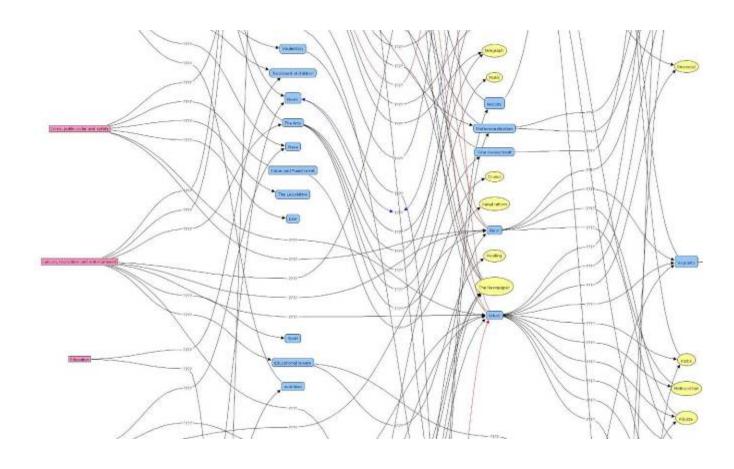
XLIII.—PARK AND PLAYGROUND VERSUS GIN-PALACE AND PRISON.

ARE we better than we were in the olden time, and by how much? Of the general advance of education, there is neither doubt nor question; but it is also certain, that the national improvement in morality and good feeling is by no means proportionate to the increase of knowledge. Of that improvement a good indication is given in the change of recreations of all ranks; and while we find, in the two extremes of society, little ground for self-gratulation, we have cause for thankfulness that the middle classes, of which the great bulk of the nation is composed, afford sensible evidence of progress, moral as well as intellectual. It is of the least educated classes we mean to speak; of their opportunities of acquiring good or evil habits, their temptations, their vices and sufferings, and the means by which these last may be diminished by the many and increasing sources of instruction, rational recreation, and refinement, devised for them by those who have been raised, by Providence, a degree above them in the social scale.

Commentary piece on the effects of drink of the working classes in the *English Woman's Journal*, 1858, p. 306



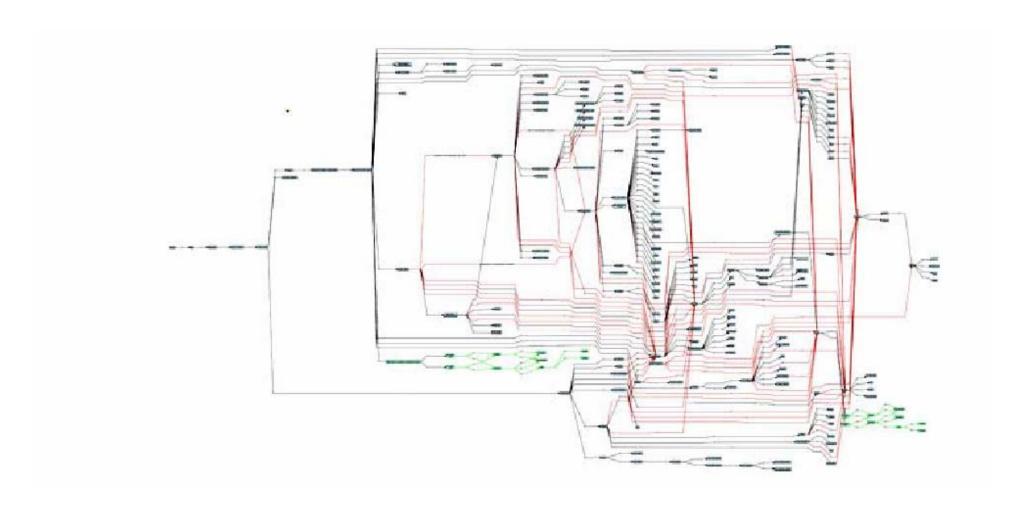
Bibliographical Control and Editorial Choices: Representing thematic content



Detail from **ncse**'s working concept map



ncs: Editorial Challenges – representing form







Rich page content: (Pictures)









Left to right:

a printed finger post from the *Monthly Repository* in 1814 and a hand-drawn finger post from a margin in the same volume; a finger post from an advert in the *Publishers' Circular* in 1880 ("all orders"); and the heading to "Open Council," the correspondence department from the *Leader*



Fold out illustrations in the *Tomahawk*



Advertising pages from the Publisher's Circular