Achievements with Shorthand

Shorthand as a Cultural Technique

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- → Science
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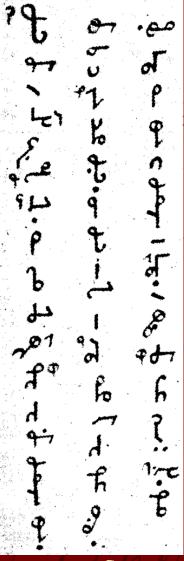
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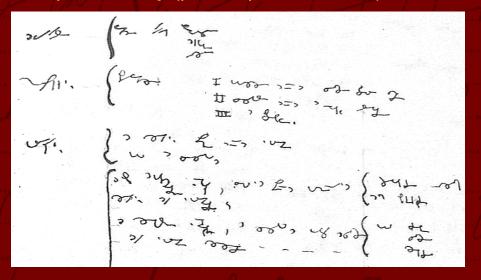
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- Prof. Dr. Rudolf Virchow (biologist)
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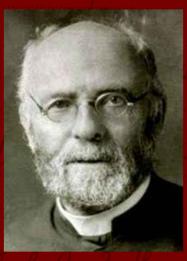
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example:

Father Lejeune introducing the Duployan shorthand as writing system for about ten previously illiterate people close to today's Vancouver/Seattle.

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