

- When Samuel was 11 years old, his father died leaving nothing to his wife and 4 children. Samuel had to leave school and look for work. His elder brother was working as a printer and he helped the boy to learn printing.
- For some years Samuel worked as a printer for the town newspaper and later for his brother, who at that time had started a small newspaper. The two young men published it themselves.
- Samuel wrote short humorous stories and printed them for their newspaper.

