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1812-1886

American inventor and industrialist who invented the first successful rotary printing press. His first press was used by the *Philadelphia Public Ledger* beginning in 1847, and a later, improved model—the Hoe web perfecting press—was first used by the *New York Tribune.* The web printing press formed the basis for newspaper printing for many years.