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American inventor who developed the Monotype machine in 1887. The Monotype, used for type-forming and type-composing, became commercially available in 1897 and revolutionized the process of printing. The Monotype (and its variants) was used for decades to set print for newspapers, magazines, books, and other printed materials.