

'Nelson'

A new #SolvItDickens challenge for 2022

The latest challenge comes from the notebooks of Dickens's shorthand pupil, Arthur Stone, at the [Free Library of Philadelphia](#).

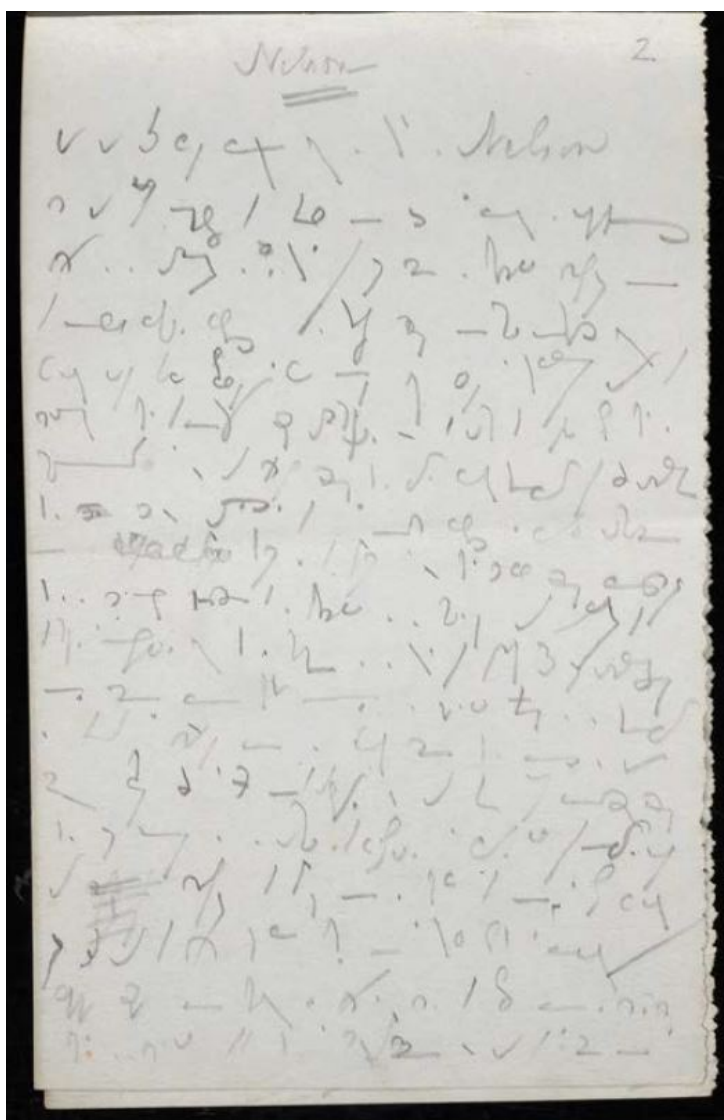


Figure 1: A shorthand exercise titled 'Nelson'.
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At the top of the page you can see the heading 'Nelson' written in Dickens's handwriting and a page of his shorthand underneath. Like the 'Sydney Smith' and 'Two Brothers'

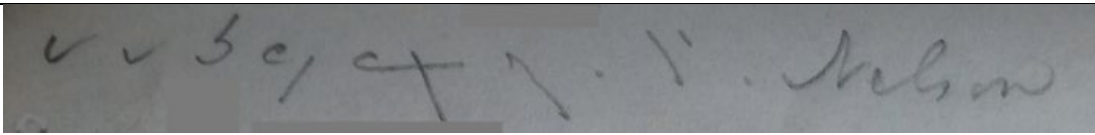
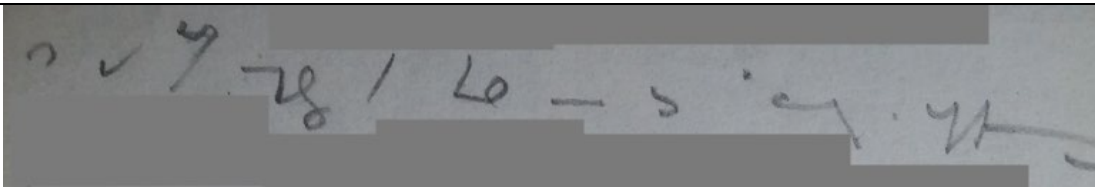
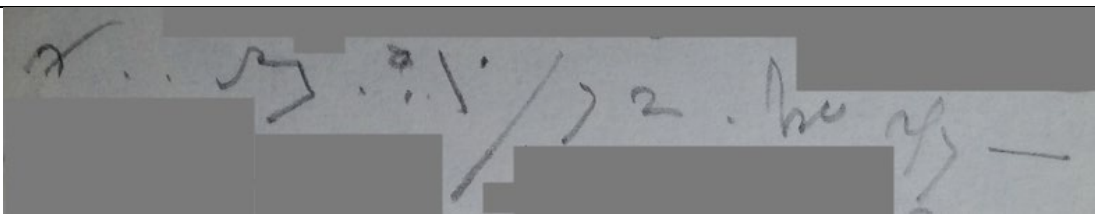
texts, this is likely to be a dictation exercise. But what does it say? Is it taken from a book, or a news article? Can we find a source text? Is it about Nelson, as the title suggests, or something else?

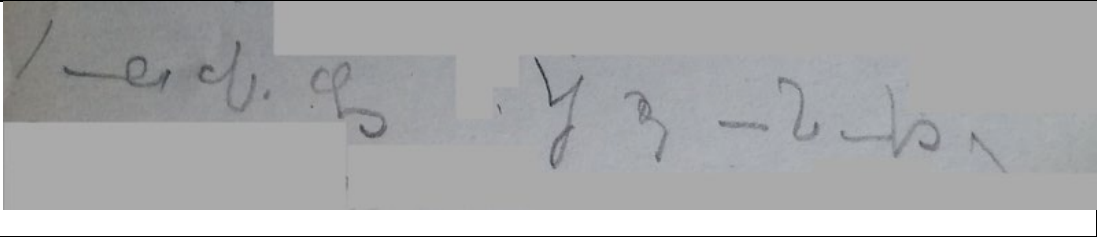
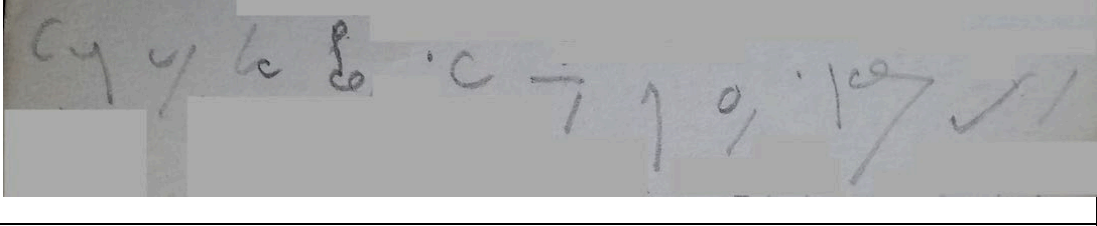
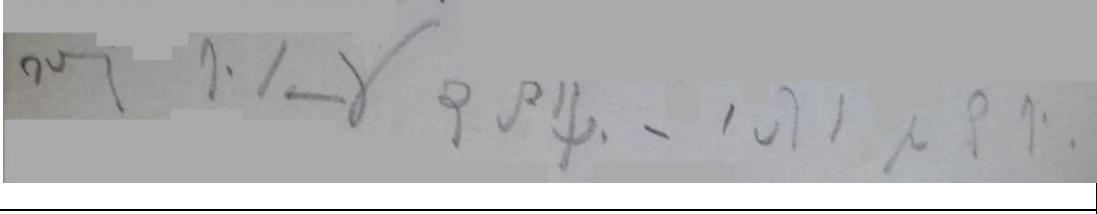
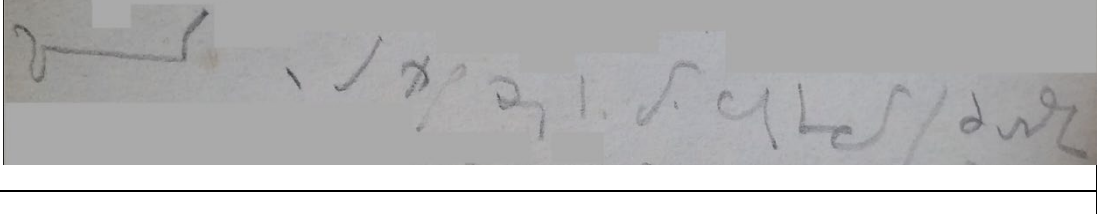

Use our [Resources](#) to help you decipher the text. Remember that it is unlikely that you will be able to solve the whole text, but even one new symbol can be useful. There are plenty of new Dickens symbols in the 'Nelson' text that have never been transcribed before. Anyone who successfully describes a new symbol will be credited as its discoverer on our Roll of Honour.

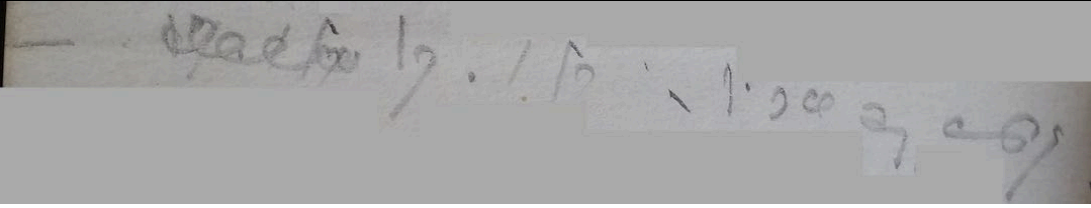
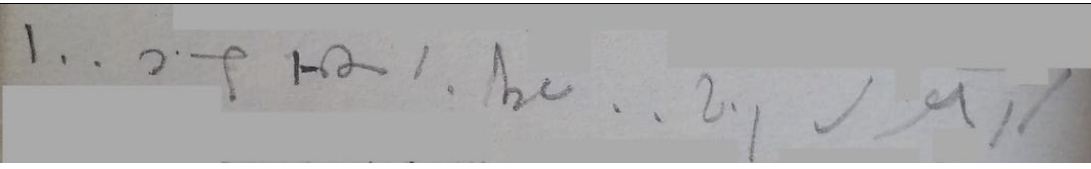
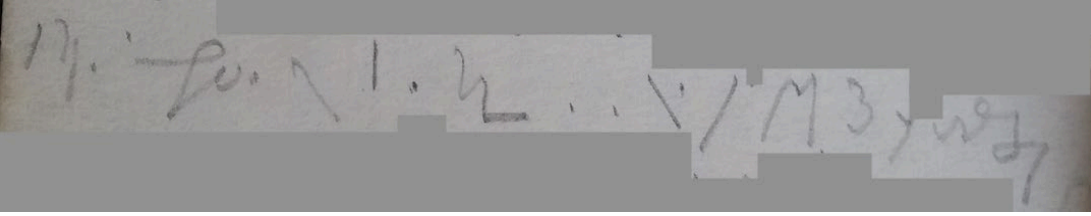

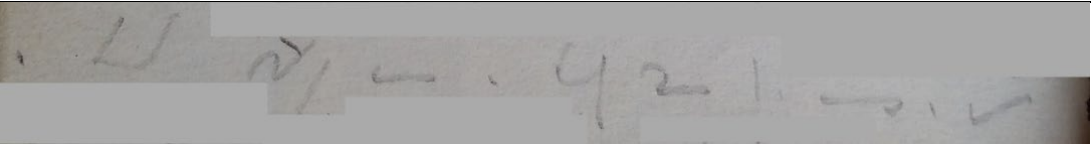
Please complete the entry form and email us your solutions by **31 March 2022**. We will publish the results on **15 April 2022**.

SOLUTION

Please decode as much of the text as you can, below, writing your solution for each character or group of characters under the appropriate line of shorthand script.

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Do you consent to being credited for your efforts and as the discoverer of any new symbols on the Dickens Code Roll of Honour? (please tick)

Yes No

If 'yes', please state the name that you would like to be credited under (this could be your full name, your first name, a pseudonym, or a social media handle)

I wish to be credited as: _____

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