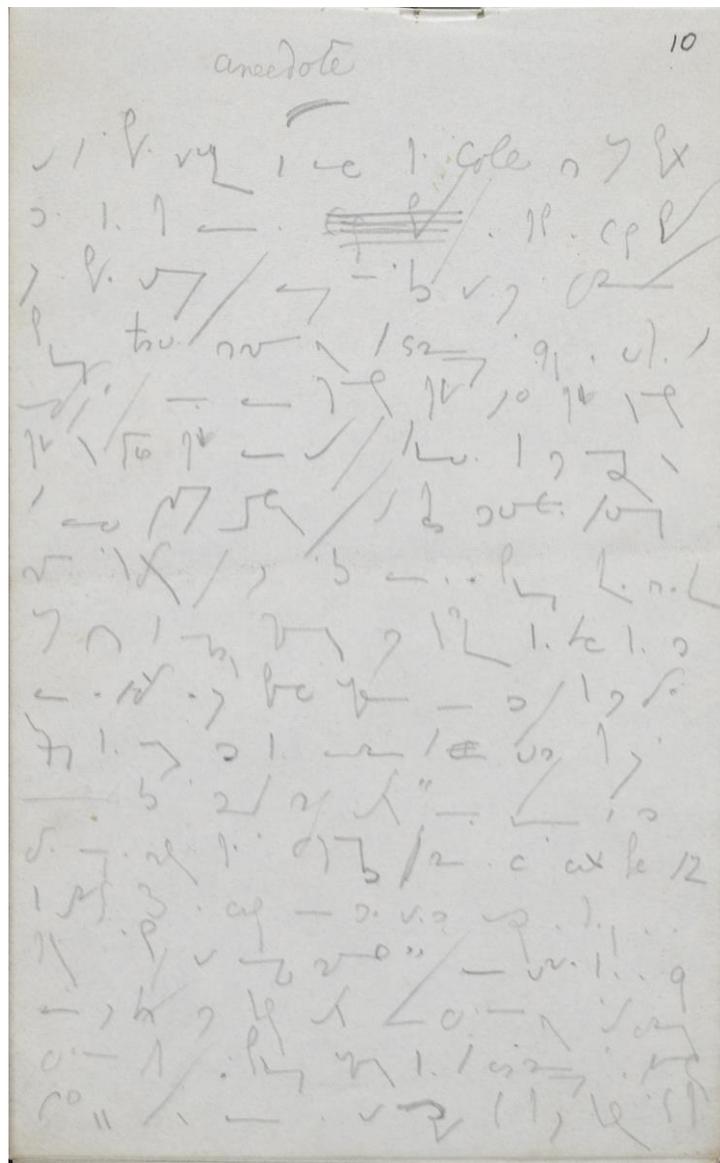


## 'Anecdote' part I

Our #SolveItDickens challenge for June 2022 is another shorthand dictation exercise from the notebooks of Dickens's shorthand pupil, Arthur Stone, at the [Free Library of Philadelphia](#). Unlike 'Nelson', the title of this piece – 'Anecdote' – gives us little to go on. Potentially this could be Dickens talking about something that happened to him, or relating something that he was told. We'll need to transcribe the text to find out more.



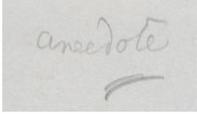
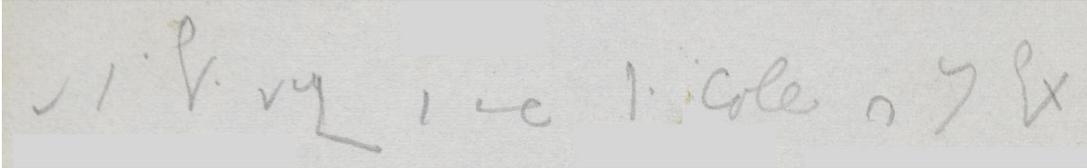
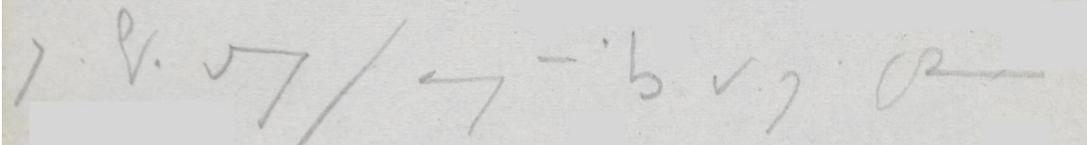
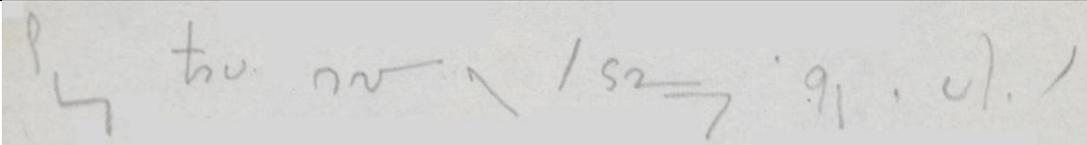
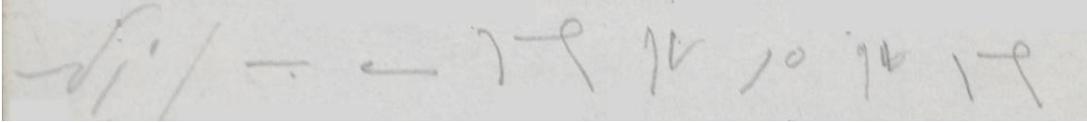
**Figure 1:** The first page of a shorthand exercise titled 'Anecdote'.  
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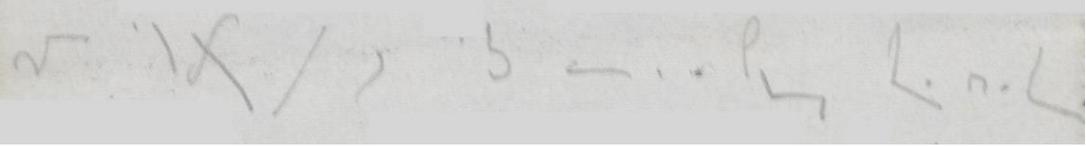
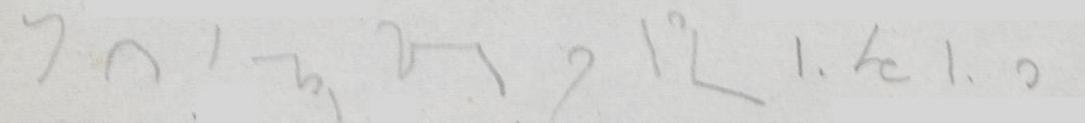
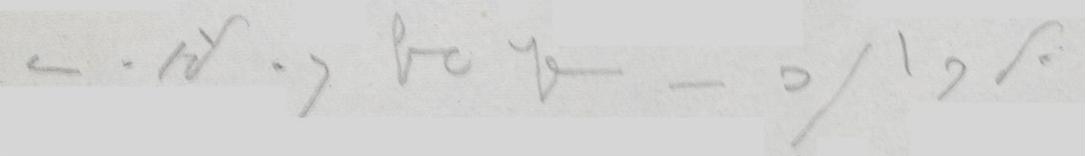
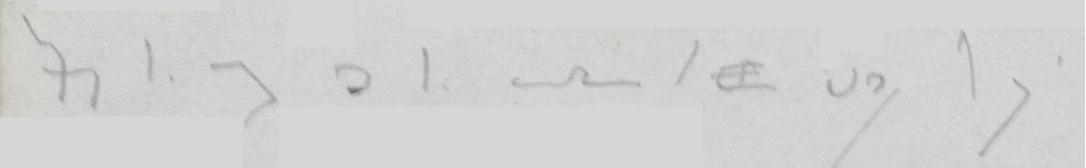
Use our [Resources](#) to help you decipher the text and look out for words written in longhand and double quotation marks as well. Remember that it is unlikely that you will be able to solve the whole text, but even one new symbol can be useful. Anyone who successfully describes a new symbol will be credited as its discoverer on our Roll of Honour.

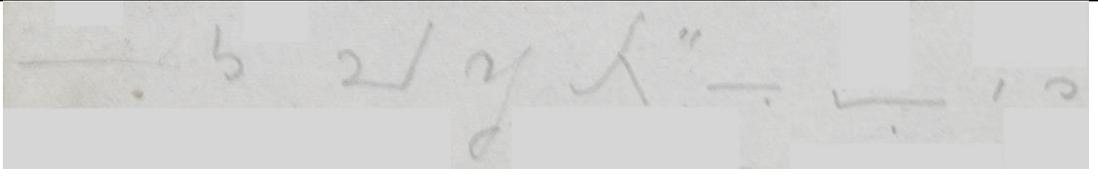
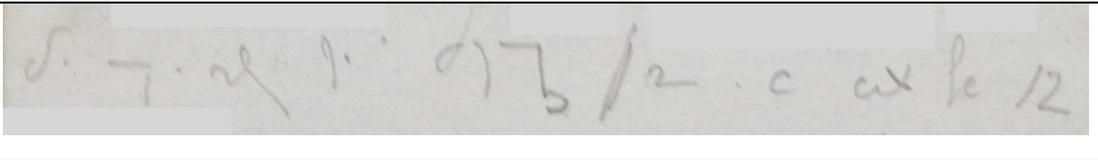
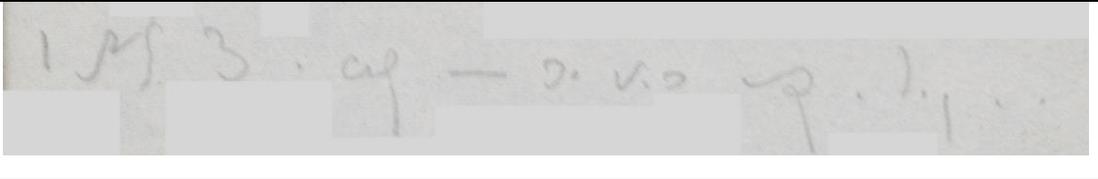
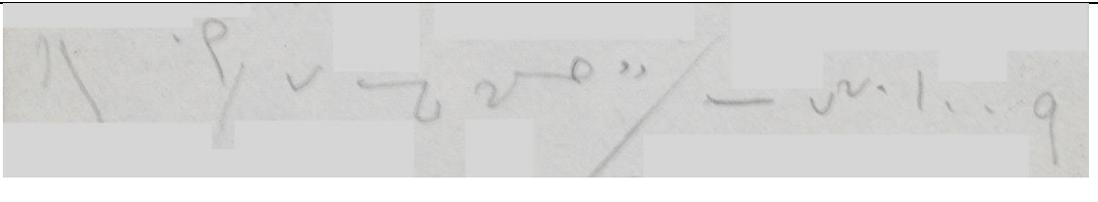
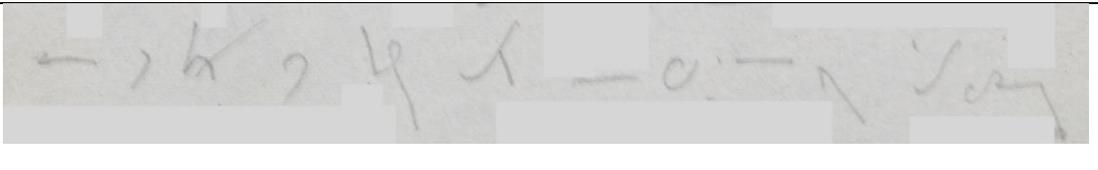
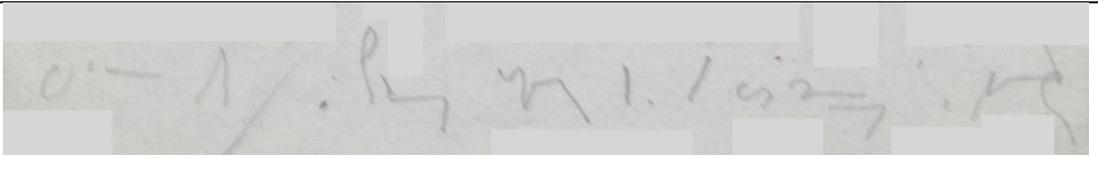
Please complete the entry form and email us ([claire.wood@leicester.ac.uk](mailto:claire.wood@leicester.ac.uk) and [bowleshugo@gmail.com](mailto:bowleshugo@gmail.com)) your solutions by **30 June 2022**. We will publish the results on **18 July 2022**.

## 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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