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+ Peckham takes its roots in a surprising French Canon from Vincent Figgins specimen (1801/1815). It has the typical boldness of Figgins' display type but was adapted to the contemporary taste. While keeping the original contrasts and sharp verticality of Figgins' French Canon, Peckham is also nourished by early nineteenth century's Scotch Roman typefaces and later revivals of the genre.

Extracts from *The Raven* by Edgar Allan Poe

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But the silence was
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word there spoken was the
whispered word, “Lenore!”
This I whispered, and an
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the chamber turning, all my
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