

Printing's Bronze Age

Let us now ponder the minutiae of the modern web press—the last hulking piece of Big Iron to survive recognizably intact (though considerably improved) from the 19th century to the 21st. These beasts are quieter, cleaner, faster, and print better than ever before, and in the bargain they're the most fun thing to watch at a newspaper.

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So who traverses these emotional peaks and valleys to keep the monster running right.?

