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Gutenberg invented (that) printing machine, called the printing press, (in) 1448. He printed three hundred Bibles in (Latin), the language of the church at (that) time. Forty of those 300 Bibles still (exist) today. They are called the Gutenberg (Bibles), and they are worth millions and (millions) of dollars. The next time you (pick) up a book to read, imagine (how) long it would take to print (just) one page if you had to (line) up blocks of wood letters before (it) could be printed.
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