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**XEROGRAPHY.** Greek *xēros*, dry. 'A non-chemical photographic process in which the plate is sensitized electrically and developed by dusting with electrically-charged fine powder.' (*Chambers's Twentieth Century Dictionary*) Xerography is increasingly used for reproducing rare books in limited numbers.

**X-HEIGHT.** The height of lower-case letters, excluding descenders and ascenders, that is, the height of the lower-case x.

**XYLOGRAPH.** Wood-engraving, especially of the fifteenth century. Also a decorative pattern obtained by a mechanical reproduction of the grain on the surfaces of wood.