

Books - Steam - Public Domain

Below is a list of Public Domain Books about steam engines and design (most downloadable from the Google Books website as a PDF file), and a list of Bob Jorgensen's book collection.

Recent trends in internet technology including the online publishing of public domain high resolution

scans of steam engine design books by Google and others has opened a new dimension into the research and understanding of steam engines designed and constructed in the 1800's and late 1900's, as well as the entire history of steam engines, and their unprecedented impact on human civilization over the last 200 years.

Steam engine technology advanced very rapidly into the late 1800's, and authors struggled to keep their books up to date, as evidenced by frequent revisions to some of the steam engine design books of the late century.

Steam engine design seems to have reached its zenith in the early 1900's, and then very rapidly declined due to advances in turbine and combustion engine technology. Influences from the steam engine days can be seen in some of the very large modern combustion engine designs, with some large ship engines still using the crosshead design to support the connecting rod, just as was done with many steam engines.

There is no doubt that steam engine design led directly into combustion engine design, and many of the similarities are striking. One of the more popular and reliable diesel engine designs was (is) the 2-stroke uniflow type used by Detroit Diesel, and also seen in the Doble steam engine designs. The Westinghouse 2-cylinder single-action steam engine looks in cross section to be almost identical to a modern gasoline engine.

(NOTE: Due to the large number of steam related books that have been located, all links have not been listed below. All the books below are in the public domain, and have been downloaded in PDF format. Should you not be able to find one of the books listed below via a search on the internet, a PDF can be emailed upon request.)

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Unfortunately, many of the impressive prints located on fold-out pages in these books were not scanned with the page folded out, so an incomplete glimpse of this valuable information is given in the scans.

You can usually search for books and book types using the search feature located at the top of the book scanner's page.)

Short List of Favorite Public Domain Books

Note: If your time is limited, the following (5) books about steam engines and steam engine

design are excellent, and are probably some of the best of all the public domain books listed below.

Books No.1,2 and 3 do not contain an excessive amount of math in them, but do contain a large amount of very useful information about steam engines:

Favorite Book No. 1:

(If you only have time for one book about steam engines, then read the following book. This book is extremely well illustrated with superb engravings which show a large variety of steam engine types and mechanisms, as well as many definitions of steam engine terms.)

Croft, Terrell,

"Steam-Engine Principles and Practice",
McGraw Hill Book Company, Inc., 1922,

is also an excellent book.

[http://books.google.com/books?](http://books.google.com/books?id=msMJAAAIAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=Steam+engine+principles+and+practice&lr=)

[id=msMJAAAIAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=Steam+engine+principles+and+practice&lr=](http://books.google.com/books?id=msMJAAAIAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=Steam+engine+principles+and+practice&lr=)

Favorite Book No. 2:

Thurston, Robert H.:

"A History of the Growth of the Steam Engine",

D. Appleton and Company, 1897.

<http://books.google.com/books?id=MrI3AAAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=steam+engines>

Favorite Book No. 3:

Graham, Frank D.:

"Audel's Engineers and Mechanic's Guide I",

Theo Audel & Co., 1921.

[http://books.google.com/books?](http://books.google.com/books?id=_IdIAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA47&dq=audels+steam+engine&lr=#v=onepage&q=&f=false)

[id=_IdIAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA47&dq=audels+steam+engine&lr=#v=onepage&q=&f=false](http://books.google.com/books?id=_IdIAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA47&dq=audels+steam+engine&lr=#v=onepage&q=&f=false)

Favorite Book No. 4:

Dalby, W.E.:

"Valves and Valve Gear Mechanisms",

Edward Arnold Pub., 1906.

[http://books.google.com/books?](http://books.google.com/books?id=wyBMAAAAMAAJ&dq=valves+and+valve+gear+mechanisms&printsec=frontcover&source=bl&ots=6Eaq0oFvne&sig=CJN_XOhCJKExlcj7ksegXKxs1EA&hl=en&ei=ymveSefzJqfrlQeHxOhQ&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=1)

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Favorite Book No. 5:

Klein, J.F.:

"Design of a High Speed Steam Engine",

D. Van Nostrand Company, 1903.

[http://books.google.com/books?](http://books.google.com/books?id=XiJLAAAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=design+of+a+high+speed+steam+engine&lr=)

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Complete Public Domain Steam Engine Book List
(as of November, 2010)

The following is a complete list of public domain steam engine books located to date, and are arranged alphabetically by the author's last name:

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"Steam Engine Valves and Valve Gears",
Sir Issacc Pitman & Sons, Ltd., 1921.

Alban, Ernst,
"The High Pressure Steam Engine",
London: John Weale, 1858.

Aldrich & Donaldson (a monthly publication),
"Marine Engineering, A Monthly Publication Devoted to Vessel Construction
and Propulsion and Allied Interests",
Aldrich & Donaldson, 1899.

Atherton, Charles,
"On Marine Engine Construction and Classification",
London: John Weale, 1851.

Barnes, David Leonard,
"Electric Locomotives - Baldwin Locomotive Works",
Burnham, Williams & Co., 1896.

Barr, John H.,
"Elements of Machine Design",
John Wiley & Sons, 1911.

Benjamin, Charles H.,
"The Steam Engine, A Concise Treatise for Students and Engineers",
The Technical Press, 1909.

Bennett, Frank M.,
"The Monitor and The Navy Under Steam",
Houghton, Mifflin and Company, 1900.

Bird, Geo Fredk,
"The Locomotives of the Great Northern Railroad",
The Locomotive Publishing Co., Ltd., 1903.

Borne, John,
"Handbook of the Steam-Engine",
D. Appleton and Company, 1865.

Burgh, N. P.,
"Modern Marine Engineering Illustrated",
E & F. N. Spon, 1867.

Burnham, George, Jr.

"Baldwin Locomotive Works, Illustrated Catalogue of Narrow-Gauge Locomotives. Adapted Especially to Gauges of 3 feet and 6 inches or one meter", Burnham, Williams & Co., 1900.

Burn, Robert Scott,
"The Steam-Engine: Its History and Mechanism",
Ward and Lock, 1857.

Busley, Carl,
"The Marine Steam Engine, its Construction, Action, and Management",
Kiel and Leipzig, 1902.

Carnegie, Andrew,
"James Watt",
Doubleday, Page & Company, 1905.

Clark, Daniel K.:
"The Exhibited Machinery of 1862: A Cyclopedia of the Machinery Represented at the International Exhibition",
Day & Sons, 1862.

Clark, Daniel K.:
"An Elementary Treatise on Steam and the Steam-Engine, Stationary and Portable",
Crosby Lockwood and Co., 1885.

Clark, Daniel K.:
"The Steam Engine: A Treatise on Steam Engines and Boilers",
Blackie & Son, 1890.
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Clark, Daniel K.:
"Tramways, Their Construction and Working (locomotives, rolling stock, traction, electric traction, steam)",
Crosby Lockwood and Son, 1894.

Collins, Hubert E.:
"Shaft Governors, Centrifugal and Inertia",
Hill Publishing Company, 1908.

Colyer, Frederick:
"A Treatise on Modern Steam Engines and Boilers, Including Land, Locomotive, and Marine Engines and Boilers",
E. & F.N. Spon, 1886.

Colyer, Frederick:
"Treatise on the Working Management of Steam Boilers and Engines, Shafting, Gear, and Machinery",
E. & F.N. Spon, 1892.

Cotterill, James, H.:
"The Steam Engine Considered as a Thermodynamic Machine",
E. & F. N. Spon, 1896.

Croft, Terrell:

"Steam-Engine Principles and Practice",
McGraw Hill Book Company, Inc., 1922.

[http://books.google.com/books?](http://books.google.com/books?id=msMJAAAAIAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=Steam+engine+principles+and+practice&lr=)

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Dalby, W.E.:

"Valves and Valve Gear Mechanisms",
Edward Arnold Pub., 1906.

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The first paragraph of the preface describes the goal of the book:

"Valve gear mechanisms have fascinated successive generations of engineers, and, if the truth were known,

there are few mechanical engineers who have not at some time or other tried to invent a new gear.

In consequence, the number of valve gears described in the Patent Office Specifications, and indeed the

number of different types which have been actually made, is exceedingly great. My object is not to enumerate these, nor even to enumerate all the types which are in actual work at the present time, but

rather to select a few typical gears, well tried, and to some extent representing the survival of the fittest types, and to examine them thoroughly and by methods which may generally be applied to all kinds

of gear similar to those chosen". W.E. Dalby, M.A.

("Rectangular Valve Diagram" on p. 57 is almost identical to graph shown on this website under DESIGN II,

DIAGRAMS/SPREADSHEETS, indicating valve displacement curves. A machine is shown on p.169 for drawing

valve displacement curves for a steam engine).

Dalby, W.E.:

"Steam Power",
Longmans, Green & Co., 1915.

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Dalby, W.E.:

"The Balancing of Engines",
Edward Arnold, 1906.

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Derr, Louis:

"Cyclopedia of Engineering",
Chicago American Technical Society, 1915.

Dunlap, John:

"The Engineering Magazine, an Industrial Review, Vol. XXVIII, October, 1904 to March 1905",
New York The Engineering Magazine, 1904.

Edwards, Emory:
"Modern American Locomotive Engines; Design, Construction and Management",
Henry Carey Baird & Co., 1895.

Edwards, Emory:
"The Practical Steam Engineer's Guide in the Design, Construction and Management of
American Stationary, Portable and Steam Fire-Engines, Steam Pumps, Boilers, Injectors,
Governors, Indicators, Pistons and Rings, Safety Valves, and Steam Gauges",
Henry Carey Baird & Co., 1890.

Edwards, Emory:
"A Catechism of the Marine Steam Engine",
Henry Carey Baird & Co., 1898.

Evers, Henry,
"Steam and the Steam Engine: Land, Marine and Locomotive",
Williams Collins, Sons & Company, 1878.

Fehrenbatch, John:
"A Library of Steam Engineering",
The Ohio Valley Company, 1900.

Finlay, Water Stevenson:
"The Effect of Superheated Steam on Cylinder Condensation in a Corliss Steam Engine",
Sibley College - Cornell University, 1904.

Frick Company:
"The Story of Frick Refrigerating, Air Conditioning, Farm and Sawmill Machinery",
Frick Company, 1952.

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"Steam Power Plant Engineering",
John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1913.

Graham, Frank D.,
"Audel's Power Plant Engineer's Guide",
Theo Audel & Co., 1945.

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"Audel's New Marine Engineers Guide",
Theo Audel & Co.

Greenly, Henry,
"The Model Locomotive, Its Design and Construction",
Percival Marshall & Co., 1904.

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"Model Engineering - A Guide to Model Workshop Practice",
Cassell and Company, Ltd., 1915.

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"Audel's Engineers and Mechanic's Guide 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6",
Theo Audel & Co., 1921.
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(Guide No.2 contains an engraving of a Dake steam engine)

Grimshaw, Robert:
"Supplement to the Steam Engine Catechism",
John Wiley & Sons, 1888.

Grimshaw, Robert:
"The Steam Engine Catechism",
Norman W. Henley & Co., 1896.

Grimshaw, Robert:
"The Engine Runner's Catechism",
John Wiley & Sons, 1895.

Hall, W. B.:
"Measuring Steam Engine Performance",
(Computer tests and plots of steam engine performance).

Hamkens, H.,
"Steam Engine Troubles",
The Norman W. Henley Publishing Co., 1919.

Hawkins, N.:
"New Catechism of the Steam Engine, with Chapters on Gas, Oil and Hot Air Engines",
Theo Audel & Co., 1904.

Header, Herman, Powles, H.H.P.,
"A Handbook on the Steam Engine with Special References to Small and Medium-Sized Engines",
D. Van Nostrand Company, 1902.

Heck, Robert,
"The Steam-Engine and Other Steam-Motors",
D. Van Nostrand Company, 1905.

Henthorn, John T., Thurber, Charles D.:
"The Corliss Engine and Its Management",
Spon & Chamberlain, 1902.

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"Steam Power",
John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1916.
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"Mechanical Movements, Power Devices and Appliances",

Norman W. Henley & Company, 1903.

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"Modern Steam Engineering in Theory and Practice",
The Norman W. Henley Publishing Company, 1907.

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"The Steam Engine, Its Origin and Gradual Improvement,
from the Time of Hero to the Present Day",
D. Appleton & Co., 1840.

Holmes, George C. V.:
"The Steam Engine",
Longmans, Green, and Co., 1895.

Hopkinson J., & Co.,
"Engineer's Practical Guide, and the Workings of the Steam Engine, Explained
by the Use of the Indicator, 7th Ed.",
1875.

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"Steam Vessels and Marine Engines",
The American Shipbuilders, 1896.

Hutton, Frederic R.:
"The Mechanical Engineering of Power Plants",
John Wiley & Sons, 1897.
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"Steam Engineering - Index to Vol. 10, September 1899 to August 1990",
The Industrial Press, New York, 1990.

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"Steam Engines, Engine Governors",
International Textbook Company.

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"Mechanisms of Steam Engines",
John Wiley & Sons, Inc, 1914.
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Jamieson, Andrew:
"A Textbook on Steam and Steam-Engines",
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PA170&dq=a+textbook+on+steam+engines+jamieson&lr=](http://books.google.com/books?id=-YFMAAAAMAAJ&pg=RA1-PA170&dq=a+textbook+on+steam+engines+jamieson&lr=)

John Williams and Co., London,
"The Student's Guide to the Locomotive Engine",
1849.

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"Mechanisms and Mechanical Movements",
The Industrial Press, New York, 1919.

Kent, William,
"The Mechanical Engineer's Pocket-Book",
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"Design of a High Speed Steam Engine",
D. Van Nostrand Company, 1903.
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"Knight's American Mechanical Dictionary",
Houghton, Mifflin and Company.

Kunhardt, C. P.,
"Steam Yachts and Launches; Their Machinery and Management. A Review",
Forest and Stream Publishing Co., 1887.

Langmaid, J., Gaisford, H.:
"Elementary Lessons in Steam Machinery and the Marine Steam Engine,
with a Short Description of the Construction of a Battleship",
Macmillan and Co., 1901.

Lardner, Dionysius:
"Poplar Lectures on the Steam Engine",
John Taylor publisher, 1828.

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"The Steam Engine Explained and Illustrated",
Taylor and Walton, 1840.

Lisk, J. P.:
"ABC of The Steam Engine, with a Description of the Automatic Governor",
Spon & Chamberlain, 1902.

Locomotive Engineering,
"Locomotive Engineering, A Practical Journal of Railway and Rolling Stock -
Technical Index, Vol. 9",
1896.

Ludy, Llewellyn V.:
"Steam Engines",
American Technical Society, 1917.

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"The Marine Steam Engine. Designed chiefly for the use of Officers of Her
Majesty's Navy:,"

Woodward, Common, Hard., 1852.

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"Index to Marine Engineering, Volumn VIII, January to December, 1903",
Marine Engineering, Incorporated, New York, 1903.

Milne, John,
"A Practical View of the Steam Engine; Illustrated by Engravings of the Largest
Machine in Scotland",
A. Balfour and Co., 1830.

Meyer, J.G.A.,
"Modern Locomotive Construction",
John Wiley and Sons, 1892.

Neal, George William:
"The Marine Engineer, A Monthly Journal of Marine Engineering, Shipbuilding,
Steam Navigation & Electrical Engineering",
1893.

Pambour, Comte De:
"The Theory of the Steam Engine",
London: John Weale, 1889.

Peabody, Cecil H.:
"Valve-Gears for Steam-Engines",
John Wiley & Sons, 1901.

Peabody, Cecil H.:
"The Steam-Engine Indicator",
John Wiley & Sons, 1900.

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Perry, John:
"The Steam Engine and Gas and Oil Engines",
Macmillan and Co., 1902.

Unlike the other books in listed on this page, the following book by Charles Porter is unique in that it is a personal story of a lawyer turned engineer, Charles Porter, who championed the use of the high speed steam engine. Porter seemed to be one of the few steam engine designers who first correctly predicted that the high speed steam engine would be the a critical and dominant engine type of the future. Porter was correct in his foresight, and high speed engines continue to dominate most engine designs to this day.

Porter's book documents the rapid advances being made in steam engine design during the mid-1800's.

Porter also played an important role in the developement and use of his high-speed steam engine governors, and high-speed engine indicators.

An interesting part of Porter's story is his personal dealings with the wide variety of individuals during the 1800's, and his detailed description of the machining methods and tools available during the period. Porter describes engines with each screw thread being custom made, and

every threaded connection being different and unique on the same engine. A nut removed from a bolt on an engine had to be re-connected to the exact same bolt in order to fit. This period was prior to the standardization of screw threads and interchangeable parts that we take for granted these days.

Porter lived in the age of great invention, and it is apparent that very rapid advances were being made in all technological fields. There was apparently huge amounts of money to be made by persons investing in the emerging technologies of the future, and Porter's story of his engine, governor and indicator designs is a fascinating one which gives much insight into the way many of the fundamental and classic steam engine designs emerged.

Porter also gives us insight into the power of the patent and patent attorney. Numerous stories are included which detail the inner workings of many of the iron works and the workers who produced steam engines.

Porter's personal narrative gives a fascinating glimpse into the past history of steam engines, and the people who designed and built them. The book could also be used as a study of personality types, and a study in what it takes to make not only a good design, but a commercially viable and widely used product. Porter's effective use of deductive reasoning and his attention to quality and detail placed him far in advance of most of the engineers and designers of the time.

Some of the more interesting ideas presented by Porter in his book are as follows:

1. Porter seems to have conceived the idea for a high speed steam engine after designing a rock surfacing machine that operated at the same speed as a high speed engine.
2. Porter's governor appears to be one of the first designs that could quickly and accurately regulate the speed of most steam engines. Porter notes that his governor could not regulate the speed of a compound marine engine. Those involved in the current design of control systems can appreciate the success of Porter's governor, since designing a stable control system can be difficult, even in modern times.
3. Porter mentions the problems associated with using a condenser on a steam engine, and the foaming in the boiler that can be caused by oil not being separated from the water in the condenser.
4. Porter correctly realized the importance of using a precision indicator to accurately predicting steam engine performance and efficiency.
5. Porter mentions problems with using brass bearing surfaces running on steel (the steel wears before the brass), and he preferred using cast iron running on cast iron when possible. Porter also analyzed the problems associated with engine wear, and the critical aspect of an effective oiling system for a steam engine.
6. Porter's connecting rod design utilized a closed end rod, and bearing adjustments on either end of the rod which automatically kept the length of the rod constant.
7. Porter was one of the first engine designers to realize that the frame of the engine, as well as the frame of many machine tools, had to be extremely rigid and free from flexing and deflection.

8. Porter mentions the novelty of discovering a machining shop that was using custom made twist drills. Twist drills were not in common use in the mid-1800's.

Porter, Charles T.:

"Engineering Reminiscences contributed to 'Power' and 'American Machinist' ",
John Wiley & Sons, 1908.

Reid, Hugo:

"The Steam-Engine",
Edinburg, 1838.

Reynolds, Michael:

"Stationary Engine Driving, A Practical Manual for Engineers in Charge of Stationary Engines",
Crosby Lockwood and Co., 1881.

Reynolds, Michael:

"Locomotive-Engine Driving, A Practical Manual for Engineers in Charge Locomotive Engines",
Crosby Lockwood and Co., 1877.

Roper, Stephen,

"A Catechism of High Pressure or Non-Condensing Steam Engines",
Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger, 1874.

Rose, Joshua:

"The Complete Practical Machinist: Embracing Lathe Work, Vise Work, Drills and Drilling,
Taps and Dies, Hardening and Tempering, Tool Grinding, Marking Out Work, Etc.",
Henry Carey Baird & Co., 1887.

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"Key to Engines and Engine-Running. A Practical Treatise Upon the Management of Steam
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of an Engine or Boiler",
D. Van Nostrand Company, 1899.

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"Modern Steam Engines",
Henry Carey Baird & Co., 1893.

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"Steam Boilers: A Practical Treatise on Boiler Construction and Examination",
Henry Carey Baird & Co., 1888.

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"The Study of Steam and the Marine Engine",
Longman, Green, Longman, and Roberts, 1862.

Scranton International Textbook Company:

"Valve Gears, Mechanics of the Steam Engine, Steam-Engine Governors, Steam-Engine Design,
Types of Steam Boilers, Boiler Fittings and Accessories, Boiler Settings and Chimneys,
Boiler Piping and Auxiliaries, Fuels and Boiler Trials, Steam-Boiler Design",

Scranton, International Textbook Company, 1907.

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Scranton International Textbook Company:

"Hydrostatics, Pneumatics, Hydraulics, Elementary Chemistry, Heat, Entropy and Steam, Steam-Engine Mechanism, Steam-Engine Indicators and Diagrams, Simple Non-Condensing Steam Engines, Compound and Condensing Engines, Steam Turbines",
Scranton, International Textbook Company, 1908.

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"International Library of Technology, Steam Engines, Elevators".

Seaton, A. E.:

"A Manual of Marine Engineering: Comprising the Designing, Construction, and Working of Marine Machinery",
Charles Griffin & Company, 1890.

Sennett, Richard, Oram, Henry:

"The Marine Steam Engine",
Longmans, Green, and Co., 1913.

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"Steam Engines",
McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., 1919.

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"Handbook of Corliss Steam Engines",
The American Industrial Publishing Co., 1899.

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"Steam Using; or Steam Engine Practice",
The American Engineer, 1885.

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