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Designed in the Letraset type studio, **Victorian Inline Shaded** is typical of the huge range of exotic display typefaces made available for litho printing by the introduction of headline photosetting and rub down type transfers during the *Swinging Sixties*.



Used in many music genres and mainstay of the symphony orchestra, the **violin** was developed in sixteenth century Italy. Jazz **violinist Joe Venuti** had enormous success in the 1930s with records made with his boyhood friend, guitarist Eddie Lang. A noted prankster, **Venuti** once primed a tuba player's horn with flour before a performance by the Paul Whiteman dance band.



V is for ... Volkswagen

From its prewar origin as a basic "people's car" funded by monthly savings stamps, the



VW Beetle went on to become the world's biggest selling car with 21,529,464 built when production finally ceased in Mexico in 2003.



Succeeding to the throne in 1837 aged 18, **Queen Victoria** reigned until 1901. The queen's early popularity waned during her withdrawal from public life in 1861 after the death of her husband, Albert, but her diamond jubilee celebrations were a triumph of public affection. Portraits of the queen on coins and stamps show her moving from idealised young lady to stately matriarch, while the statues in most British towns almost always depict the mature Victoria at the height of her power as the sovereign of a world-wide empire.



In the initial cannon fire exchanges at Trafalgar Nelson's flagship **HMS Victory** was crippled, with masts shot away and her steering gear wrecked. Savage hand-to-hand fighting followed with **Admiral Villeneuve**, the French commander, captured with his ship - later dying in mysterious circumstances while on parole in France.

In an earlier display of sea power **Vikings** from Scandinavia raided and later colonised much of Britain during the 9th and 10th centuries.



Since the destruction of Pompeii in AD 79, **Mount Vesuvius** is still active, with over 3,000,000 living nonchalantly in its shadow on the Bay of Naples. Although Joseph Wright of Derby never witnessed an eruption of the **volcano**, it proved an ideal subject for his **virtuoso** chiaroscuro technique.



Despite the absurdity of delivering **visual humour** via an audio medium, *Educating Archie* was a huge success in the 1950s for **ventriloquist** Peter Brough, with weekly radio audiences of over 15 million.



The opening bars of Beethoven's fifth symphony repeat the morse signal ••• — of **V for Victory**, an allied radio propaganda device used during the second world war.

