

ating Library, has survived.

Like other printers, he advertised

Kaufbriefe, mit einer schönen schreibschrift gedruckt, wie auch bande, warrante, indentures für lehrjungen, sind beym drucker dieser zeitung zu haben.<sup>10</sup>

Like other printers in remote places, he either made his own paper, or collected rags from which it was to be made, for he requested

Lumpen! Baares geld und der höchste preis wird vom drucker dieser zeitung gezeben, für reine leinene und baumvollende lumpen.<sup>11</sup>

In 1796, Gruber announced the publication of Der Neue Nord-Americanische Stadt und Land Calender,<sup>12</sup>

the almanac which was to make him famous and which was destined to last well over one hundred years.

Little by little it was to take on the characteristics by which it is known today. The multiplication table, in pyramid form, was placed on the back cover of the almanac after a few years; it is sometimes said to have been invented by Gruber,<sup>13</sup> but this seems doubtful since it appears in exactly the same form on other early nineteenth century almanacs. In 1836 the almanac appeared with a set of woodcuts depicting activ-

<sup>10</sup> Ibid. September 28, 1796.

<sup>11</sup> Ibid. September 28; 1796.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid. September 28, 1796.

<sup>13</sup> Evening sun. Baltimore. March 2, 1927; and Hagers-Town town and country almanack. 1897. p. 9.