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JEP: The Journal of Electronic Publishing [online]. Ann Arbor (MI): University of Michigan Press. 1995- [cit. 2003-04-02]. 12 issues yearly. ISSN 1080-2711. Available also at: www: <<http://www.pres.umich.edu/jep/index.html>>. ISSN 1080-2711.

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