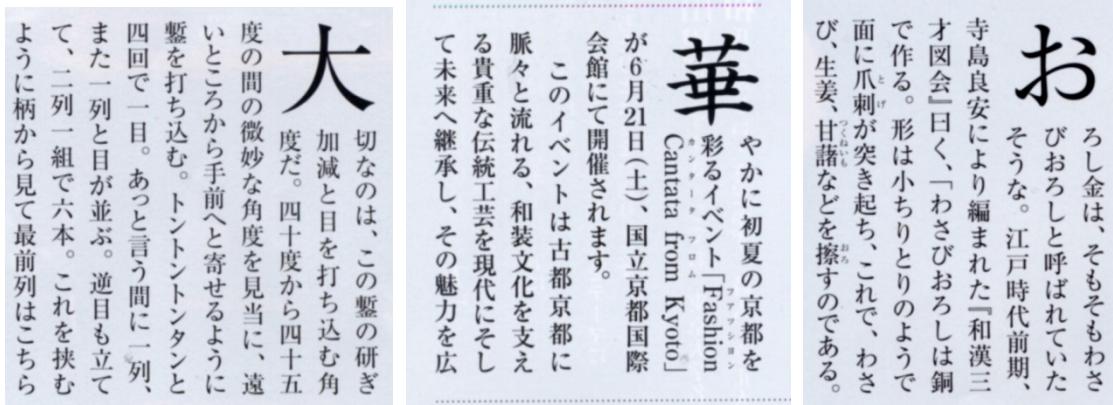


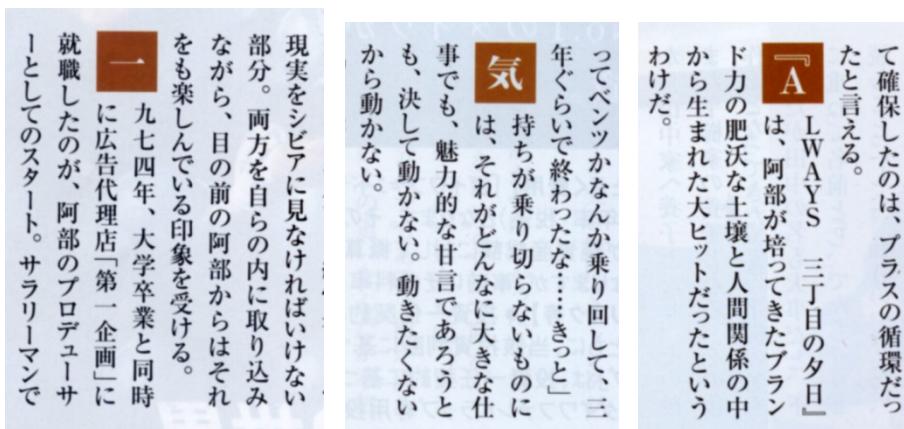
Japanese Initial Letter and Cut-in Handling

The following is a collection of various examples of how initial letters (glyph sequences) and then Cut-ins are handled, within Japanese publications.

Japanese (vertical)



The above 3 examples show different initial letters spanning 3 lines of body text. What is most prominent is that the initial letters are all centered in the three line space. The first two letters are Chinese characters (Kanji) and the last is Japanese (hiragana). The second example also shows rotated English text below the initial letter.

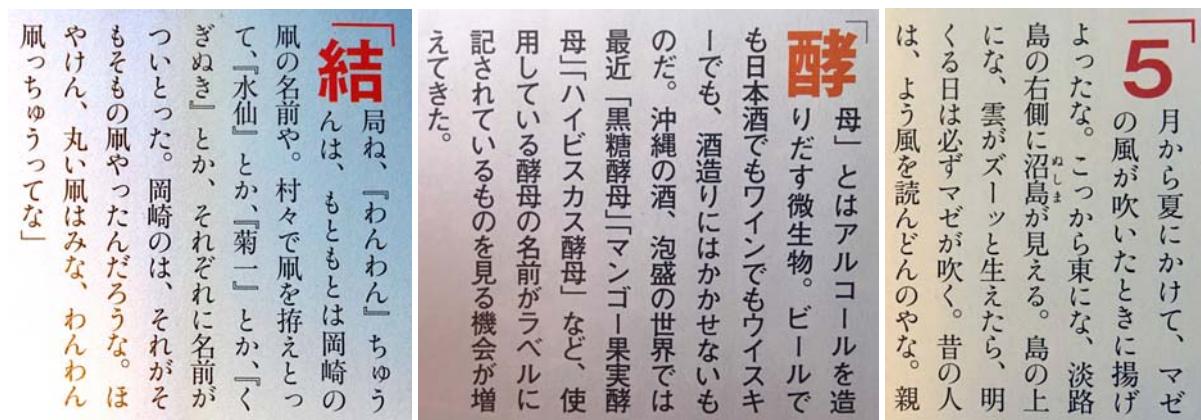


In this set of examples, the initial letter (or letters) have a wine colored background. The first two examples have a single kanji letter. The third example has both an opening bracket (punctuation) and a latin letter "A" which begins the un-rotated vertical setting of "ALWAYS". All these initial letters are centered on the space between two lines.

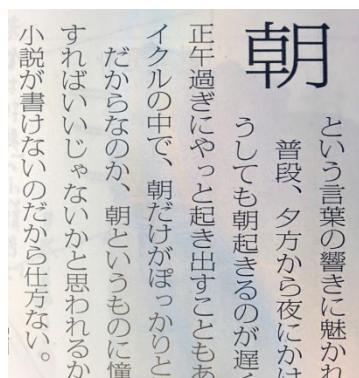
An additional set of examples was photographed by Masataka Yakura and have been copied (with some editing) from:

<https://plus.google.com/photos/+MasatakaYakura/albums/6016251750721279313>

These examples come from ANA WINGSPAN Issue 539 (an in-flight magazine for All Nipon Airways).



Note that the “Chinese Characters” (kanji) and the number “5” tend to be centered over the two lines it precedes and shortens, but the opening bracket (red in the first and third instance and black in the middle) that precedes the character does not seem to be centered but seems to lie on the upper left corner of the EM box for the character.



In this example, 3 lines (versus 2 in the above examples) are shortened and the kanji is clearly centered in the area that is freed up.

Cut-ins

四月、桜の季節である。愛媛の私の育つた町には山間に四、五キロも入ったところに、滝を取巻く山一面を山桜が埋め尽くす。歌仙の滝や街中の公園などがあり、お花見の場所には事欠かなかつた。

「夏炉冬扇」といえば役に立たないものの例えだ。試験でこれを「我慢くらべ」と書いた女学生がいたと、旧知の先生に聞いた。夏に火にあたり、冬におぐと類推したのか。珍答ながら、なかなかの想像力に感心したものだ。季節はめぐるから、「冬扇」にも再び我が世の春はくる。東京は昨日、気温の割に蒸し暑かつた。棚に突っ込んであつた団扇に無沙汰をわび、風をもらつて仕事をした。これからは大事な戦友だ。女

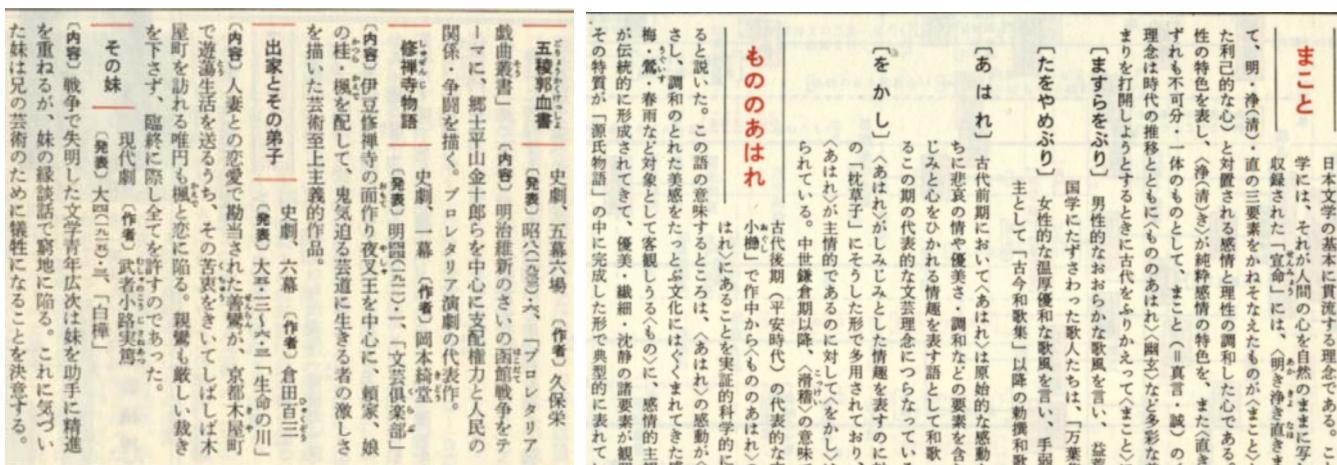
米中西部オクラホマ州は竜巻の常襲地だ。南にテキサス州、北にカンザス州、この周辺一帯はヘトルネード・アレイと呼ばれる◆トルネードは竜巻、アレイは通り。日本の台風銀座などという呼び方と同様、竜巻の通り道のこと)で、さしづめ竜巻銀座、竜巻回廊といったところだろう◆南東のメキシコ湾から湿った暖気、北西のロッキー山脈を越えて乾いた寒気が吹き込んで衝突する。そこで生じた積乱雲に伴い激しい渦巻き、竜

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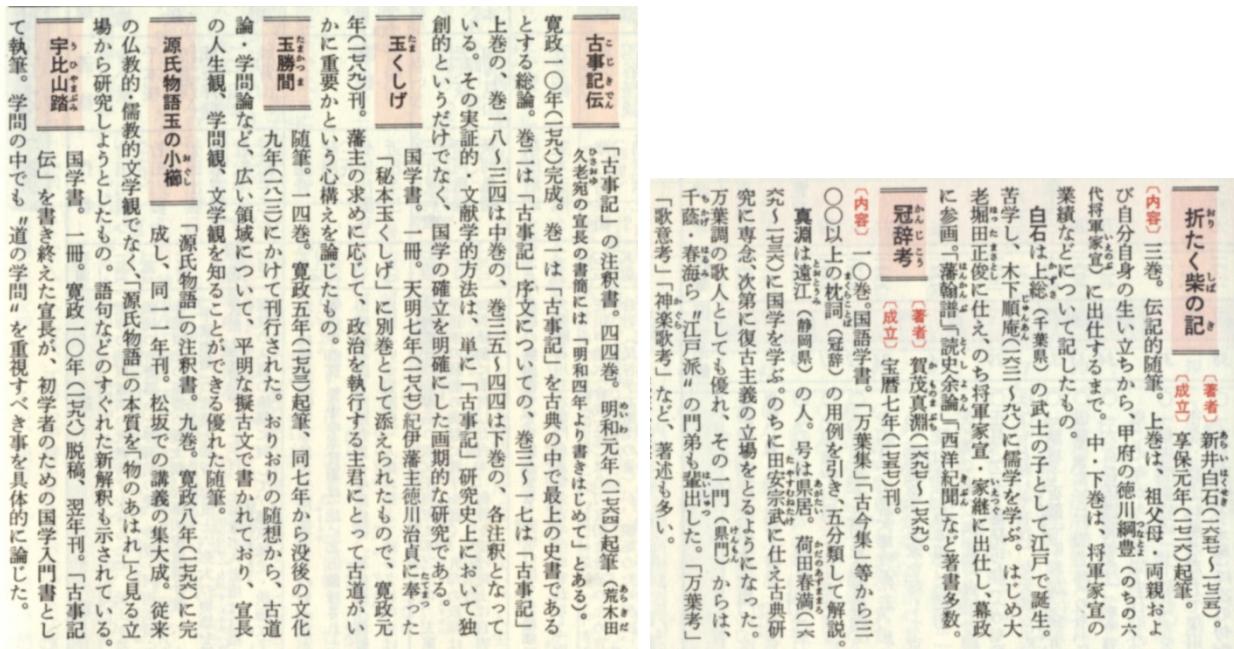
These examples all have more than a single character and the latter two examples are both rotated with respect to the flow of the text (vertical) and have borders (simple rounded corners for the first and a complex border for the second).

Cut-ins are not exactly “initial-letters”, but as an inline that becomes “atomic” they share a similar behavior to initial-letters. That is they consume space (and, in Japanese vertical text they are centered in that space, at least horizontally).

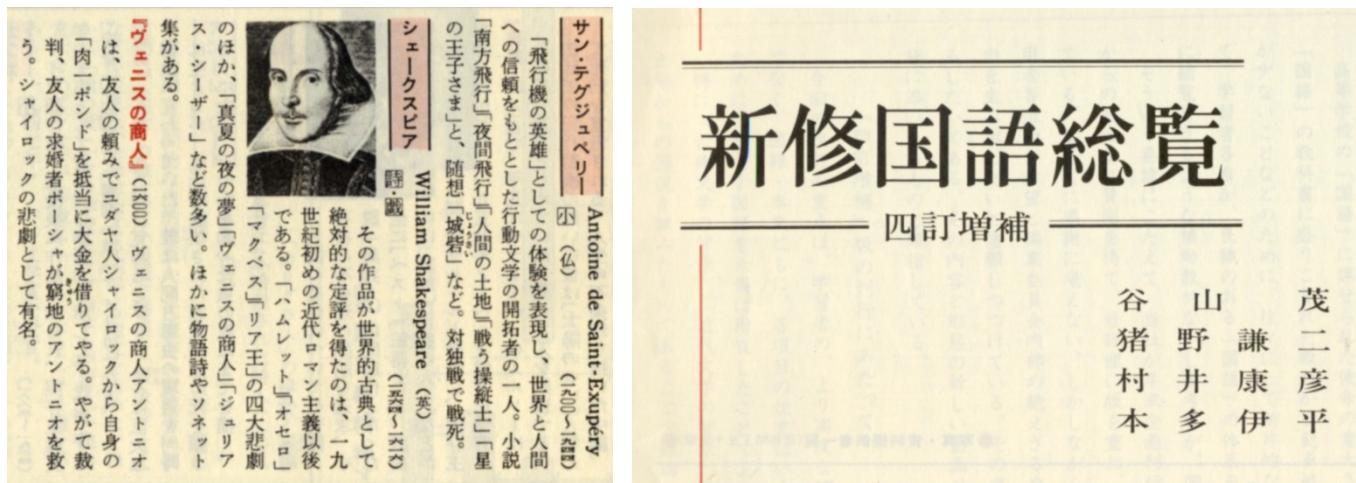
Examples from a Japanese Pocket Encyclopedia:



Two more examples of “cut-in”s. The one on the right has a 3 column cut-in with borders (in black) on the sides of the inline box that forms the cut-in. The text of the paragraph that it heads follows immediately after the cut-in and it is indented by the amount of the cut-in. The example on the left has 2 column cut-ins with red borders on the top and bottom of the cut-in. Two paragraphs of one line each follow the cut-in. (See, for example, the leftmost cut-in.) These can be handles as inline blocks that are positioned as if they were an initial-letter.



In these two examples, the background is colored (pink) and there is a top and bottom border. Note that the positioning of the base text is not affected by the presence of ruby annotations . The base text is centered, horizontally, in the inline block box.



Another example in which the cut-in inline block box has a (pink) background and (black) side borders. In this example, as above, the cut-in is followed by two paragraphs of a single line, but in the second of these lines (from the right) part of the line is top justified (to the indented edge) and the remainder is bottom justified (to the end of the line). The final example is the title of the Japanese Pocket Encyclopedia.