

Technology

**Social media's mutation
from Speaker's Corner to Gin Lane
roughly tracks the smartphone's
conquest of BlackBerry.**

**It comes down, I think,
to the difficulty of typing anything
of length, and therefore of nuance,
on a touch screen.**

**The currency of the internet changed
from the paragraph to the sentence,
from the blog to the tweet,
from the word to the image.**

**Janan Ganesh,
Financial Times, September 25, 2021**