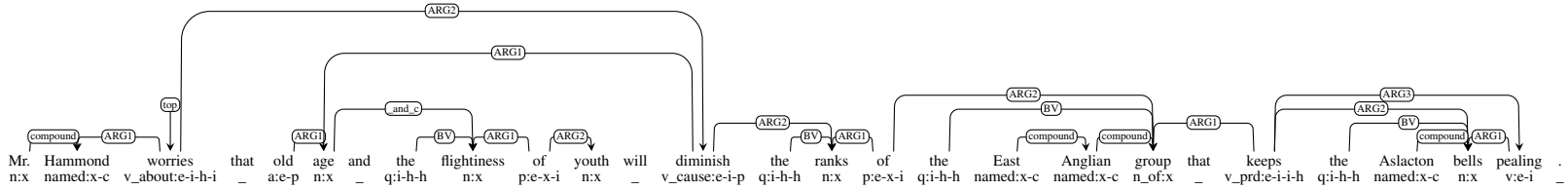
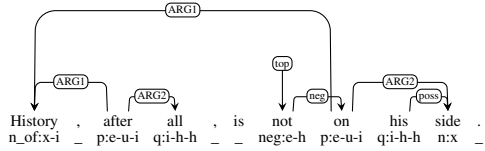


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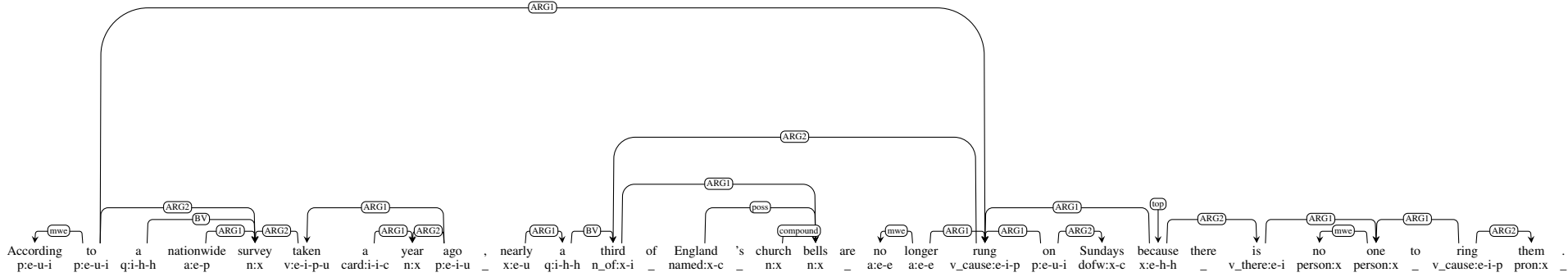




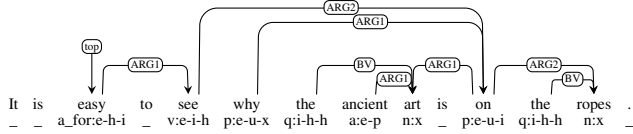
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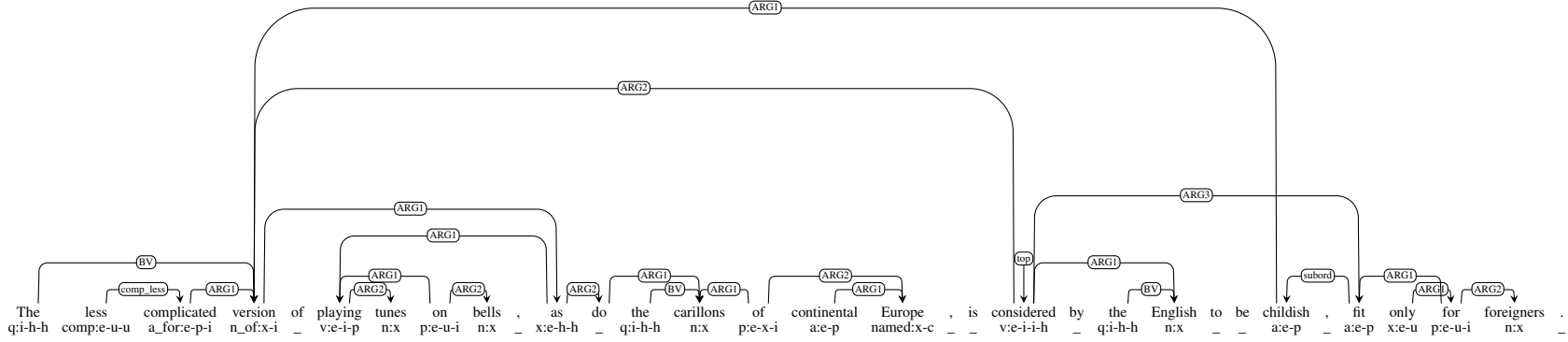
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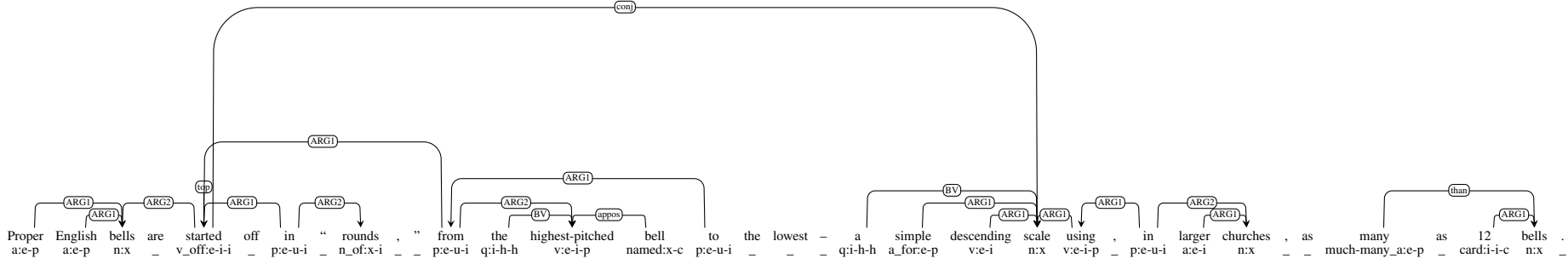
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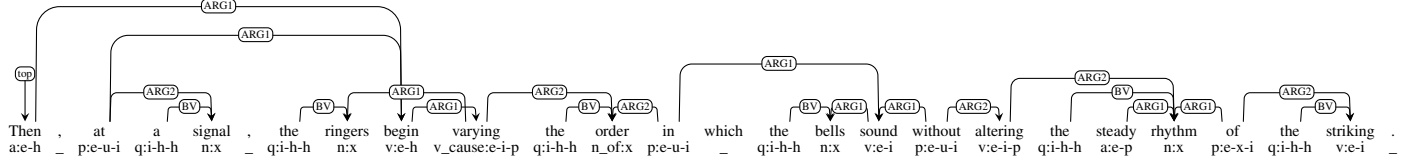
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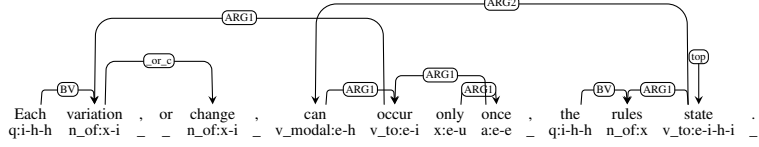
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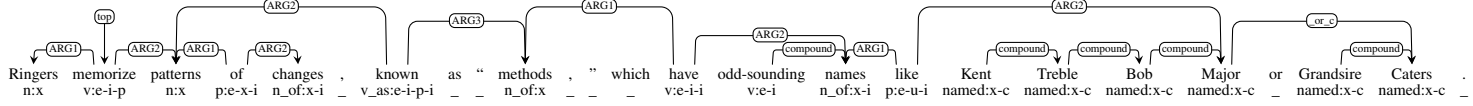
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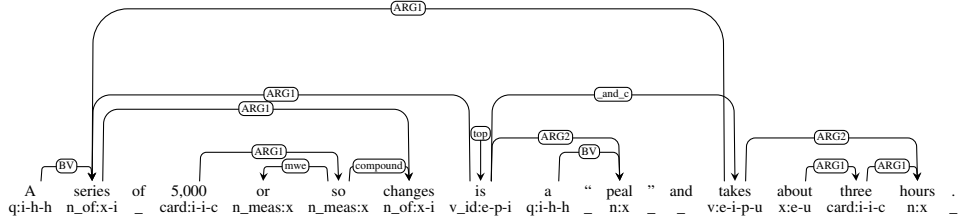
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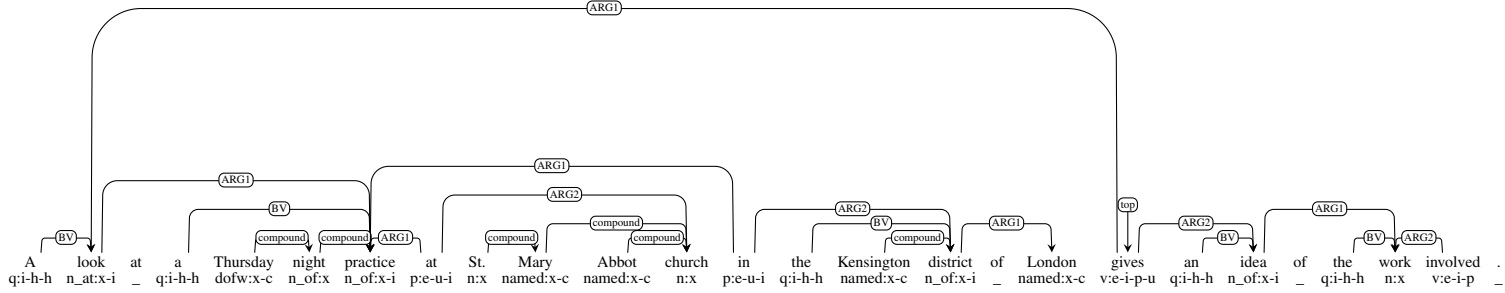
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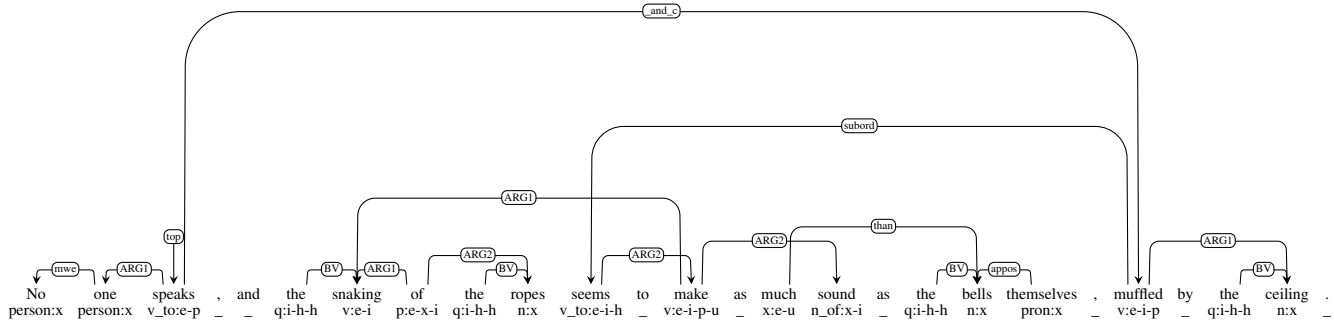
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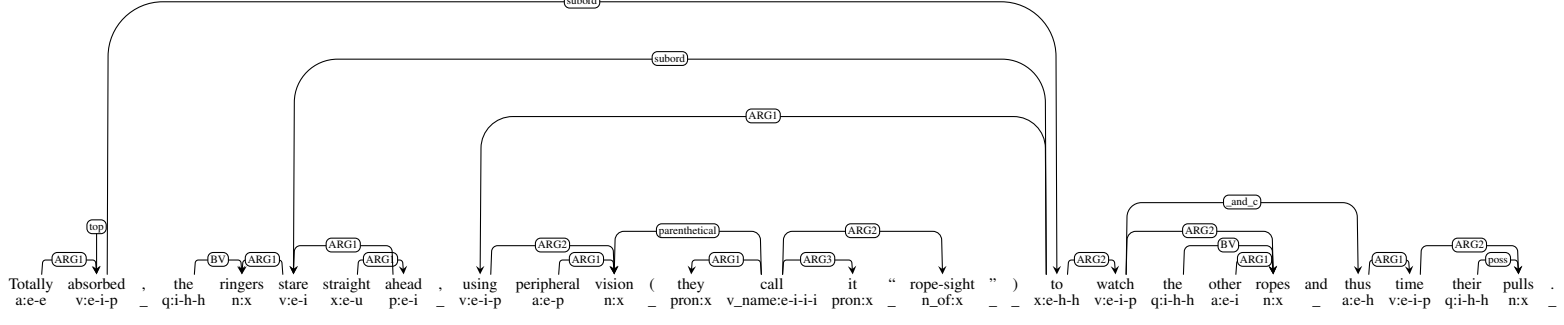
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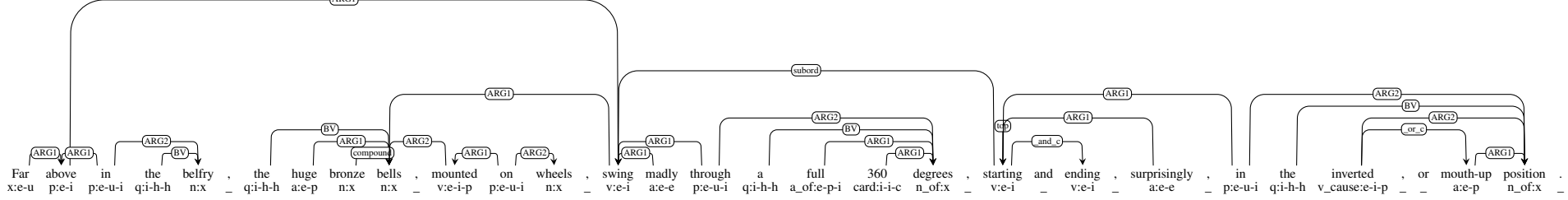
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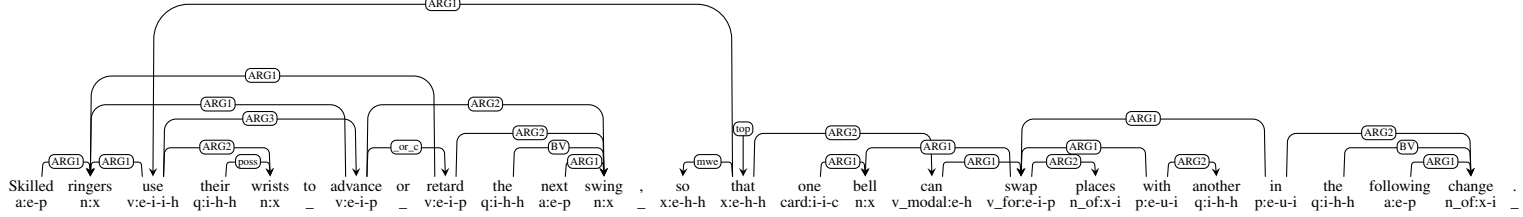
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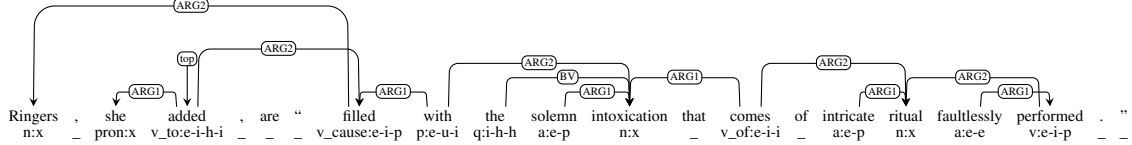
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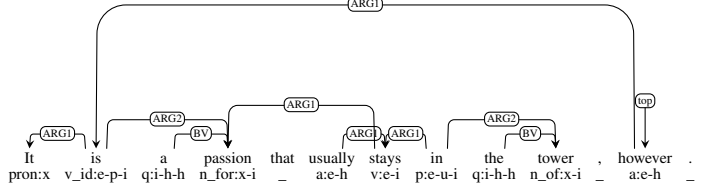
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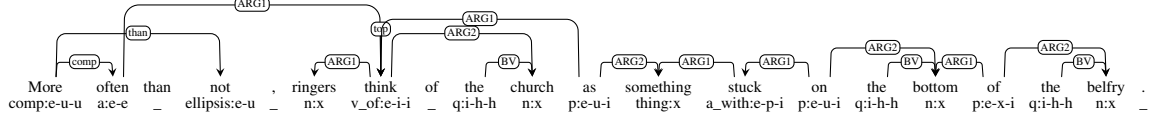
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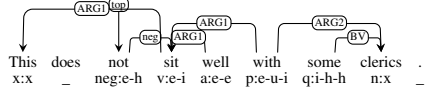
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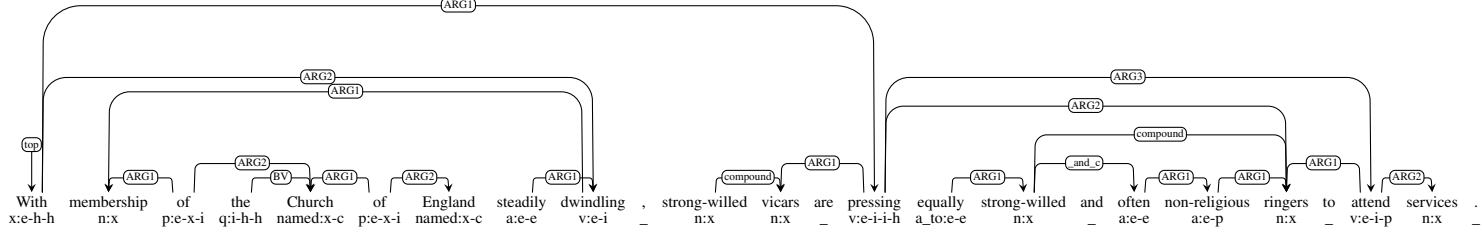
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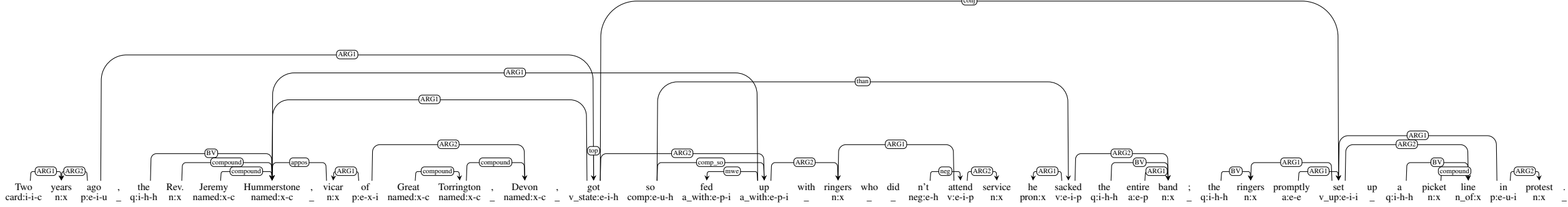
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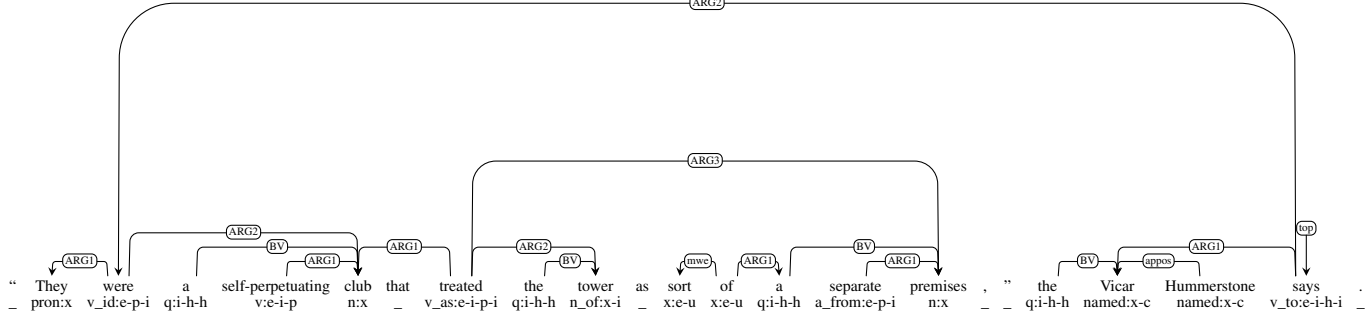
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[20089041]

An entirely new band rings today at Great Torrington, several of whom are members of the congregation.

q1-h-h a-e-e a-e-p n:x v-e-i time_n:x p-e-u-i named:x-c named:x-c _ a-e-p _ _ v_id-e-p-i n_of-x-i _ q1-h-h n_of-x-i _

[20089042]

But there still are n't enough ringers to ring more than six of the eight bells.

c1-i-i _ a-e-e v_there-e-i v_there-e-i q1-h-h n:x _ _ much-many_a-e-i _ card-i-i-c p-e-x-i q1-h-h card-i-i-c n:x _

[20089043]

At St. Mary's Church in Ilminster, Somerset, the bells have fallen silent following a dust-up over church attendance.

p-e-u-i n:x named:x-c _ named:x-c p-e-u-i named:x-c _ named:x-c _ q1-h-h n:x _ v_state-e-i-h a-e-p v-e-i-p q1-h-h n:x p-e-u-i n:x n:x _

[20089044]

The vicar, W.D. Jones, refuses to talk about it, saying it would "reopen the wound."

q1-h-h n:x _ named:x-c named:x-c _ v-e-i-h _ v_about-e-p p-e-u-i pron:x _ v_to-e-i-h-i pron:x v_modal-e-h _ v_cause-e-i-p q1-h-h n:x _

[20089045]

But C.J.B. Marshall, vicar of a nearby church, feels the fault is in the stairs from the bell tower that are located next to the altar.

c1-i-i named:x-c named:x-c _ n:x p-e-x-i q1-h-h a-e-p n:x _ v_e-i-h n:x _ p-e-u-i q1-h-h n:x p-e-u-i q1-h-h n:x n_of-x-i _ _ v-e-i-p p-e-u-i p-e-u-i q1-h-h n:x _

[20089046]

"So crunch, crunch, crunch, bang, bang, bang - here come the ringers from above, making a very obvious exit while the congregation is at prayer," he says.

_ a_thus-e-h a-e-h _ a-e-h _ a-e-h _ a-e-h _ v-e-i _ place_n:x v-e-u q1-h-h n:x p-e-i-u p-e-i _ v-e-i-p-u q1-h-h x-e-u a_to-e-p-i n:x x-e-h q1-h-h n_of-x-i _ p-e-u-i n:x _ _ pron:x v-e-i-p _

[20089047]

Vicar Marshall admits to mixed feelings about this issue, since he is both a vicar and an active bell-ringer himself.

n:x named:x-c v_to-e-i-i _ v-e-i-p n_of-x-i p-e-u-i q_demi-h-h n:x _ x-e-h-h pron:x v_id-e-p-i part_of-x-i q1-h-h named:x-c _ q1-h-h a-e-p n:x pron:x _

[20089048]

"The sound of bells is a net to draw people into the church," he says.

_ q1-h-h n_of-x-i _ n:x v_id-e-p-i q1-h-h n:x _ v-e-i-p-h n_of-x-i p-e-u-i q1-h-h n:x _ _ pron:x v_to-e-i-h-i _

[20089049]

"I live in hopes that the ringers themselves will be drawn into that fuller life."

_ pron:x v-e-i p-e-u-i n:x-h _ q1-h-h n:x pron:x _ _ v-e-i-p-h p-e-u-i q_demi-h-h a_of-e-i n_of-x-i _ _

[20089050]

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, a sort of parliament of ringing groups, aims to improve relations with vicars, says John C. Baldwin, president.

q1-h-h a-e-p n_of-x-i _ named:x-c named:x-c named:x-c _ q1-h-h n_of-x-i _ n:x p-e-x-i v-e-i n_of-x _ v-e-i-h _ v_cause-e-i-p n_of-x-i p-e-u-i n:x _ v_to-e-i-h-i named:x-c named:x-c named:x-c _ n_of-x _

[20089051]

He hopes to speak to students at theological colleges about the joys of bell ringing and will shortly publish a booklet for every vicar in the country entitled, "The Bells in Your Care."

pron:x v-e-i-h _ v_to-e-p p-e-u-i n_of-x-i p-e-u-i a-e-p n_of-x-i p-e-u-i q1-h-h n:x p-e-x-i n:x v-e-i _ a-e-e v-e-i-p q1-h-h n_of-x-i p-e-u-i q1-h-h n:x p-e-u-i q1-h-h n_of-x-i v-e-i-i _ _ q1-h-h n:x p-e-u-i named:x-c named:x-c _

[20089052]

Says Mr. Baldwin, "We recognize that we may no longer have as high a priority in church life and experience."

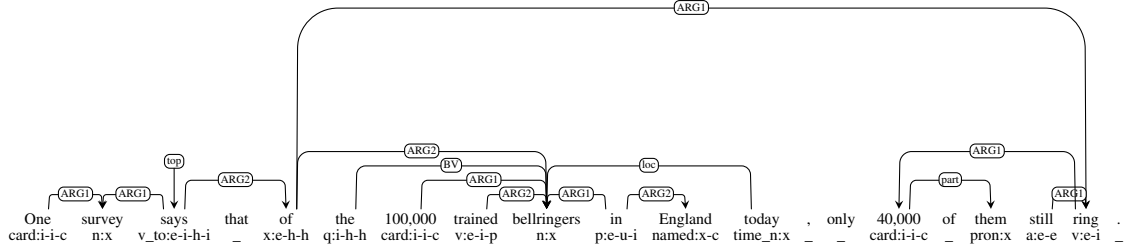
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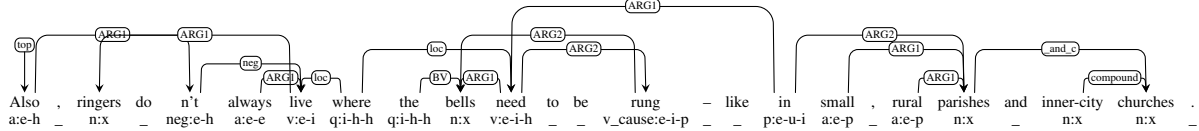
Mr. Baldwin is also attacking the greater problem: lack of ringers.

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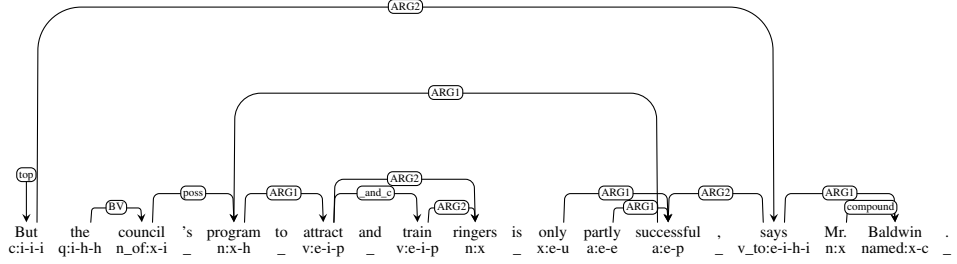
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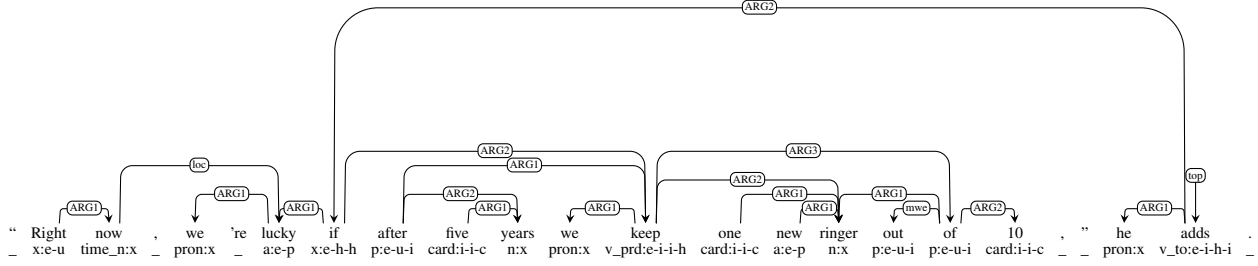
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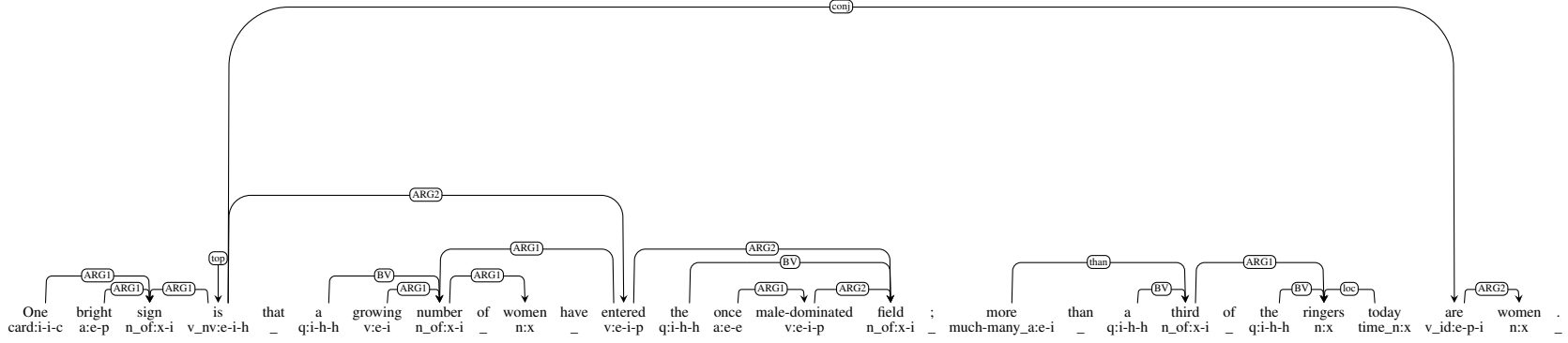
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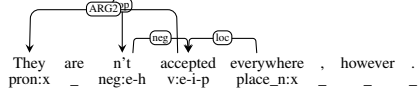
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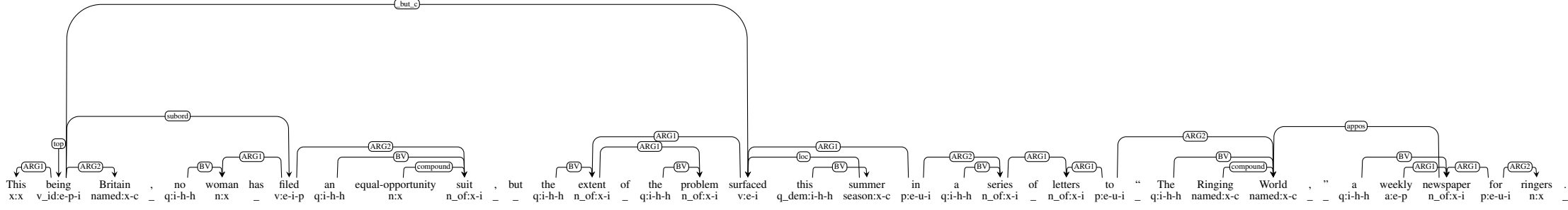
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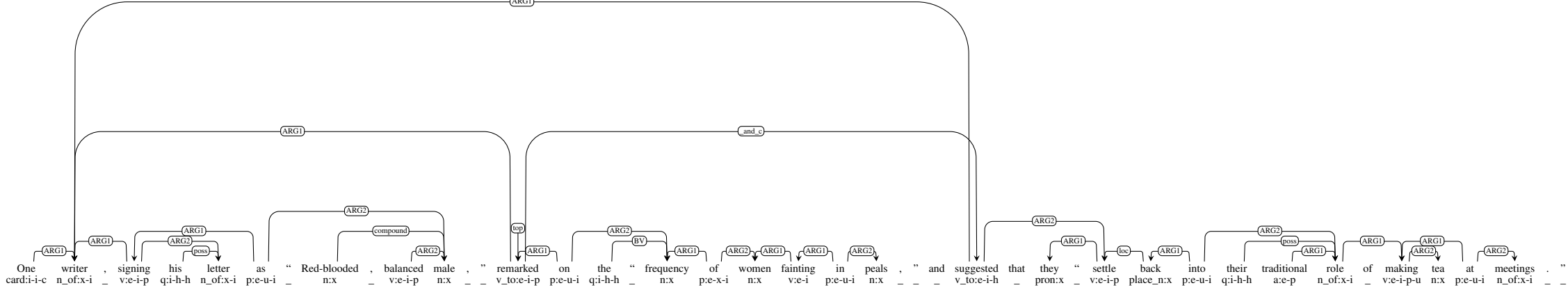
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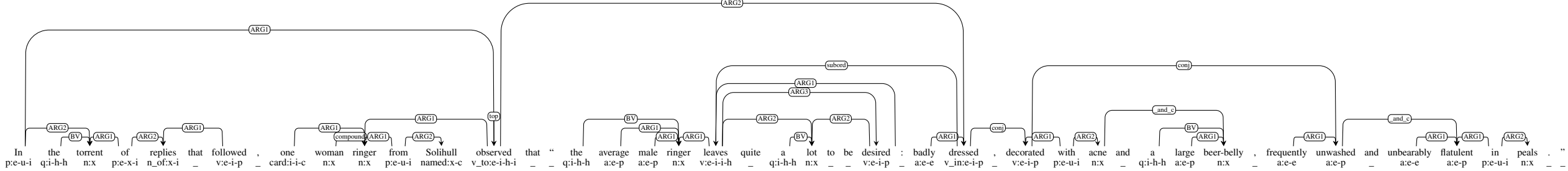
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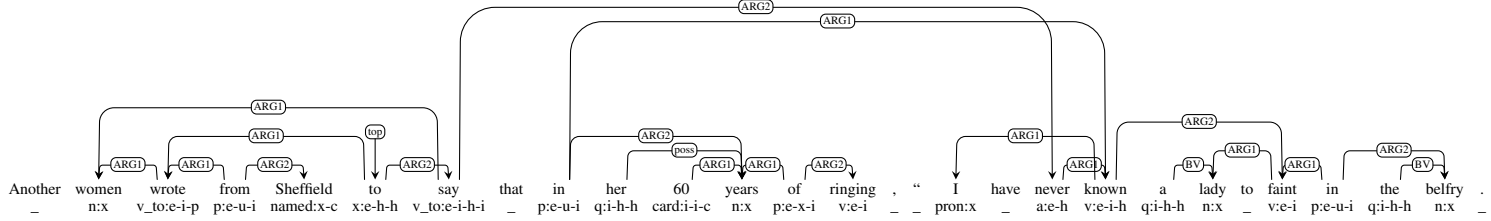
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