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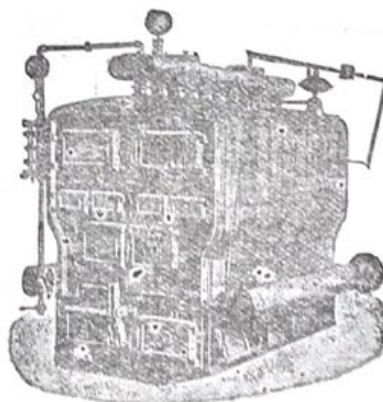
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HI HOLT'S REVENGE.

A light canoe pushed out from the shadowy shore into the brilliant moonlight, dancing on the water. The night was beautiful and still; the surrounding mountains towered above the sparkling lake.

The paddler rested for a moment, then broke the silence. "Now I've got a chance to talk to you, Polly. Tell me honestly, sister, how you like camping out in these wilds?"

"Well," answered Polly slowly, "canoeing is fun and jacking for deer is nice enough, but to tell you the truth, it isn't very exciting."

"Not exciting!" whistled Jack, "can you stand anything more exciting than having yellow jackets in the maple syrup and mice in the camp? Now, really, Polly, you don't know what is exciting."

"Who told you?" laughed Polly, for Jack had come only that evening, while she with the rest of the party had been out on the lake for several days.

"To look at you, people would think you were born and brought up in the woods—a regular gypsy—but I see appearances are deceitful, as usual. By the way, ten or twelve young people came out from the hotel, the same time I did," said Jack.

Polly was thoughtful for a minute or two; then looking up she asked, "Do you really think I might pass as a gypsy? Do I look enough like one?"

"What's the child driving at?" exclaimed the young man.

"I want to tell fortunes at the camp—just for fun," burst out Polly.

Jack jumped at the prospect of some fun. "Good idea! That will be something exciting anyway."

"We'd better ask Mel—the guide, you know—what he thinks. I'm pretty sure he will like the idea though, for he's full of fun. Let's go back to camp now, I'm dying to start right off."

Guided by the light from a huge bonfire, the canoe headed for camp. The two young people, full of their idea, told the guide everything they had thought of. Mel Trumble entered into the plan with spirit and, before the fire burned low that night, the preparations for the fun had been started.

Early the next morning the obliging guide went to every party on the lake asking if they would like a gypsy, who was staying at his camp, to come and tell fortunes in the evening. They were all enthusiastic and Mel Trumble went home with an encouraging report.

While Polly was dressing up that evening, Jack, who was criticising her costume, suddenly thought of the fortunes the gypsy was to tell. "Say, Polly, what are you going to say to those people? You don't know them at all."

"Don't worry, almost everyone was at the hotel, and I've seen enough of them to say a few things that would be true. But then it's a lark. I'll say what I like. I'm going to give it to Hi Holt, though. It's a shame the way he treats his wife. Mel says no one dares say anything, but I'll dare. Now how

do these red berries look in my hair? Charming, I suppose. Now I'm ready."

* * * * *

Mel Trumble's canoe grated on the pebbles at the last camp. Polly, flushed with excitement, jumped to the shore and was greeted with a shout from about the fire. In a minute she was surrounded by the eager young people who kept her busy telling fortunes for half an hour. As the last prophecy was ended, Hi Holt, the owner of the camp, stepped out of the shadow asking Polly to tell his future. Now was the time for her reproof. Looking at his huge palm a moment or two, she began.

"A large sum of money has been left you, but you have not as yet received it, as the estate is not settled." He gave a start of surprise, for this was true. "You will prosper and live to a good old age." He gave a grunt of satisfaction and told her to go on. Polly frowned seriously, yet her eyes were dancing. "Oh, Mr. Holmes." "Holt," he corrected. "Well, Mr. Holt, you must reform." She began her reproof bravely, although she knew Hi was glaring at her now. "You have treated your wife disgracefully. Why you have gone so far as to throw a tea cup at her. I advise you to reform."

The big guide moved uneasily and slunk off into the shadow again. "Pretty good fortune teller, eh? Did she tell you anything true?" asked Mel coming upon him.

"You bet your boots, she did! How could she tell about my wife? Did she see a cup in my hand? Telling me that stuff before all them folks! I'll get even if I can," muttered the angry guide.

When the different parties of campers woke up the next morning, they found a note, explaining that the fortune telling had just been a joke, and nearby wrapped in birch bark the money they had given the gypsy. When Hi Holt read his note, he was furious. Mel Trumble who was lying in the woods nearby, heard him planning revenge with a fellow guide. "Something will be doing, this even-

ing," Mel told Polly when he had returned to the camp. "But don't be scared. Hi's not the only one can make plans."

As the shadow deepened, the campers sat by the roaring fire, listening to Mel's stories. Suddenly the stillness of the forest behind the camp was broken. Bushes rustled, dry branches broke and twigs snapped. Some monstrous animal was surely coming down the mountain. Every one except Polly and Mel was terror-stricken. The guide leaning over to Jack, whispered some hurried instruction and then said aloud, "Get your gun quick, it's a bear!"

With their guns all ready, Jack and Mel waited behind the camp, the party huddling together on the far side of the fire. The noise grew louder and louder. Mel shouted, "Here he comes! Shoot!"

"For heaven's sake, Mel, don't shoot! It's me," and Hi Holt, scratched and covered with burrs, sank down exhausted. Mel threw back his head and laughed loud and long. "Well, Hi, that was a good one on you. You'll never hear the end of it." '08.

MEETING OF R. P. A. A.

At recess, March 6, the annual spring meeting of the Athletic Association was held. Nominations were open for manager of the base-ball team and manager of track team. Sangster and Scudder were nominated for manager of base-ball team. After a ballot, Sangster was declared elected by one vote. Owing to lack of time, the meeting was adjourned before a track team manager could be elected.

Teachers cranky,
Scholars few,
Questions flying,
Zeros, too.
What's the matter?
Don't you know?
Monday morning
Always so.

—Ex.

GODS VS. SHADES.

(As written for the "Athens Ahead-of-the
Nines," by Herodotus, Sporting Ed.

Translated by Theodoric N. P.)

Yesterday the greatest game in the world took place at Athens Field. Jupiter brought a team of stars from Mt. Olympus, expecting to send Pluto and his team back to Hades in defeat; but he ran against a hard proposition. Pluto had a great number to choose from and brought as strong a team as ever crossed the Styx. The line-up was as follows:

Gods—Mercury, l.e.; Mars, l.t.; Vulcan, l.g.; Neptune, c.; Saturn, r.g.; Antaeus, r.t.; Argus, r.e.; Apollo, q.b.; Polyphemus, r.h.; Jupiter, (Capt.), l.h.; Hercules, f.

Shades—Ulysses, l.e.; Achates, l.t.; Aeneas, l.g.; Pluto, (Capt.), c.; Priam, r.g.; Ajax, r.t.; Agamemnon, r.e.; Caesar, q.b.; Goliath, r.h.; Achilles, l.h.; Sampson, f.

Umpire, Solon. Announcer, Diogenes. Cheer leaders, Demosthenes and Cicero. Reporters, Homer, Virgil, Herodotus. Water boy, Baachus. Gatekeeper, Janus.

First Half.

Jupiter won the toss and decided to receive the ball at the western end of the field. The Shades kicked off and Antaeus receiving the ball rushed it down the field until Sampson caught him and lifted him off the ground, for Antaeus' strength was irresistible when he was in contact with the earth, his mother. The whistle blew for first down, but Antaeus protested, "I'm not down at all, but up as high as Sampson can hold me." Before Solon gave his decision, however, Sampson, forgetting the new rules, started for the goal with Antaeus to make a touchback; but Hercules tackled him and he dropped Antaeus, who ran through all the players for a touchdown. Jupiter kicked the goal. The Gods then

kicked off and Capt. Pluto advanced the ball fifteen yards. Both sides lined up and Caesar gave the signals. But the backs could not understand Latin and quite a row arose. "Say, Jule, count in Hebrew, won't you?" asked Sampson. "What do you take me for?" replied Caesar. "Don't you do it, Caesar, count in Greek," said Achilles. But Caesar wanted to talk Latin, so he just said "Tres et viginti," and passed the ball to Goliath, who tore up the line until he struck Vulcan. Vulcan could not get out of the way quick enough because of his lame foot and therefore was quite angry when Goliath struck him. He smote Goliath with his hammer in the tender spot in his forehead, and Goliath immediately dropped the ball and fell over stunned. Just as Neptune was about to pick up the ball Aeneas slipped under and got it. This raised Neptune's wrath and he ran Aeneas through with his trident, whereupon the shade of Dido applauded vociferously. Then Solon arrested Neptune on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon, but when Neptune argued that his weapon was not concealed at all but had been hanging from his belt the whole time, Solon yielded to his argument. While this was going on Crafty Ulysses had been transferring a few thunderbolts from Jupiter's back pocket to his own, to save for use in the second half. The teams lined up but then the whistle blew and the first half was over. Score, Gods—6. Shades—0. Pan furnished music during the intermission. Baachus furnished the bowls to the players and revived Goliath.

Second Half.

The shades kicked off and Polyphemus received the ball and started to rush down the field, but as his one eye was destroyed he

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Correspondents will confer a great favor by writing on one side of the paper only.

Officers of the school, students, and alumni are most cordially invited to contribute.

All Rutgers Prep. School needs is one more basket-ball player, a place for her team to practice and play, a little support for the team from the students, and her fame would be secured. The scores run up by the Prep. team in the series of games played with the class teams in college, give a hint as to what kind of showing it could make against teams of schools nearer our size. The team representing the Juniors is largely made up of Rutgers 'varsity team men, and our team certainly showed skill in being able to hold them down as they did.

May we make as good a showing in base-ball.

It is the duty of every student to help along his school in every way he can. By good scholarship is one way and a very good way it is; by athletics is another, and also a very excellent way. What student is not pleased to hear of his school winning a track meet and to see the neat banners hanging before him? What student is not glad to hear his school's foot-ball power spoken of with respect by opponents? What student will not jump and cheer when the basket-ball team of his school wins a hard fought and well played game? What student does not feel like wringing the hands of every member of his school's base-ball team when they by good playing have humbled an old rival? Not one of course. But all this cannot be done without players; we have players. But they cannot do it without something material to back them; you have that. Now is the time to join the Athletic Association and pay your spring dues.

NINTH LANE PRIZE

SPEAKING CONTEST

The ninth Lane Prize Speaking Contest was held Thursday evening, February 28th. There were seven contestants. The names of the speakers with the titles of their selections are given below. The judges on this occasion were the Rev. L. R. Brock, of New Brunswick; Abel R. Corbin, Esq., of Metuchen, and Mr. Charles B. Ames, of Metuchen. Mr. Ames was at one time the Latin Master in our school and he still retains his interest in our doings. These gentlemen awarded the first prize to Chamberlain and the second prize to Elmendorf. While the judges were deliberating, the boys entertained the audience with a choice variety of yells and a few

songs. The speakers were trained this year by Mr. Mills, who may be congratulated upon his success in producing a first class exhibition of speaking, fully on a par with the eight contests that have preceded this. E. R. P.

The speakers were:

1. Hewette Elwell Joyce,
"The Chariot Race."
From Ben Hur: Gen. Lew. Wallace.
2. Theodore Niver Pockman,
"The Battle of Bannockburn."
Grace Aguilar.
3. Laban Hammill Chamberlain,
"The Last Night of Missolonghi."
Edwin A. Grosvenor.
4. Tracy Stebbins Voorhees,
"The Trial of Ben Thomas."
H. S. Edwards.
5. Floyd Bronson Olcott,
"The Last of the Roman Tribunes."
Edward Bulwer-Lytton.
6. William Henry MacDonald,
"Fort Wagner." *Anna E. Dickinson.*
7. Dumont Frelinghuysen Elmendorf,
"The Doom of Claudius and Cynthia."
Maurice Thompson.

ALUMNI NOTES.

'02, Harold Green, in the absence of Miss Searle, who is ill, has been acting as instructor in Latin.

'98, Acting Lieutenant Albert Ellicott Brown, stationed at Batanzas, P. I., with the position of adjutant, has received his promotion to a second lieutenantcy, which transfers him from the Philippine service to the United States regular army.

'96, Riggs recently gave an illustrated lecture in the Y. M. C. A. hall on Vesuvius. This is one of a series of lectures which Mr. Riggs is to bring to New Brunswick and it is said that the entertainments are extremely interesting and instructive.

'92, Prof. Lane Cooper, assistant professor

of English in Cornell University, brother of Mayor Drury W. Cooper, has issued a volume "Theories of Style," with especial reference to prose composition. He has an article in the January number of the Journal of English and Germanic Philology, on Wordsworthian Smiles, and in the February number of Modern Language Notes on "Mumiana in Purchas His Pilgrimage."

'96, Rev. Seymore Purdy, pastor of the Bogota Reformed Church, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Reformed Church at Athens, N. Y., and has been installed.

Prof. C. B. Ames, a former instructor in Latin in our school, recently visited us and listened to the third form Virgil class. He appeared interested in the smooth translations. '05, Potter, of Rutgers, secured a place among the best eight debaters in the contest to select men to contend against Union College.

Prof. J. A. Ferguson, our former science master, now in the Yale Forestry School, most agreeably favored us with a visit recently.

NOTES ABOUT SCHOOL.

B—m tells us that ice is frozen harder than water.

Mr. Powell, in Chemistry—Water is a gas; it burns and—

Miss P—s—O! I made a mistook.

I,—I, translating French—"Elle est montee," She is a mountain.

Mr. Mills—It's as hard to get the right answers to these questions as it is to get meal from a saw-mill.

How about a breakfast food?

Mr. Powell says that a fish comes to the surface to get water.

In one of our recent debates, the chairman of the judges decided that criminals convicted of murder, should be "electrocated and strung up."

Cheer up, fellows! The worst is yet to come. Spring exams. are upon us.

Mr. Robins —In proving that point, what proposition would you quote?

P--m—Why, you would quote one backward.

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could not see and when Ulysses lay down in front of him he stumbled and fell. "No man tripped you, why did you fall?" asked Ulysses tantalizingly. Immediately Polyphemus recognized his voice, and dropped the ball and prepared to make a meal of Ulysses as he had with Ulysses' companions, but the umpire interfered. "Beg pardon, old boy," said Capt. Jupiter to Polyphemus, "I forgot all about your eye. Tell Argus to give you a couple out of his hundred." So Argus handed over two of his eyes. In the meantime Mars discovered the ball lying on the ground and picking it up started for the goal, but was tackled by Faithful Achates. The teams lined up and Capt. Jupiter got the ball. He made an end run and got away from the whole bunch except Capt. Pluto who tackled him, and then finding all the others watching a fight between Hercules and Sampson, sat on his head and pounded him for awhile—just to get even, as he said. As soon as Hercules pulled out enough of Sampson's hair, he beat him, and Pluto got off of Jupiter, and not a minute too soon, for the one remaining thunderbolt in Jupiter's pocket went off by spontaneous combustion and made quite a noise. Then Jupiter called time and ran over to the reporters' stand and told Homer, Virgil, and myself that

he would send each of us a thunderbolt on the next Fourth of July if we would keep the affair between Pluto and himself out of the papers, but we decided not to be bribed. Then the game proceeded, and on a poor forward pass Achilles got the ball and made the sensational run of the game because no one could stop him except by the heel, his only vulnerable spot. Just within ten yards of the goal, however, Polyphemus fell upon him and stopped him by weight alone. Then by two good rushes the Shades pushed Pluto over for a touchdown and Ajax kicked the goal. Score, Gods—6, Shades—6. The Shades kicked off. Mercury received the ball and started to fly with his winged feet, but Ulysses did not like it and brought him to earth with a well-aimed thunderbolt. Just then the whistle blew and the great game was over. All the Gods took the air-line to Mt. Olympus, but the Shades had to hire three barges to get the team and congregation of rooters over the Styx. Both the teams were rather disappointed at not winning and at once planned to meet again next year. Any team wishing to challenge the Shades please call up or write Manager, Sampson, No. 2 Mummy Row, Hoboken, N. J.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

I—Name.

The name of this association shall be "The Athletic Association of Rutgers Preparatory School."

II—Object.

The object of this Association is to promote an interest in, and to exercise control of, athletics among the students of the school.

III—Meetings.

Sec. 1. Regular meetings of this Association shall be held three times a year, viz., second Wednesday of the school year, last Wednesday in February, last Wednesday in May.

Sec. 2. Special meetings to be called by

the President on the request of five members of the Association. Due notice of such meetings must be posted on the bulletin board for at least one day before they are held.

IV—*Members.*

All students of the Academic department are eligible to membership in this Association.

V—*Dues.*

Dues shall be \$1.50 per year, payable semi-annually, in September and February."

VI—*Voting.*

No member shall be allowed to vote in any of the meetings of this Association unless he shall have paid his dues in full for the current season.

VII—*Officers.*

The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer.

VIII—*Managers.*

It shall be the duty of this Association to elect a manager for the foot-ball, base-ball, and track teams, respectively.

IX—*Election of Officers.*

The President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, shall be elected at the May meeting for the following school year.

X—*Election of Managers.*

(1) The manager of the foot-ball team shall be elected at the September meeting.

(2) The manager for the base-ball team shall be elected at the February meeting.

(3) The manager of the track team shall be elected at the February meeting.

Amendment to X.

The managers elected for the foot-ball, baseball, or track teams, must be students in the third or fourth form.

XI—*Election of Captains.*

(1) The captain of the foot-ball team, for the ensuing year, shall be elected by the members of the foot-ball team immediately after the last game.

(2) The captain of the base-ball team for the ensuing year, shall be elected by the mem-

bers of the baseball team, immediately after the last game.

(3) The captain of the track team shall be elected by the members selected for the team, as soon as the team is chosen.

(4) Any candidate for captain of either baseball or foot-ball team, shall have been a member for at least one year of the team for which he is a candidate for captain.

(5) No person shall be considered a member of the base-ball or foot-ball teams unless he has won his "R. P." on that team.

(6) The track team shall consist of the members of the relay teams and those who shall be judged by the regular trainers, worthy of representing the school in individual events.

XII—*Right of Wearing "R. P."*

No person shall be allowed to wear the "R. P." unless—

(1) He has played three (3) full games or the equivalent thereof on the foot-ball team.

(2) He has played three (3) full games or twenty-seven (27) innings on the base-ball team.

(3) The "R. P." shall be given to any member of the relay team whose team shall win first place in the Rutgers meet or any place in the Princeton meet, and to anyone in individual events who shall win similar places.

(4) Any wearer of the "R. P." who does not do sufficient work in any subsequent year for that team may be deprived of his "R. P." by a two-thirds vote of the Association.

XIII—*Duties of Officers.*

Sec. 1. The President shall preside over all the meetings of the Association and perform such other duties as may devolve upon him by virtue of his office.

Sec. 2. The Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in case of the absence of the latter.

Sec. 3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record of all the meetings, of all the mem-

bers of the Association, and of the funds thereof, shall render a written report of the same at each regular meeting, and shall see that the constitution is published at least once a year in the *Argo*.

XIV—*Quorum*.

A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

XV—*Amendments*.

Sec. 1. This constitution can be amended only by a three-fourths vote of members voting at that meeting.

Sec. 2. All amendments to this constitution must be handed in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer, who will read them before a meeting of the Association at least three (3) days before they are voted upon.

RUTGERS SOPHOMORES *vs.*

RUTGERS PREP.

On February 13, in Ballantine Gymnasium, Rutgers Prep. basket-ball team defeated the Rutgers Sophomore team. The game throughout was more or less loosely played. The shooting of our team was not nearly as accurate nor was the blocking as well done as the week before in the Freshman game. But considering that the team had no practice since the Freshman game and that they were out-weighted and out-reached, the score they ran up on the Sophs was indeed very large.

As is their custom, our men began with a snap and activity which showed their opponents at once that they meant business, and they kept it up till the end of the game. Williams and Sangster popped the ball into the basket whenever the Sophs left them an opening, while Powell, Zeigler, and Scudder helped the Sophs to make the opening. The final score was: Preps., 20; Sophs., 13.

Line-up:

Rutgers Prep.—Sangster, r.f.; Zeigler, lf.; Williams, c.; Scudder, r.g.; Powell, l.g.

Rutgers Sophs—Andreae, r.f.; Hand, lf.; Vankeuren, c.; Vrooman, r.g.; Corbin, l.g.

Referee, Gorton. Timekeeper, MacDonald. Goals—Sangster, 5; Williams, 4; Andreae, 2; Hand, 1; Vrooman, 1; Vankeuren, 1. Fouls thrown by Sophs., 3; by Preps., 2.

Annex Notes.

THE DIKES AND CANALS

OF HOLLAND

Two of the most interesting features of Holland are the canals and dikes.

The dikes are large embankments facing the sea. To make the dikes, piles made from the trunks of large trees were driven into the earth in a row, then more piles were driven and the space between the two rows filled with logs, dirt and stones, and the cracks were filled with cement. This embankment slopes toward the water at an angle of thirty degrees and at the top, overlooking the landscape, is a road much like the roads in our country. The road is a great commercial highway.

If one should walk along this walled road one's first impression would be that it was much like the streets and avenues in American cities. But soon you would think it more like a stone wall with a sloping side toward the water.

Walking along the dikes one would pass trees and houses, carriages drawn by horses, and carts drawn by dogs, and groups of little girls knitting.

If a small hole should spring in the wall of one of the dikes it would soon grow larger and the ocean would rush in and submerge the land. For this reason they have to have watchmen always on guard and if the break be a bad one a gong is rung for more help. In some places along the coast there are sand dunes and in these places the dikes are not necessary. Some of the dikes are three hundred feet in width and many are as high as a three-story house.

The other great highway of trade is the canals. There are two thousand miles of

canals and they serve as roads, and also to connect cities and as fences to divide farms.

Standing on the dikes you can look off over the flat country and see these canals, with windmills and willow trees on their banks, winding in and out among the green fields, their waters covered with barges, rafts and sail boats.

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Professor—"Go on, miss, and read at sight."

Miss—"I'm not sure of the word. Is it 'sweetness'?"

Professor—"Yes, 'sweetness,' go on."—Ex.

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Teacher—"Why?"

Boy—"Father went up a year ago and hasn't come down yet."—Beacon.

Sergeant—"Where are you going, Smith?"

Smith—"To fetch water."

Sergeant—"In those disreputable trousers?"

Smith—"No, sir, in this 'ere pail."—Ex.

Father, (meaningly)—"Who is the laziest boy in school, Tommy?"

Tommy—"I don't know, pa."

Father—"I should think you would know. When all the others are industriously studying or writing, who is it that sits idly in his seat and watches the rest instead of working himself?"

Tommy—"That's the teacher, pa."—Ex.

Teacher—"I shall be tempted to give this class a test before long."

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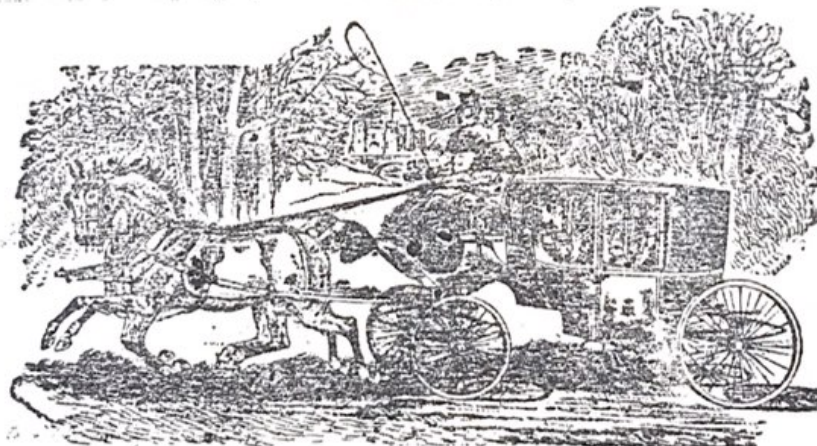
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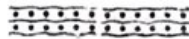
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