

THOUGHTS OF HOME.

I wonder if the sun shines just as brightly
To-day, among the green and lovely hills;
I wonder if the zephyrs move as lightly,
The foliage drooping o'er the purling
rills,
As when, long years ago, I freely wan-
dered
Along the path known but to boyhood's
years;
And gathered flowers which were long since
squandered,
The colors washed away by floods of tears.
Full well I know where grew the sweetest
flowers,
Where deepest shades at mid-day I might
find;
Gone, gone, alas! forever are those hours,
Naught but the memory of them left be-
hind;
The lark that carolled joyously at coming
Of the glad morning in the eastern skies;
The busy bee industriously humming,
From morning's dawn till evening's latest
sighs.

Still sings the lark her song so sweetly
thrilling
As when I heard her voice long years ago,
Still tolls the busy bee with labor filling
The moments as they come and as they
go;
And even now, in midst of midnight slum-
bers,
Those happy childhood scenes upon me
smile,
And in my dreams I strike the free, wild
numbers
Which echo only from my native isle.

FOREIGN NOTES.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* says that
the real name of Miss Lydia
Thompson, the actress, is Mrs. Til-
bury.

Mlle. Nelly de Malamarre de
Treby has just taken the veil. This
young lady was at her father's resi-
dence during the war, when it was
occupied by the Prussians, and an
officer having put his arm round
her waist she seized a knife and
plunged it into his breast. A report
of the affair was sent to Prince
Frederic Charles, who ordered that
no notice should be taken of the
matter.

The Beet Root Sugar crop of
Europe, for the seasons 1872-3, just
closing, is estimated, in tons, by
the editor of the *Journal des Fab-*
ricants de Sucre, as follows:

France, 400,000; Germany, 255,000;
Austria-Hungary, 205,000; Russia
and Poland, 150,000; Belgium, 75,
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tons, against 873,280 tons in 1871-2,
942,589 tons in 1870-71, and 846 tons
in 1869-70.

Twenty-two years ago, one
Fletcher filched from Cox, a Lon-
don bargeman, his wife. Cox
comes into court at this late day,
demanding damages of said
Fletcher, who, tendering one shil-
ling in money current of the realm,
claims that is full satisfaction for
the wrong he acknowledges of har-
boring the said wife. A jury of his
peers coincided in Fletcher's esti-
mate; so it goes upon the record
that twelvence is the legal value
of that wife.

Bowles Brothers & Co., the emi-
nent dealers in other people's
money, having succeeded in getting
themselves so deeply in debt that
extrication is utterly out of the
question, propose to extend the be-
nefits of the system by which this
success has been achieved to an in-
definite number of their less fortu-
nate fellow mortals. They have is-
sued a circular in which they offer to
permit the public to refill the flow-
ing Bowles, by investing in them
certain specified amounts, by means
of what they are pleased to style
"denominative bonds."

The *Lawrence American* says that
in that city social snuff-dipping
parties are very popular vices
among a class of the female opera-
tives. "It is no uncommon thing
to see half a dozen girls in a circle
on the common indulging in this
vice in the evening. The door steps
along the populous streets are appro-
priated for this purpose by the in-
mates of the dwellings. This dis-
gusting habit, which formerly was
carried on in secret, is now practic-
ed with shameless disregard of
public opinion." We are at a loss
to perceive, however, that snuff-
dipping is any worse or more repul-
sive than the tobacco chewing
which prevails so generally among
men.—*Ex.*

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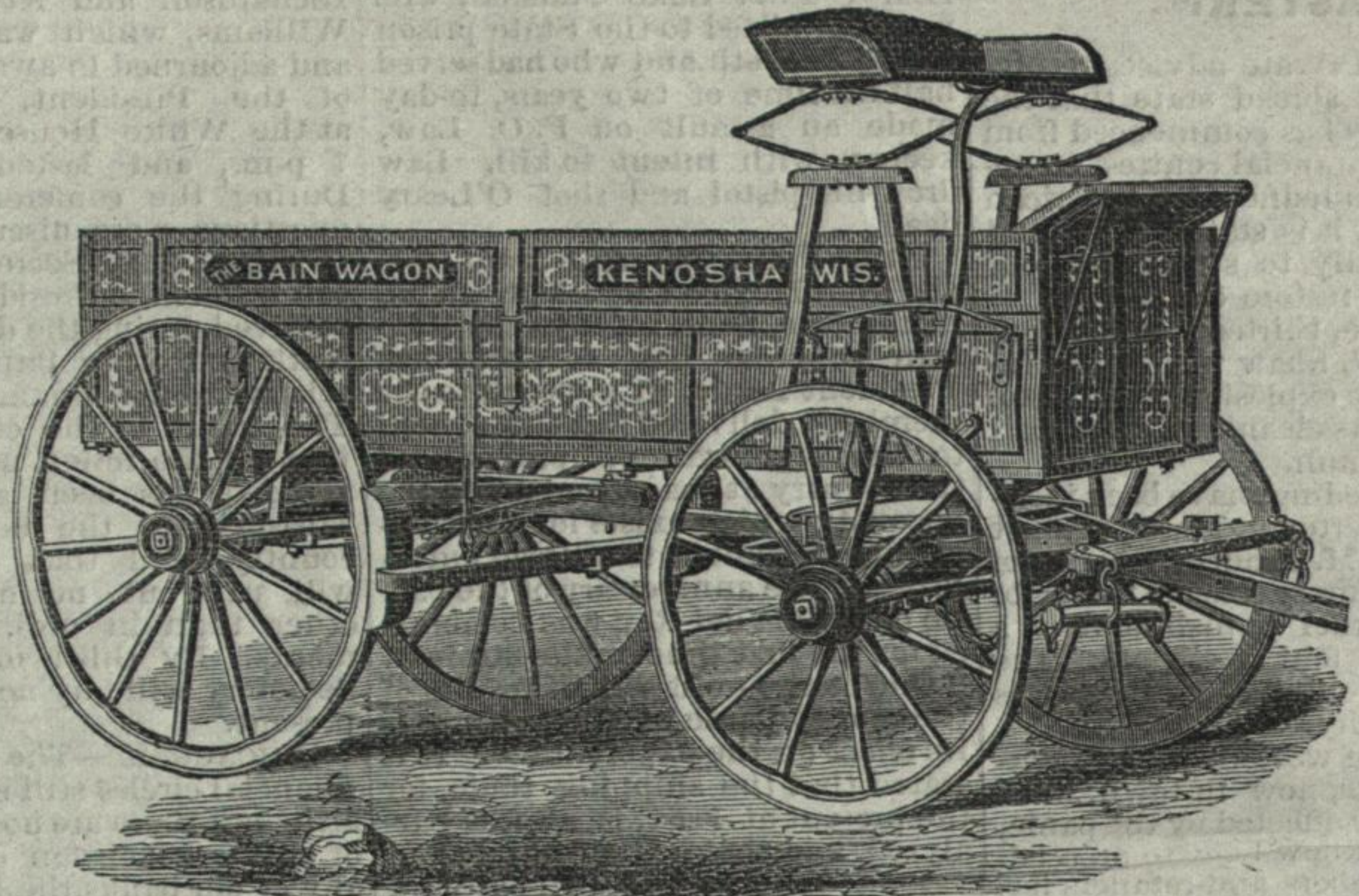
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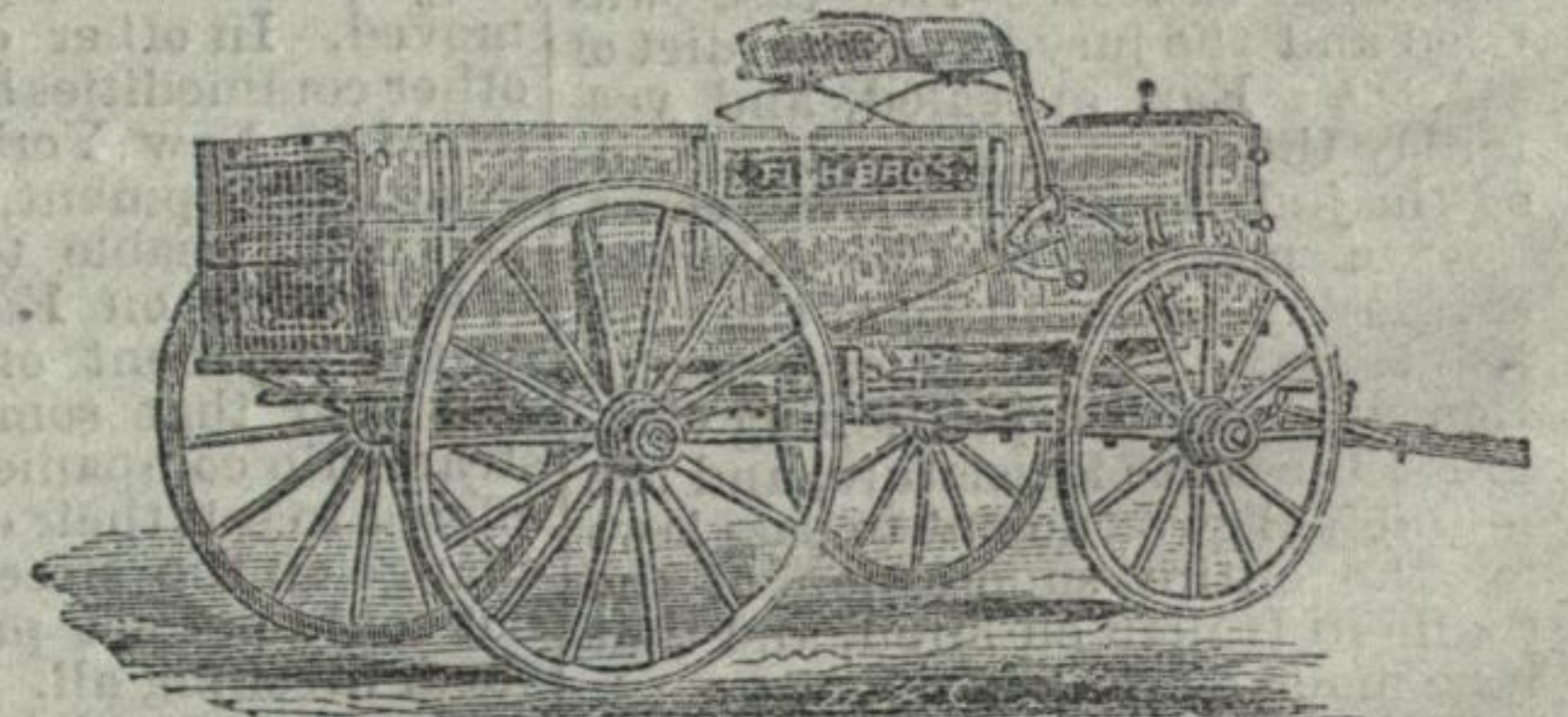
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