

BREVITIES.

Hobby-horses are dearer than Arab steeds.

What a barber mustn't do—lather his wife.

Ten highway-men cannot pull a shirt off a naked man's back.

Standing on the dentist's doorstep will often cure tooth-ache.

When you have no money, everything, except yourself, is dear.

Many a man makes his home happy by staying away from it.

It is more blessed to give than receive, but it is much more difficult in these times.

No man is entirely destitute who has a strong heart and a ticket to the soup house.

When a man comes to know that he don't know everything, he then becomes wise.

Alex. H. Stephens weighs eighty pounds, without a paragraph in his pocket.

No mere manners are so fine as the most awkward manifestations of good will towards men.

It takes a live man to pull up stream, although a dead one can drift down.

It is said that a donkey cannot bray unless its tail is horizontally extended.

A female book agent in Charlotte, Mich., on the acquittal of the lawyer who ejected her from his office, picked up a heavy cane and raised a wen on his head.

The Clarion, Pa., authorities some months ago invested in a fire engine, but bought no hose, and are in as defenceless a condition against fire as they were at first.

A rich but parsimonious old gentleman, on being taken to task for his uncharitableness, said: "True, I don't give much; but if you only knew how it hurts when I give anything, you wouldn't wonder."

A short time since the following order was issued to the doorkeeper of a theatre in Paris, on the first night of a new play, and was borne by the chief of the clique: "Pass M. Dugoux and 103 friends. They will please to assist and inspire the audience."

A busy-body librarian says: "A large majority of the gentlemen who draw books from the library take those of a higher order, unless they are selecting reading matter for their wives. A rather large class of young ladies and young boys do all the novel reading. Nine ladies out of ten read works of fiction."

They have a queer way of doing business at Wyoming, Jones county, Iowa. A gentleman rented a livery stable and caused to be inserted in the lease a clause prohibiting the former proprietor approaching the establishment nearer than four rods until the expiration of the lease.

A Lancaster, Ky., correspondent of the Danville Advocate writes: "A boy, twelve years of age, was accosted by a middle-aged gentleman as follows: 'Hello! sonny, are you not afraid of that pistol?' 'No,' replied the boy; 'a man's life ain't safe in Lancaster, unless he carries a pistol. I always carry two.'"

A New Brunswick jury recently distinguished itself, after it had been charged to find the value of twenty thousand bricks at fifteen dollars per thousand, by bringing in a verdict of two hundred and ninety-four thousand dollars for the plaintiff. After being sent back they corrected their blunder, and the Judge said that he had great pleasure in dismissing them.

A man about two-thirds drunk and his back covered with mud, stopped a policeman on the street and asked to be locked up. "Why," asked the officer, "you are able to walk home, aren't you?" "Yes, I could get home all right, but I don't want to, and you wouldn't if you had my wife! Take me down, ole fellow, and if she comes inquiring 'round, just say I've gone to Alexandria on important business."

A hungry crowd sat down at the well-spread supper table of a Long Island Sound Steamer, upon which one of the dishes contained a trout of moderate size. A serious looking individual drew this fish towards him, saying apologetically, "this is a fast day with me." His next neighbor, an Irish gentleman, immediately inserted his knife into the fish, and transferred it to his own plate, remarking, "Sir, do you suppose nobody has a soul to be saved."

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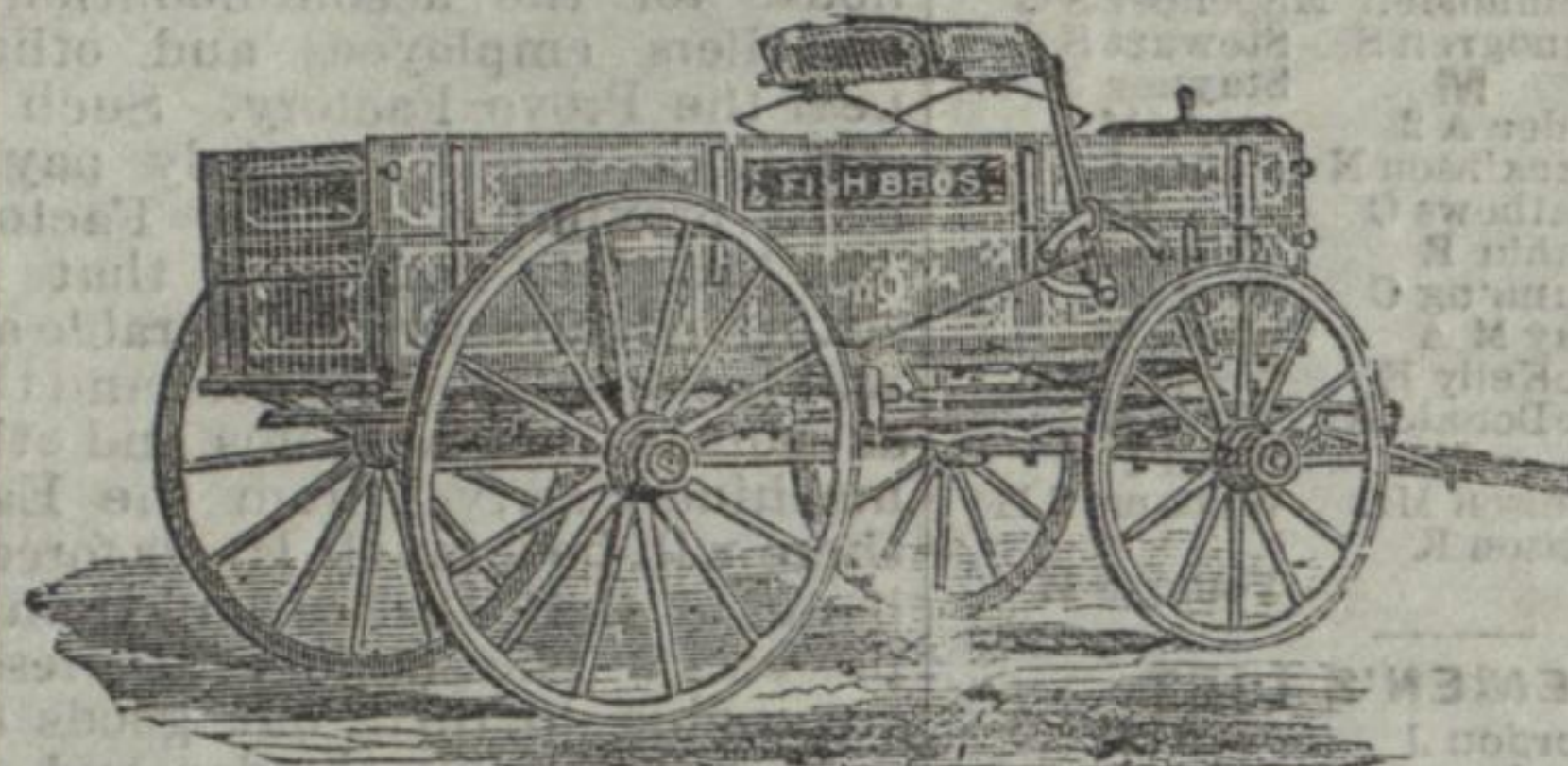
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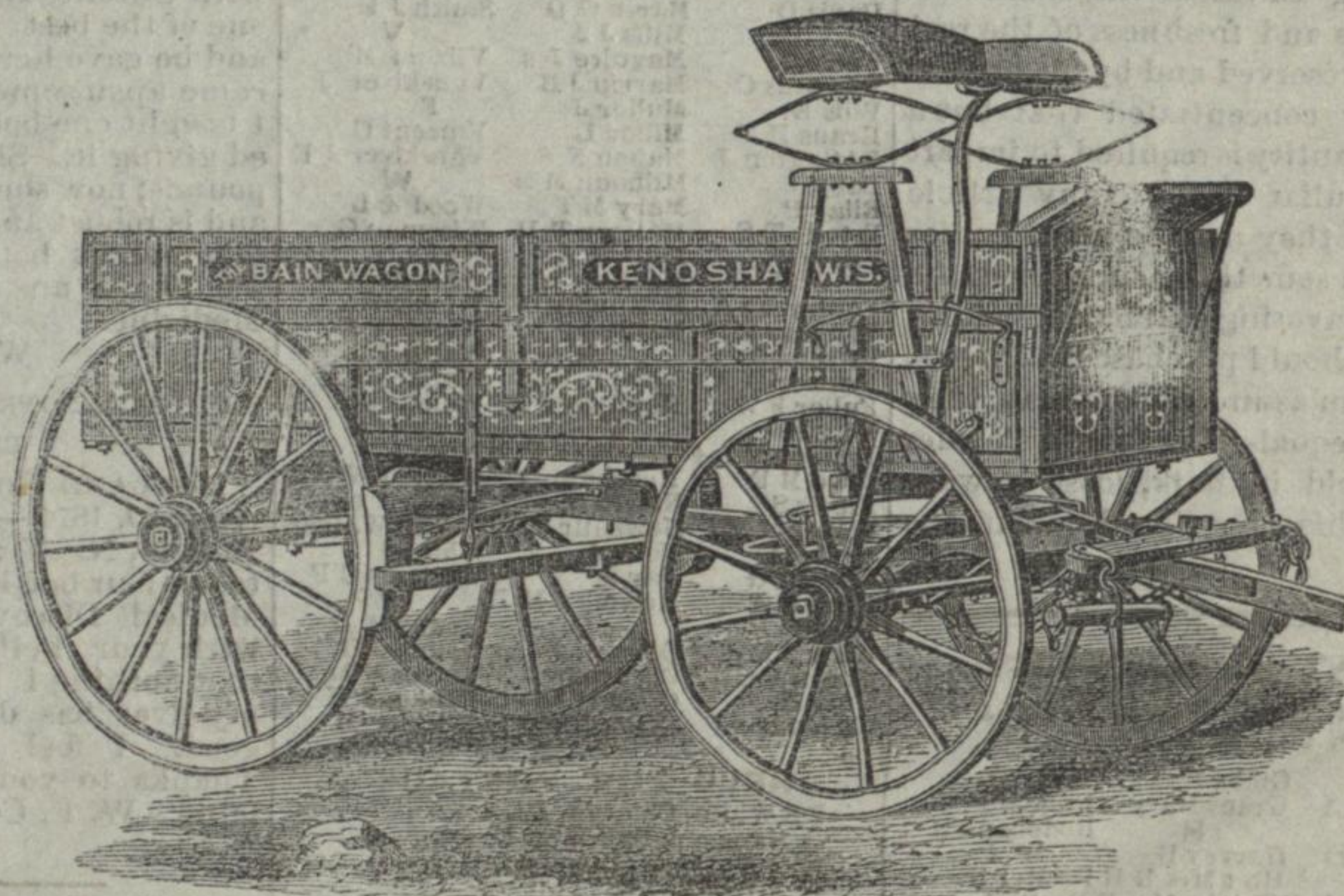
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