

At a recent burning of a hotel in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, it is recorded that "several of the servant girls leaped from the third story window into the arms of Capt. Hobbs." Some of the male boarders tried to attract Hobbs' attention, but they finally had to crawl down the lightning rod.

There is something which all of us should have found out long ago, and which some of us are fated never to find out—the wisdom of a wise and well-ordered life. Whether the sin we serve be squalid or splendid, the wages thereof are all the same, and are death, either of soul, which is the worst, or of body, which may be of little consequence. —N. Y. Tribune.

A fearful combat with a monstrous reptile took place in Peoria, recently, according to a local paper, which says: "A rural gentleman, visiting a friend in the Third ward, found in the back yard, after dusk, an immense snake lying in the grass. He procured an axe, and when he had chopped the reptile into about a dozen pieces, he discovered it to be a garden hose which had not been properly hung up in the coal shed."

The editor of the Bornham (Texas) Enterprise has 'em bad evidently. In the last issue of his paper he gives an account of a terrific serpent seen flying through the air over his place. "Several parties of men and boys at work in the fields observed the same thing, and were seriously frightened. It seemed to be as large and as long as a telegraph pole, was of a yellow striped color, and seemed to float along without any effort. They could see it coil itself up, turn over and thrust forward its huge head, as if striking at something." —Cincinnati Times.

Not long since an elderly lady entered a railway car and disturbed the passengers a good deal with complaints about a "most dreadful rheumatiz," that she was troubled with. A gentleman present, who had himself been a severe sufferer from the same complaint, said to her: "Did you ever try electricity, madam? I tried it, and in the course of a short time it cured me." "Electricity!" exclaimed the old lady, "yes, I've tried it to my satisfaction. I was struck by lightning about a year ago, but it didn't do me a single morsel of good."

Camphor will not stop the ravages of moths in carpets after they commence eating. Then they pay no heed to the presence of camphor, cedar or tobacco. A good way to conquer them is to take a coarse crash towel and ring it out of clean water. Spread it smoothly on the carpet, then iron it dry with a good hot iron, repeat the operation on suspected places, and on those last used. It does not injure the color of the pile of the carpet in the least, as it is not necessary to press hard, heat and steam being the agents, and they do the work effectually on worms and egg. Then the camphor will doubtless prevent the future depredations of the miller. —Ex.

The editor of the Johnstown (Pa.) Democrat was sitting at his desk the other day, when a young man sprung at him with the remark, "I want to be an editor. Just give me a chance." The editor, ever ready to encourage youthful genius, handed over a stack of paper, and told the young man to give him a specimen of his ability. The young aspirant mused an hour and produced the following: "Our young ladies are never behind the fashions, but the fashions are at present very much behind the young ladies, although they do hump awfully to keep ahead." He was taken to the editor's bosom at once, and engaged at \$1.50 per week.

Two farmers living in this vicinity, having a little business between them, have agreed to settle the same by arbitration, instead of taking the matter into the courts. This principle is taught by the Grange, of which organization one of the above mentioned parties is a member. These men had doubtless seen the illustration in which two farmers are quarreling over a cow, one holding it by the horns and the other by the tail, while a lawyer was quietly securing the milk. Litigation is an expensive business at best, and the costs of a suit frequently exceed the sum in dispute, while arbitration just as effectually meets the ends of justice and costs little or nothing. —Herald's Flag.

EASTERN NOTES.

The Postmaster at Bismark, Minn., receives a salary of \$12 a year. The office has no regular mail service, that received being carried by private hand over two hundred miles.

Plague-stricken cities are miserable spectacles enough, but there may be equal wretchedness in a plague-stricken village, such as Birmingham, Alabama, in which the cholera is prevailing. The population is only three hundred, and there have been twenty deaths from the epidemic, while the people are represented as worn out with incessant watching. In large towns there are hospitals, physicians, nurses; in small ones there may not be even a sexton left to bury the dead.

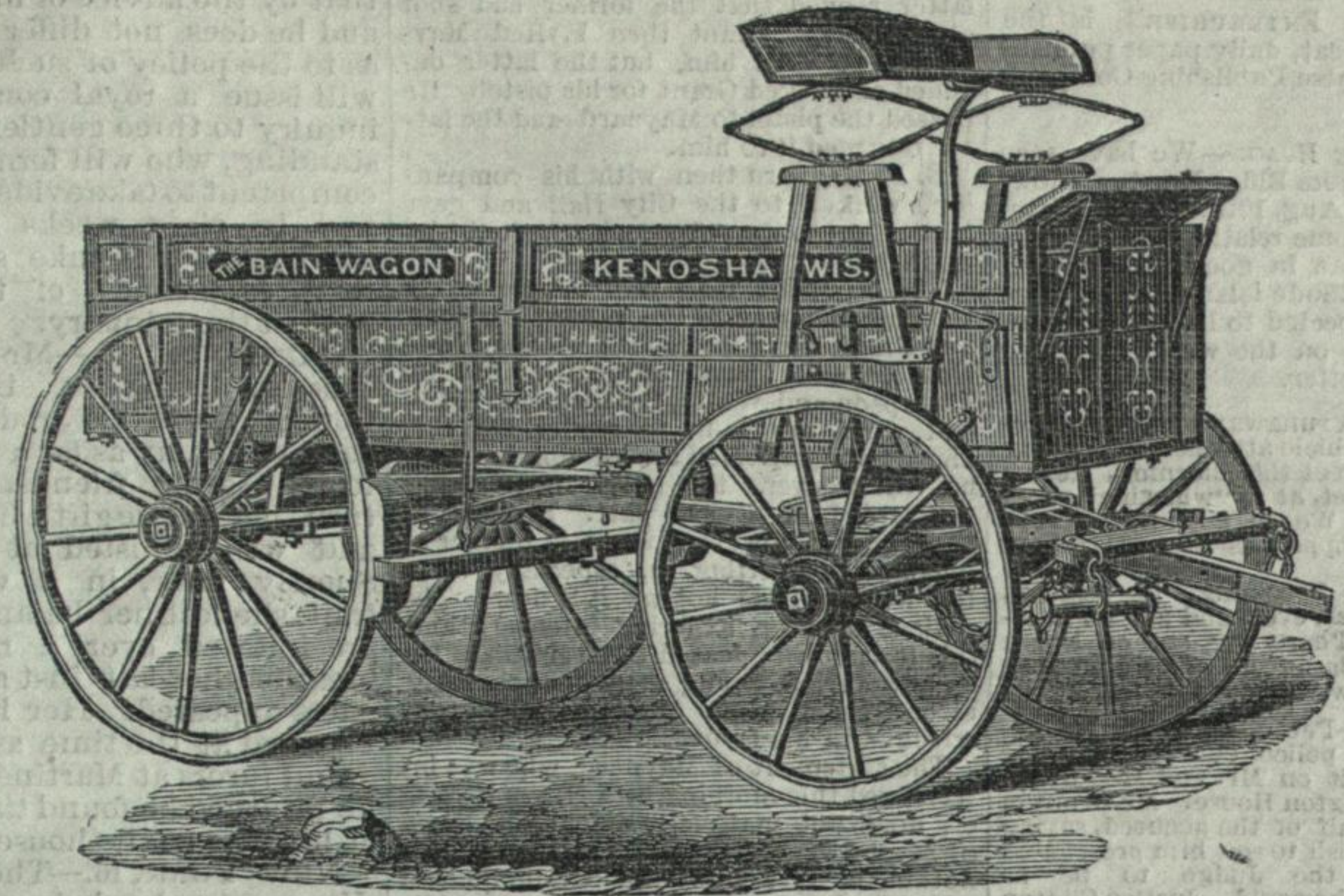
A gentleman from Elk River, in Sherburne county, Minnesota, tells of a shower of reptiles which fell upon a meadow on the farm of Edward Upham, near that place, on the morning of July 3, during a heavy rain and wind storm. The meadow, he says, was thickly strewn with the bodies of the strange creatures, none of which were discovered alive. They are described as about six inches long, having gills and fins like fish, but having also four legs each, about two inches long and terminating in claws. One person who saw them declared that like creatures exist only in the waters of Mexican lakes, from whence he supposed they might have been caught up in a water-spout and been carried along by the wind until they were dropped in Mr. Upham's meadow.

New England Must Go South! —Such is the startling conclusion of the Charleston News and Courier in view of cotton spinning prospects. It says: The southern cotton mills are working full time and are making money rapidly. Let the northern millowners come down south and they can do the same. The statistics show that yarn can be manufactured in South Carolina, transported to the north, pay a commission of five per cent. for selling, be sold at the cost of northern production, and yet yield a net profit of five cents a pound. And a certain class of colored goods can be produced here, and sold in the north at the cost of production of similar goods there, and yet yield a profit of over ten cents a pound. Again, yarns made in the Saluda factory have been shipped to England, and sold in Manchester at a rate which left a net profit of four and a half cents a pound. The saving in cost of material, in wages, in commissions, in waste, in transportation, etc., enables the southern mills to do a profitable business, while the northern mills lose money; and when the northern mills are doing their best, the southern mills do still better. The moral of this is plain: "Bring your machinery down south, at once, ye manufacturers of New England; for to that, or closing your doors, ye must come at last."

A correspondent of the Chicago Tribune describes a new engine invented by a young German chemist, which is to be propelled by a combination of oxygen and hydrogen in presence of flame, producing extraordinary expansion at a trifling cost. The originator of this engine, like many persons who have untied inventions in progress is extremely sanguine as to his new motive power, and is confident it will drive a ship across the Atlantic in three days or even in less time. He also has new appliances for propulsion which he thinks are as great an improvement over ordinary methods as his new motive power is over steam. The only difficulty apprehended in the way of complete success, is finding means to control the excessive expansion to be produced, which amounts to very much the same thing as explosion, if, indeed, there is any difference worth mentioning. If he can only manage this he will be all right, and may then perhaps proceed to construct a still more powerful engine to be moved by the expansion of nitroglycerine in the presence of fire, or by means of powerful concussion. But it is to be feared that the inventor will find it as difficult to effectually control the expansion of his gases as he would to accurately govern the expansion of nitroglycerine, which, although it could undoubtedly be made to move machinery, might not move it precisely in the way desired.

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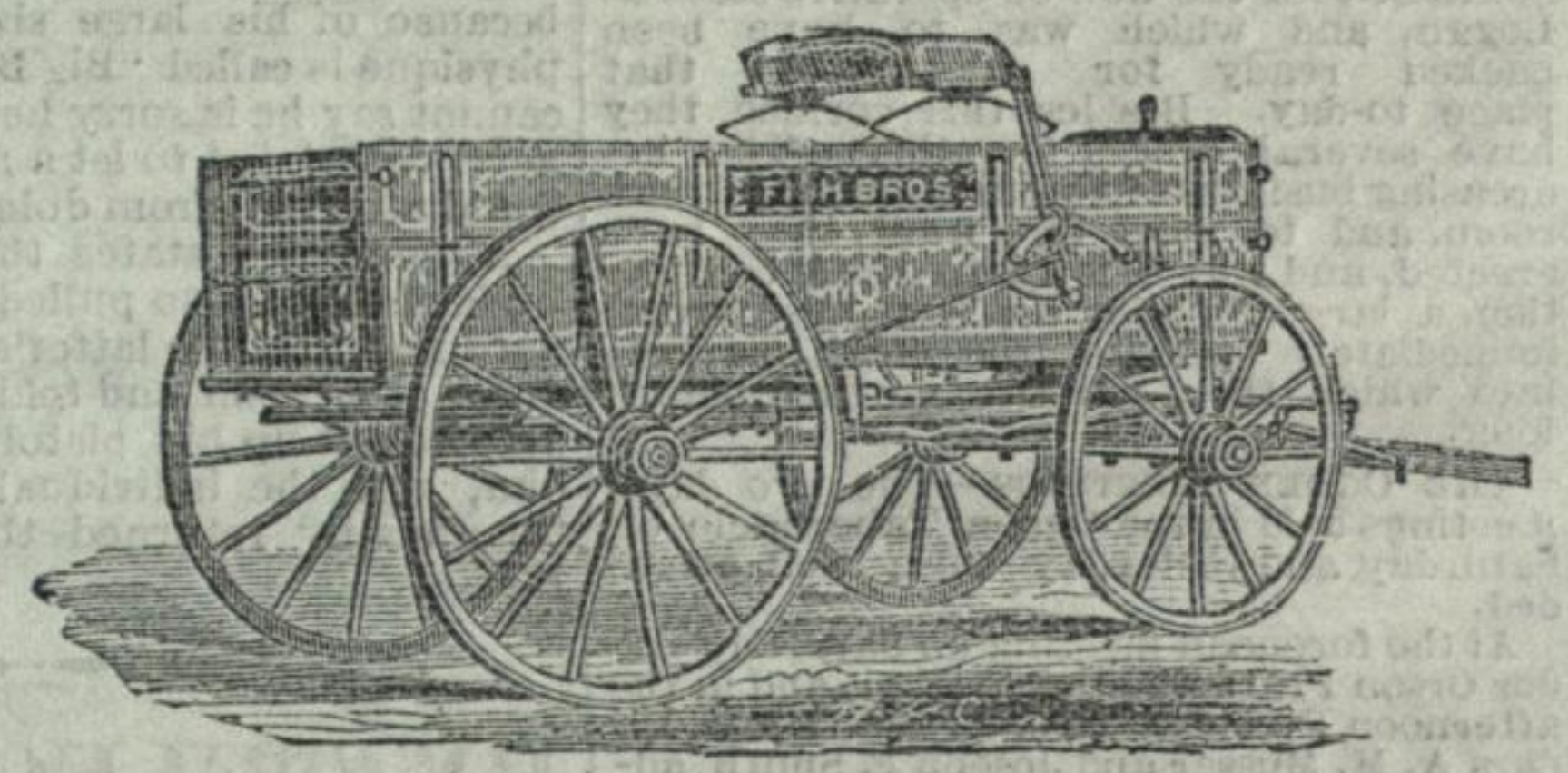
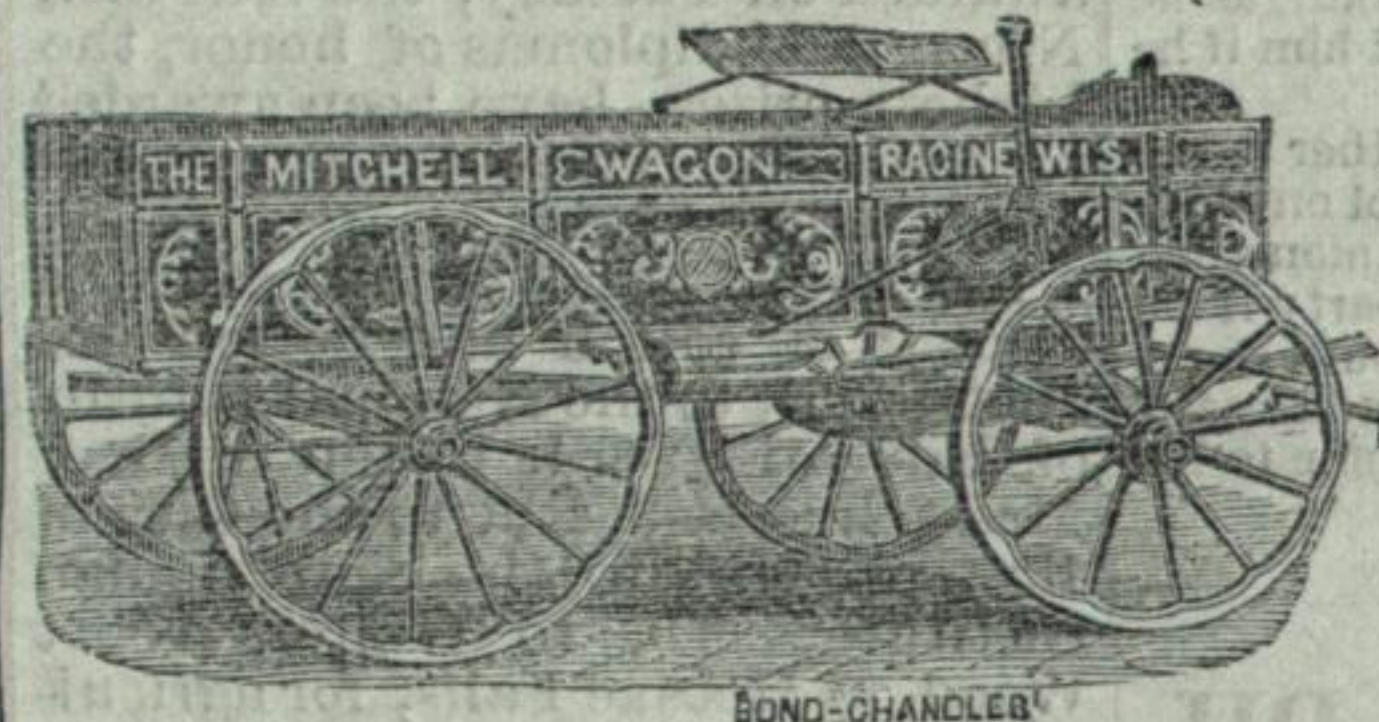
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