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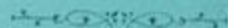
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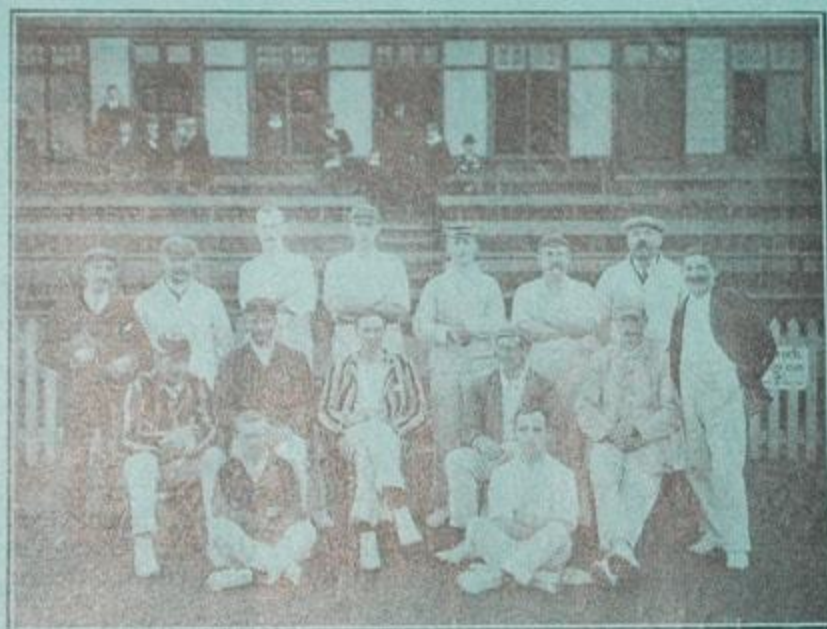
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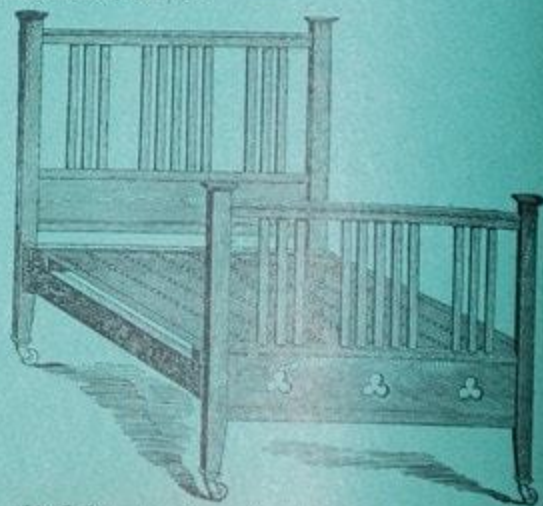
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Note and

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the Bazaar.



INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

THE Executive Committee take this opportunity of recording their most grateful thanks to the many willing workers and contributors in various ways, whereby the task of organising this Bazaar has been made so pleasant. The liberal assistance and encouragement which the Committee have received from many quarters has been fully appreciated, and is now acknowledged. The self-denying work of the ladies interested—which is beyond all praise—will it is hoped meet with the reward it so richly deserves.

The Committee venture to think that the varied description and useful character of the goods which the Stallholders and their Assistants have brought together will be promptly recognised, and that the Entertainments provided will not fail to induce all readers of this Book to come to the Bazaar early and often. As little as possible has been expended in decorations, &c., so that the money received may be applied with little diminution to the objects of the Bazaar. Full details will be given each day as the Bazaar proceeds, and to everyone a hearty and continuous welcome is assured.

OBJECT OF THE BAZAAR.


THE Object of the Bazaar is to raise a sum of £700 to pay off a pressing debt which was incurred owing to the completion of the purchase last year of the freehold of the Feethams Cricket Ground at Darlington, as is fully explained in the latter part of the History of the Ground which follows; and also to form the nucleus of a fund for the erection of a suitable and much needed Pavilion.

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HISTORY AND REMINISCENCES  
OF THE DARLINGTON CRICKET GROUND.



THE first Cricket Ground in Darlington of which we have any record was situate where Park Street now is, at the foot of the bank on which the Bank Top Station now stands. It was an excellent site and was considered about the best Cricket Field in the County. In 1839 there was a crack Eleven in existence, made up of players from Darlington and Yarm, which played in that year against—and beat—twenty-two of Darlington, called the Albion Club. Exciting matches were played by this Eleven against Leeds, Stockton, Sunderland, etc. In those days it was usual to “challenge” (the practice of arranging dates beforehand for the whole season being quite modern), and the Darlington men having been beaten by Leeds, challenged that Club to a match for £25 a side. The match caused great interest and was played at Thirsk on neutral ground and Darlington won. In 1848 and 1851, an “All England Eleven” played 22 of Darlington on the Park Street Ground. In the former year Darlington won, but in 1851 G. Parr’s “All England Team” won. An incident at this last match was a race on the Ground between George Raper and Mynn the great cricketer, which the latter won.

Cricket declined somewhat in the fifties until about 1858, when several young members joined, headed by Messrs. Tom and

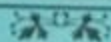
William Watson. There was no Pavilion, but the players kept their things and changed at a small three-roomed cottage in a garden, near where old Robert Richelieu brought up a family of ten children. There was a large wooden erection in the field where the contesting Elevens dined, as a dinner in the middle of the match was a regular feature of all games at that time. At the end of the erection was the scoring box, and in front were seats where the spectators smoked, drank beer, and criticised the game in tones intended to reach the players’ ears. There were very large audiences and great enthusiasm, and big hits and missed catches were saluted much more in the manner of an Eton and Harrow than of a League match of the present day. There were no boundaries, and the spectators liked to see the ball hit very high, very hard, and very often. There was an Annual Dinner of the Club then, as now. In 1865 it was held at the Green Tree, and the newspaper account says:—“The meeting was a very agreeable one, but from hints thrown out we think the landlord will find it in his interest to supply wholesome liquor in future.”

From 1861 to 1870 Mr. Tom Watson was Secretary, and after much hard work by himself and his friends, he saw the Club safely through a period as critical as that through which it has



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recently passed. For, in the Autumn of 1865 the hand of the builder was stretched over the ground, and the Club received notice to quit.

The Eleven had been a very good one from 1861, winning many matches, and in 1865 challenged Durham and won after a great match by an innings and 76 runs. A photograph taken after the match on the Durham Ground is here reproduced.

In those days there was no Groundsman, and the players would rise at 5 o'clock in the morning several days before a match to roll the ground and get the wicket into order. They were real enthusiasts and were not likely to allow the Club to come to an end. They could not hope to buy the ground but set to work at once to raise funds to provide another. In August, 1866, a match was played by a Darlington 22 against G. Parr's "All England Eleven." The account of the match and the full score, and also the bank-book with the names of subscribers, have been preserved and contain some interesting memories.

We are told that the match lasted three days and "resulted in the most pronounced triumph of the renowned strangers of world-wide fame"; that the Ground, "thanks to Mr. T. Watson's constant supervision, was in the best possible condition"; that "thousands attended"; that "the dangers of cricket are not

trifling when as many as 12 wickets are set up all over the field and those at practice hit as hard as they can"; that "one player was thus hit on the head with such force that he fell senseless"; and "a lady had a similar mishap"; and that "it was the fielding of the Eleven which told and proved their infinite superiority."

Among the 22, Messrs. G. Webster, Tom Watson and W. Watson appear, and these were all victims to J. C. Shaw's

bowling. The Eleven won in an innings. The gate money amounted to nearly £150, and with subscriptions, about £260 was received, and after payments to G. Parr of £65 for the All England Eleven, about £40 to ten professionals who assisted the 22, and for band, dinners, "watching the ground at night," "tarring round the ground," &c., about £75 was left to assist the Club in moving to a new ground. The list of subscribers is headed by the late Sir J. W. Pease who succeeded Mr. Edmund Backhouse as President and was for many years a great benefactor of the Club, and many other well-

known Darlington names appear as donors, very few of whom, unfortunately, are now living.

At the Annual Dinner in the autumn of 1865 the idea of a Football Club for Darlington was first mooted, and in 1866 the first Football Team was formed.

THE DARLINGTON ELEVEN, 1865.  
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Some of the players are still living in Darlington, but they may find it difficult to recognise themselves in their attire.

The newspaper account of the match against Durham in February, 1866, reads like a Homeric battle. Tripping and hacking were indulged in, though condemned. Since then many excellent matches have been played on the Darlington Ground including County matches. Durham has always held a high position among the Counties in Rugby football and has often been assisted by Darlington players, including at least one "international," who still plays in scratch teams. Of recent years the Association game has become the favourite and draws large crowds of spectators to its League matches.

The season of 1866 was the last for the old Park Street Ground and the two fields which together now make the Feethams Ground were rented from Mr. John Beaumont Pease. A stiel ran between the two fields into the Skerne, which had not then been straightened. A contract was made for the levelling and draining of the fields in the Autumn of 1866, and after much work, and at considerable cost, all was completed by the end of the year; and when the season of 1867 commenced the new Ground was in a fit condition to be played on. Mr. Tom

Watson supervised the work daily, and superintended the removal of the turf from the old Ground to the new one, which was properly prepared to receive it. Therefore, though the Ground has changed, the turf is the same as that on which the Darlington Cricket Club played its matches over sixty years ago.

On the death of Mr. John Beaumont Pease in 1873, the Ground was again in danger, and the Club appealed to Sir J. W.

Pease and Mr. Arthur Pease, who generously bought the field and let it to the Club at an agricultural rent for many years.

Sports were held annually on the old Ground, on a Saturday evening. Prizes were given by the tradesmen, 3d. gate was charged, and there was always a large attendance of spectators to watch the competitors, who were entirely composed of young members of the Club. In 1867, they were held on the new Ground and the competitors were photographed there.

The events comprised Kicking the Football, won by W. Kinch; High Jump, won by John Henry Backhouse, with W. Watson second; Pole Jump; 100 yards and one mile, both won by T. Watson; 440 yards, won by C. J. Coleby, with J. Dinsdale second; Throwing Cricket Ball; Hurdle Race; Long Jump; Long High Jump over two hurdles; Donkey Race, &c. The Sports flourished for many years, and were made famous by the drawings of them by J. Dinsdale. They have

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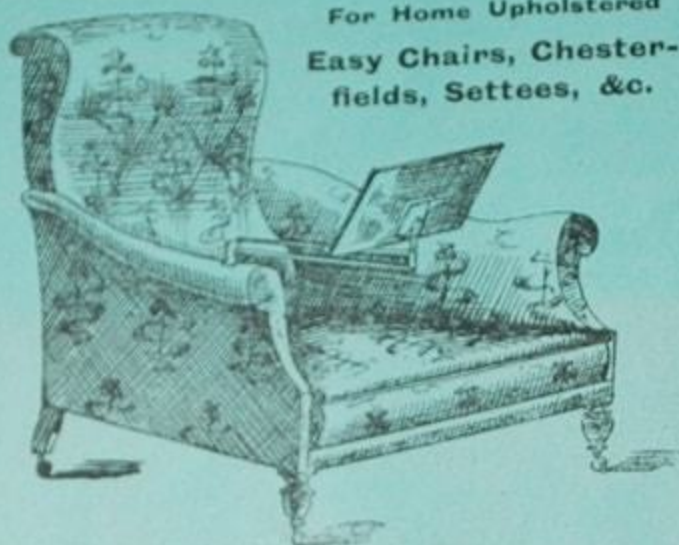
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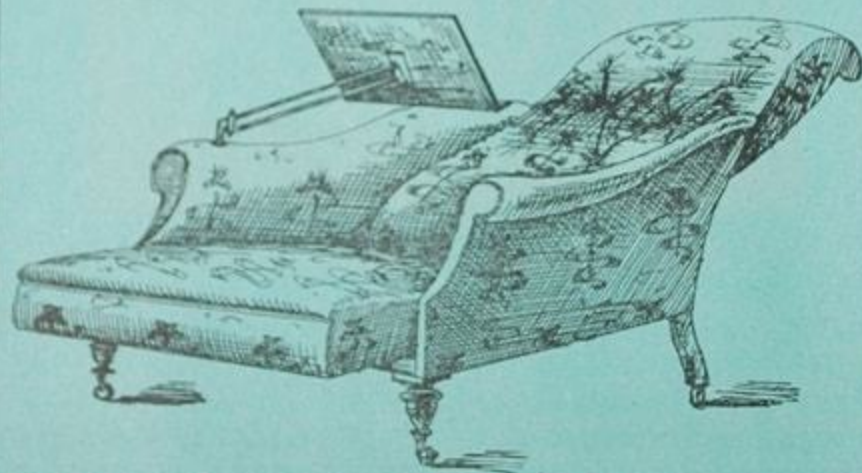
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produced at least one great runner, who ran in New York as a member of the London A.C. for England v. America, in 1895, and now runs the Town Council. (See next page).

Of recent years they have unfortunately lost a great deal of the local amateur support, but they form a valuable source of revenue to the Club.

In 1870 there was another Match by the "All England Eleven" v. 22 of Darlington, which was drawn. Tom Watson retired in that year from the Secretaryship, and there followed him in that post Robert Elgie, J. Mewburn, J. M. Horsley, R. H. Mallett, H. Grey, C. S. Craven, R. Green, T. W. Dixon, C. Mountford, G. Walker and M. Curry, to all of whom the Club is much indebted for hard work and good services rendered.

Of Presidents, the Club has only had three:—Mr. Edmund Backhouse, the late Sir J. W. Pease, and Mr. E. D. Walker. Sometimes the Club left the Captain to be appointed for each match by the players, but of recent years has appointed a Captain for the year at the Annual Meeting. These include R. S. Benson, J. H. Stephenson, J. A. Pease, R. H. Mallett, Rev. E. D. Prothero, T. W. Dixon, A. P. Whitwell and J. P. Allix.

In 1893 the Yorkshire County Eleven played against Durham

County on the Feethams field. Yorkshire was captained by Lord Hawke and at its full strength, but Durham going in first on a perfect wicket made over 300, and the result was a draw after one of the best matches ever witnessed on the ground. "Bobby" Peel, the famous Yorkshire bowler, asked the Darlington professional (Gregory) who played for Durham, if the

wickets were always as good, and being answered "Yes," drily queried "is anybody ever bowled out on this ground"? Lord Hawke afterwards complimented Harry Thompson (whose name will always be associated with the memories of the Feethams ground) on the splendid wicket, and said the Yorkshire Eleven had never played on a better at any time, and he praised the ground and its surroundings very highly.

In the same season the Darlington Eleven won the Durham County League Championship.

In 1896 the Club joined the North Yorkshire and South Durham League, and won the Cup their first year in the competition. They secured it again last summer after a very successful season.

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Association Cup, and in 1892 played in the semi-final for the Durham County Cup. In 1900, 1901 and 1902 they carried off the Championship of the North Yorkshire and South Durham League (B Division) three seasons in succession—a splendid performance.

Although cricket and football are the principal games on the ground it is used for many others, e.g. running, cycling, lawn tennis, bowls and hockey, and the Committee grant the use of the ground a great deal to kindred Clubs in the town.

For ten years, from 1881, a very successful Lawn Tennis Tournament was held each summer and a Hockey Club has now two good Elevens representing Darlington.

In 1894 the Club found itself with a debt, which having commenced about 16 years before, had then reached £400. A successful Bazaar, held in February of that year, nearly wiped this out. Lady Barnard performed the opening ceremony, the Chair being taken by Sir Theodore Fry.

All then went smoothly with the Club, until in 1896 they were informed by the owners of the Ground that it was intended not to renew the lease on its expiration in April, 1897, but to sell the land for building purposes. A Public Meeting was held in Darlington on the 12th October, 1896, over which the Marquis of Londonderry, the President of the Durham County Cricket Club,

presided. It was there explained that over £1,500 had been spent on the ground in levelling, draining, turfing, fencing, cricket pavilion, grand stand, turnstiles, &c., besides the rolling and mowing, and the attention of that excellent Groundsman, Harry Thompson, for thirty years. The greater part of this, it was pointed out, would be lost if the Club started with a new field, and then history would repeat itself, as the lease of the new field

would run out with the same results. Therefore, if money was to be spent it would be far more profitably devoted to buying the Feethams Ground, and so saving the money already spent than in preparing a new field. The Meeting realised the imminence of the danger and the seriousness of the threatened loss to the Town and County which would be almost a death-blow to Cricket, Football and Sports in Darlington of any high-class kind. The town had no River or Gymnasium and it was felt that a Cricket Ground was as necessary for the healthy education of the youth as a

Technical Institute, Free Library, or Park, and its loss would be a standing reproach to the present inhabitants if it was allowed to happen. In a short time, probably, an inferior Ground would be got at a much greater expense, while a purchase then would settle the matter for ever. It was, therefore, resolved to make a great effort to purchase the ground, and a fund was formed which was subscribed to most generously by all classes. It

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On the 23rd February, 1897, a Town's Meeting was held, presided over by the Mayor (the late Mr. George Marshall) at which a Shilling Fund was formed. It was started with 100 shillings by the Mayor, and was largely subscribed to by the working men of the town, and much valuable assistance was given by the Press. It was resolved also at this Meeting, that the purchase of the Feethams Ground should be adopted as one of the memorials of Her late Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. It was hoped then that the purchase would be completed that year (1897) but a long time was to pass before this was accomplished.

The owners of the ground met the wishes of the Club, and the price of the 10 acres, which had been fixed on several careful valuations at £5,500, was eventually reduced to £4,500. After various delays and difficulties, which it is not necessary to dwell on now, the ground was conveyed in the summer of 1903 to Trustees, to hold upon trust, to permit it to be kept as an open space, and to be used for cricket and other athletic exercises, upon such terms and subject to such regulations as the Committee appointed by the Trust

Deed should from time to time provide. This Committee consists of the Mayor, Ex-Mayor, the Member of Parliament and the Town Clerk of Darlington, *ex-officio*; two members appointed by the subscribers to the Purchase Fund, viz.:—Messrs. T. M. Barron and A. F. Pease, and four members appointed each year by the

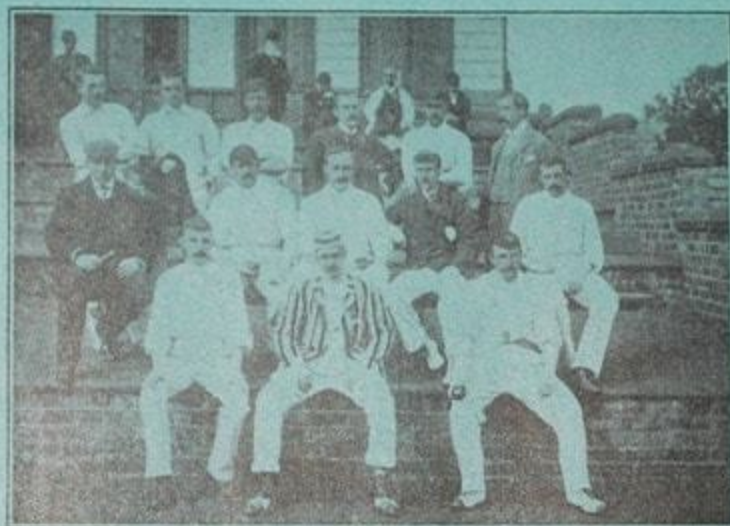
Darlington Cricket and Athletic Club. The Trustees are Messrs. E. D. Walker (the President of the Club), Dr. James Lawrence (the Chairman of the Committee), and Mr. C. H. Backhouse (the Hon. Treasurer). This Trust Deed of the "Feethams Cricket Club" contains full ancillary provisions and, generally, its terms are such that, while rendering the perversion of the Trust impossible they allow the Trustees power to meet any possible changes and requirements of the future. The Trustees have even power, with the consent of the Committee, to sell the ground if the character of the neighbourhood should some day change, investing the purchase money in premises to be used for the same purposes.

Towards the £4,500 purchase money above-mentioned, £2,000 has been obtained on mortgage of the ground at three per cent., which debt the Club can bear and it is not proposed to disturb; about £1,800 has been obtained by donations, leaving £700 which has been borrowed from

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the Bank to enable the purchase to be completed. It is hoped that this £700 can be cleared by means of this Bazaar and the Club relieved from a pressing debt and placed in such a position that it need no more fear the builder, who has threatened it for sixty years.

In addition to this there is great need of a commodious and up-to-date Pavilion. The present building, erected about twenty years ago, is in a bad condition and is hardly worth repairing, as

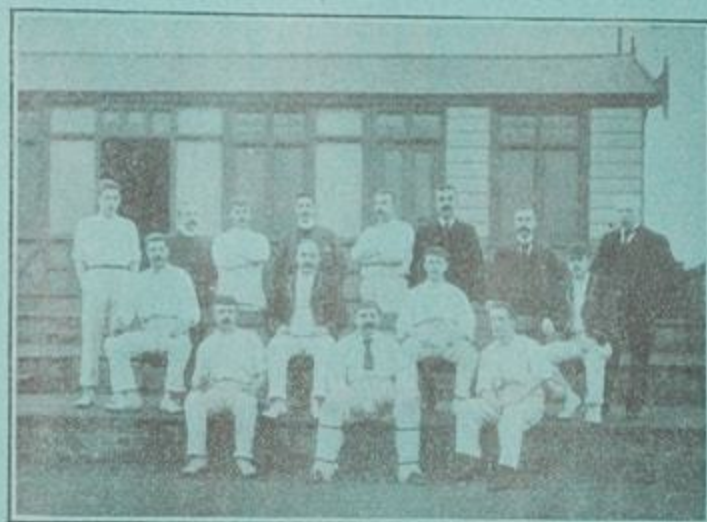
its position and design are not suited to the Ground. The increased support given to the Club must be recognised, and seating accommodation should be provided for the spectators, and especially for the ladies who patronise the ground, as well as proper provision for the players and members. It is hoped therefore that in addition to clearing the £700 debt a surplus may be obtained to start a fund for the erection of a new Pavilion.

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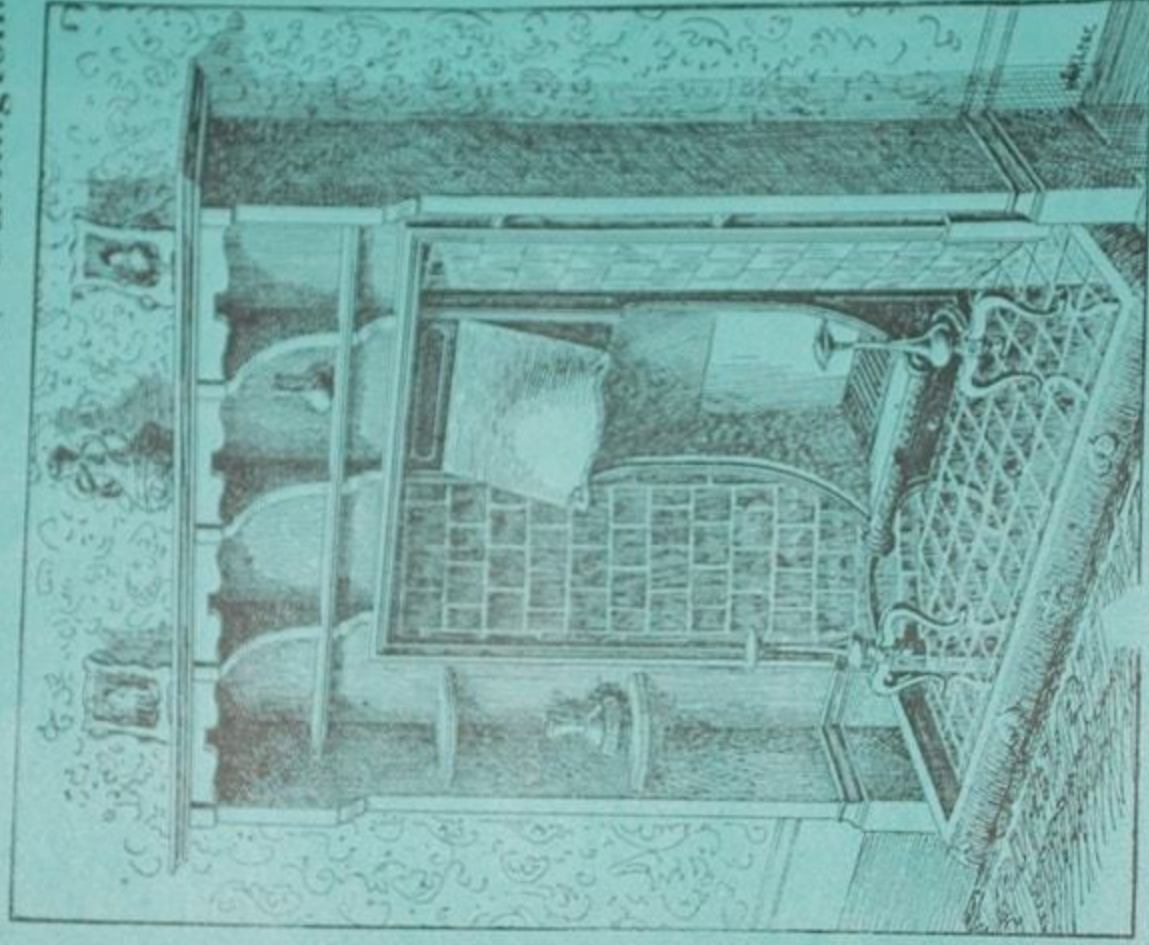
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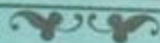
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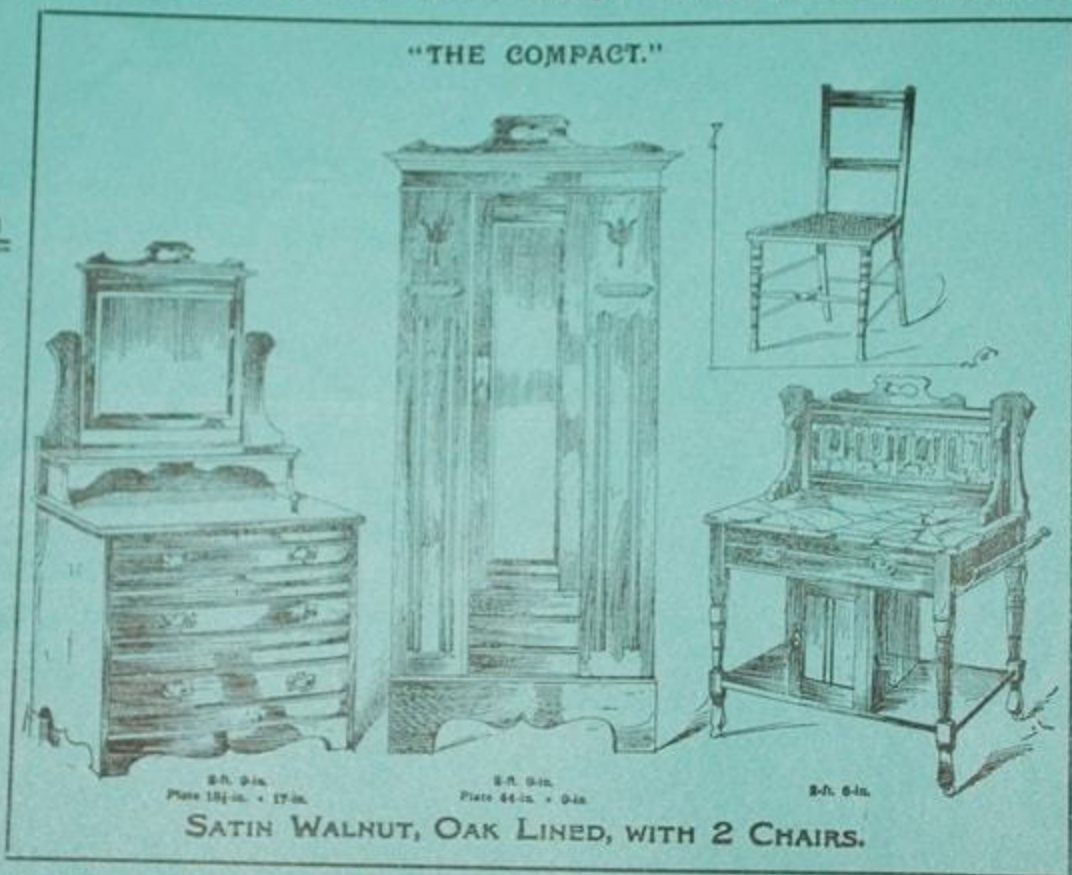
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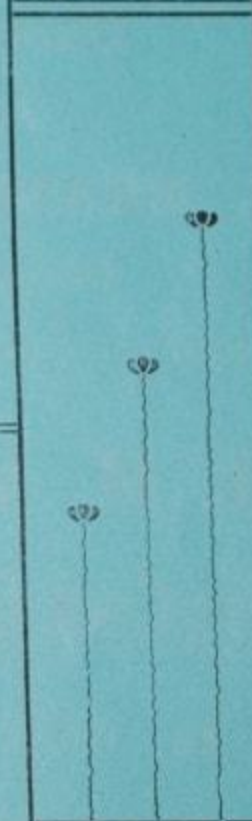
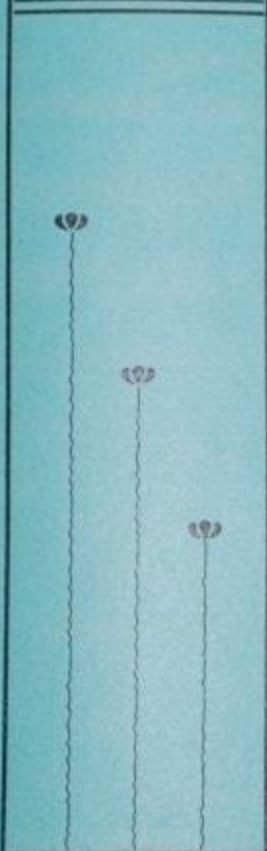
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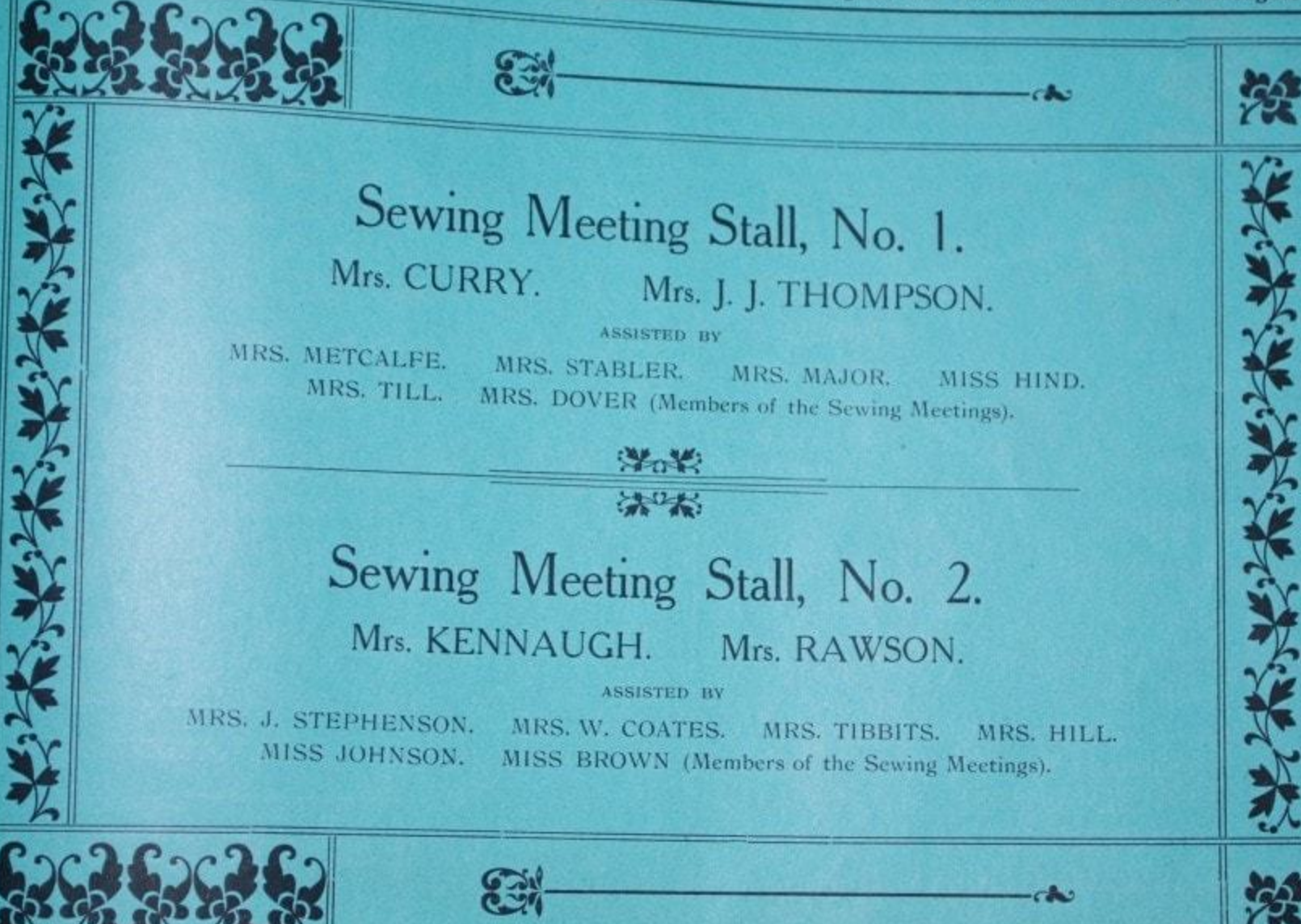
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
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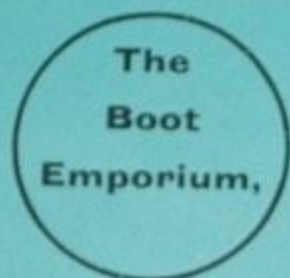
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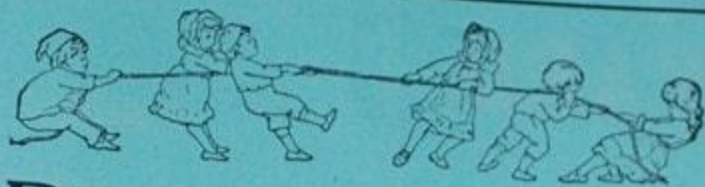
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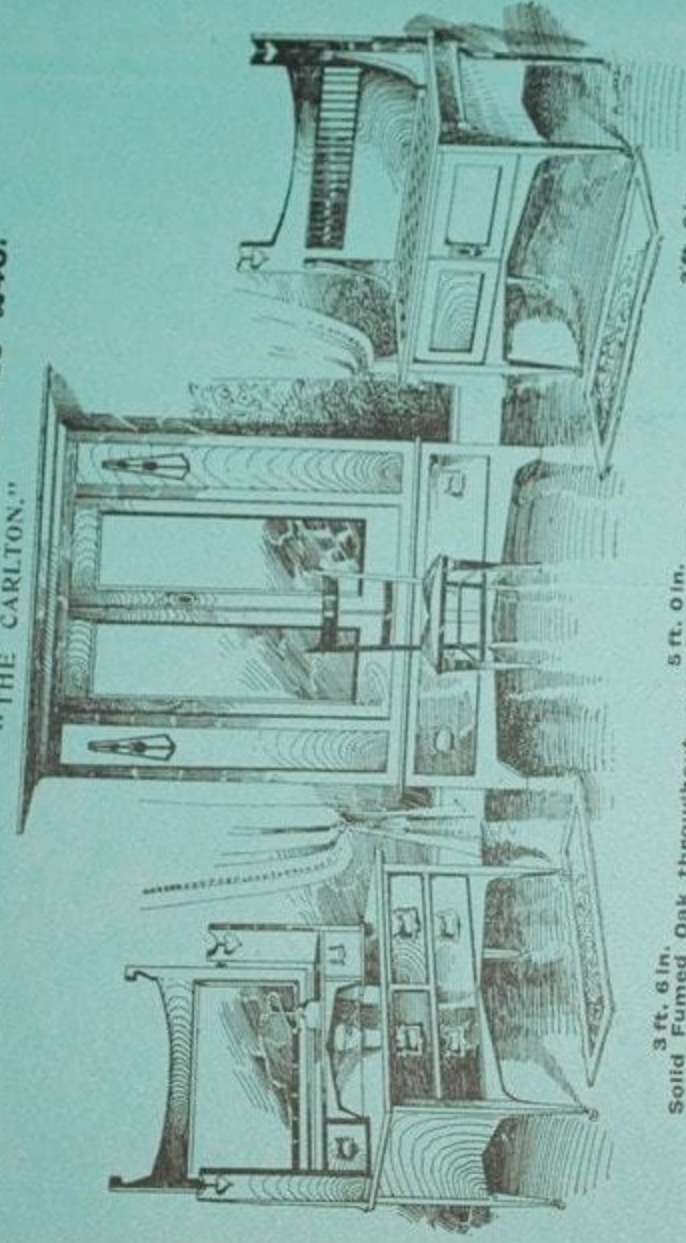


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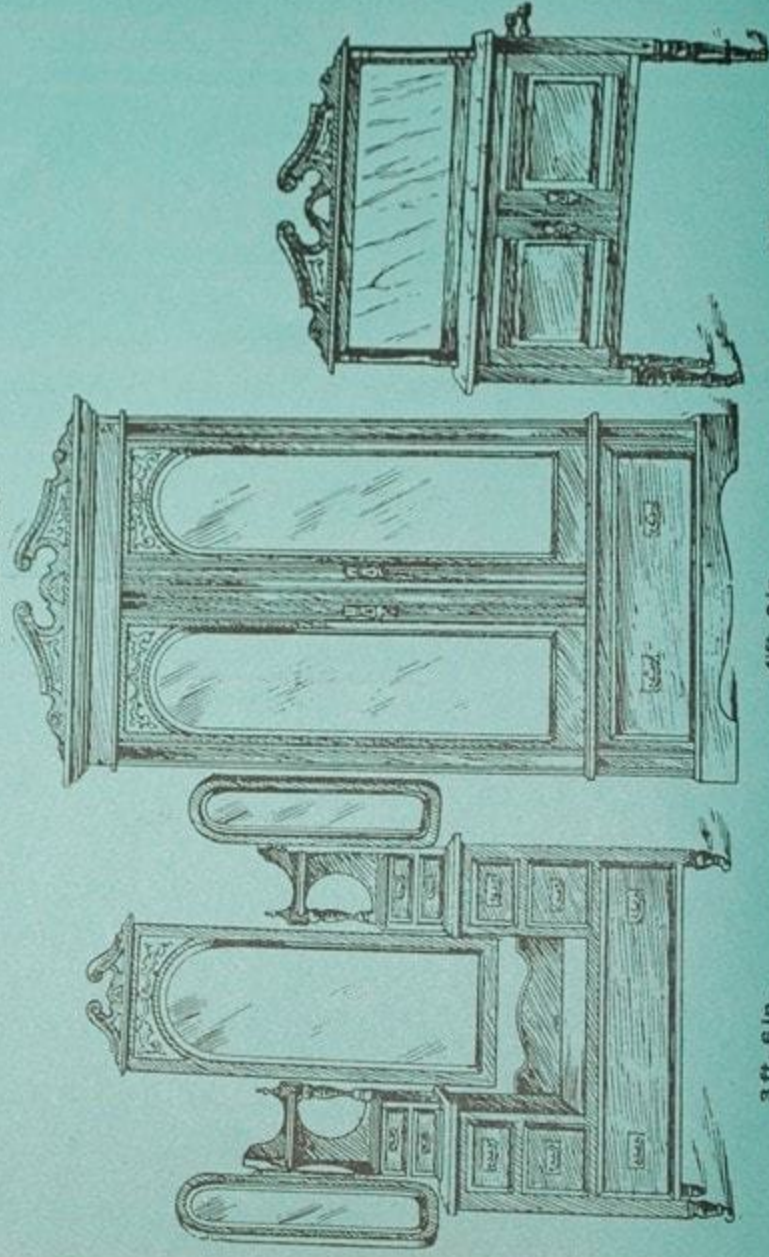


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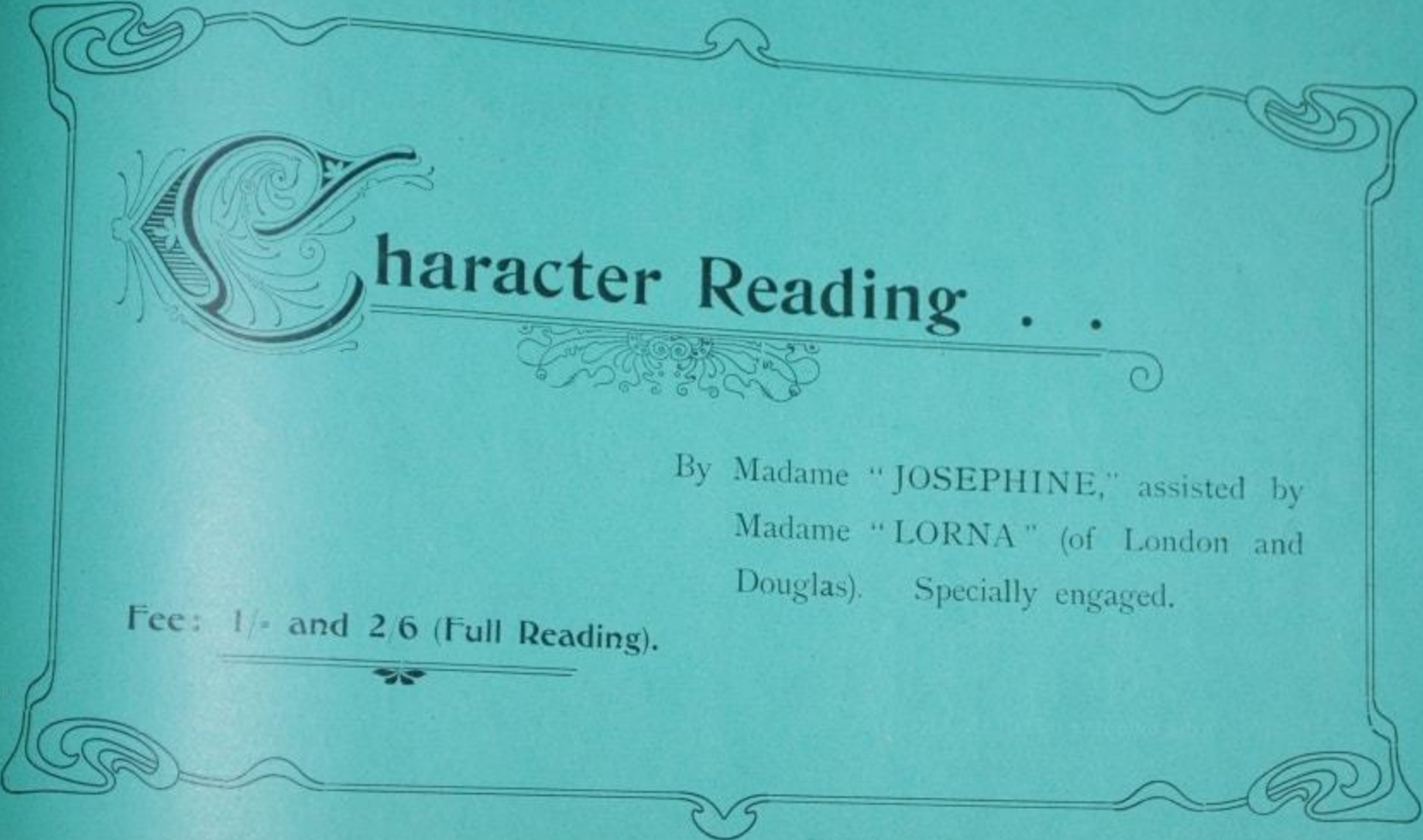
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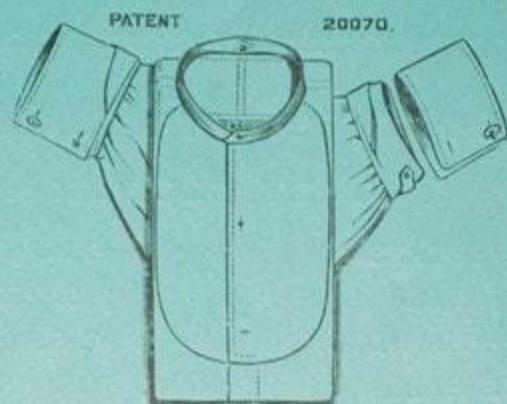


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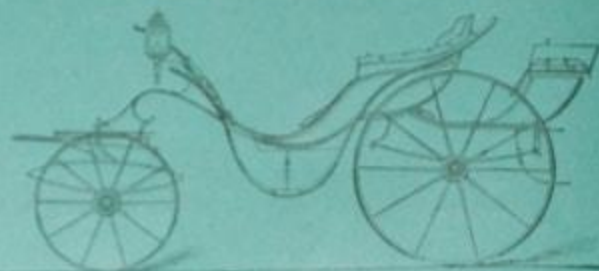
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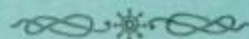
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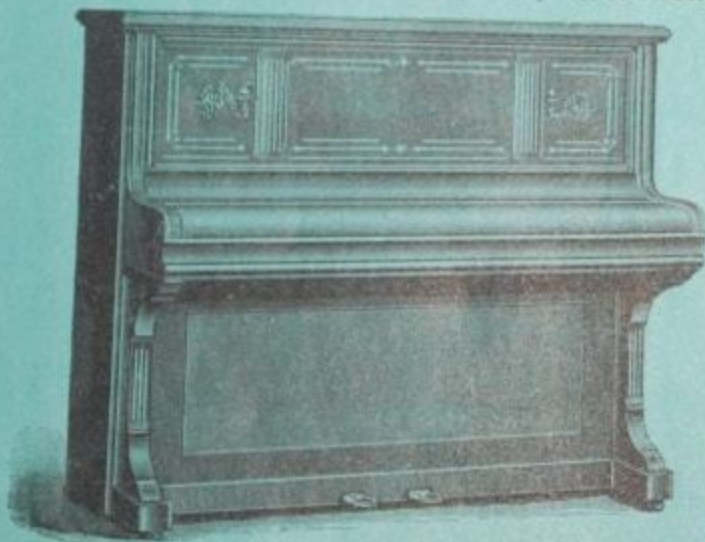
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