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THE NOON O' NIGHT CLUB

By J. WILLIAM LLOYD.

[CONCLUDED.]

Away we flew, helter-skelter, in a devil's route, like the wind; the goat capering, rearing, kicking, the spectres laughing, shrieking, whistling, crowing, blowing horns, beating drums and pans, riding broomsticks, turning hand-springs. The cats came out of the darkness and ran with the mob, ma-ow-ing dismally, the ravens and owl flew overhead, adding their voices to the infernal din! Only the pencil of Dore could have done justice to the scene.

A bright idea struck one. Taking a flying run and a leap, he touched my shoulders lightly and jumped clean over both the goat and myself. It took, and in another moment the entire crew were playing leap-frog over my devoted head. My steed resented this indignity with spirit, and savage rushes and butts at each phantom as he alighted, and very often with such effect that striking fair on the pelvis he would send the skeleton sprawling and rattling along the ice a great distance. Every such successful coup was greeted with the wildest enthusiasm of laughter, and the

reader can imagine how I felt in the midst of all this preposterous rout, seated hind-side before on a phantom billy-goat, with spectre skeletons flying over my head. Finally the tall spectre, running up, caught the goat by the hind leg, essaying to walk him wheelbarrow-fashion. But the goat was too strong, and whirling so quickly that his adversary could not escape him, sent him sprawling into the crowd, knocking down several more.

Upon this animated bone-heap Billy pounced with much enthusiasm, but the mob fell upon him, held him, fitted skates to his hoofs and again released him. Away he plunged, slipping, stumbling, sprawling, and filling the air with hircine complaints till we both came down in a heap together. Upon this I was released, and the skates were taken off Billy, who, evidently disgusted with such horse-play, and grumbling reproachfully, darted off and was seen no more. The whole party now hilariously shook hands with me, and de-

clared me a full-fledged and duly-installed member.

All sorts of frolics and sports succeeded for an hour or two, skating, coasting, dancing, curling, but with these I will not weary the reader.

Pausing in one of the games I said to my neighbor:

"Supposing the ice unfit for skating on this night, what would you do? Postpone the skate for a year?"

He turned to the others and communicated my question.

"What say fellows, shall we show him?"

There was a shout of approval. My friend and the tall spectre took my hand, and in another instant we were all floating upward in a linked circle, like a great writhing ring of smoke. I must say here what I should have said before, that the weather, since the installation, had greatly improved. Wide patches of cloud still floated at intervals over the heavens, but the moon and stars were shining as brightly as before. The upward motion was not direct, but spiral, and much affected by currents of air. In the brilliant moonshine the skeletons lost all phosphorescence, and shone out bleached and white as ivory, their garments like a pale gleaming fog. I am satisfied that had any observer stationed in the village witnessed the ghostly ascension, he would have accused his imagination with the transformation of floating cloud-wrack into the semblance of phantoms.

I was enchanted with a crowding of delightful sensations. How astonishing, how charming to realize in one's own proper person that all those weird old-world folk-tales of witch and fairy and spectre were not utterly foundationless, but could be matched by something equally remarkable right here in the nineteenth century. Tam O'Shanter even seemed credible enough now. The very motion of our ascent, so easy, birdlike and buoyant, was a delight.

Those who have ascended in balloons can conceive of the magnificence of the prospect that stretched itself out below us. I believe too, now, that my eyesight was preternaturally quickened and sharpened, though I thought nothing about it at the time. As we gently and steadily rose, the lake, the park, the village and the surrounding fields, farms, hills, dales and streamlets, all sleeping peacefully beneath the moon, which was now descending a little to the westward and lengthening its shadows somewhat, successively mapped themselves out. I could even distinguish the faint shadows we cast passing over the fields. Never to my dying day shall I forget this part of my night's experience. Often in my dreams I am rising again through the radiant moonlight, witnessing that lovely vision.

But so strangely did the ludicrous mingle with everything of that night's experience, that I remember distinctly

seeing the black cats sitting around on the ice gazing disconsolately up at us as we rose.

In a few moments we alighted on the silvery upper side of a great floating cloud which appeared like a field of drifted snow, dazzlingly white beneath the moon. Like a flash the troop of spirits sped in all directions, smoothing out the billows of fog till they had formed a flat field much resembling a lake of ice. On this they commenced to skate as merrily as below. Some instead of skating ran with little hand sleds and toboggans up cloudy hillsides and came coasting down in true school-boy style. Others gathered handfuls of white fog and snowballed each other right lustily.

I was too much occupied in watching the charming picture to take much part in the play, which to say the truth was often boisterous and rude enough. They wrestled, ran, snowballed, pitched each other into fog-banks, and performed a thousand extravagances. At the risk of being tiresome I will relate one of the most astonishing of these.

The tall spectre was especially active in all the sports, and was evidently something of a bully, his favorite fun being to pitch great chunks of fog in front of the skaters or to tip up the unwary and stand them on their heads in cloud banks.

Finally a crowd rushed upon him,

dragged him to the edge of the cloud, lifted him high above their heads, and hurled him downwards with all their might. Down he went, swift and straight as an arrow, striking finally upon his skull on the lake, and rebounding to a great height, vastly scaring one of the cats, who bounded backwards, spitting and arching her back. Down he came the second time, gained his feet, and, nothing cured by his punishment, commenced chasing the cat about the ice, and having caught her, commenced dragging her by the tail to her furious indignation. I suppose her cries summoned assistance, for immediately I saw all the other cats rushing in a body to the rescue. Whereupon, lifting her by the tail, he swung her a few times around his head, and then flung her clawing and spitting into the mob of her friends. What then took place I do not know, for I was called away, but a few moments later I saw him climbing over the crest of a cloud-hill above us and turning somersaults down the slope.

But the morning was now approaching, and we descended to the lake.

My body was brought forth.

I was again hypnotized, and this time so completely that I became unconscious, and when I recovered it I was again a man, clothed in the flesh. One by one the spectres bid me farewell, reminding me that I was now a brother and could at any time join their sports.

I stooped to adjust something about one of my skates. As I did so the crowing of a cock came faint but clear from the distant village. I raised my head.

I was alone.

The Noon o' Night Club had vanished.

Dazedly I walked home, crawled into my cold bed, and knew nothing more till the boarding house mistress, by repeated knockings, aroused me for breakfast.

And now I have ended my strange tale. I have given a plain description of events as they actually appeared to occur. I say appeared, for sometimes I am inclined to be skeptical, and to construct theories to explain away the marvelous in this matter, in which respect

no doubt many readers will imitate me. It may be that too great devotion to my favorite sport had produced a slight monomania of which this was the culmination. Or perhaps excessive exercise developed a delirium disordering my imagination that night. Or it may be that I did not go out again at all that night, but dreamed the whole affair.

Be this as it may and the reader may adopt such theory as he prefers, I cannot often think otherwise than that everything actually occurred as it appeared, and that some fine night I may again, if I choose, disport myself with the jolly brothers of the Noon o' Night Club.

But I have not cared much for skating since.

THE END.



PECULIAR PERIODICALS.

By AMOS WOODBURY RIDEOUT.

In these days when printer's ink is so cheap and plenty, it would be hard to find a business or profession, a fad or even a freak, that does not have what might be termed its "Official Organ," in the shape of a periodical of greater or less pretensions. I have made quite a collection of odd fish of the journalistic sea and will make brief mention of some of them for the entertainment of "Quaint" readers.

Of periodicals that might be termed "cranky," the first among my collection comes from England, and is called *The Earth*. It is the organ of a sect known, I think, as "The Wilsonites," and its main, or at least most interesting contention, is that the earth is not spherical in shape but flat. The arguments which they make to show the fallacy (?) of the rotundity of the earth are really very good and hard to answer, but when they endeavor to explain why we do not come to "the jumping off place," they are not so lucid. On the other hand, *The Flaming Sword*, published in Chicago, the organ of "Koreshanity," the sect presided over by Koresh, otherwise Mr. Cyrus K. Teed, claims that we live in the centre of the earth.

The A. H. T. A. Weekly News hails from St. Paul, Kansas, and is the organ of the Anti-Horse Thief Association. It is well printed and filled with enthusi-

astic communications from members of the "Order."

The New Woman and The New Man also hail from Kansas, as does The Smasher's Mail, the personal organ of Mrs. Carrie Nation, the saloon smasher. The Simple Truth is devoted to prohibition, while Mixed Drinks was a liquor dealers' weekly, the name being afterwards changed to Fair Play.

The Fire Brand is quite an apt title for an anarchistic sheet, while the socialistic paper with the largest circulation in this country is called The Appeal to Reason.

The Omnibus was a large and well-printed weekly once published in Boston for the purpose of giving neophytes in literature a chance to see their efforts in print. Like its four-wheeled namesake, you see, anybody could "get in."

The Needle's Eye is the clever title of the local paper of the town of Needles, Cal., while another equally felicitous name is The Oasis, published at Nogales, Arizona, in the heart of the great American desert.

The Cannon Ball is the title of another local paper published by a woman in the town of Gurdon, Arkansas. Following the title is this motto: "Not for love nor fame nor favor, but for cash." But, notwithstanding this declaration, a brief item on the local paper gives notice

that a few loads of cord wood will be accepted on subscriptions.

Another local paper hailing from Montana is called The Seven Devils' Standard, and from La Fayette, Ind., comes the Sunday Quohosh. At Creede, Colo., The Creede Candle lets its light so shine, etc.

A Stuffed Club is the striking title of a clever little health magazine published in Denver, Colorado.

The People's Party movement a few years ago was rich in periodicals of odd nomenclature. The Solid Muldoon, The Sledge Hammer, The Harpoon, The Wool Hat, The Pop Gun, The Watermelon, The Corner Stone and Common Sense are a few of the most striking in my collections.

The Daily Item of New Orleans, La., and the Westerly Sun of Westerly, R. I., had the unique distinction at the time I saved them of being the only two papers in the country published on Sunday evening.

Brains is a title that has been tried several times, but always with failure. Perhaps it was too suggestive of calf's head.

We are all familiar with The Black Cat, but in my collection I find The Grey Goose, The Lucky Dog, The Yellow Dog, and The Wet Dog. When I picked this last one off of a news stand, a gentleman standing by suggested as his idea of a striking title for a periodical, "The Hungry Lawyer." I fear he

had been trying to get justice by going to law. The Wayback Astonisher was a rather clever little sheet, but it was evidently so astonished at its own appearance that it never appeared again.

Why and What's the Use are devoted to single tax propaganda, while It is a metaphysical magazine in Texas. The Nautilus sails the journalistic sea from Holyoke, Mass., devoted to the same subject, the only one I know of worth reading.

The largest paper ever printed was an issue of The Constellation, a weekly paper published in New York about 1859. The pages were six by four feet in size and there were sixteen of them. It was embellished with pictures of Horace Greeley, James Gordon Bennet, Edward Everett, and other famous men. It contained complete novels by J. H. Ingraham, Judge Green, the author of "The Green Mountain Boys;" the famous Locke "Moon Hoax" which bamboozled the astronomers and scientific men of the world and poems by Anna S. Stephens, Park Benjamin, William Ross Wallace and others. From a literary point of view it was a grand achievement, but it fell flat and bankrupted the publisher, who lost about \$50,000 by the experiment. No doubt, some of our Sunday papers of today have had an equal quantity of paper, or more in one issue, but have kept the pages of regulation size.

It is said that an eccentric old gentleman who died in London some years ago took a hatred against the "stove pipe hat." He left \$2,000 a year to his nephew with the provision that a periodical should be published to fight the high top hat.

The nephew publishes three numbers annually, one for himself and two copies for each of the other executors. This paper has probably the smallest circulation of any paper in the world.

Smarter Than Some Brakemen.

Mike Nolan was smoking comfortably in his yard in East Burlington one evening and a friend of his was leaning over the fence talking to him. As his eyes ranged over the yard he caught sight of the old billy goat.

"Mike," says he, "I see you have the goat yet."

"Oh, yes," says Mike.

"I thought you said you'd kill the goat."

"Sure, and I did, but I will tell you how it was," answered Mike. "I came home the other night from me work and me wife says to me: 'What do you think the goat's done now?' 'I dunno,' says I. 'He's chewed up Finnegan's red shirt that his wife had hung on the line to dry, and Finnegan says he'll kill the goat if you don't do it yourself.' I says: 'I'll not have Finnegan nor any other man lay hands on that goat; I'll kill the goat meself.' An' so I got down

me owld gun and took the goat out into the corner of the yard and tied him to the fence and stood forninst him to shoot him. An' he gave me a kind of a knowing look like, and I minded the time when he was a little goat and played wid the children, and I couldn't kill him looking like that. So I took him down to the railroad track and hitched him between the rails and went up behind the wall until the express train came along. Presently I heard the train coming and I says to meself: 'Ole man, ye're gone now. Ye was a good goat in yer day, but ye're gone now.' An' wid that I heard the whistle a-blowin' and the brakes a-grindin', and the men hollering, and I says: 'What's that goat done now?' I ran to the track, and what do you think? That old goat had coughed up Finnegan's shirt and flagged the train!"—Oshkosh Times.

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JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY

I am tired of planning and toiling
 In the crowded hives of men:
 Heart-weary of building and spoiling
 And spoiling and building again.
 And I long for the dear old river,
 Where I dreamed my youth away;
 For a dreamer lives forever,
 And a toiler dies in a day.



I am sick of the showy seeming
 Of a life that is half a lie;
 Of the faces lined with scheming
 In the throng that hurries by.
 From the sleepless thoughts' endeavor
 I would go where the children play;
 For a dreamer lives forever,
 And a toiler dies in a day.

I can feel no pride, but pity
 For the burdens the rich endure,
 There is nothing sweet in the city
 But the patient lives of the poor.
 Oh, the little hands too skilful,
 And the child mind choked with weeds!
 The daughter's heart grown wilful,
 And the father's heart that bleeds!

No, no! from the street's rude bustle,
 From trophies of mart and stage,
 I would fly to the woods' low rustle
 And the meadow's kindly page.
 Let me dream as of old by the river,
 And be loved for the dream away;
 For a dreamer lives forever,
 And a toiler dies in a day!



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By OLD QUAIN'T Himself

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Always appeal to a man's reason and a woman's sympathy. You may not succeed with the first but you are quite certain to win with the second.

When I find a man who is ever ready to call somebody else a fool I always have a horrible suspicion that the genuine and original one is right before me.

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Lucky and Unlucky Days for April, 1904.

1. The month opens well for business and social purposes. There will be no planetary objections for strong purposes, and their fulfillment. Don't speculate!
2. Equally good with yesterday. In some ways rather better. Good for travel, moving, or almost any good act.
3. Easter Sunday. In spite of the Holy day, the indications are not very good, either with the weather, temper, or the influences. Try and live above the influences, and in harmony with the day.
4. The influences are not marked in any direction. A negative day which does not suggest important decisions.
5. A first-class day in every respect. There is but one danger—that of being too hasty in a word or act.
6. You may be restless, but make no marked changes. Your mind will be unusually bright, quick to perceive. Eyes are made to see with.
7. A poor day to begin an important transaction. You will be tempted to do something out of the ordinary line of things. Don't.
8. Something like yesterday. Bright, but dangerous if you get excited. Keep cool, and be safe.
9. "How pleasant is Saturday night when I've tried all the week to be good." Good day. Wind up the week well.
10. Sunday. If you could not wear your Easter hat last Sunday, wear it today; it will look just as well. But don't do any business. The conjunction of the Moon and Saturn forbid this, and is not thought to be very favorable on matrimonial proposals.
11. A fine day for business of any kind or for social uses, one you ought to use to its highest purposes.
12. Another good day. Push things right along.
13. Not quite so strong—but good enough.
14. First rate in the forenoon—petering out towards night.
15. A new moon in a good place. A fine position of Saturn, and I should take hold of things vigorously. You can start a thing here that has been previously discussed.
16. Another fine day when your mind will be very bright, and where things will trip along in fine shape.
17. Another Sunday, and if you work or get into mischief, Satan and the parson will get after you. The square of the Moon and Saturn is a bad influence.
18. All right for any honest purpose.
19. Same as yesterday.
20. Another good day with scarcely any drawback.
21. A very doubtful day. Four bad relations to overcome, all suggesting quiet, stability and conservatism.
22. As featureless as some people are.
23. Not a very good Saturday. Don't speculate. Keep calm. Do as little as possible.
24. Sunday. The Moon is opposed to Saturn. This is a very bad influence. Do as little as possible, and keep out of mischief.
25. Monday, opens well. You can start in good and strong, only don't speculate.
26. A safe day for conservative and well-considered transactions. Safe to travel.
27. Poor. Bad to plan. Bad to execute. Don't scold. Don't get excited.
28. The same cautions for yesterday will hold today.
29. Good up to early evening when a full Moon stares you in the face and preaches the Gospel of Don't.
30. Winds up the week with a poor day and with every inducement to keep as quiet as possible and take no risks.

MAY, 1904.

1. The month opens with the fourth Sunday after Easter and, of course, no good man or woman would be undertaking very important things on that day. It's a bad day for business or for any very new undertakings; moving and house-changes would naturally be decided before this date.
2. While not a very strong day it is fairly good. Very much better as the day goes on; particularly good from the noon onward.
3. No special points discernible. Uneasy; restlessness more marked than anything else.
4. For a conservative transaction this day is all right. A hasty decision or a quick impulse would be dangerous.
5. Very much like yesterday. If you move carefully you are all right.
6. No force; tame. Neither bad nor good.
7. A very bad position of the Moon and Saturn, and two other conditions, all tending toward slowness, and doing as little as possible that is new and striking.
8. Sunday, with but little encouragement for anything that is striking, unaccustomed or impetuous. Go slowly.
9. A reasonably good day. A bright mind, quick perception and generally safe to act.
10. Decidedly better. Business matters can now be taken up to advantage. Social duties will move easily. A good day to tell her that you are sorry you said it, and you hope that matters will run along more smoothly in the future.
11. The business part of the day is all right. Tendencies toward an exciting word with persons nearest to you; these can be smothered before the fire breaks out.
12. A strong day based upon careful thinking and prudent acting. A good day to push things along that have been started, particularly so after the noon. A good day to take a journey or to plan one. Talk up your vacation this evening.
13. Another bright day, and what you did not finish yesterday you now conclude. Take the rest of the family into your plans.
14. The social side will be very strong as the day goes on; the evening particularly so. At the same time I would suggest that the gas bills be not increased too much by late hours.
15. Sunday. The day of a new moon. A fine relation of the moon with Mars and Mercury; and altogether, rather a strong day—particularly on the social side. "And the spring comes slowly up this way."
16. A good day and a bright one. One that ought to be used to advantage. Don't get misled and buy stocks, expecting a big rise; and don't believe more than half you hear on the bull side of stocks.
17. First-rate, all-round day. There is hardly any use to which you could put this day in a legitimate way that would not be wise.
18. Very much like yesterday if you keep the conservative side to the front.
19. Not so good. You will have to watch your health a little, not to get some throat trouble which might be annoying but not dangerous. Don't change your underclothing too early.
20. First-class. This is the strongest day this month so far if you work it right. Your mind, your attitude, and the whole combination is up-to-date.
21. Equally good in almost every way up to four o'clock in the afternoon; after that measure your words and let your acts be very conservative.
22. Sunday. The influences in a business way are all bad. In a social way, rather rasping; so you should read, keep quiet, keep by yourself and be as good as you can be.
23. Begins to work out, and by eleven o'clock and for the balance of the day it is first-class.
24. Bright, wide-awake; and up to eight o'clock in the evening a day of more than ordinary promise. You will get into mischief after eight unless you are very careful.
25. Poor. Hardly a single influence in the day is strong for important actions. Particularly dangerous with words and acts with other people.
26. A little safer but not strong in the forenoon; better in the afternoon but a day that will require caution all through.
27. Fairly good day but you better be careful what you write. Let that saucy letter remain unmailed for a day or two and then read it. How does it look when it is cool?
28. Another day where a red flag is necessary for a danger signal. It would be the easiest thing in the world to get up a first-class row, especially with persons nearest to you.
29. Trinity Sunday. A full moon, and a dangerous day for anything outside of the ordinary duties which are in harmony with the day. A very bad relation of the moon to Jupiter and Mars will require some watching as to tact in dealing with people.
30. A good day and a bright one; safe and sound. A holiday. Remember those who fought for us.
31. Fairly good, nothing more. Don't get fooled by buying stocks.

BRIEF BOOK REVIEWS

I believe that book reviews should, as a general thing, be short and to the point. What is wanted is a brief hint as to what the book is, and then you will be able to judge if you are interested in it.

The Philatelic West and Camera News (Superior, Neb.). Rather an awkward title and one that does not well suggest the varied contents of the periodical. Besides the philatelic portion of the publication there are departments devoted to curios, the camera, exchange, photo-exchange, etc. If you have the collecting craze on anything I should say this magazine would delight you. It certainly contains a fund of interesting information along these lines and is a generous five cents' worth. Yearly subscription 50 cts., single numbers 5 cts.

How to Live (Alma, Mich.). This is the appropriate title of a handsome health magazine. The cover design is suitable and striking, and the typographical appearance of the entire publication is most pleasing. "Words of Wisdom," two pages of epigrams by Wm. Rightman, M. D., in the March number, are good. "Vanderdecken's Message Home" is a very clever short story, of which there is one in each number. A very pleasing innovation for a health magazine, by the way. The March number also has a poem, "The Iroquois Holocaust," which is exceedingly well done. Yearly subscriptions \$1.00, single numbers 10 cts.

Practical Ideals (Boston, Mass.). The handsomest and finest of all the "New Thought" magazines. The March number is particularly good. No one who is at all interested along this line should fail to read this periodical. How it can be produced at the price is more than I know. When I was a boy I had a story book that recounted the adventures of another boy who was enabled to do Herculean tasks by the aid of "The Giant Hands." Perhaps the genial doctor may have some such assistance. Yearly subscription \$1.00, single copies 10 cts.

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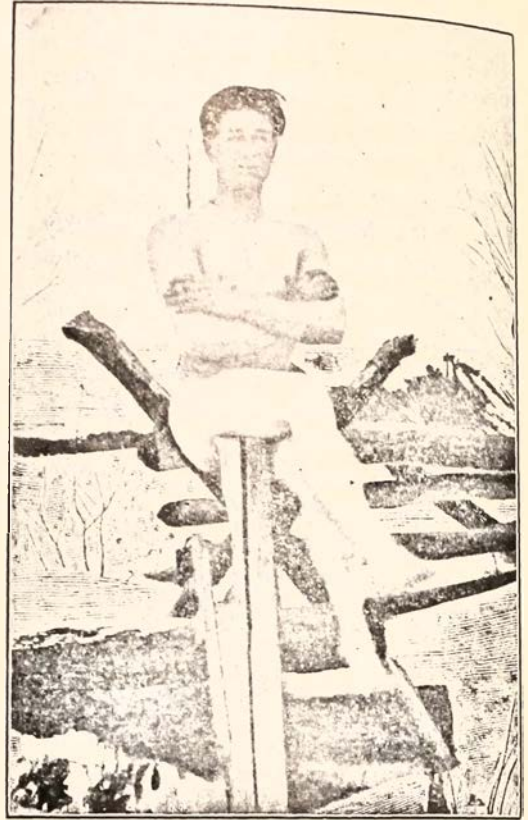
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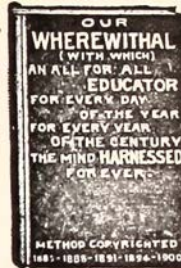
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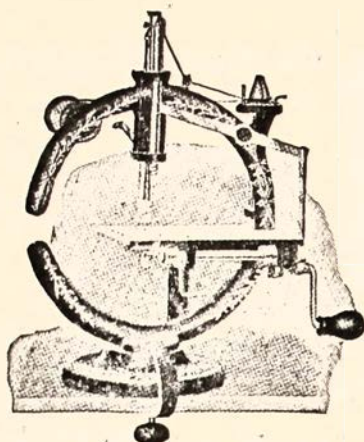
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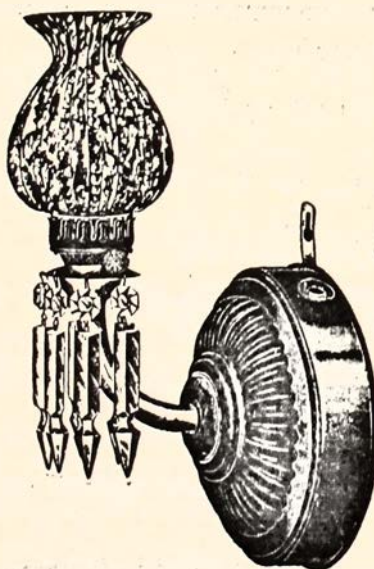
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