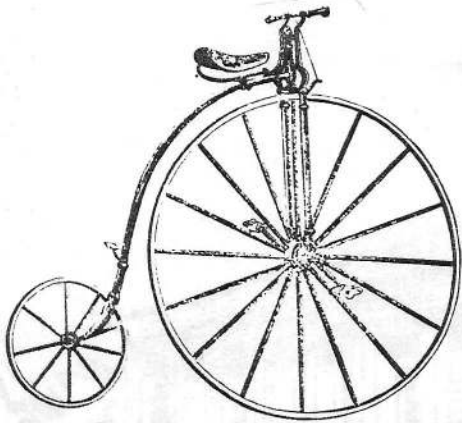


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NEW BIKE PATH PROPOSED

With biking the rage today neighborhood residents have been clamoring for a bike path in the community. The city recently released what it terms a new concept in bike trails. Plans disclosed last week show the new trail to be in a figure eight design. The path will be located in Pontiac Park. The design is innovative and challenging for the biker. The cyclists will have to dodge other bikes which cross their path. As the plans were explained, area residents questioned the designer about the high risk of an accident at the cross of the eight. Designer, I.C. Troubal, alleviated fears when he said that a 200 bed hospital was to be built at the intersection of the eight. The hospital will only service people with bike injuries.

Restorationists soon began to comment that a hospital would have to meet historic district standards. Troubal stated that the hospital, which would be Soulard's first forty story high skyscraper, would easily meet those standards. "The fortieth floor," explained Troubal, "will be a Mansard roof complete with dormers and slate tile. The traditional cornice will hang beneath it." The overall con-

cept was obviously the Second French Empire revival style. Restorationists seemed satisfied. Not all of those present at the meeting were pleased. The environmentalists seemed concerned over the destruction of the asphalt playground as well as the beer can strewn ball diamond. Mr. H. Bogart of the Sierra Madre Club asked where would the neighborhood children play if the areas were removed. He asked where the pigeons would roost if the playground equipment were dismantled. Troubal eased their fears. The cornice is ideal for pigeons and the ball diamond will be moved to the roof of the hospital. Troubal received a standing ovation from all those present for designing such an innovative, environmentally sound, and historically authentic plan. Ten speeds anyone?

COLLEGE DEGREES TO BE OFFERED IN RESTORATION SCIENCE

With the increased interest in restoration of older homes, area colleges and universities have been quick to respond to the movement by offering course work in the science of restoration. Several area institutions now offer degrees in this area. The Restorationist, as a service to the community, investigated what courses were available and which would be of the most benefit to Soulard residents. The following classes will be available next fall at several area schools.

Pigeon Dropping Removal I - This class investigates the theories of removal as well as prevention techniques. (Rubber gloves and hard hats are required.)

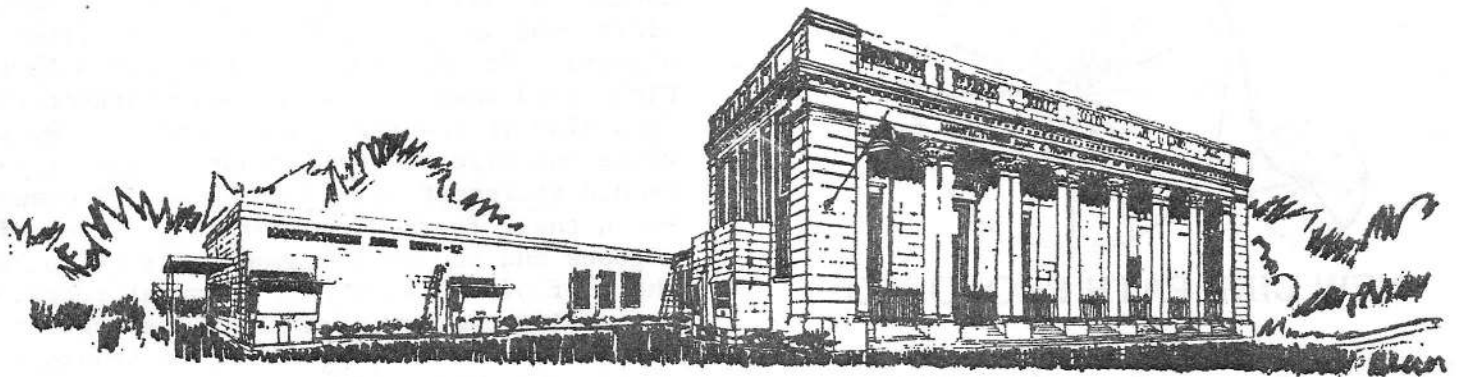


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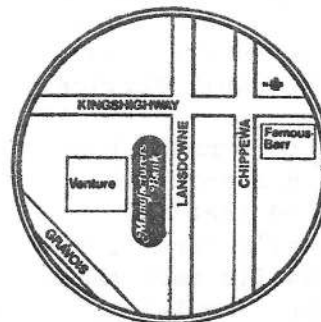


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Gourmet Cooking I - Student will learn to cook ten course dinners for eight on a hot plate.

Cornice repair and Rapelling I - Students learn to save money by not using scaffolding to do cornice work.

Restoration Psychology I - Students learn to cope with bulging walls, frozen pipes, missing floor boards, broken sash, curb-side auto repair, country and western music and reading neighborhood newsletters.

PLASTER DUST COOKIES RECOMMENDED FOR CALCIUM DEFICIENCY

The National Restorationist Dietary Council has recently published the results of a study which indicate that the plaster dust which falls constantly in our food may be the answer to chronic calcium deficiency. Restorationists were compared with suburbanites and it was discovered that people who live in new, low-ceilinged homes in neighborhoods with no sidewalks suffered this deficiency while urban dwellers whose homes were unfinished did not. The NRDC served sugar cookies sprinkled with plaster dust to the suburban dwellers with good results. The only notable side effect was that some of the non-urban individuals were seen later wandering through the historic districts with housing lists in hand.

APRIL FOOL

Did you know that since the Sixteenth Century people have been playing harmless jokes on their friends on April 1st?

The exact origin of April Fools Day is uncertain, but it is almost universally observed throughout Christendom and can probably be traced back to France.

One week after New Year's Day, according to the Julian calendar, it was traditional to pay formal visits on April 1. In 1562 the Julian calendar was replaced by the Gregorian calendar and many practical jokers continued to make mock calls on April 1st as a joke. Did we fool you?

LETTERS FROM THE GLASSHOUSE

I know I'm a bit late in my first letter, but I'm not much of a letter writer (ask my mom).

Soulard Mardi Gras is now a tradition than to a lot of work on the part of Hilary Clemens and the Mardi Gras Association. Hilary would like any feedback you might have about the event.

Our efforts at selling T-shirts, posters and hats were successful thanks to J.R. Key and Dan Compton. Dan was also Vicki Renisch's right-hand man in creating an award-winning float. Gail Washnicht survived 50 kids and 800 balloons; both Trinity and St. Joseph's schools netted \$130 for their efforts. Alice Jennings managed the ins and outs of all that money which would have amazed any CPA. Thank to all who contributed to the success of the day.

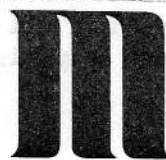
With spring around the corner and all the snow melted our alleys and lots are exposed in all their trashy glory. It's only appropriate to turn our attention to spring cleaning. Debbie Hanson is representing SRG in Mayor Schoemoel's city-wide clean-up project "Operation Brightside". A parallel project which Bob Printz and Kathy Poe are organizing will go hand in glove--planting trees. So stay tuned for details and get ready to roll up your sleeves and we'll have our neighborhood "spic and span" for the spring walking tour May 9 (2-6).

To the many new members who've joined the ranks, welcome to the trenches from the hoops on the front lines. Get involved and you'll enjoy Soulard even more than you thought you would.

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SOULARD MARDI GRAS '82

Ah! But the luck of the Irish. Why who else but an Irishman could've gambled against old man winter and come out on top? Noone other than Hilary Clements, President of the Soulard Mardi Gras Association.

It was only four weeks before Mardi Gras that St. Louis had the worst snow storm in 70 years. As all Soulard residents know, streets were not passable for a week and carefully dug out parking spots were guarded by the owner and coveted by those who did not or could not dig one out. Many SRG members sat around cozy fireplaces speculating about the "fate" of Mardi Gras '82. And on a snowy Monday night just two weeks after the storm, the Soulard Mardi Gras Association voted to take a chance and proceed with Mardi Gras '82.

As anyone who has lived in St. Louis for long knows, our weather is crazy; old man winter blew away and spring arrived. By February 20, most of the snow had melted in Soulard and all of St. Louis was ready for a party. Cabin Fever was rampant.

Approximately 50,000 people came to Soulard to visit the Market, restaurants and bars and to watch the parade at dusk. The City of St. Louis cooperated in a grand fashion by clearing the parade route of snow before the parade and by sweeping the streets after the parade.

Members of the SRG hawked T-shirts, caps, Mardi Gras posters, bumper stickers and balloons at the Market and along the parade route. The restaurants and bars did a land office business--with curb service being the only way to get a drink at many.

The highlight of the day was of course the parade. The SRG won first place in the float contest for its entry entitled, "Soulard, Where the Past Meets the Future". Riding on the float were Mr. and Mrs. Keitel and Rick and Pat Finkelstein and their twin sons, Aaron and Abraham.

Hilary says plans are already underway for Mardi Gras '83. Next year he would like to see more street vendors and parking prohibited along the parade route. Anyone who is interested in working on a committee should contact Hilary at 421-3125. Marching Mizzou has already committed for next year.

A very special thanks goes to the Soulard Mardi Gras Association and Hilary for all the time and energy that went into the planning of Mardi Gras '82.

SORTINO NAMED LRA LIAISON

Peter Sortino has been named as liaison between the Land Reutilization Authority and Soulard residents. The move was made following discussion by the SRG Board of Directors of policies of LRA in disposition of LRA holdings in the Soulard area.

A meeting with Thomas Mangogna, an LRA Commissioner, resulted in outlining of the approach in deciding on sale or option of LRA land and buildings. A basic objective of the LRA is that the property be improved. In the past, considerable property has been sold or optioned and Soulard has very little positive results to show for these transactions. According to Sortino, following the meeting with Mangogna, clearer policies and more precise actions are now being implemented.

"What is past cannot be corrected," Sortino explained. "However, I think we can now look forward to a much better working relationship and stronger guidelines for potential purchasers," he added.

Of primary concern to Soulard residents is disposition of single lots which have the potential of being turned into side yards by adjoining property owners.

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The LRA is hesitant about selling side yard property when the owner of the adjacent building has not improved the appearance of his building. Similarly, if the adjoining building is for sale, the LRA is reluctant to sell the property to permit the purchaser of the LRA property to increase his sale price. The LRA would prefer to deal with the new owner, providing that the intention of the purchase was not purely speculative. What most appeals to the LRA is sale of a side yard when it is part of an overall improvement program.

If a developer wishes to purchase LRA property, the policy is to option that property until construction is ready to begin. A past track record, coupled with reasonable intent and proper financing credentials, is necessary. If an option is given, that option is not automatically renewable. If nothing is done, and the option comes up for renewal, and another developer comes along, then the property can go through the option process again with the new developer, hopefully with better results.

Recently, some property has been sold to developers with reversionary clauses. According to the clause, if nothing is done with the property, it can revert to the LRA. However, such clauses have not been tested in court.

If any members or Soulard residents have questions about LRA properties, please contact Peter Sortino. It might be helpful to discuss the matter with him prior to contacting LRA.

HYDE PARK NAMES BERGER DIRECTOR

Teresa Berger has been named director of the Hyde Park Partnership, a community development corporation sponsored by Mercantile Trust Company, N.A. The Partnership is a coalition of four non-profit neighborhood groups organized to develop a positive atmosphere for revitalization of the 66-square block historic Hyde Park neighborhood, two miles north of downtown St. Louis.

As director of the partnership, Ms. Berger will supervise the Partnership's Information Center, a Civil War era building at 1530 Salisbury St. now undergoing restoration; coordinate activities designed to improve Hyde Park image with current and potential residents; and facilitate renovation of an investment in redevelopment of the neighborhood's housing. Ms. Berger also will act as spokesperson for the Partnership.

Ms. Berger has been project director for Project Know-How for Victim/Witness Volunteers and for the Victim Service Council in St. Louis and has served as a planning consultant in Kingston, N.Y. for the Mid-Hudson Legal Services Corporation, among other urban planning/development positions.

She holds a bachelor's degree in American studies from Barnard College (Columbia University), New York City, and a master's degree in planning from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y.

STORE RE-OPENS

Soulard now has a new owner for an old store. It was a welcomed relief when the doors of Cotton's Market (formerly Joe's Supermarket) re-opened at 2400 South Twelfth Street on February 17, 1982.

The new owner, William Cotton, is a restorationist in his spare time, but of old cars, not homes. As a matter of fact, one of his restored automobiles was driven in the recent Mardi Gras parade.

Mr. Cotton has been in the grocery business for nineteen years, and owns two other grocery stores. He wants to be advised of what products that are not currently on his shelves that his customers want. The size of the store limits the amount of inventory he can carry, but he intends to try to fulfill requests.

One of his goals is to maintain competitive prices on all products. His son and brother are the butchers and will offer custom cuts upon request. The store will be giving a bonus with bulk meat orders during holiday months. During the month of April a ham will be given with each special meat orders.

The store will carry freshly cut meats generic brand foods, a full line of canned vegetables, and dairy products.

Once he is established he plans on putting a new facade on the store that will architecturally blend with the neighborhood.

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ADOLPHUS BUSCH

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Adolphus Busch was born on July 10, 1839 near Mainz, Germany. He was the youngest of twenty-one children born to Ulrich and Barbara Busch. While all the names of the Busch siblings are not known, two who immigrated to the United States are John (who founded a brewery at Washington, Missouri) and Ulrich (who lived in Chicago, where he was engaged in the brewery supply business and who married Eberhard Anheuser's other daughter).

Adolphus, after receiving education at the finest schools in Europe, worked for a time in the lumber business with his father. In 1856 desiring independence, Adolphus moved to Cologne and was employed in the shipping business. In 1867 Adolphus arrived in St. Louis. He had no job waiting and little money but was filled with enthusiasm. He saw St. Louis as a city bustling with commercial activity. Adolphus easily found work as a "mud clerk". It was his job to check all steam boat manifests and collect cargo samples for his employer. He became well known for his good judgement in barley, hops, and other breweries consignments. In 1859, Adolphus inherited a substantial sum from his father and went into business, forming the firm of Wattenberg, Busch and Co., one of the leading wholesale commission houses in St. Louis.

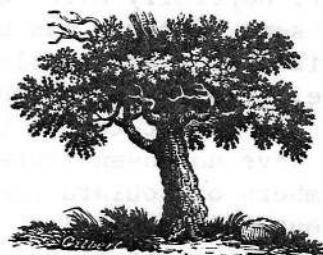
Among the customers of the firm was Eberhard Anheuser who was in the soap and candle business. In addition, he had control of the Bavarian Brewery which he gained through a loan foreclosure in 1860. Anheuser had three unmarried daughters and on March 11, 1861 Adolphus married Lilly Anheuser. Shortly after the wedding, the Civil War broke out and Adolphus enlisted in the Union Army.

After returning from the war, he was enticed by his father-in-law, to sell his interests in the wholesale business and in 1873 became a partner of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association. He ran the firm for 33 years, until his death in 1913. In addition,

he was president of the South Side Bank and of the Manufacturer's Railway Company, founded the Adolphus Busch Glass Manufacturing Company, the Busch Sulzer Brothers Diesel Engine Company, and was creator of "Budweiser" beer.

He and Lilly lived on the brewery complex at Number 1 Busch Place, a 21 room manion. Together they had thirteen children, nine of whom lived to adulthood. The children were: Edward, Nellie, August A., Adolphus Jr., Peter, Emiles, Edmee, Alexis, Martha, Anna, Clara, Karl and Wilhelmine.

On October 13, 1913, Adolphus Busch died at his villa in Germany. It is reported that more than 30,000 persons viewed his body. Many street cars ceased to run and businesses extinguished lights for five minutes at the start of his funeral. He is buried at the Bellefontaine Cemetery on north Kingshighway.



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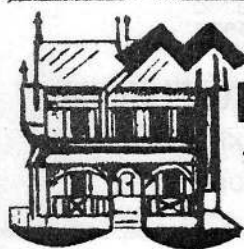
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Sweet Gum (slow growing, but a beautiful, tree--some people dislike the little prickly balls it makes in the fall)

Tulip (I like this tree but feel it spreads too much to be a nice street tree--beautiful flowers in the spring)

Shade Master Locust

Sugar Maple

Pin Oak

Red Bud (a real beauty in the spring--has a very graceful look if properly pruned)

Hornbeam

Japanese Pagoda (your guess is as good as mine. Because I'm on deadline, I didn't have time to look it up in a book)

Kwanzan Cherry (Ditto)

Little Leaf Linden

Marshall Seedless Ash

Washington Hawthorn

Globe Locust



FLEA MARKET IN SOULARD

The Second Annual Trinity Lutheran School Flea Market will be held Saturday, April 24, 1982. The flea market sponsored by the Parent Teacher League of the school will be from 9AM to 5:30PM on the school grounds and in the auditorium. Proceeds from the event are to be used to benefit the operation of the school's kindergarten. The flea market was such a success last year that the group decided to make it an annual event.

Inside spaces (with table) and gangway spaces outside are \$10; outside playground spaces are \$5. Antiques, collectables, household items, craft items and knick-knacks will highlight the items for sale. Refreshments will be available. For information on space rental or an application to rent a space call 771-4191 days or 776-6907 evenings. Space rental deadline is April 17. A raindate has been scheduled for May 1.



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DENTISTRY FOR CHILDREN

by Amy Piesma, DMD

Even though children eventually lose their primary teeth, these "baby teeth" still need attention and care. If the primary teeth fail to erupt, development of the permanent teeth will be blocked. If teeth are lost due to decay, other teeth will begin to shift into the open spaces, cutting off room for the permanent teeth growing into those locations.

As soon as the primary teeth appear, the parent should wash the child's teeth regularly with a wash cloth or gauze pad. Not only will regular cleaning help prevent decay, but will prepare the child for later visits to the dentist. By that time the child will be accustomed to other person's fingers in his or her mouth.

Children do not develop enough muscle control for thorough tooth cleansing until approximately age 6. Prior to that time they simply smear the paste around, and end up swallowing the tooth paste without doing very much cleaning.

Unless the child's teeth are decayed or some of the primary teeth are not coming in, the first visit to the dentist should be

scheduled at approximately age three. At that age the child will be able to understand directions so that necessary work can be completed. Parents should not wait until the child has a toothache. If children are in pain and fearful, they will be much more sensitive to touching and probing. This situation guarantees an unpleasant experience for everyone involved.

On the other hand, if children are not in pain at their first visit, the check-up, cleaning and fluoride treatment will be a pleasant experience. Regular fluoride treatments are quick and easy; the child will experience very little stress and will have added protection for the next few years until the permanent teeth appear.

Children properly introduced to dental care will be proud of their teeth, will learn to take responsibility for them and will have no fear of the dentist.

YOU'VE GOT TO WASH THAT SALT RIGHT OUT OF THOSE TREES

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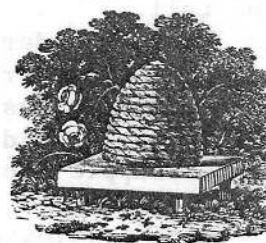


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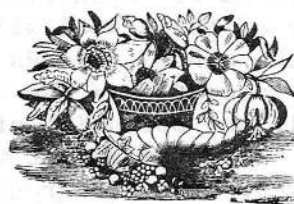


If Soulard Mardi Gras '82 is a harbinger of this year's social calendar, keep your health insurance current, sell the car and don't miss a weight watchers or A.A. meeting. you're going to need all the help you can get. Thanks again Hilary for a night that really lit Soulard up!

SRG's monthly socials have become gala events. This month's at Randy and John's Lion House drew the biggest crowd ever and well it should have. Seeing the restored frescoes, listening to Randy on the organ and enjoying the company of these two neat people did more for new membership than even Bob McDonald's notorious free drink offer.

Don't be surprised to see a new wing being built at St. Agatha's. What with the new Slemmens already here, the Marquis' on the way and the Charles Weavers' (alias Ruth Uxa) recent marriage, the baby boon has found Soulard.

Tilly had a dream the other night - everybody was lining up at Barr Branch Library (Jefferson and Lafayette) to register to vote. If you like making dreams come true, drop by the library any Saturday, 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. or Mondays and Wednesdays until 7 p.m. Help make Soulard a neighborhood that cares.



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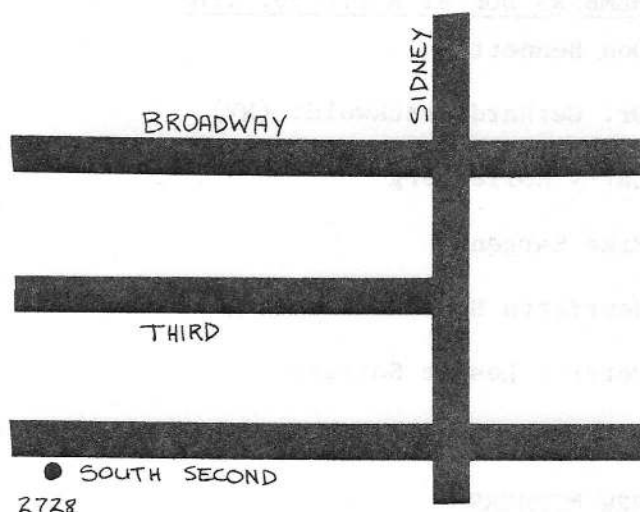
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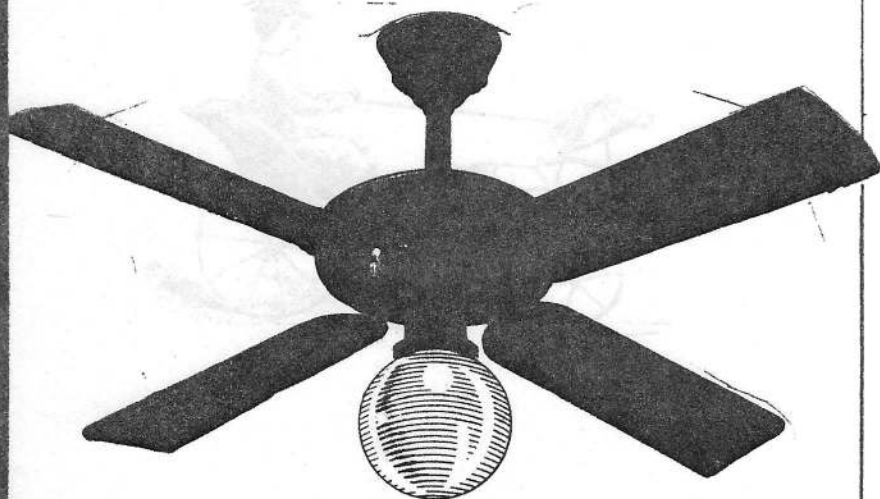


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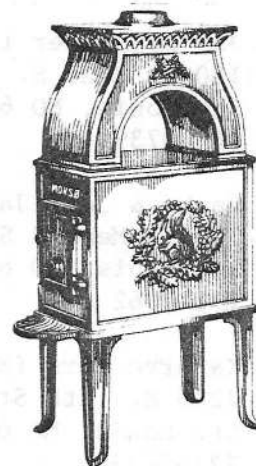


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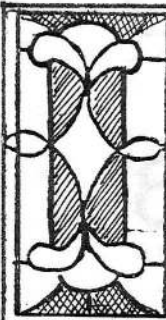
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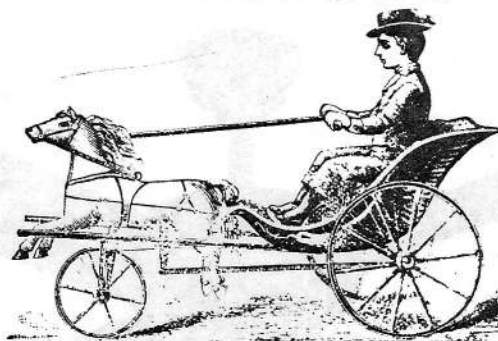
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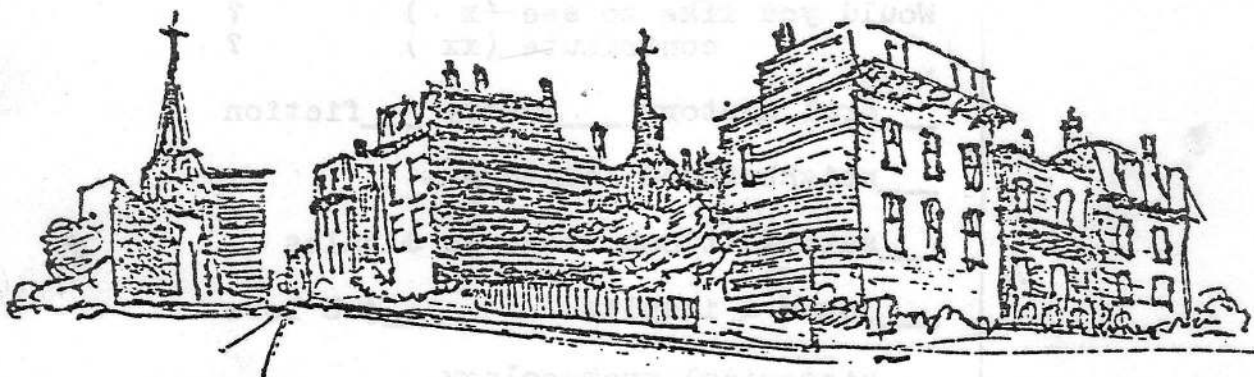
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