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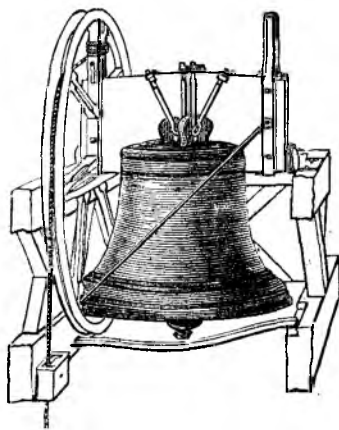
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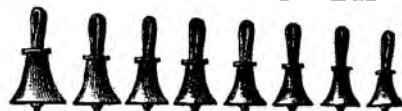
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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of this society, which was founded on January 8th five years ago, was held at Wotton-under-Edge on Monday. It now numbers about 180 performing members and 78 honorary members, with the Bishop of the Diocese as President, the Archdeacons of Gloucester and Bristol, Sir M. H. Beach, M.P., and Colonel R. N. F. Kingscote, M.P., as Vice-presidents; Mr. J. Drinkwater, master; the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, of France Lynch, Stroud, Hon. Sec.; and the Rev. F. E. B. Witts, of Norton, near Gloucester, Hon. Sec. The proceedings commenced by Divine Service at the parish church at eleven o'clock, when an address was delivered to the members present by the vicar of the parish, the Rev. H. Sewell, M.A. At the conclusion of the address some of the members ascended the tower and rang a peal of about an hour's duration. The meeting of the members took place in the Boys' Church Sunday Schoolroom, the chair being taken by the Rev. F. E. B. Witts, of Norton. The Hon. Sec. (the Rev. Pitt Eykyn) read the minutes of the last meeting, which was held at Bisley, and which were confirmed. A discussion took place as to the next place of meeting, Stow-on-the-Wold, Bourton-on-the-Water, Northleach, or a place near Bristol being suggested. On the proposition of Mr. Drinkwater (the master), it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the committee. Application had been made by some of the Wotton men to join the society as performing members, but as they were unable to comply with the requirements of the rules, viz., to be capable of taking part in a peal of 120 changes, they were not eligible. The dinner took place at the Swan Hotel. About 35 sat down, the chair being taken by the vicar, who was supported by Mr. A. H. Turner (churchwarden), Rev. C. R. Bailey (curate), Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Rev. F. E. B. Witts, Mr. J. Drinkwater, Mr. Latham (Stroud), Mr. Meaton (Gloucester), Mr. King (Stroud), Mr. Pegler (Bisley), and others. After the removal of the cloth the loyal toasts were given and responded to. The Rev. Pitt Eykyn gave "The Vicar and Churchwardens of Wotton," and in doing so announced that the vicar and Mr. A. H. Turner had been proposed as honorary members, and suggested their being elected at once, which was done. The Rev. H. Sewell, in responding, expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet the association. He had spoken in the morning as to his idea of ringers and ringing, and he was certain they would do a great deal of good, not only by learning others to ring, but by promoting decency among the ringers. He concluded by proposing "Success to the Association." The master responded, and said that, having arrived at the close of their fifth year of existence, they could review their work, and although they had not done all they could wish, they had done well. It was not change-ringing solely they were formed for, but belfry reform, and he hoped the ringers would not do anything to desecrate the walls of the church, of which the tower was a part. At the conclusion of the post-prandial proceedings some of the members returned to the tower and rang several touches. There were also touches on the handbells after dinner.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KIRK ELLA, YORKSHIRE.

The dedication of a new ring of six bells, the magnificent gift of a member of the congregation attending Divine Service at this church, took place on Tuesday, January 9th. The bells were cast and erected by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and were opened with a 720 of Yorkshire Court, which was rung for service in 29 mins. The sermon was preached by the Rev. H. L. Clarke, vicar of Hedon, who spoke of the different uses of bells in the olden times. The rev. gentleman also spoke of the reforms which had taken place in the belfries throughout England in the past few years, and said that change-ringing was an art that was worth cultivating, and he was glad to say that it was now being recognised as church work and that it was taking its place as such. After the service, the ringers, who were chosen from Holy Trinity church, Hull, again rang a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. A. Taylor, 1; W. Southwick, 2; J. Dixey, 3; J. W. Stickney, 4; C. Bennett, 5; C. Jackson, 6. Both peals were conducted by C. Jackson. Tenor 19½wt. Also on Wednesday, January 10th, the same company rang on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. J. Watson (of Kirk Ella Grange) to Miss L. Sanderson, 1883 changes in the following methods: 720 College Single, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 443 of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 15 mins; also during the day touches were rung in the following methods; Yorkshire Court, Grandsire Minor, Oxford Treble Bob, Court Bob, and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. All the above were conducted by C. Jackson. The above company are all members of the Yorkshire Association.

THE BEDDINGTON (SURREY) ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.

The Annual Supper of this society will be held at "The Red Lion," Hackbridge, Surrey, on Saturday, January 27th, at Seven o'clock. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each. The members of this company would rejoice to see any visitors on this occasion, and such will be accorded a hearty welcome. Application for tickets to be made to Mr. J. Trappitt, Taunton Cottages, Bandon Hill, Beddington, near Croydon, not later than Thursday, the 25th instant.

THE CROYDON SOCIETY.

THE annual dinner in connection with the above society was held at the Rose and Crown, Church Street, on Wednesday week. The Vicar occupied the chair, and Mr. Corbet Anderson the vice-chair. The churchwardens were represented by Mr. Price. After dinner, the usual loyal toasts were given and responded to. The chairman, in proposing the "Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces" said there was in the room a participator in the charge of the Light Brigade Mr. Gammage, and also a gentleman named Harvey, whose brother Lieutenant Harvey, who was one of the first officers, if not the first who entered Tel-el-Kebir.—Mr. Harvey appropriately responded. The toast of "The Clergy of the Parish Church" was proposed by Mr. Price. The Rev. J. M. Braithwaite, in responding, said he believed that everyone connected with the fabric or organization of the church had a ministry of their own, the bell-ringers' mission being to make the name of God known in the neighbourhood by ringing people to church. He hoped that the good feeling existing between the Croydon bell ringers and the clergy would be strengthened. The next toast was "success to the Croydon Society of Bell Ringers," the chairman observing that but little interest had been taken in the bells of the parish church, which was, he thought, a great mistake. The ringers had a great difficulty to put up with in the performance of their duty, inasmuch as the bells had not been well hung, and the tenor required some attention, and as complaints had been made with regard to the ringing of the bells in the church tower, he thought it was only right it should go forth to the public that the fault was not with the bell ringers. As soon as it was possible the churchwardens and himself would see that the bells were properly hung. With the toast he coupled the name of Mr. Blogg. Mr. Blogg, in a very practical speech, responded, remarking that had the officials of the church taken a proper interest in the church bellringing, that he should not have occupied the position that he did that evening. He was pleased to hear that there was a chance of the bells being rehung, for if this was done they would be able to welcome ringers from other towns who might wish to visit the tower, and inspect the bells. The toast "The Churchwardens and officers of the parish church" was duly proposed by Mr. Corbet Anderson, and responding to by Mr. Price and Mr. Whittaker. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing.

RINGERS' FESTIVITIES AT BOURNEMOUTH.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.—On Saturday last, the ringers of this church visited the parish church of St. Peter and St. Paul at Ringwood. They were met at the Vicarage by the Vicar (the Rev. W. F. Witts), and by his kindness were entertained with a substantial supply of tea and cake. After tea they proceeded to the belfry and rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. After the ringing a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his kindness and liberality, and the party returned home, having spent a most enjoyable afternoon and evening. The ringers present were Mr. A. Grist (deputy captain), Mr. Merritt (Treasurer), Mr. H. A. Garratt (Hon. Secretary), and Messrs. Green, Belben, Vivash, Scovell, and Bennett.

The annual supper of the company attached to the church of St. Peter, took place on Wednesday evening at Eden Glen, the residence of Mr. E. W. Rebbeck (the captain of the ringers). In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Rebbeck, there were also the Vicar (the Rev. G. S. Ram), and churchwarden (Mr. W. Scott Evans) of St. Peter's, and eight ringers. In the course of the evening the Vicar expressed satisfaction that the ringers, under the tuition of C. C. Child, Esq., of Christ Church, Oxford, were progressing favourably in the art of change-ringing, and he hoped that they would continue to practise with credit to themselves and to the church to which they belonged. The health of the captain (Mr. Rebbeck), and deputy captain (Mr. A. Grist), having been drunk with enthusiasm, the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Garratt) in the course of a few remarks said it was hoped that before long the apparatus known as Seage's dumb practice apparatus would be fixed in the belfry so that the ringers could practice on the bells without causing an annoyance to outsiders. It was also hoped that they would shortly be able to ring a "touch" of Triples for the Sunday services.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The January Meeting of this society was held at Old Hill, on Saturday, January 13th, when the bells of the parish church and those of Cradley, were placed at the disposal of the society. A resolution was passed that the next meeting be held at Kidderminster, on Easter Monday next, of which due notice will be given in this paper of time and place where members are to assemble. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Old Hill, and the ringers of Cradley, where permission had been granted for ringing during the day; and a vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. Perks (of Malvern), concluded the business.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

THE Annual Meeting of this branch was held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 13th. Ringers from Hurst, Sonning, Sandhurst, Wargrave, and Wokingham assembled at Four o'clock to ring at the churches of All Saints and St. Paul. At Six o'clock p.m., a short choral service was held in the parish church, and an excellent practical address given by the Rev. Dolben Paul, on the words: "Prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us; O prosper Thou our handiwork." He dwelt especially on the work of bell-ringing being distinctly a Church work, and one which should be consecrated to God's service by being performed in the right way. There were two ways of bell-ringing—"a right way," by which the bells might be rung in successive changes: and "a wrong way," or "a makeshift," by which the bells might be rung in "call-changes" or rounds. Having dwelt upon the peculiar temptations of bellringers to self-conceit and quarrelsomeness, he begged all his brother-guildsmen to remember that God alone could prosper the work of their hands upon them.

A substantial tea was afterwards given to the members of the branch, and the meeting concluded with the Annual General Meeting for the election of officers and other business. The Secretary, in his report for the previous year, in speaking of the services of Mr. Haworth, the Guild's instructor, said that the branch now numbered 50 change-ringers who had passed the test of 120 Grandsire Doubles, against 24 the previous year, and that this, with an increase of honorary members, had increased the numbers from 96 to 118. No one could doubt that the Guild was doing a most useful work for the Church. The hearty service in the church, and the general goodwill expressed was of itself an evidence of a higher tone among our ringers, and of a greater care for a long-neglected corner of our parish churches.

THE ART AT ST. SEPULCHRE'S, SNOW HILL.

ON Saturday evening, January 13th, the Annual Supper of this progressing young society took place at the meeting-house, Smithfield, when about 20 sat down and did real justice to a splendid repast provided for the occasion by host Sadler. After partaking of this liberal refection, the usual loyal toasts were given and duly honoured. "The health of the Society" was next given, and responded to by Mr. J. Wheeler, Master of the Society, who presided. Mr. Steeplekeeper Lovate gave "The Visitors and the Royal Cumberlands," most of the company present belonging to that society, and several prominent members being in attendance, musical honours followed the toast. Mr. J. Nelms responded for the Royal Cumberlands, Mr. T. Bates (a builder in the immediate neighbourhood), for the visitors, the latter gentleman saying that he was and had been for fifty years a great lover of bells and ringing, to which statement, his liberality on this and former occasions is ample testimony. The evening's pleasure was enhanced by change-ringing and tune-playing on handbells. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a conclusion by the toast of "the Stewards," which was suitably responded to.

THE LONG MELFORD (SUFFOLK) SOCIETY.

ON December 26th, 1882, the members of the above company held their annual dinner at the "Black Lion" Hotel, which repast is given to them by their worthy Rector, the Rev. C. J. Martyne. The chair was taken by the respected parish clerk, Mr. Frederick R. Steed. The dinner was served by host Pretty, in good style. After dinner the chairman proposed "The Health of the Rector," which was well received by all the company. Some tunes and touches on the handbells brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

OBITUARY.—On Monday evening, January 1st, a muffled knell was rung at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, by the St. Stephen's society, to the memory of Mr. William Dowling, who died on that morning, aged 51 years. The deceased, who died rather sudden (he having met the society on the Friday previous), was the highly respected steeple-keeper of St. Mary Redcliffe church, and was an excellent ringer. During his lifetime he had taken part in a great number of peals with the St. Stephen's society. His death makes the sixth which has occurred among the members of this society in the space of five years. On Saturday, January 6th, his mortal remains were carried into the church, the organist playing "The Dead March," the Service being read by the vicar, the Rev. Mr. Cornish. After the service in the church his body was conveyed to Arno's Vale cemetery, and interred; many of the ringers following him to his last resting-place. The burial service was read by the Rev. Mr. Taylor, vicar of St. Thomas's. After the funeral, muffled peals were rung at St. Mary Redcliffe by the above society and also at St. Thomas's by the St. James's society as a mark of respect, the latter being the church he first learned the art of change-ringing.

WITNESHAM, SUFFOLK.

At this village church, during the past year, there has been rang on these bells sixty 720's, made up by the following numbers in various methods, viz:—Eight of Woodbine Treble Bob; five of New London Pleasure; four of Violet Treble Bob; five of Duke of York; four of City Delight; three of Plain Bob Minor; six of Kent Treble Bob; nine of Oxford Treble Bob; one of Arnold's Victory; four of Cambridge Surprise; one of London Scholars' Pleasure; three of College Pleasure; three of Oxford Delight; two of Oxford Single Bob; two of Morning Pleasure; besides touches taken from Merchant's Delight, Christmas Eve, and College Single. This will be seen to be fourteen Treble Bob methods, and four of plain hunt; two peals of 5040 changes have also been performed, one by the village society, and one by a mixed band, consisting of four of the home society assisted by two of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. The number of peals and various methods practised are not so many as would have been the case, owing to the following unforeseen circumstances; the parish is purely agricultural, and the ringers reside in a scattered area of from two to three miles, and on account of the unusual length of haymaking and harvest operations, the practice meetings had to be suspended, and again later on through the illness of the rector's wife, but enough has been accomplished to illustrate the reward of perseverance. The society trusts that this simple record of facts will not be taken as a boast, as few companies are better aware of the great difficulty in maintaining a fair company in a country village, as dozens of young men have been tutored to a fair state of proficiency only to suddenly take their departure to "fresh fields and pastures new," and the present band mainly consists of young lads aged 15, 17, and 18 years, who have been ringers only a short time, and who will, if they remain another year in the village, agreeably surprise the writer; but let us hope they may, if only for the sake of their instructor, Mr. Thomas Sadler.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

THE next meeting of this Association will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Monday, January 29th. The tower will be open for ringing at Two o'clock. The meeting for business, and Tea which will be provided for members, will be held at the Leopold Coffee Tavern at 5.30 p.m.; non-members One and Sixpence each. All those intending to be present will oblige by sending in their names to me not later than Friday, January 26. Ringers and friends earnestly invited.

Eagle House, Wimbeldon.

A. B. PERCEVAL.

ST. MARY'S, SELLY OAK, NEAR BIRMINGHAM.

ON Wednesday evening January 10th, the above society held their Annual Supper at "The White Horse" Selly Oak. Mr. R. Wilson presided, and after ample justice had been done to the "Roast Beef of Old England," and other things provided, which spoke well of Mr. Preece as a caterer, the evening was well spent in a series of toasting, singing, tunes on the handbells, and a touch on eight bells. After a vote of thanks to the chairman the meeting separated, having spent a most pleasant evening. St. Mary's tower has only six bells, but the ringers live in hopes of having them augmented to eight.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

The meetings of this Society will be as follows, for practice only: ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD at 8.30 p.m., Wednesdays: January 31st; February 14th, 28th; March 14th, 28th; April 11th, 25th. William Coppage, Steeple Keeper. ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER, at 7.45 p.m., Fridays: January 26th; February 9th, 23rd; March 9th, 23rd; April 6th, 20th. Samuel Smith, Steeple Keeper.

THE WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

The members of the above Association will meet for practice at the following Belfries:—

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Slough, Saturdays, 10th February and 10th March, at 6.30.

Ruislip, Saturdays, 17th February and 17th March, at 7.30.

The ringing will be under the direction of Mr. W. Baron, instructor to the Association.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 27th, 1883, at St. Michael's church, Garston. Ringing from 2 p.m. Tea at Schoolroom at 6 p.m. Tickets 1s. 6d.

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Contributions are invited from any of our friends. We shall always be glad to give any information asked for, relative to the subjects this paper deals with.

The Editor would be glad to receive the names of gentlemen who would be willing to act for their respective districts, in the capacity of reporter or correspondent. We shall feel obliged by Association and other Secretaries sending intelligence of events occurring within their jurisdiction.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1883.

It has already been intimated that at the close of our first volume, viz.: the fifty-second number, that an index and appropriate title-page will be given. This statement will satisfy some of our readers who during the past week have interrogated us on the subject. We publish this week an extraordinary number of peals, and this must be our excuse for again holding over several interesting articles, already in type, from valued and esteemed contributors. We feel confident that the time is near when the space at our disposal will be sufficient for our requirements. The circulation of "THE BELL NEWS" is steadily increasing each week, and our friends will be glad to hear that the sale required to bring about its permanent enlargement is nearly reached. Further efforts by our friends to promote its interests are all that is needed.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.—BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

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Conducted by CHARLES GORDON.

Previous to starting for this peal, Messrs. Fayers and Harris were elected members of the Society of College Youths. This is the first peal of Major by any of the above band, and J. Harris's first peal in any method.

J. Fayers hails from Mitcham; the rest of the company from Beddington. J. Harris formerly belonged to the society of St. Peter-at-Gowts, Lincoln.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. CAMBERWELL, SURREY.

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JOHN NELMS	2.	THOMAS TAYLOR	6.
WILLIAM JONES	3.	GEORGE FLAVELL	7.
FRED. BATE	4.	JOHN LEWIS	Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN NELMS.

*First peal with a bob bell.

[This report would have appeared in our Christmas number, had the name of the Church been forwarded.]

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

On Saturday, January 13, 1883, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

NEWLAND ALDERMAN	Treble.	HARRY RANDALL	5.
GEORGE NEWSON	2.	WILLIAM DORAN	6.
CHARLES HOPKINS	3.	SAMUEL JARMAN	7.
JAMES HANNINGTON	4.	ALFRED DAWES	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This is the first peal of Stedman rang upon the bells. Messrs. Alderman and Doran's first peal in the method, and A. Dawes' first peal.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

On Saturday, January 13, 1883, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT ALL HALLOWS CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MR. PENNING'S ORIGINAL 1-PART PEAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES PRIEST*	Treble.	*ERNEST ROBINS	5.
JOHN GOBBETT	2.	EDWARD MOSES	6.
MATTHEW ELLSMORE	3.	A. H. GARDOM, ESQ.	7.
HUGH SCARLETT	4.	JOSEPH BARRY	Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR H. GARDOM.

[* First peal.]

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.—LEWISHAM, KENT.

On Thursday, January 11, 1883, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S 10-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt. in Eb.

C. J. BARHAM*	Treble.	A. G. FREEMAN	5.
W. PEAD	2.	T. TAYLOR	6.
W. WEATHERSTONE	3.	H. FREEMAN	7.
T. G. DEAL	4.	E. FREEMAN	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE.

[*First peal.]

Mr. Barham, who hails from Erith, was unanimously elected a member of the Society previous to starting for the peal. He is the grandson of the late Mr. James Barham, who took part in the long lengths at Leeds, Kent.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, January 15, 1883, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

J. R. HAWORTH	Treble.	M. A. WOOD	6.
H. BOSWELL	2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
R. JAMESON	3.	J. PETTIT	8.
F. E. DAWE	4.	W. GREENLEAF	9.
G. DORRINGTON	5.	E. ALBONE	Tenor.

Composed by Mr. J. Cox; Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
CHELSEA, MIDDLESEX.

On Tuesday, January 16, 1883, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
At St. Luke's Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JOHN ROGERSTreble.	WILLIAM HOVERD 6.
JOHN GOBBETT* 2.	EDWARD MOSES.. .. 7.
JOHN NELMS.. .. . 3.	*WILLIAM DORAN 8.
HENRY DAINS 4.	DAVID STACKWOOD 9.
HARRY RANDALL* 5.	SAMUEL JARMANTenor.

Composed by the late JEREMIAH MILLER; Conducted by
JOHN ROGERS.

Many years have elapsed since Treble Bob was rung on these bells, and it is believed to be the first in the Kent variation.

*First peal of Royal.

The Provinces.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

Muffled Peal.

On Saturday, January 13, 1883, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN SIDEBOTHAM*Treble.	WILLIAM MIDDLETON .. 5.
JOHN HARROP 2.	THOMAS WILDE.. .. 6.
HUGH SHAW 3.	THOMAS BRADDOCK 7.
ROBERT WRIGHT 4.	JAMES S. WILDETenor.

Composed by the late JAMES WILDE of Hyde, and conducted by
JAMES S. WILDE.

[* First peal.]

This peal was rung with the bells deeply-muffled as a last token of esteem and respect to the late Mr. John Bailey, who was for a number of years a ringer at the above church, and whose remains were interred just previous to ringing it.

Messrs. Wilde Brothers hail from Hyde, Shaw from Stalybridge, the remainder of the company from Mottram.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—LEICESTER.

On Saturday, January 13, 1883, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
At St. Saviour's Church.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN.. ..Treble.	ARTHUR WAKLEY 5.
JOHN JAGGAR 2.	THOMAS HOLMES 6.
HARRY WAKLEY.. .. . 3.	JOHN HOWE 7.
HENRY C. WOODWARD .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEYTenor.

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE BIRMINGHAM ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, January 15, 1883, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S 10-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN JAMES.. .. .Treble.	S. REEVES.. .. . 5.
JOHN BUFFERY 2.	JOHN DUNN 6.
H. BASTABLE 3.	THOMAS MILLER 7.
AMOS CRESSER 4.	FRANK H. JAMESTenor.

Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the re-opening of the bells, which have been re-hung by Messrs. Blews, of Birmingham. After the peal the ringers were entertained, by the donor of the bells, at "The Cross Keys" inn, where a number of touches and plain courses in different methods were performed.

This is the first peal ever rang in Erdington.

THE BIRMINGHAM ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.
HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 15, 1883, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At St. Peter's Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6336 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

AMOS CRESSERTreble.	WILLIAM SMALL 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	JOHN DUNN 6.
H. BASTABLE 3.	FRANK H. JAMES 7.
H. JOHNSON, SEN. 4.	WILLIAM HALLSWORTH ..Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, SEN., and conducted by WILLIAM HALLSWORTH.

This was the longest peal on the bells, and the greatest number of changes ever rang in Staffordshire in this method. The figures will be found in Snowdon's Treatise of Treble Bob.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—WORSLEY.

On Tuesday, January 16, 1883, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At St. Martin's Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S 10-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 14 lbs.

EDWARD CASHTreble.	GEORGE HENRY JOHNSON 5.
CHARLES CASH 2.	JAMES BARRATT 6.
RICHARD PEARCE.. .. . 3.	FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE.. 7.
JAMES RIDYARD 4.	WILLIAM ASHCROFTTenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HENRY JOHNSON.

Messrs. E. Cash, Johnson, Barratt, and Ashcroft, hail from Eccles; C. Cash and Pearce, from Swinton; and Ridyard and Derbyshire, from Worsley.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

On Tuesday, December 19, 1882, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At St. Mary's Church,

5040 CHANGES; IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS, viz.:

CITY DELIGHT; DUKE OF YORK; LONDON SCHOLARS;
WOODBINE; NEW LONDON PLEASURE; OXFORD; & VIOLET;
A 720 of each, in the foregoing order.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

ALFRED WRIGHT.. ..Treble.	THOMAS MANIFIELD.. .. 4.
CHARLES AINLEY 2.	GEORGE GLEADALE 5.
JOHN S. JENKINSON 3.	FRANCIS JENKINSONTenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS JENKINSON.

It is nineteen years ago on the day of the above performance, since a 5040 was rung upon these bells. The ringers of the 5th and tenor rang in the previous 5040.

Date Touch.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE (Cheshire).—Muffled Peal.—On Sunday, January 14th, eight members of the Society of Change-Ringers, Hyde, paid a visit to Mottram, and rang, with the bells deeply muffled, a date touch of 1883 changes of Bob Major, in 1 hr. 3 mins., as a last token of respect to Mr. John Bailey, a respected member of the Mottram Society of Change-Ringers, whose mortal remains were interred on Saturday, January 13th, in the cemetery belonging to the Old Church at Mottram. The coffin was borne to the grave by a number of his brother-ringers from Mottram and Hyde. James Shaw, 1; Ralph Prichard, 2; Thomas Bradley, 3; Robert Woolley, 4; John Fildes, 5; Samuel Bradley, 6; Thomas Wilde, 7; James S. Wilde, 8. Composed by James S. Wilde, and conducted by Thomas Wilde.

Miscellaneous.

ALDEBURGH (Suffolk).—On Christmas-Day, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1080 Grandsire Doubles in 37 mins. C. Smith, 1; E. Cooper, 2; J. Colliss, 3; F. Cooper, 4; C. Cooke, 5. Tenor 11½ cwt.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Sunday January, 7th, for afternoon service at St. Mary's, on the back six, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Zealey, 1; C. Gordon, 2; J. Trappitt, 3; J. Harris, 4; J. Plowman (conductor), 5; J. Cawley, 6. Tenor 21 cwt. Eb.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—HARWICH.

On Saturday, January 13th, 1883, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At St. NICHOLAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. Treble.	JOHN FOSDIKE 5.
HENRY BEVAN 2.	EDGAR PEMBERTON 6.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER 3.	ROBERT HAWES 7.
WILLIAM MEADOWS 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and conducted by W. L. CATCHPOLE.

This peal is No. 50 in the Association Report, 1882, in two parts, with the alternate calling in the first course. The first in the method, and the 2nd peal on the bells. All the above company are College Youths.

[Through an oversight, this report is out of its proper place.]

BENGELO (Hertford).—On Sunday, January 14th, for Divine Service in the evening (by kind permission of the Rev. J. C. Mansel-Pleydell, Rector), six of the Hertford College Youths assembled at Holy Trinity Church, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins., thus completing the first 720 on the new bells, which were opened by the Society on New Year's eve. Fredk. Geo. Crawley, 1; James Staples, 2; Alfred Baker, 3; Jasper G. Crawley, 4; Thomas Gathard, 5; Herbert Baker (conductor), 6. Tenor 7 cwt. in A. After service several 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung by members of the same society.

BENHILTON (Surrey).—At the weekly practice on Tuesday evening, Jan. 16th, at All Saints, six members of the Benhilton Society rang in 28 minutes a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with thirty-eight bobs, and twenty-two singles. Lewin Ferrige, 1; George F. Scott, Esq., 2; George Petrie, 3; Charles Trendell, 4; James Trendell, 5; John Trendell (conductor), 6. Tower-keeper, G. Turner. First 720 of Grandsire Minor on the bells, and also by the ringers, who have practised this method about two months. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

BRISTOL.—(Muffled Peal).—On Monday evening, January 15th, at St. Philip's parish church, 840 Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, on account of that day being the anniversary of the death of the late Mr. Alfred Jones, for many years a change-ringer of this city.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, January 13th, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; S. Hammond (conductor), 4; F. Rudkin, 5; A. Huckson, 6. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. H. E. Hammond, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; S. Hammond, 3; F. Rudkin, 4; A. Huckson, 5; T. Watson, 6. On Sunday, January 14th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; S. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; A. Huckson, 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor. T. Watson, 1; Frank Bumsted, 2; S. Hammond, 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; A. Huckson, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. The above is the first 6-score of Stedman on the bells by any of the above company. First 720 by Frank Bumsted with a bob bell.

CRETINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, Jan. 14th, twenty-one 6-scores were rung by the Cretingham Society in the following methods: Cambridge Journey, Cambridge Delight, Westminster Doubles, Winwick Doubles, Reading Doubles, Chace, St. Dunstan's Doubles, The Dream, London Doubles, College Doubles, Antelope, Gog Magog, Grandsire, Old Doubles, Plain Doubles, Victory, St. Patrick, St. Peter's Doubles, Fortune, St. Clement's Doubles, and Nightingale. S. Meadowe, 1; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 2; G. Wicks, 3; A. S. Wightman, 4; S. Wightman, 5.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Monday evening, January 15th, six members of the above society rang upon the bells of the parish church, a 720 of Ely Surprise Minor, in 30 mins. John Slater, 1; Zachariah Slater, 2; Frederick Wells, 3; Oliver Garwood, 4; F. Paul Adams, 5; Samuel Slater (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in this method by this society, and is also another of the sixteen Surprise methods from the Clavis.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, January 14th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 27 mins. H. Nunn, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; J. Leach, 3; J. Nunn, 4; T. Titchener, 5; T. Monks, 6. Also after Divine Service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. H. Nunn, 1; J. Leach, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; T. Titchener, 4; J. Nunn, 5; A. Jacob, 6. A 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. A. Dawes (first 720), 1; G. Griffin, 2; A. Jacob, 3; J. Nunn, 4; J. Hannington (conductor), 5; T. Titchener, 6. A 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. H. Nunn, 1; J. Leach, 2; J. Hannington, 3; T. Titchener, 4; J. Nunn, 5; E. King, 6. Another 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. P. Parker, 1; G. Griffin, 2; A. Jacob, 3; J. Hannington, 4; A. Dawes, 5; W. Linge, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Monday evening, January 15th, six members of the above society rang for practice a 720 of College Single Minor, in 28 mins; being the first 720 in that method ever rung on these bells. Samuel Clarke, 1; George Bradley, 2; John Ward, 3; John Copeland, 4; Arthur Widdowson, 5; Joseph Barrow (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday afternoon, January 13th, the Long Melford bells pealed forth with joy, to welcome, on return from their wedding tour, of Mr. and Mrs. Lees, the lady being the second daughter of the Rector of this parish, the Rev. C. J. Martyne. And on Sunday, January 14th, the bells again rang merrily before the 8 o'clock service, and again before the 10.30 service, in honour of the birthday of the esteemed rector, and all wish him many happy returns.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, January 14th, before evening service at All Saints, Boyne Hill, in 1 hr. and 3 mins., a touch of 1680 Grandsire Triples. J. Eldridge, 1; G. Wilkins, junr., 2; J. W. Wilkins, 3; H. Rogers, 4; R. Smith, 5; W. A. Garraway (conductor), 6; E. Rogers, 7; G. Wilkins, senr. 8. Tenor 17½ cwt.

MEREWORTH (Kent).—On Friday, January 12th, six members of the local company rang six 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, in 25 mins. G. Sudds, 1; A. Brooker, 2; G. Bell, 3; G. Newman, 4; F. G. Newman, 5; T. Buss, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

MONEDDEN (Suffolk).—Handbell Ringing.—On Sunday morning, January 14th, six of the Monewden handbell society rang upon the bells (retained in hand), a course of Grandsire Cinques, S. Martin, 1-2; Joseph Tarrant, 3-4; R. H. Hayward, 5-6; Peto Meadows, 7-8; Thomas Tarrant, 9-10; William Tarrant, 11-12.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, January 14, the local company rang after evening service at St. Peter's, a touch of Grandsire Triples, 672 changes. F. Tolliday, 1; J. Campin, 2; A. Scott (conductor), 3; C. Sillitoe, 4; W. Howell, 5; H. Harper, 6; W. Cross, 7; G. L. Andrews Esq., 8. The following also met at St. Gregory's on Saturday, January 13th, and attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing for 1 hour and 30 minutes it came to grief. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Griggs, 2; J. Campin, 3; V. Howell, 4; C. Sillitoe, 5; H. Harper, 6; W. Cross, 7; A. Scott (conductor), 8. Also on Tuesday, January 16th, for practice at All Saints, a touch of Grandsire Triples, 672 changes. W. Bacon, 1; M. Silvestre, 2; G. Brown, 3; W. Howell, 4; A. Scott (conductor), 5; C. Sillitoe, 6; H. Harper, 7; G. Gooch, 8. The following also rang on Handbells, the same evening a course of Grandsire Caters. M. Silvestre, 1-2; A. Scott, 3-4; C. Sillitoe, 5-6; W. Howell, 7-8; H. Harper, 9-10. Also a course of Bob Major, C. Sillitoe, 1-2-3-4; W. Howell, 5-6; A. Scott, 7-8. The weights of the tenors are: St. Gregory's 16 cwt. in F; St. Peter's, 22 cwt. in Eb; and All Saints, 28 cwt. in D.

WORDSLEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday last, January 14th, the Wordsley ringers rang, with bells deeply muffled, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, the tenor covering. The rope of the treble broke, so two were rang without, making a total of 720 changes. Rung as a token of respect to the late Earl of Stamford and Warrington, who was a most benevolent supporter of Enville and the country round, thousands of persons being permitted to visit his gardens each year. Thomas Darby, 1; William Henry Hughes, 2; Edward George Husselbee, 3; Ernest Samuel Chapman, 4; William Lawrence, 5; Joseph Husselbee, 6.

WEST MALLING (Kent).—On Sunday, January 14th, for evening service, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Driver, 1; W. Aldridge, 2; E. Baldock, 3; W. Harding, 4; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 5; F. G. Newman, 6. Also after service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. E. Bonner, 1; C. Payne, 2; D. Hall, 3; G. Pawley, 4; J. W. Leonard, 5; F. G. Newman (conductor), 6. Tenor about 12 cwt.

WITNESHAM (Suffolk).—On Christmas morning, a 720 of Oxford Delight was rung by the following:—Thomas Sadler (conductor), 1; William Damant (aged 15 years), 2; Charles Chooet, 3; William Wood, 4; (no 5th mentioned); George Pyett, 6. Also on January 2nd, assisted by the Rev. W. C. Pearson, of Syston, Leicestershire, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Thomas Sadler, 1; William Damant, 2; Charles Chooet, 3; William Wood, 4; William Ramsay (conductor), 5; Rev. W. C. Pearson, 6.

WORCESTER.—(Funeral Peal).—On Thursday evening, January 9th, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung at Swithin's church, and a 720 of Grandsire Minor (in six parts) at St. Martin's church, in this city. Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. H. Banks, who was formerly a member of the ringing society attached to the last-named church. The deceased was interred at the city cemetery on the above date. S. Paton, 1; N. Wale, 2; J. Hinton, sen., 3; J. Reynolds, 4; S. Price, 5; H. Wilkes (conductor), 6.

**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday, January 14th, for evening service at Christ Church, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. Nott, 1; J. Rossiter, 2; Joel Hern, 3; A. Sawyer, 4; W. Waugh, 5; R. Wignell, 6; R. S. Story (of St. John's, Newcastle), 7; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 8. On Tuesday night for practice, a course (360) of Kent Treble Bob Royal. S. Nott, 1; J. Rossiter, 2; A. Sawyer, 3; R. Smith, 4; R. Wignell, 5; Joel Hern, 6; W. Waugh, 7; H. Ross, 8; R. S. Story, 9; W. Reed, Esq. 10. First course in this method (on ten) for all this band. Also a course of Stedman Triples, being the first for all the band. A. Sawyer, 1; H. Ross, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; R. Smith, 4; W. Reed, Esq. 5; R. Wignell, 6; R. S. Story, 7; S. Nott, 8. Also another course with W. Waugh on the 5th, being his first course in the method.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, Jan. 15th, at St. John's church, in 27½ mins, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Campbell, 1; *C. L. Routledge, 2; W. G. Routledge (conductor) 3; *T. Des Forges, 4; *William Story, 5; R. Smith (North Shields), 6. Also the same evening, on the same bells, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. C. L. Routledge (conductor), Francis Lees, 2; R. Smith (North Shields), 3; Walter G. Routledge, 4; William Story, 5; George Herdman, 6. Tenor 14½ cwt. *First 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, and the first in the method conducted by W. G. Routledge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 11th, at St. Mary Magdalen, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins. Job Howes, 1; Chas. Boots, 2; Chas. Hounslow, 3; Jas. W. Washbrook (conductor), 4; Oliver Thomas, 5; W. Finch, 6. And on Monday, January 15th, a 720 in the same method, in 25 mins., with the bells half-muffled out of respect to Mr. Allchin, organist. Job Howes, 1; T. Paine, 2; John Collier, 3; C. Boots, 4; W. Baston, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 16th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 27 mins. at Holywell parish church. Job Howes, 1; C. Boots, 2; W. Baston, 3; O. Thomas, 4; S. Hounslow, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. And on January 16th a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 23 mins. J. Howes, 1; C. Boots, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 4; O. Thomas, 5; W. Finch, 6.

Mr. H. A. Garrett, Hon. Sec. of the Bournemouth St. Peter's society, writes:—Can you or any of your readers inform me the best kind of grease to use for bells? we have used several kinds here but none to answer, it all seems to dry hard and form a little arch over the gudgeon and does not feed the bearing. We fancy the sea air affects it, as we are situated within 300 yards of the sea.

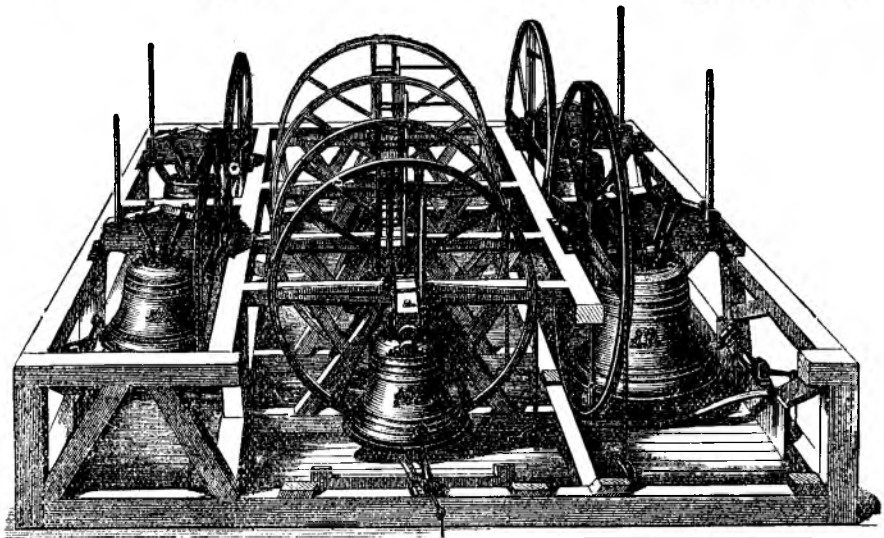
M. C. POTTER, Esq., President of the Cambridge University Society, is collecting all the five-bell methods extant, and would feel obliged if any of our readers would forward to him any they may have in their possession.

Mr. D. Prentice writes, concerning his letter of last week, that it should have been Winesham, not Woodbridge, that has a good ring of six; and it should be his first "1000" which he rang at Diss, not his first "5000."

We shall deal next week with the second letter from Hull, Mr. Stickney's report was already in type.

We shall feel obliged by all reports being sent to our office as early in the week as possible.

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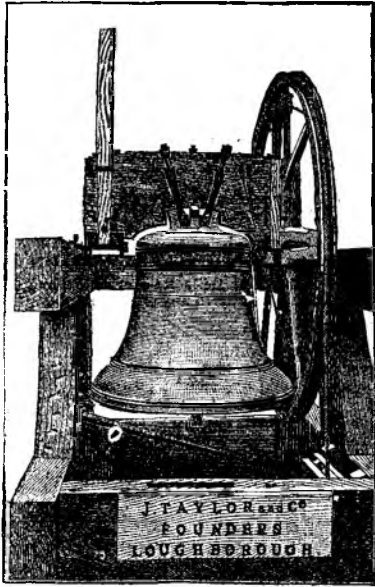
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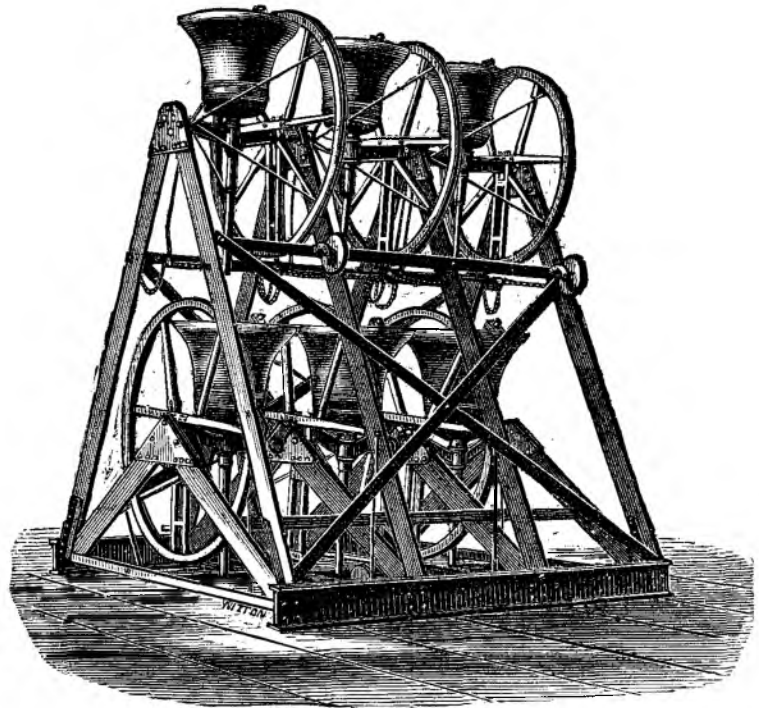
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