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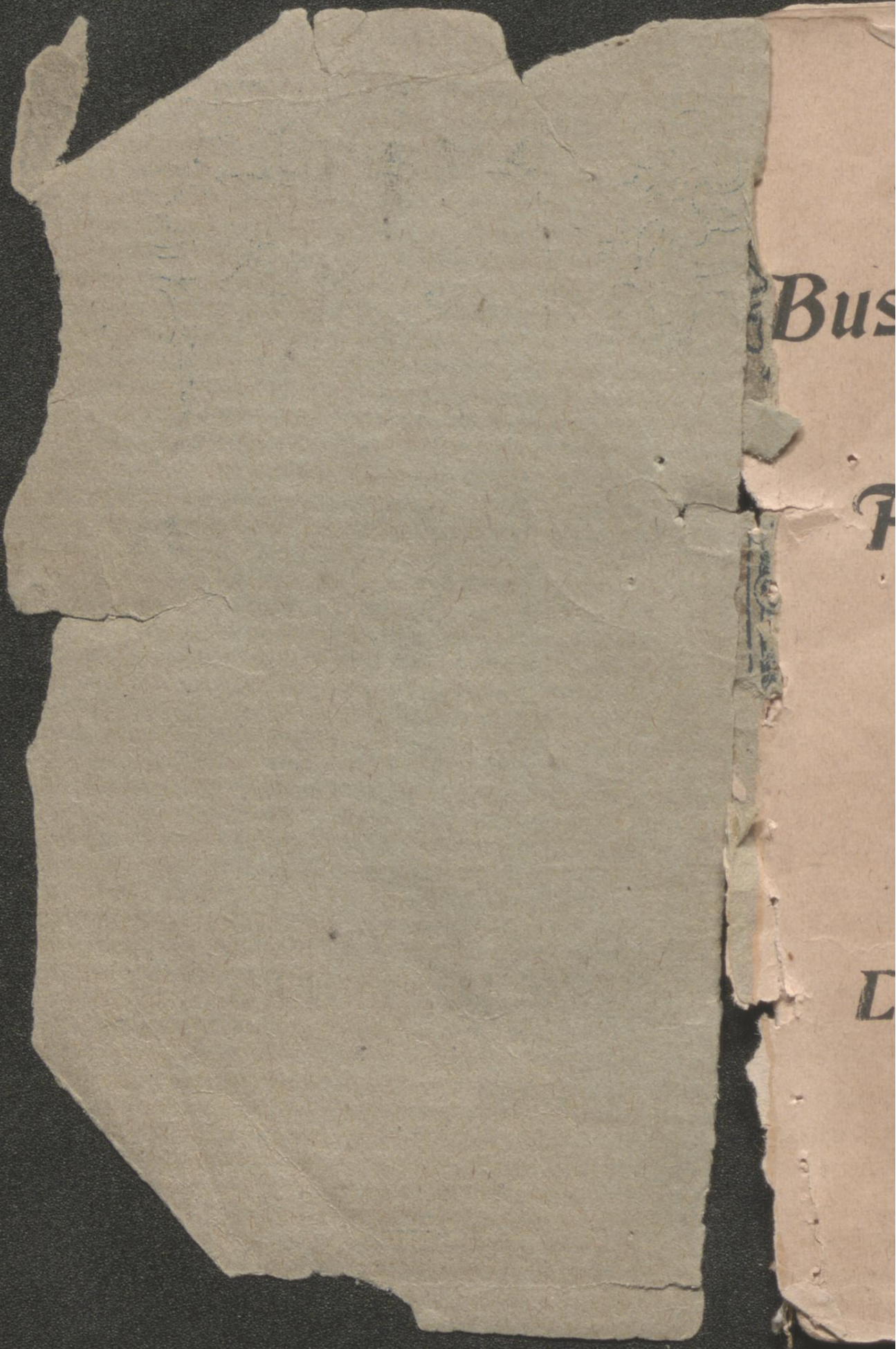
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## Preface.

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This little pamphlet is simply a miniature list of the Negro Business Men of Lexington. It is not complete by any means, but it is not the fault of the publishers. Lexington takes front rank in Kentucky, and possibly in the South, so far as Negro business enterprises are concerned, and the very limited list of those who are mentioned in this pamphlet must not be taken as even the average of those who are engaged in every line of business. The solicitor visited every Negro business house in the city, but a majority showed such an indifference—and some even positively refused to subscribe to such an enterprise that it was taken for granted that they did not value the benefit of an advertisement. (This is one of the faults, or lack of business capacity, of the Negro which we hope will be overcome.) Almost paralyzed, the solicitor reports that he stood enveloped in wonderment and asked himself when will the Negro ever see the necessity of letting the public know how and what kind of business he is conducting so as to bring him trade and a commercial standing in the community. He however gives those who are progressive and understand the need and necessity

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of advertising their business, the benefit of this publication. They seem to know that the publication of such a booklet is to provide the race with a true and technical account of its industrial, mercantile and professional development.

This little pamphlet might seem a small thing, but our view of it is that it will stimulate genius to great effort by increasing opportunities for usefulness. The principal reason, however, is to try to teach the true value of the American Negro to the body politic, by detailing plain facts and figures to prove, 1. His capabilities and attainments under unfavorable circumstances; 2. To show the vast difference between the individual members of the race by pointing out the reliable and progressive ones.

If we ever reach the sphere in which civilization makes no difference, we must go by means of our own industrial and educational efforts, keeping ever before us the time-honored motto; "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and success.

This is but the beginning of what we shall do in the future. This little booklet will be issued annually, and it is hoped that those who could not, or did not, see the necessity of such an advertising medium, will in the future see it by perusing this one, and assist us to furnish a complete and reliable directory of Negro trades, businesses and professions in which they are not now included.

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## Short History of the Colored A. & M. Fair Association.

This is one of the largest enterprises among the Negroes of the South. It was organized in 1869, and the first Fair was held October 6 to 9 of that year, on the Newtown pike, a short distance from the city. In 1872 they leased a piece of ground on the Georgetown pike, which was nicely arranged for the purpose, with seating capacity in the amphitheatre for 2,500 persons. For fifteen years Fairs were held on these grounds, but the large and increasing attendance from year to year, drawn by the high-class of the exhibits, and liberal premiums offered, soon convinced the managers that something must be done to accommodate both visitors and exhibitors. Their lease having expired, a committee waited upon the White Fair Association to ascertain if an agreement could be reached for holding the Negro Fair on its grounds. Such a committee was finally appointed and it succeeded in making a contract satisfactory to both organizations.

The first Fair held by Negroes on the White Association grounds was in 1887, and since then their Fairs have been held there. They are considered the finest and best adapted grounds for fair and racing purposes in America. The proximity of the grounds to the city, with an electric car line running to the gate that conveys passengers from any part of the city for five cents; a race course pronounced by all first-class horsemen to be the equal of any; a double-

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The officers, in preparing their catalogue, always take special care and deep interest in striving to accommodate all classes of woman's handiwork, and very often the Secretary makes a personal canvass among them. It is the prime desire of the Association to create rivalry and thereby stimulate and encourage industry and artistic talent, especially among young women. To show the unselfishness of the Association liberal premiums are offered on all articles exhibited in Floral Hall, without entrance fee. This department of the Fair has grown from year to year, until it is now one of the main attractions.

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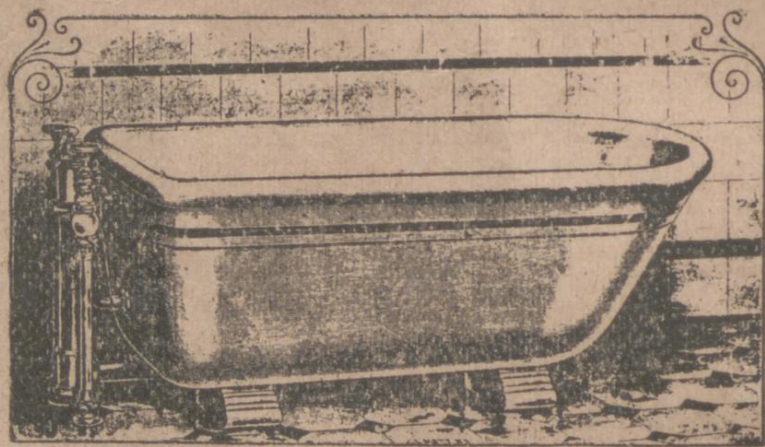
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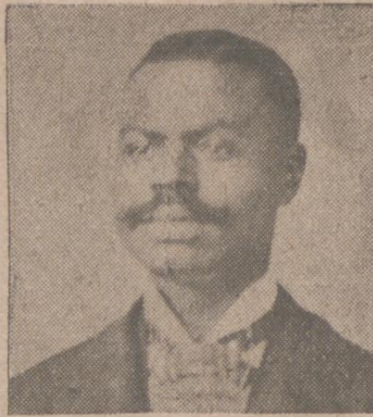
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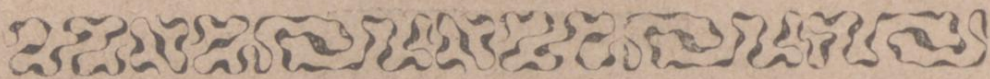
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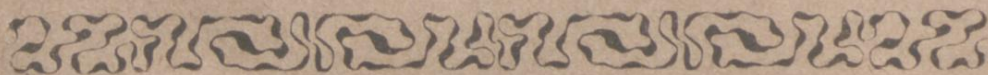


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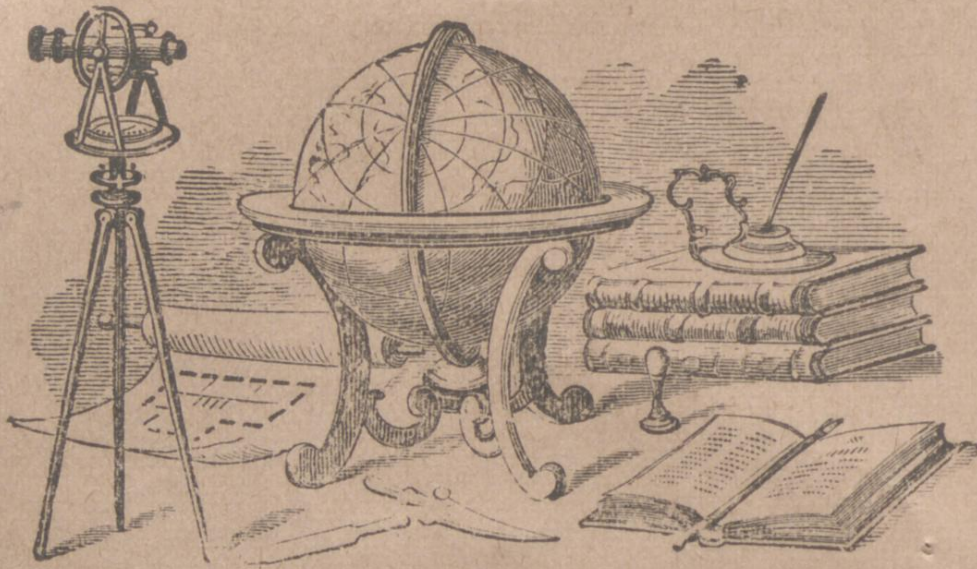
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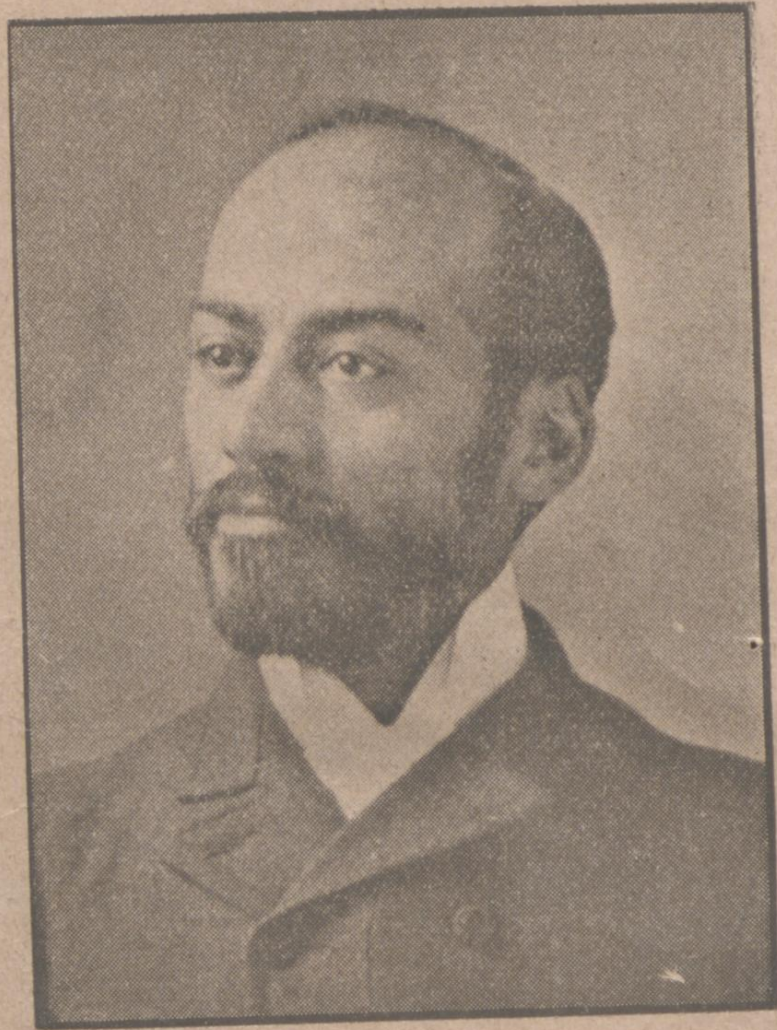
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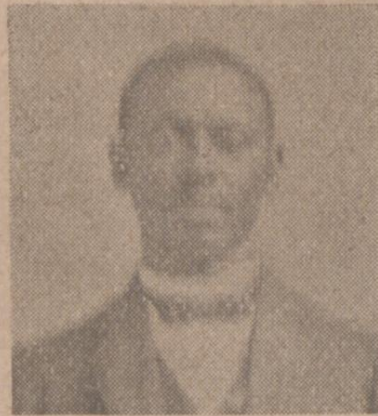


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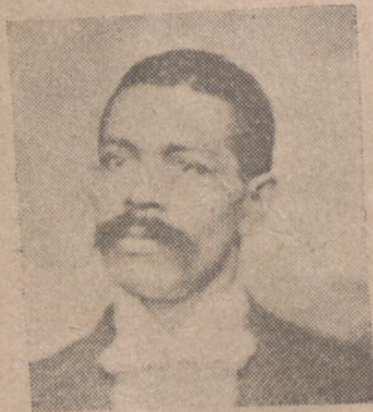
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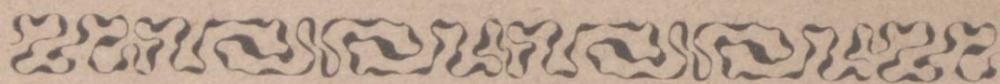
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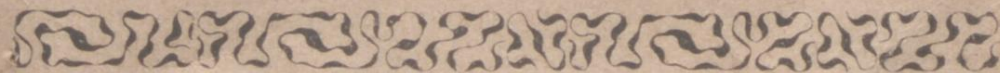


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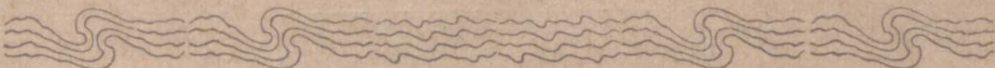
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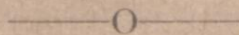
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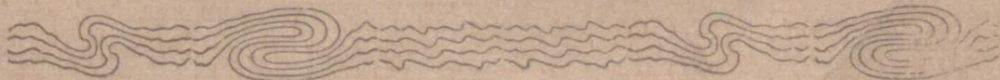
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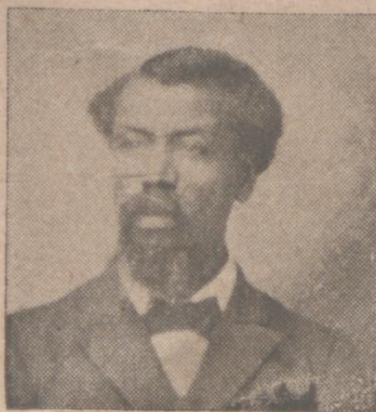
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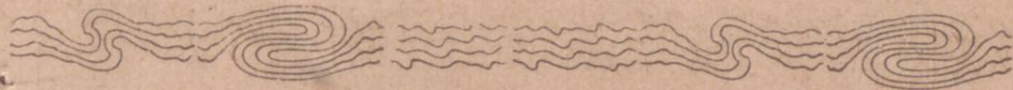
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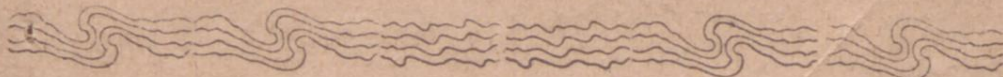
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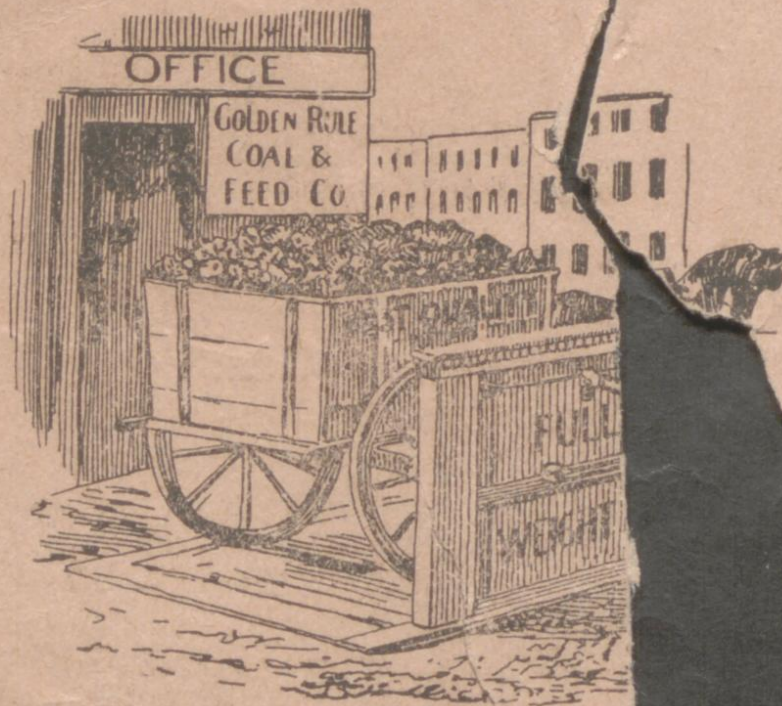
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