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"SHOULDER TO SHOULDER."

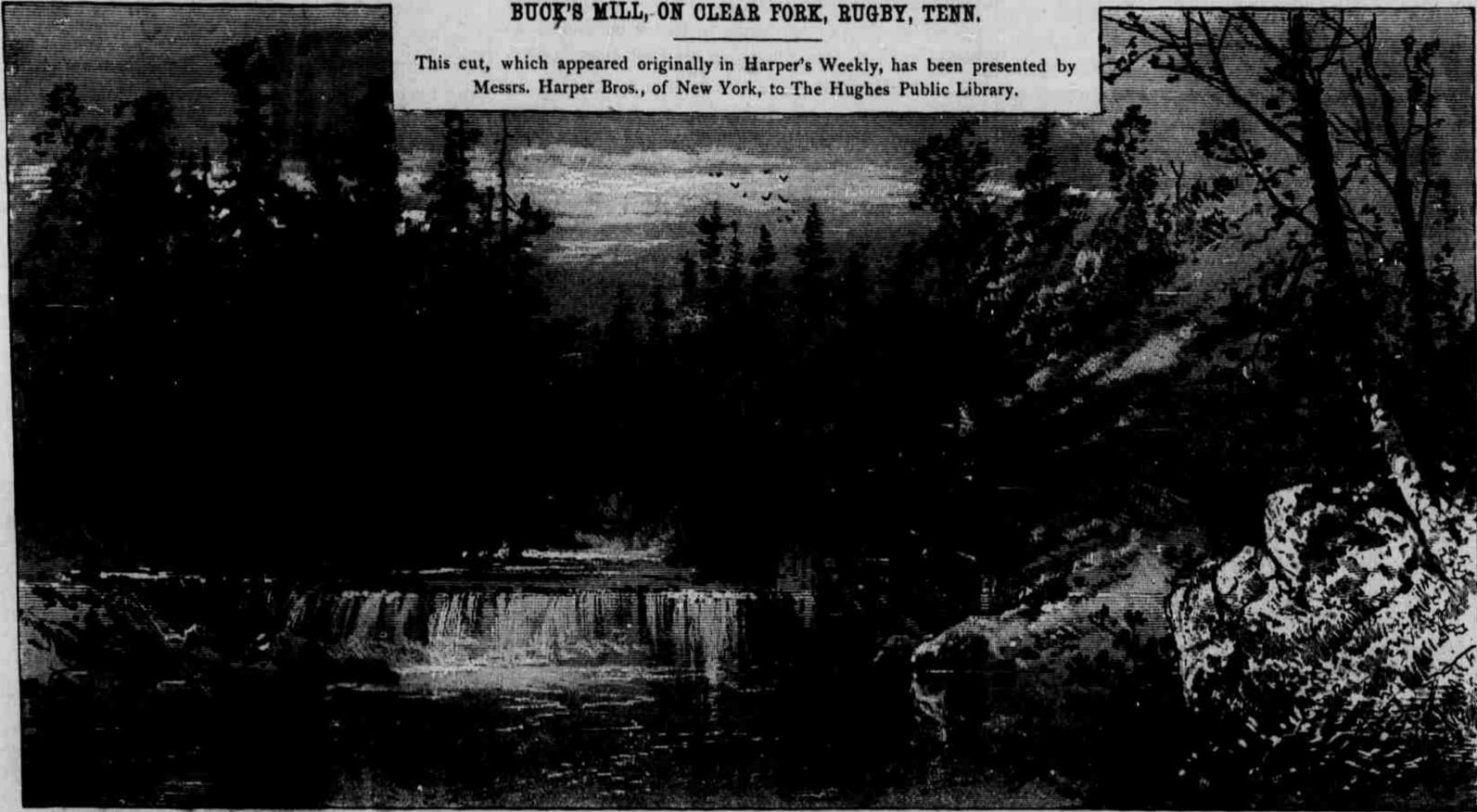
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BUCK'S MILL, ON CLEAR FORK, RUGBY, TENN.

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The First New Year's Eve at Rugby.

Not in the memory of the oldest native of these mountains has Jack Frost held so early in the season and for so long a time so tight a grip of mother earth and so determined a spirit to make our noble streams a temporary seasonable highway. While natives welcomed the presence of so long lost an acquaintance, English colonists right heartily hailed his presence, and for weeks had hoped that the noble stream represented in the above sketch would secure to them the delightful pastime of skating. Their hopes were fully realized, as the river, from the mill and for a mile upward, had a sheet of ice four inches thick, and to this spot colonists were summoned to spend New Year's Eve.

The scene viewed from this vast sheet of ice is one never to be forgotten. The clear blue sky, the innumerable bright stars, the high pines towering above the edge of the immense rocks, and such rocks! bearing the weight of icicles forty feet long and four feet in diameter, besides innumerable lovely aprons of frozen water. While nature had thus so lavishly provided for the right enjoyment of our feast, sturdy settlers had, by means of immense pine-knot bonfires, ingeniously transformed the dark winding paths, the huge rocks and ice, into a fairy scene of enchanting beauty.

The keen appetite of Celt and Anglo-Saxon for outdoor sports is proverbial, and the healthy pastime of skating, on this occasion, was largely and right heartily indulged in. At five minutes to twelve all were summoned to form a circle surrounding a huge bonfire. This being done, a request was made that all should join hands in good old Scotch fashion, and that for two minutes all thoughts should be directed on "auld" and beloved friends at the homes left behind. This proved a truly solemn moment, but when the hour of twelve was announced, hearty congratulations passed around the vast circle, hats and handkerchiefs were waved in the air, old and

young vied with each other in giving the loudest and heartiest hurrah which had ever aroused the echoes of the neighboring hills. The health of the President of the United States and Her Majesty the Queen of England was given and right heartily responded to. All then partook of the loving cup (hot coffee), and enthusiastically brought this memorable evening to a close by singing "God Save the Queen" and "Should Auld Acquaintance be Forgotten."

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Sanitary Hints,

WE are glad to be allowed to publish the following hints, which were addressed to the President of the Board of Aid by Dr. Agnew, of New York, after a short stay made here by him in September last. Coming as they do from an acknowledged authority on Sanitary matters, and one who takes a lively interest in the welfare of Rugby, they will command the earnest attention of all Rugbeians. But they may well be carefully studied elsewhere than at Rugby, for it is beyond question that a very large proportion of the sickness among what we are pleased to call civilized people, is due to their ignorance, or to their willful neglect of the laws of health, on which these hints are founded.

Broad spaces should be reserved for roads; on the main lines not less than one hundred feet. The roadways need not exceed sixteen in width, running through the centres of the spaces reserved, and having the forest trees preserved for shade. When such roads run through the town, they should be carefully graded and drained, and the shaded borders cleaned of underbrush. No town lot should have a frontage of less than fifty feet. As the price of lots will be influenced by their position with reference to the centre of the town, those persons who wish comparatively inexpensive lots should be willing to go a little further from the centre and thus have adequate space for a salubrious domicile.

By carefully selecting and preserving the forest trees on the wooded borders of the roads, the beauty and salubrity of the town will be greatly enhanced.

I would keep such wooded borders on all the roads upon the property of the Board.

Cesspools, permeable covered drains, and privy sinks would be absolutely forbidden. (By such is meant all those forms of cesspool that allow their contents to escape through loose joints into the surrounding soil.)

The tub or pail, or earth closet system should be adopted and enforced for the removal of solid excrements, and proper vehicles prepared for carrying fluid filth, such as chamber, kitchen and laundry slops, to points where they may be applied to growing crops. If the Board adopts such methods as are proposed above, the privilege to remove sewage, etc., may be let at auction.

A simple form of earth closet may be provided by placing a tub made of half a common kerosene barrel charged with three or four inches of dry earth under the ordinary privy seat. The tub should fit the cavity beneath the seat accurately, so as to allow only room enough for its introduction and removal, and be emptied daily upon the surface of cultivated ground or composted. A simple vehicle for the removal of chamber and other slops may be made by placing a kerosene barrel on wheels, the fluids being thus carried to growing crops, or stored in tight cesspools, laid up with brick and carefully cemented.

As much filth results in every domicile from laundry work, a co-operative laundry should be at once established near cultivated ground. The water-tables or sills of the houses should be not less than three feet above ground, and free play of air beneath them allowed.

The construction of cellars should be carefully watched, and direct communication between them and the houses prevented, preference being given to plans by which the cellarways are made through pent houses, or light, well ventilated sheds near the kitchens, (with proper drainage of foundations.)

In building, care should be exercised to provide