

MASONRY.

(Continued from page 1). shippers in Persia. "If the brethren who seek to sectarianize Masonry would (he says) but extend their researches beyond the narrow confines of the 'monitor,' a better idea of the character, scope and object of the institution could be had and clearer ideas prevail. The introduction of dogmatic tests is a canker worm at the vitals of Free Masonry." Masonry itself, with its ritual and its profession of faith, is a sect; and so much so, that all the other creeds, Christian as well as Pagan, are the same to the good Mason.—Catholic Citizen.

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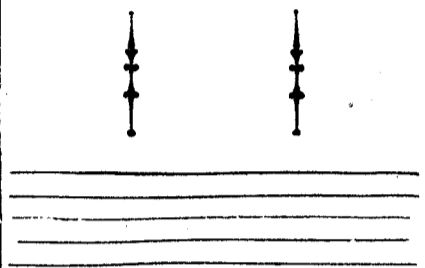
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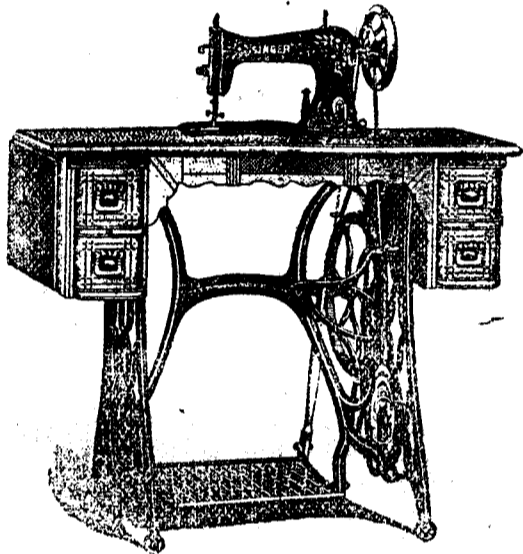
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