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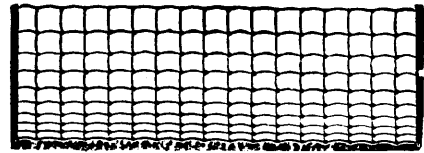
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If something exists or is allowed to remain above a highway which interferes with its ordinary and reasonable use, this constitutes want of repair, and a breach of duty on the part of the municipality having jurisdiction over the highway. A branch of a tree growing by the side of a highway, extended over the line of travel at a height of about eleven feet. The plaintiff, in endeavoring to pass under the branch on the top of a load of hay, was brushed off by it and injured. The Court of Chancery held that the jury having found that the highway was out of repair, and the defendants having had notice of the position of the branch, they were liable, in the absence of contributory negligence. It appeared by the evidence that the plaintiff had hauled hay upon this road and past this particular place not long before; and that he and another man who was on the load with him, when approaching the branch, observed the situation, but concluded they could pass in safety; that the other person did pass safely under the branch; and that the plaintiff, instead of lying close to the hay, put up his feet to raise the limb, which he failed to do. The Court decided that the plaintiff was not called upon to do the very best and wisest thing; and upon this evidence, the Court could not interfere with the finding of the jury, that the accident might not have been avoided by the exercise of reasonable care on the part of the plaintiff. Held, also, upon the evidence, that the sum assessed as damages, \$1,200, was not so excessive as to warrant the Court in interfering.

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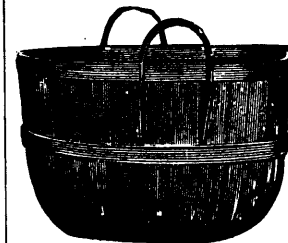
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