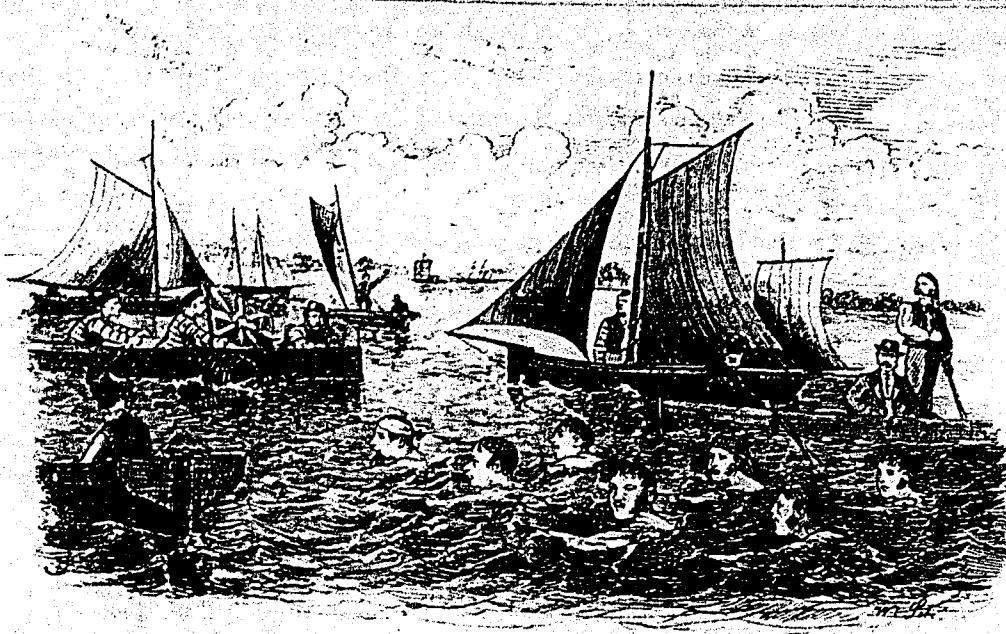


rounding level. After four hour's hard work in the heat and sun, the company were rewarded by finding a smoothly-polished gypsum tablet, covered on one side with mysterious characters, which were, and still are as yet, unintelligible to all the members of the party except the Egyptian. The tablet is two inches wide, three and a quarter inches long, and one quarter of an inch thick. The characters are nearly as I can describe them as follows. At the centre of the top is a curiously wrought face surrounded by what appear to be rays of light beneath, and running nearly to the bottom is an upright bar, supported by a cross bar; at the left upper corner is the form of a coiled serpent, beneath this is a triangle, another serpent, a lizard, and what appears to be a burning taper. These figures stand in a line, one above the other. In the right-hand upper corner is



SWIMMING MATCH.

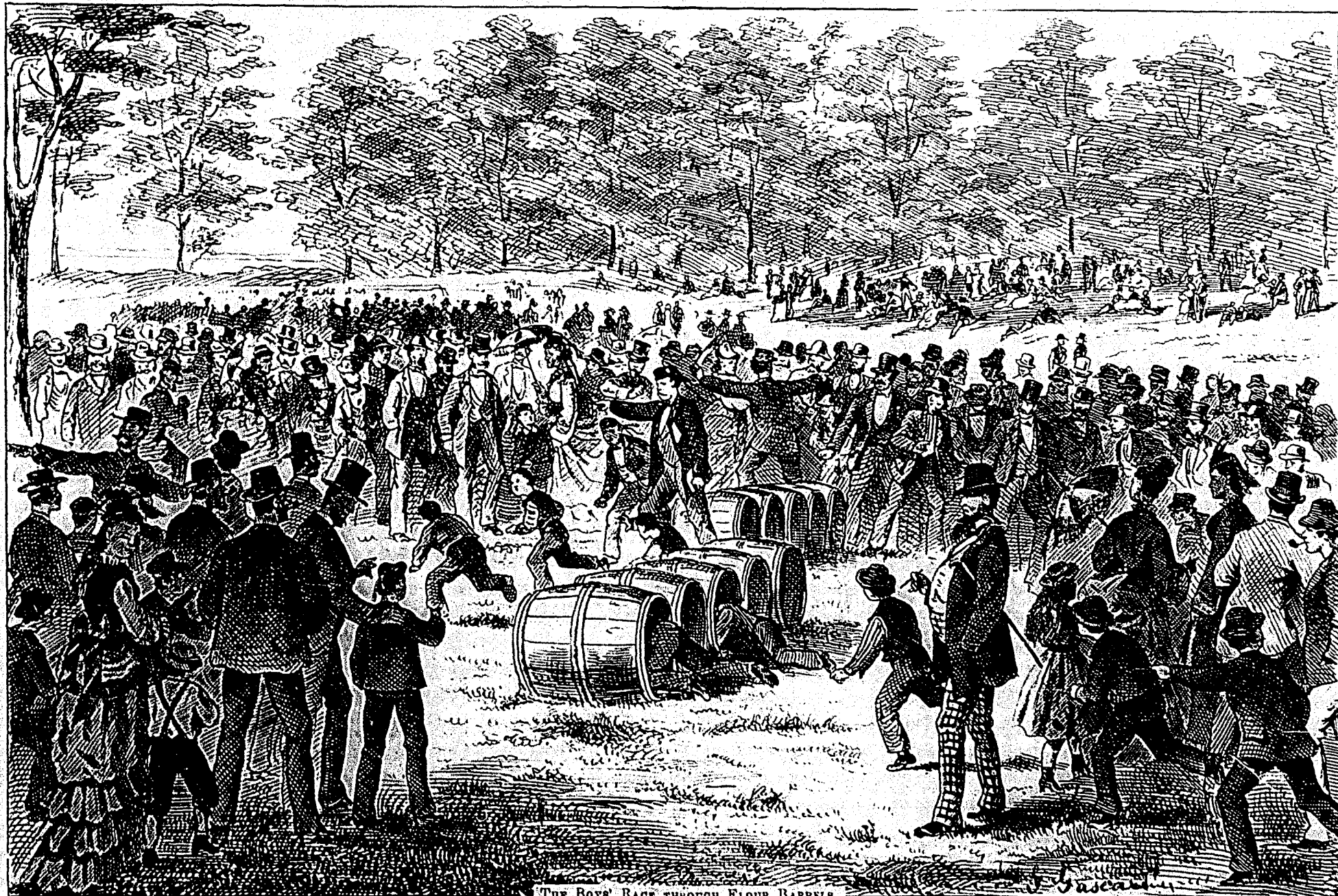
a character resembling the letter Z, and beneath this one resembling the letter H; next a dagger-shaped character, under which is a fish's head; next an elongated circular character, with a dot in the centre, and a continued stroke from the upper left elongation; next under this are four bars, crossing each other at alternate angles; under this is the last figure, that of a well-formed fish, making fourteen distinct figures in all. The edges are bevelled and traced. This relic was found about eight feet below the surface of the mound, and directly under it was found a number of spear-points, stone axes, or hammers, and various other relics, including what appeared to be the remains of human bones. Two other mounds were opened by the party, in which human bones were found, but no relics as valuable as the one described above."



THE HURDLE RACE.



THE HORIZONTAL BAR.



THE BOYS' RACE THROUGH FLOUR BARRELS.

MONTREAL.—THE IRISH PROTESTANT BENEVOLENT SOCIETY'S PICNIC AT ST. HELEN'S ISLAND.