

know you must go up there; courage, my pets; come, go on!" And when the difficulty is accomplished, they get down from their box and praise and caress them, allowing them to rest and breathe—patting them between their eyes, rubbing their noses, stroking the hair on their foreheads between the ears—indeed caressing them in every way, and treating them like much-loved pets.

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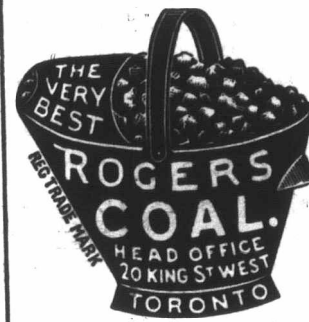
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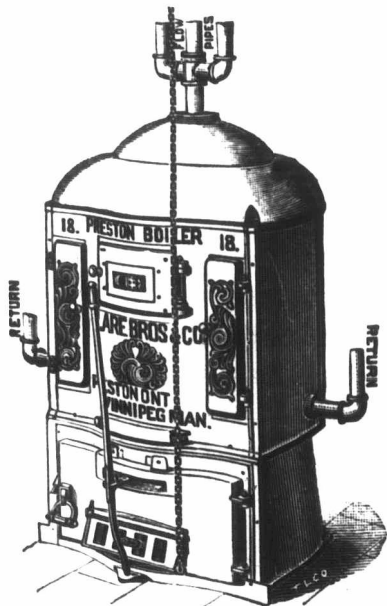
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