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A bullet aimed at a rat by a New Yorker, missed its mark, and, striking a gas meter, caused an explosion.

When burglars attacked the house of a western farmer recently, the agriculturist loaded his gun with pills because he was out of shot, and this sort of hypodermic injection process of administering medicine was eminently successful, for one robber was killed and an accomplice seriously wounded.

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A man who lives near Poplar Bluff, was attacked by two large black wolves while going home from work the other evening. As he ran, he fell and the wolves were right upon him; but the rattle of his dinner pail caused them to halt, and noticing this the man jumped up, and furiously shaking the pail, frightened the wolves away and he went home unharmed.

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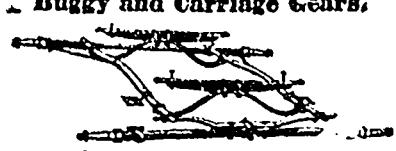
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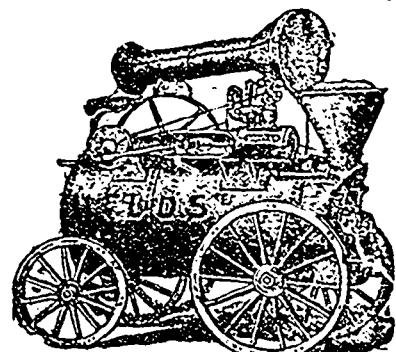
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