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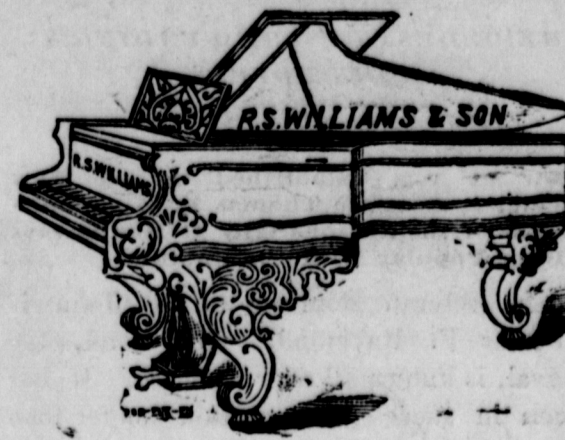
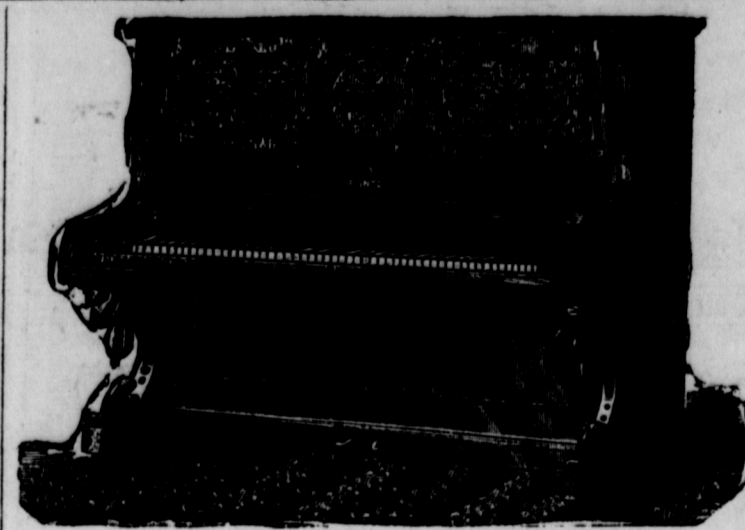
Printers and binders at least will agree that the Oxford bibles ought to be included in the art-publications. Messrs. McMillan have the largest stock in town of these perfect products of the University press.

In the list of art goods, too, Prang's Christmas cards, for which this firm are agents, have a fixed place. The old favorites are here and new and even prettier designs are not far to seek.

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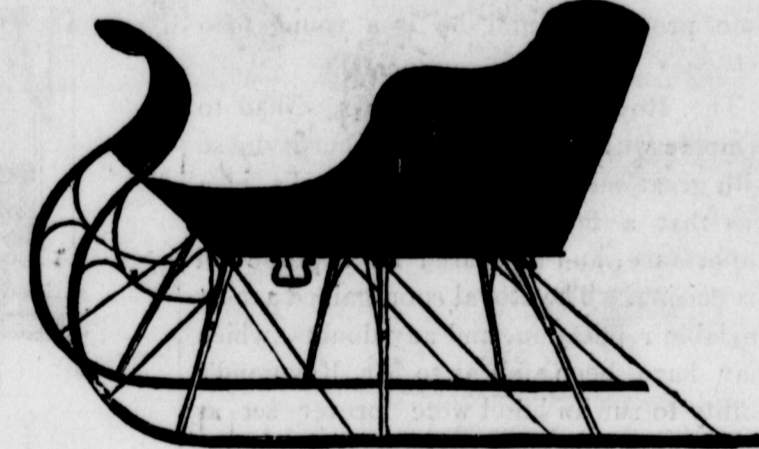
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