

ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE.

"George," said Mr. Hilton, "I think it just as well to remind you—though you can scarcely have forgotten it—that the time when you will have to comply with the conditions of your uncle's will by marrying Miss Marston is drawing very near; indeed, it is only three weeks distant. I have had some correspondence with Mrs. Marston, and she informs me that she and Miss Marston will arrive in town a few days hence, but that Miss Marston prefers not to meet you before it is necessary."

pose, has been longing for this thirty thousand pounds for years, declares that if I don't marry her, he will cut me off with a shilling; and from what he says, there does not seem to be the smallest chance of her retusing."

whom I have been long attached—Miss Amy Vere." A dead silence succeeded. Mr. Hilton was the first to break it. "You—you—you—seconded?" he burst out.

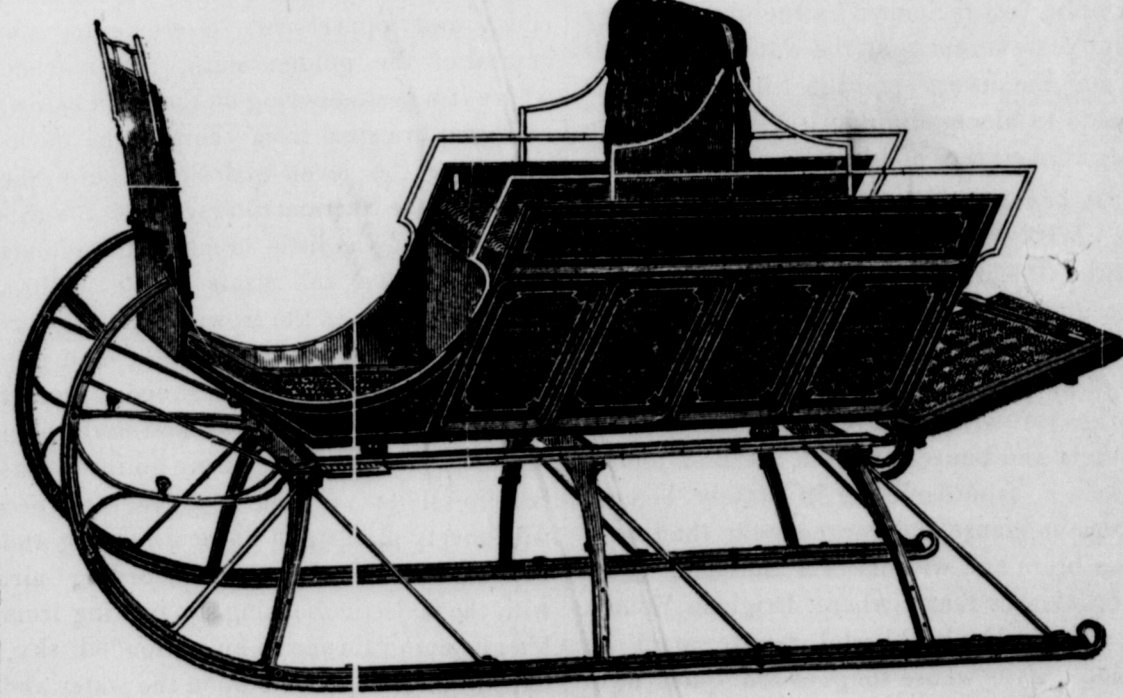
silver tinsel, paper ribbons and curious ornaments, making a blaze of color five or six feet across. I was given to understand that all these hangings and ornaments were afterwards burned. It seemed to me that most of the passers by were free to go in and partake of the delicacies provided. frequently I saw men enter, move through the crowd in the room and round the table, and go out directly, without touching anything."

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