Event and circumstance upon this earth, Though favors fall on those whom none es-However inexplicable may seem

And storms lay waste the patiently tilled swaying form of the man in danger.

Yet justice sways the universe of God. As undisturbed the stately stars remain

But when, once freed, the illumined soul of dragging the unsteady figure in jammed his hat down on his head.

When Football

ently devoid of any worthy ambi-I tion. Their two older boys were all, yet as Clinton jumped up and deeply engaged in a certain experiso utterly different. Harold had been pulled the old man to his feet applause ment, when Mrs. Edison called for him graduated from Yale with high hon- and cheers louder than any that had and insisted upon taking him home. ors, and Eric was making remarkable greeted him on the football field rang After some resistance he at last conprogress at the scientific school. In in his ears.

the more striking. brothers. He seemed to labor under brother Harold, who happened to be the impression that he had been sent to college simply and solely for the Clinton?" he cried in astonishment. purpose of learning to play football. argued and expostulated with him in

able time," she argued again and again, "and letting slip golden opportunities which, once gone, never will spend Sunday under the parental roof. Spend Sunday under the parental roof. "You are frittering away your valucome back to you, and what have you tree to show for it all but a broken nose

and a fractured collarbone?" "Is there any prospective benefit to |. be derived from these hours spent in scrambling after a football?" his father he unselfishly held his tongue. "I'll undignified retreat. merely responded, in his usual offhand not spoil his story for him, but will style: "Who knows but I may be elect- give him a chance to do justice to it," ed captain of the 'Varsity team next his brother swallowing his soup with

"Is that the height of your ambi- unruffled composure. "I am terribly disappointed in you, sir. ever and ever, or what do you propose to make of your life? Perhaps you think that your reputation as a football player will prove an 'open sesame' suppose that any one wants a fellow who has willfully wasted his best opportunities? I had hoped to make a professional man of you—not a profes
"I wish that Clinton would put a profesoffice with my old friend Robert his father volunteered as he disap-Choate, but it's no use. Choate only

hardly ten minutes had elapsed after I making a big mistake about Clicton. he confided to his wife afterward, "for had been remonstrating with him about He's got more genuine stuff in him the evils of football before he inquired than all the rest of us put together, if I wouldn't bring you down to see the and if it's foot ball that's done it, the game on Saturday and informed me sooner we all go in for the game the that he had saved two tickets for us." better," and then he proceeded to give

him?" she queried. Crompton exclaimed, warmly, "and I pride, and which sent his mother weepexpressed my surprise at his daring to ing in search of the sleepy athlete, suggest such a thing. 'Show me some | who could not understand what he lasting benefit or any abiding good had done that was worth making such that is to be derived from this ridicu- a fuss about. lous game,' I told him, 'and then come

till then." And so Mr. and Mrs. Crompton failed follows: to witness that memorable game in which their youngest son gained for Clinton is going in for law, and if so, himself such enviable laurels. Once on I want him. When he gets through the field, Clinton was like one trans- with the law school you can hand him formed. Keen, alert, cool, rising splen- over to me, for he's just the material flidly to every emergency, no one would that I am on the lookout for, and you have known him for the same slow, may well be proud of him. He scared indifferent, easy-going specimen of hu- me out of a year's growth the other manity who grieved the ambitious afternoon at the station, the young souls of his parents by his small apti- rascal, but in spite of that I wish you tude for Greek.

a dunce, for his class standing was I want to talk to him. With kind refairly good, but what pained his father gards to Mrs. Crompton, believe me and mother was the recognition of ever your friend, what he might have accomplished had it not been for that arch enemy foot- When Clinton came home the follow-

team hastened back to the gymnasium haven't appreciated your football, old with all possible speed. They had man, but I'm going to do better in the some little distance to go, as the gym- future, and, by the way, Clinton, I hear nisium was not very near the ball that you're to play in the game next grounds, so that in order to reach it week. Is that so?" they were obliged to traverse the cen- | Clinton nodded. tre of the town and cross the railroad | "Very well, then," Mr. Crompton con-

moment or so longer than the others, that can be bought, for we've set our reached the station a short time after hearts upon going up to see you make they had crossed, and found the plat- the first touch-down."-New York forms crowded with people who were Times. returning from the game, mingled with those who were alighting from the incoming trains. As he stepped from the platform he became conscious that of England has equipped some of its something unusual was going on, and trains with a unique heating system, he immediately perceived the eyes of says the Baltimore Sun, which employs the multiutde were riveted upon a two concentric cylinders, the annular figure half way across the tracks, a space between them communicating

other officials were shouting loudly, slowly. The radiators thus constituted but the man, who was old and seem- are incased in asbestos-lined boxes ingly deaf, appeared thoroughly dazed. having hinged doors. By opening or As he prepared to step upon the track closing the door of a box, the heat is nearest him he had caught sight of one turned on or off. train coming down upon him, and he now staggered back and was about to plunge in front of the other down-coming express. Suddenly something very the shade of United States battleships unexpected happened.

vinced that they were about to witness | Not Allowed to Be So Absorbed in overtake the old man, a figure in a And insult and indifference greet worth; much-begrimed canvas jacket sprang Though poverty repays the life of toil,

And riches spring where idle feet have out among them, and clearing the tracks at a bound, alighted beside the

A shudder and a wave of pitiful regret swept over the motionless crowd. accomplished the object of his labors "He can never drag him back in time," Beyond the glare of day's obscuring light, they breathed. "They will both be and was preparing to quit work. So justice dwells, though mortal eyes in killed! Oh, the pity of it!"

But the football man had not thought said as he hurried into his coat and Its cry will be, "O God, how could I front of either approaching engine. In an instant he had tackled the man and But the days of complete absorption. Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in Brandur Maga- thrown him flat upon the ground be- in work have passed for him. The tween the two tracks, for all the world second Mrs. Edison has undertaken quite as if he had been an opponent the task of keeping the inventor on the football field. Then he dropped healthy. She will not permit him to lightly on top of him, and lay there neglect his meals or to work more motionless, while the two trains thun- than she thinks is good for him. She dered past on each side of them and insists that he shall leave the laborthe crowd stood waiting, spellbound. atory at a certain hour each night, In much less time than it takes to and she undertakes to see personally

Tr was a great cross to Mr. and Mrs. describe the episode was over, and that he does so. At mes Mr. Edison Crompton that Clinton was appar- what might have been a tragedy had objects, but in a very mild way, to

Abashed and overwhelmed by such final protest as he stepped into the students, which made the contrast all an ovation, Clinton made haste to el- carriage: For Clinton was sadly unlike his in so doing nearly overthrew his own son), you're a nuisance." ing influence which Mrs. Edison exercises over her husband it is doubt-

"For heaven's sake, was that you, ful if he would accomplish so much. "Do let me get out of this," his er to kindle the slightest enthusiasm in his sluggish breast, and his mother broad and the powneed and the powneed and the powned and the powneed and the powneed and the powneed and the powned and the powneed and the powne ven to have "a heart to heart talk with the Yale students," as she expressed bolted in the direction of the gymna-

Saturday nights generally brought where she found a number of young

On this particular Saturday evening a while, but finally treated the saloon all were assembled before Clinton came | smasher to a round of "joshing" colin. Harold was all agog to describe lege yells and choruses, and Mrs. Nathe scene that he had witnessed, but | tion was forced to beat a somewhat

But Clinton said nothing upon the tion?" his parent returned, bitterly. vital subject, and Harold looked at him with increasing surprise, as he judi-Are you to go on playing football for cially set forth the respective merits of the opposing football teams and called attention to their most vulnerable

"I'll turn in early to-night, I think," to all desirable positions. Do you he yawned as he withdrew from the "I wish that Clinton would put a sional athlete—and had even aspired little solid work into something else,"

At this Harold, who had in times 1se," and Mr. Crompton sighed wearily. past repeatedly scoffed at his brother's "It does no good to talk to Clinton," athletic proclivities, instantly fired up.

Mrs. Crompton regarded her husband a graphic account of the afternoon's helplessly. "What did you say to experience, which caused his father to blow his nose loudly and repeatedly. "I told him 'certainly not,'" Mr. while his eyes glistened with happy

A few days later Mr. Crompton reto me to abet you in such folly, but not ceived a note from his old friend Robert Choate, which ran somewhat as

"Dear Crompton: I hear that your would tell him to come around and Not by any means that Clinton was take dinner with me some night, for

"ROBERT CHOATE."

ing Saturday his father handed him The great game over, the victorious the note, remarking: "I'm afraid I

tinued; "your mother and I would Clinton, who had been detained a like to have you get us the best seats

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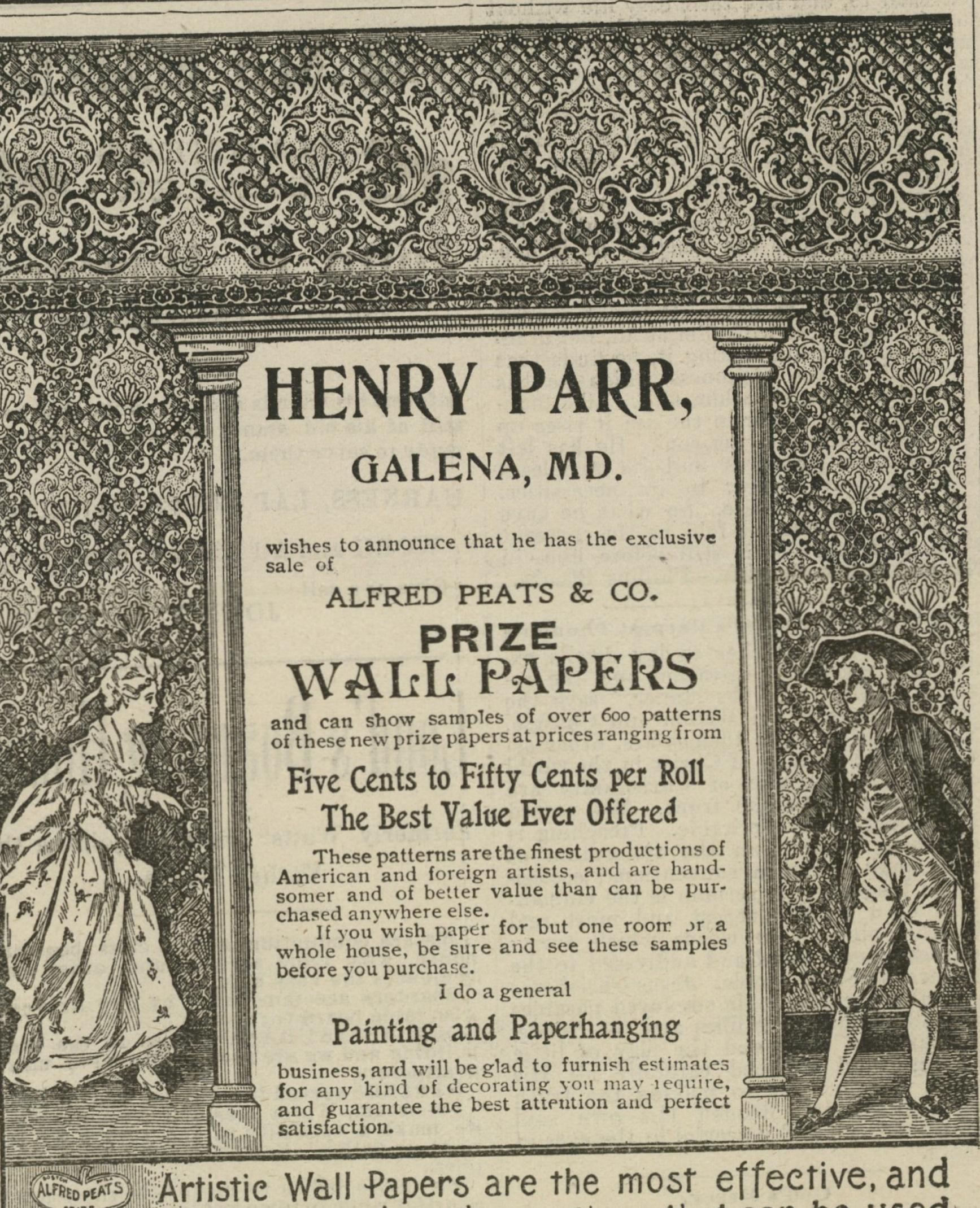
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