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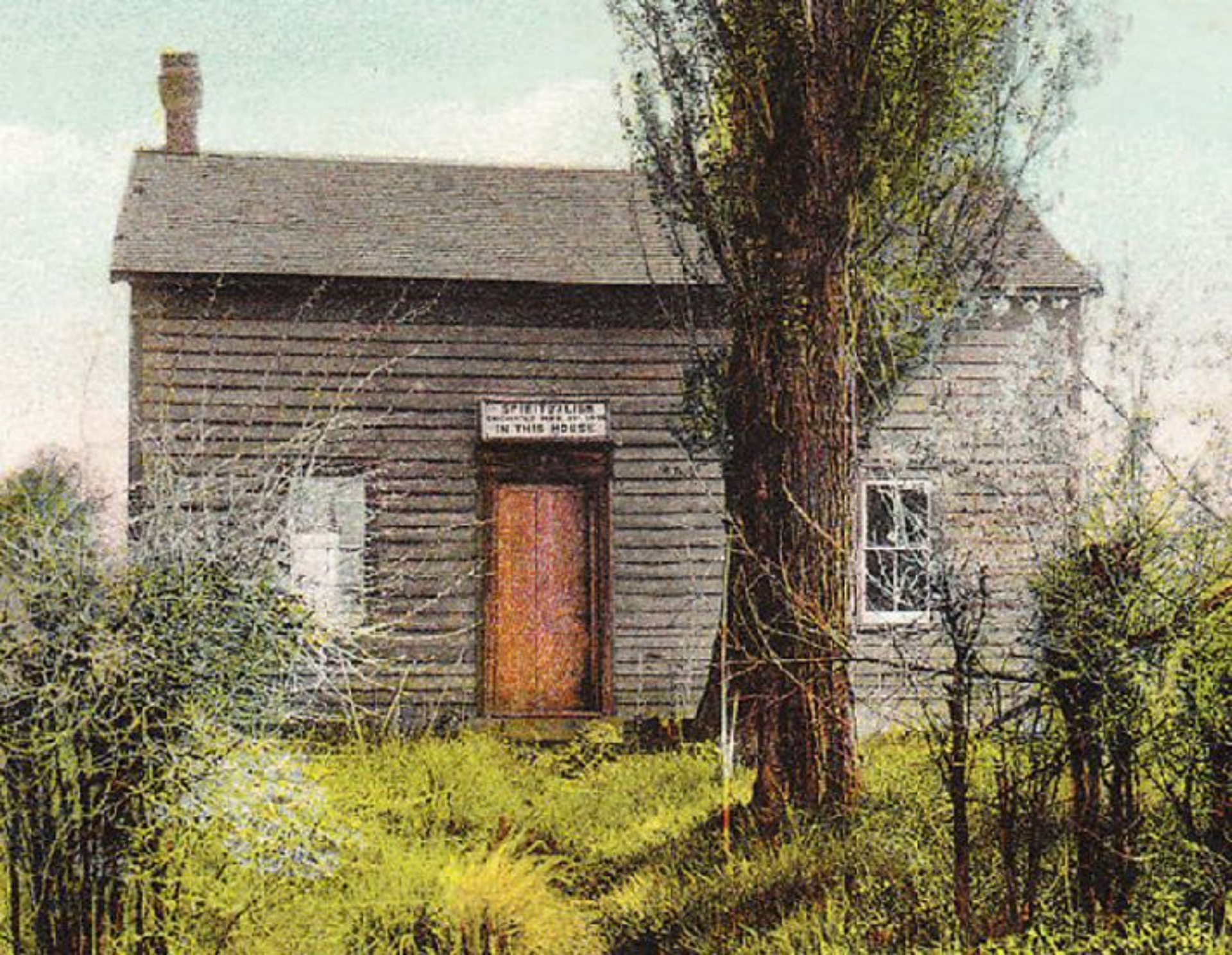


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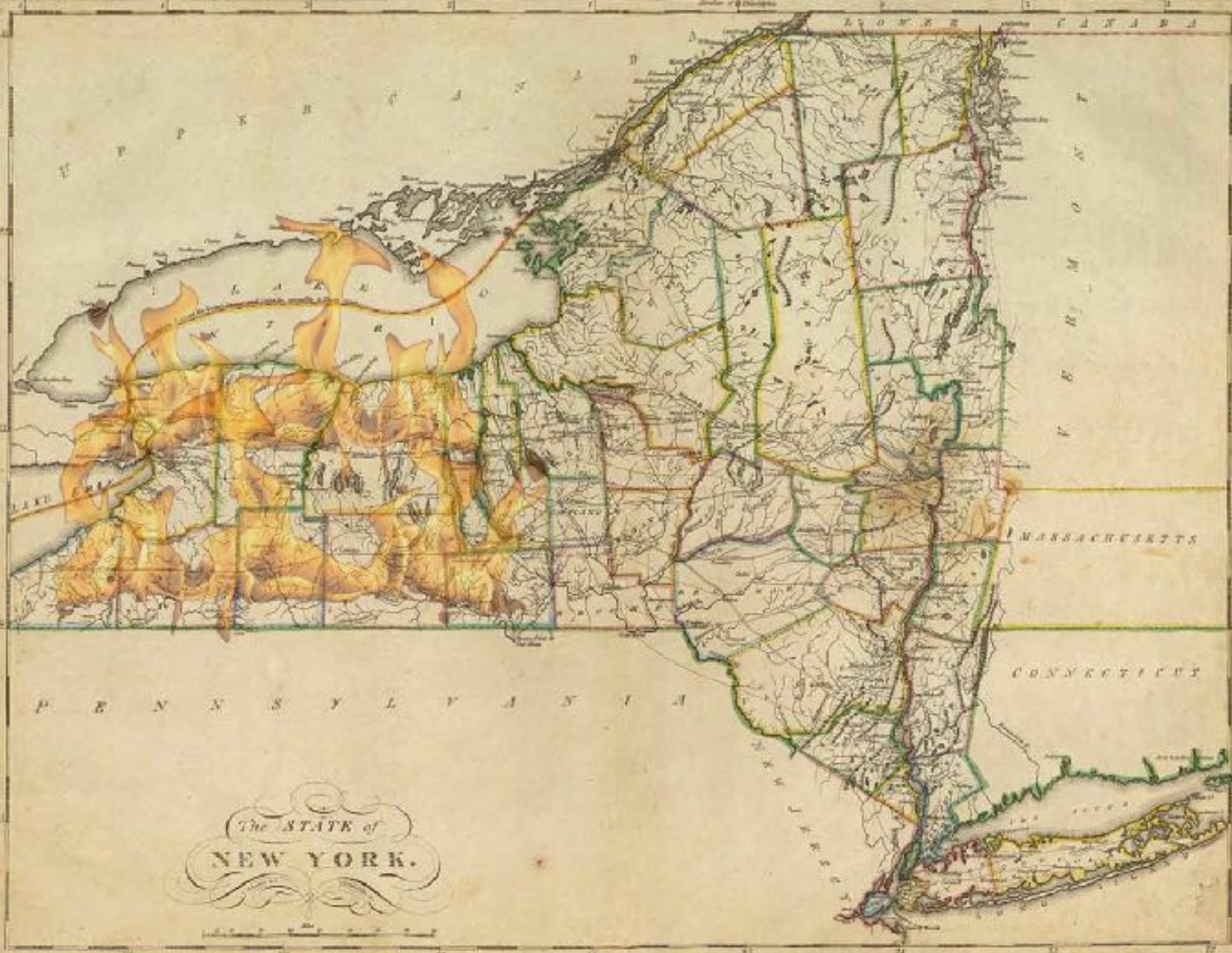






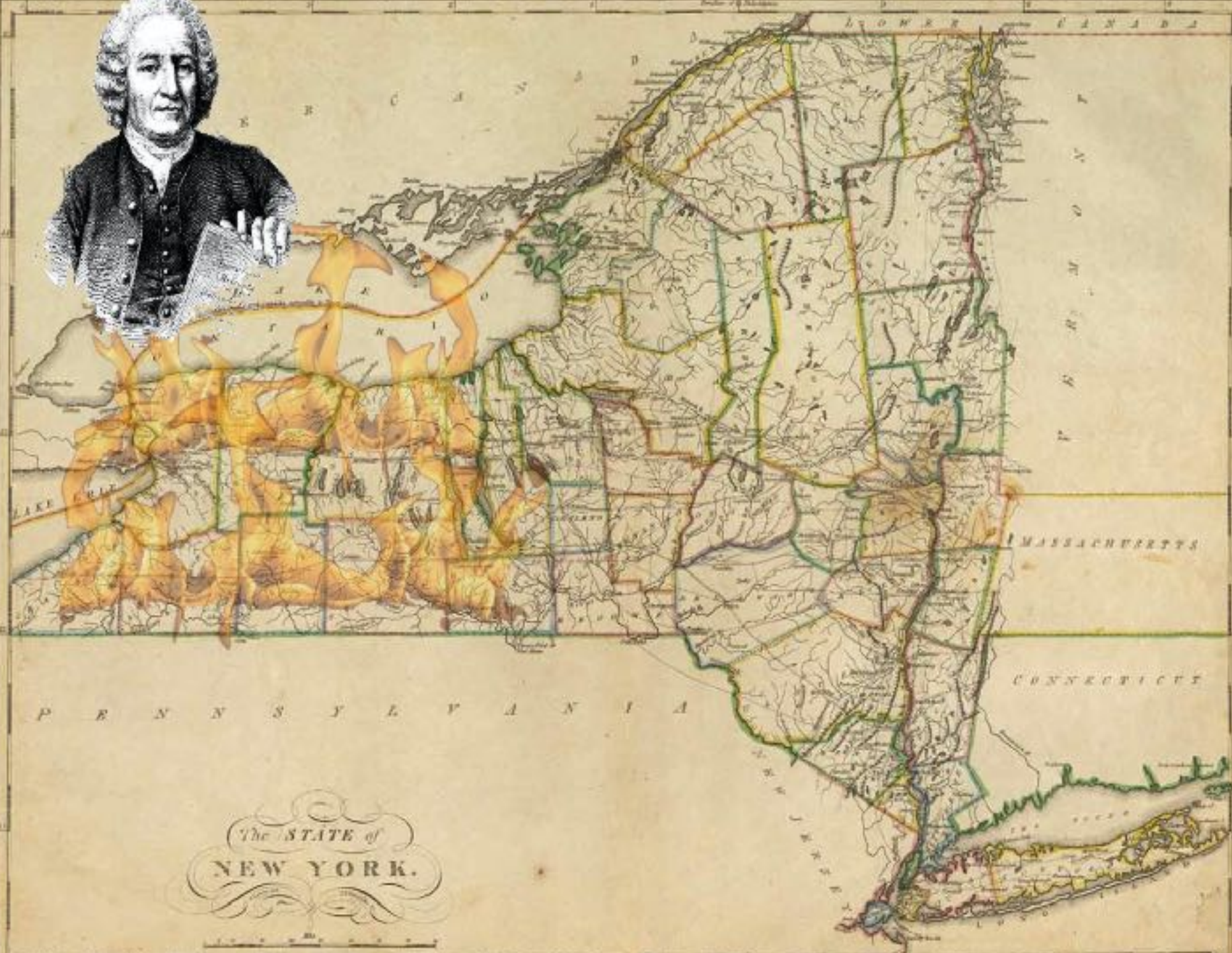


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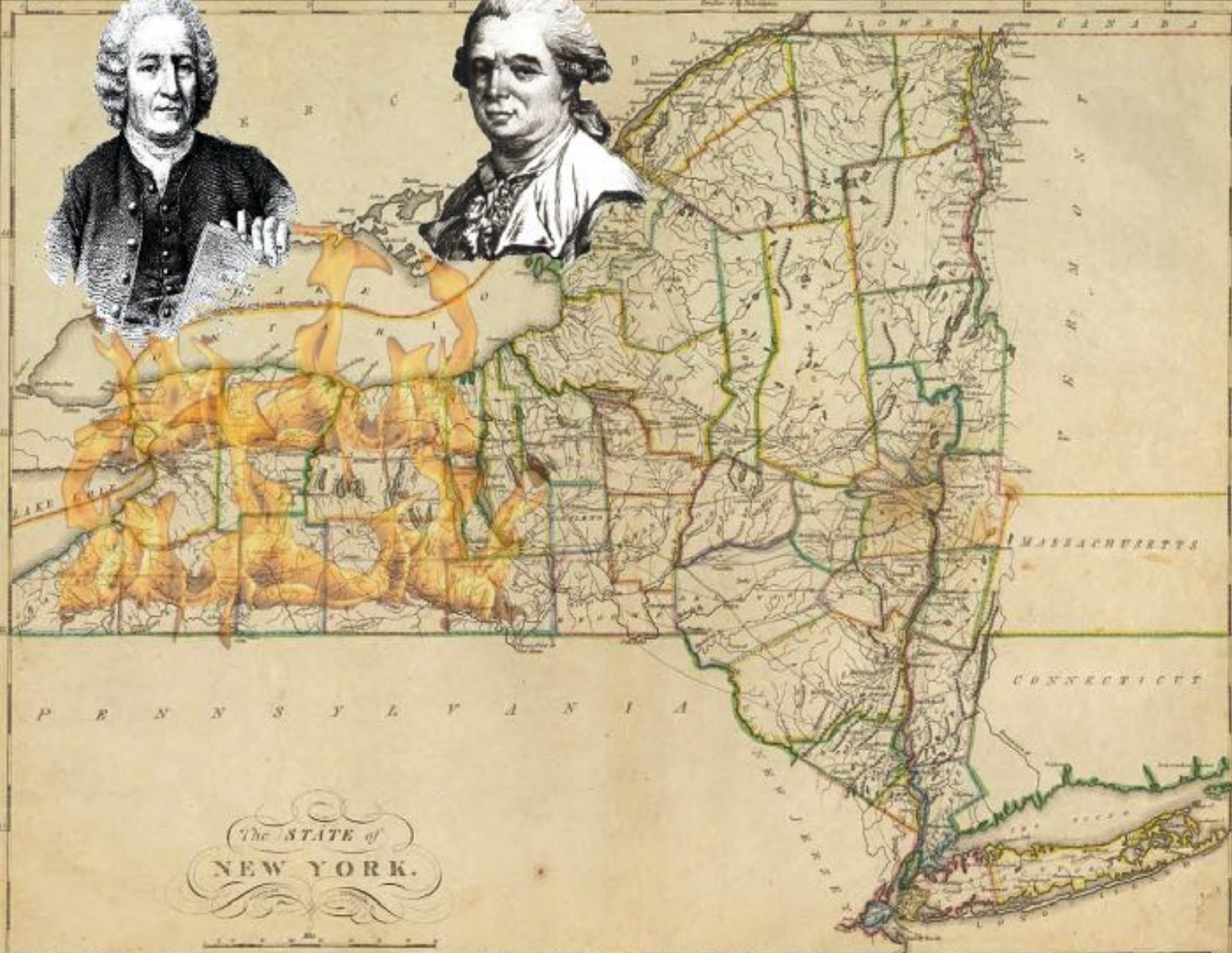
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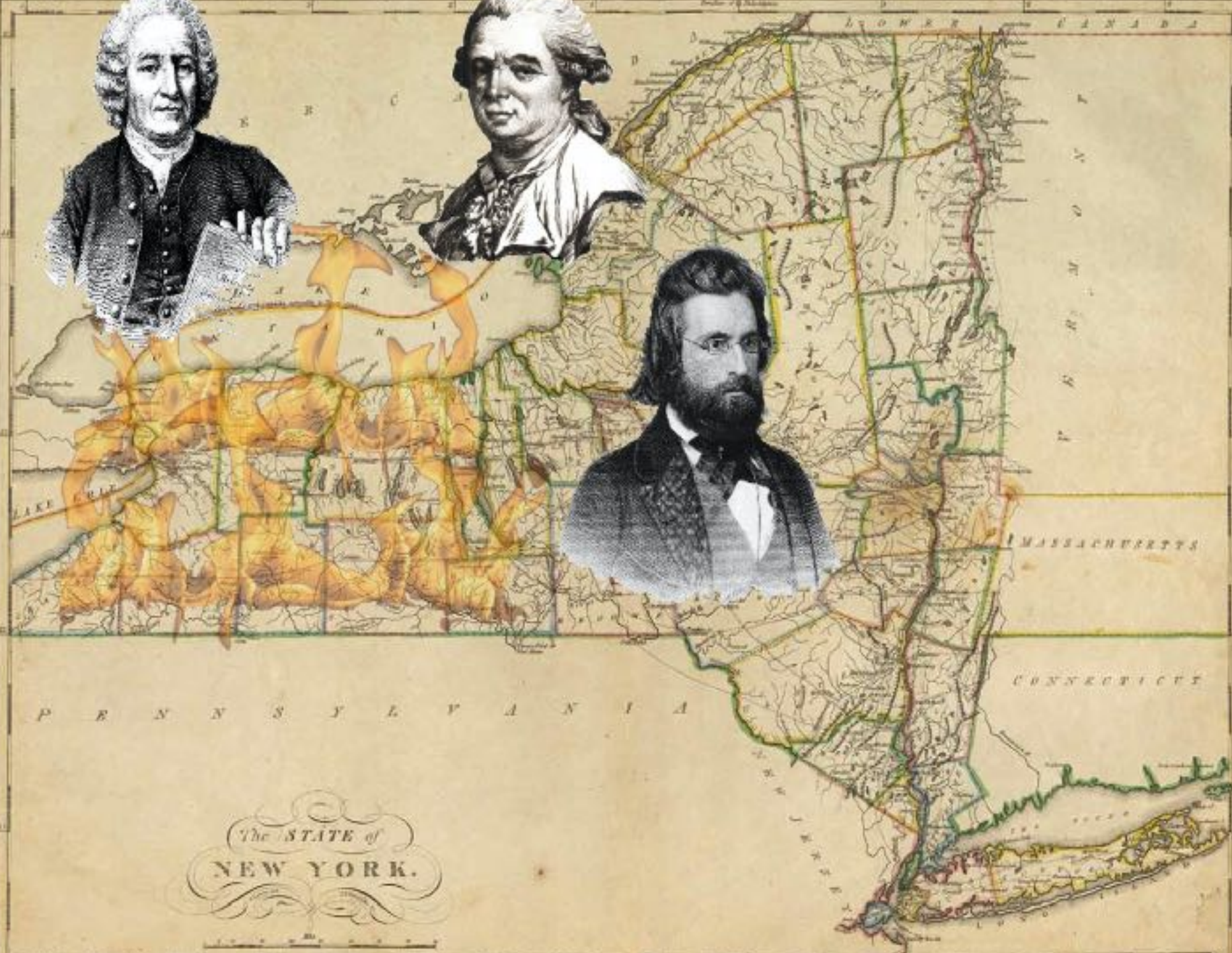
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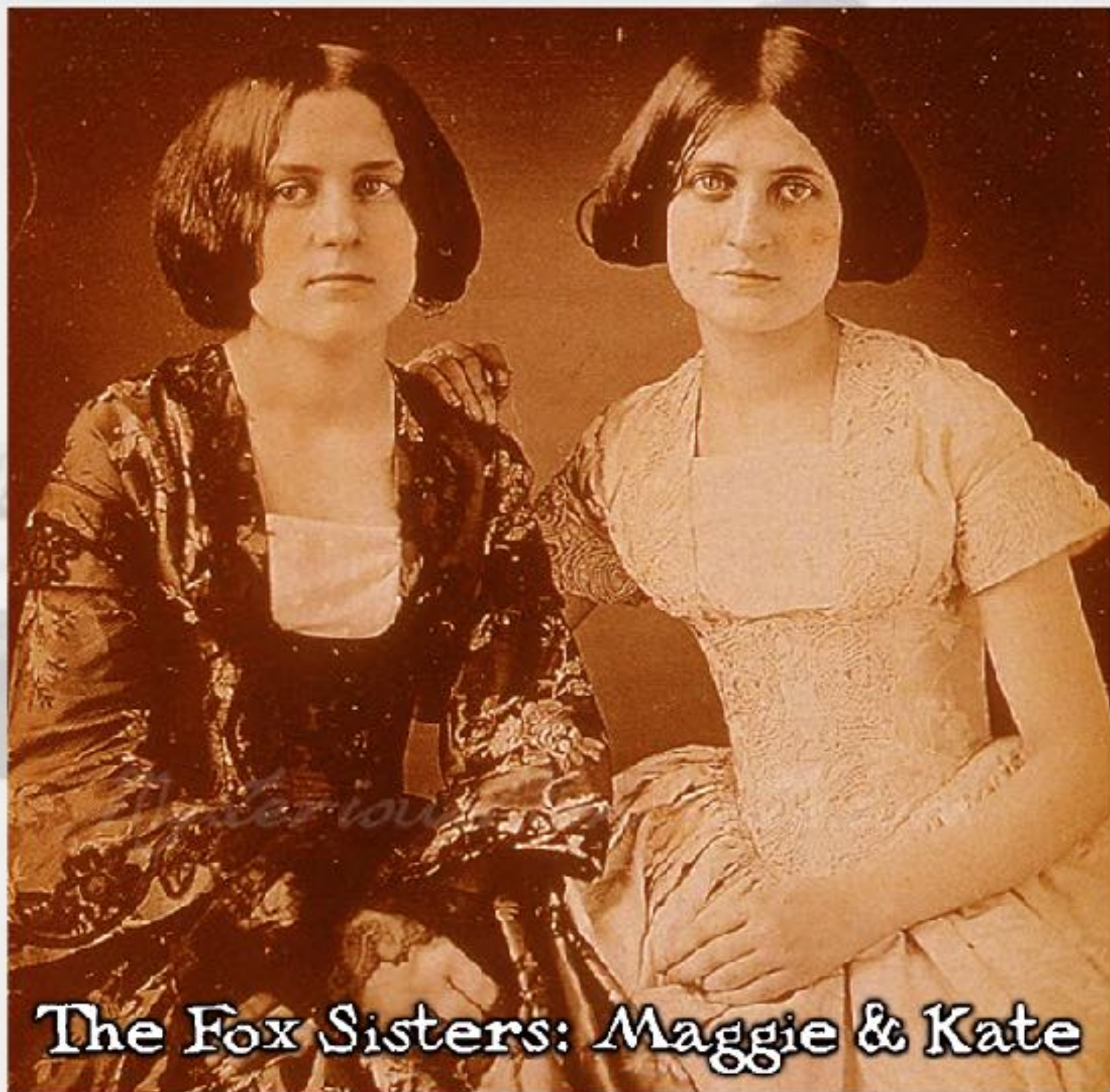
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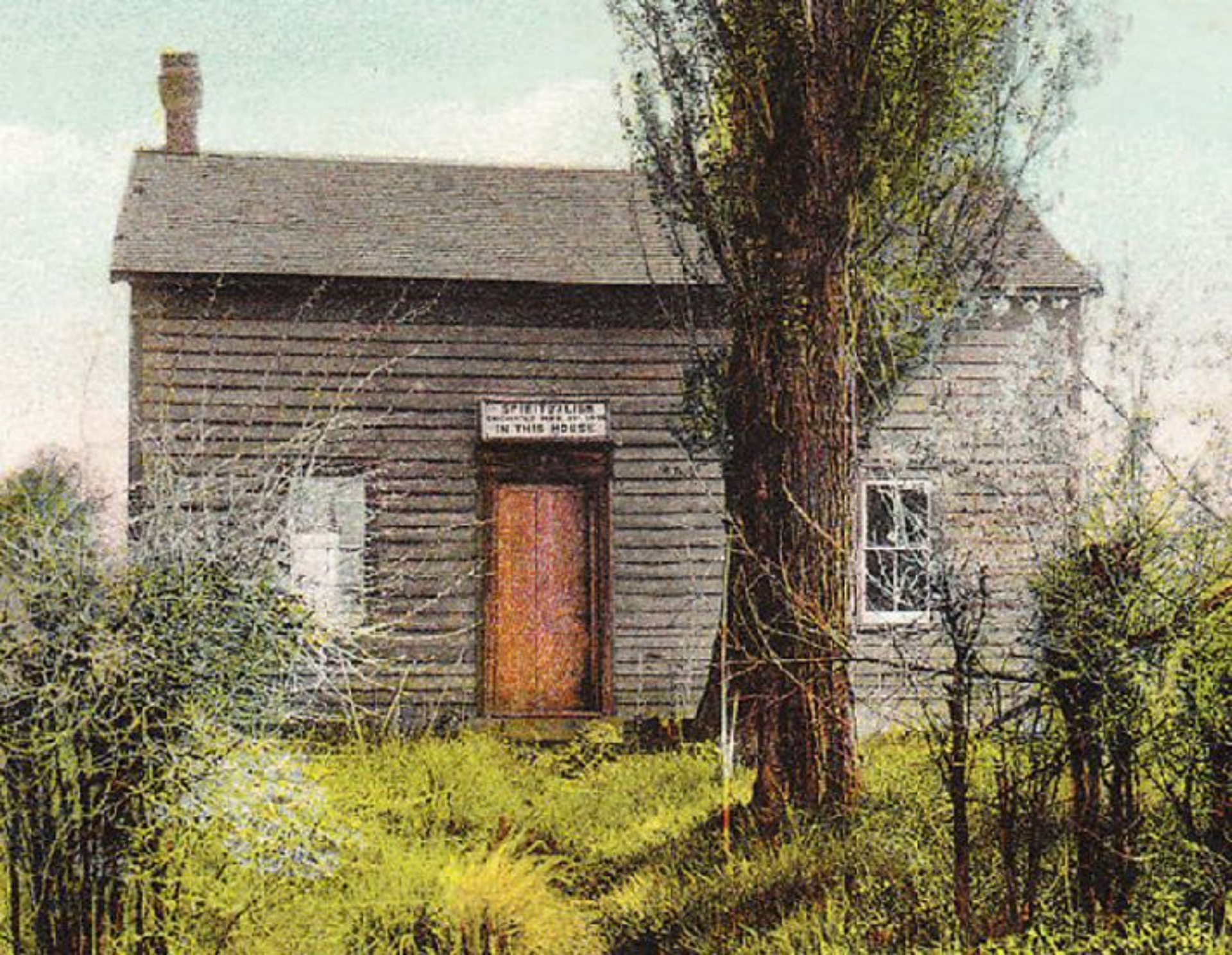


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The Fox Sisters: Maggie & Kate



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A young child is sitting at a table, wearing goggles and a life preserver. The child is writing on a piece of paper with a pen. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

A B C

YES

NO

Alphabet Calling



Direct Voice Channeling



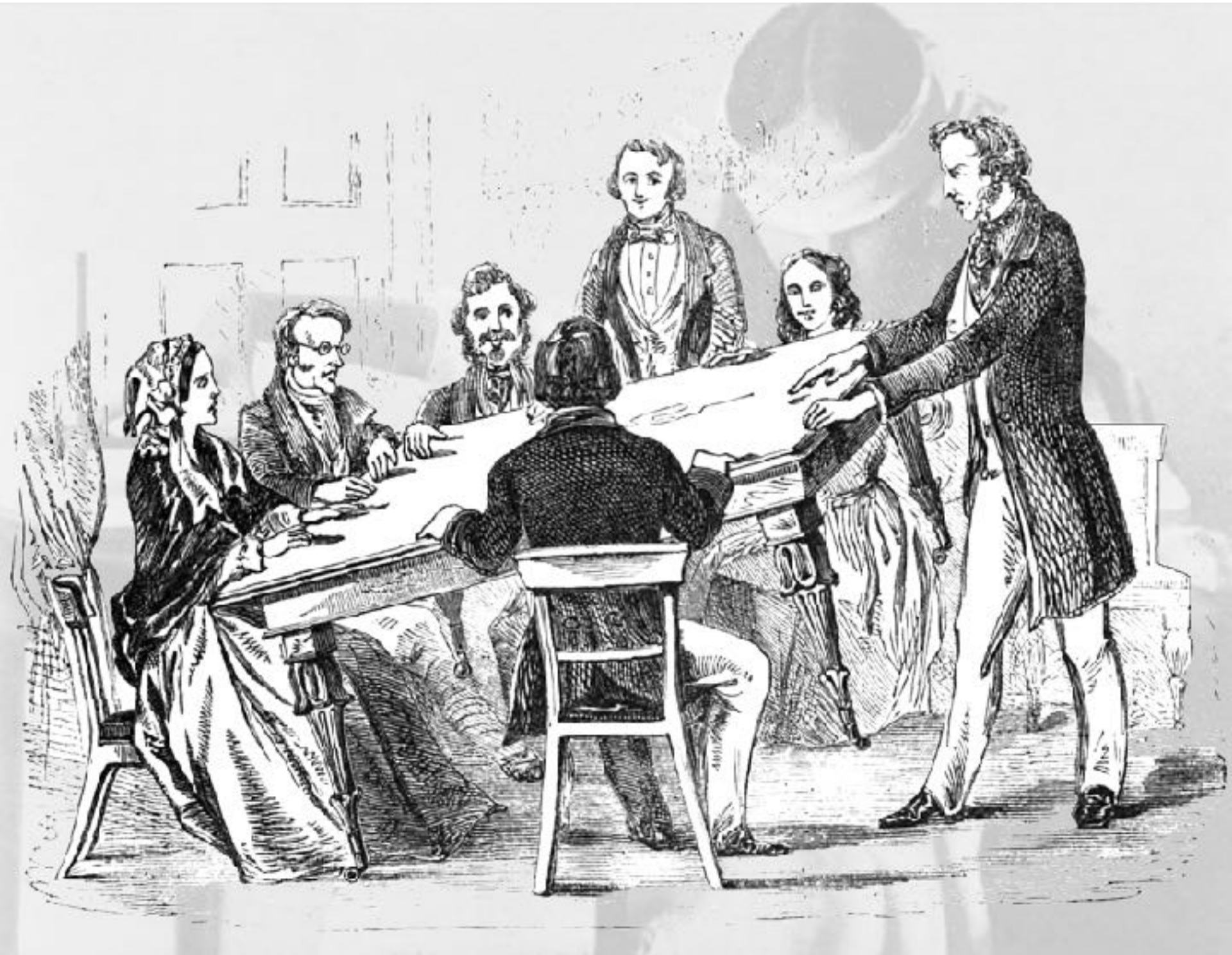
Automatic Writing



1853



"TABLE-MOVING."





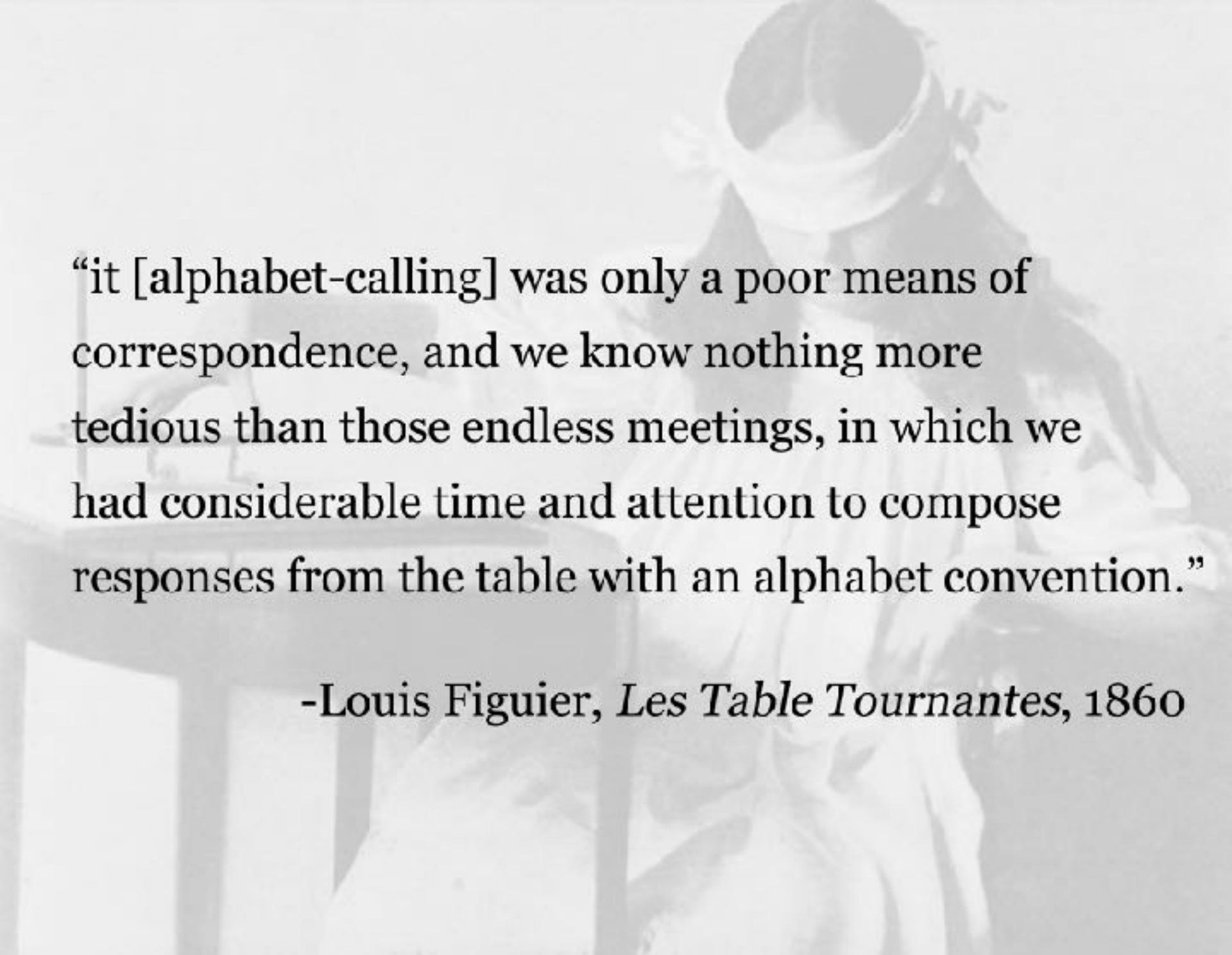
March 23, 1853



Un salon de Paris au mois de mai 1831.

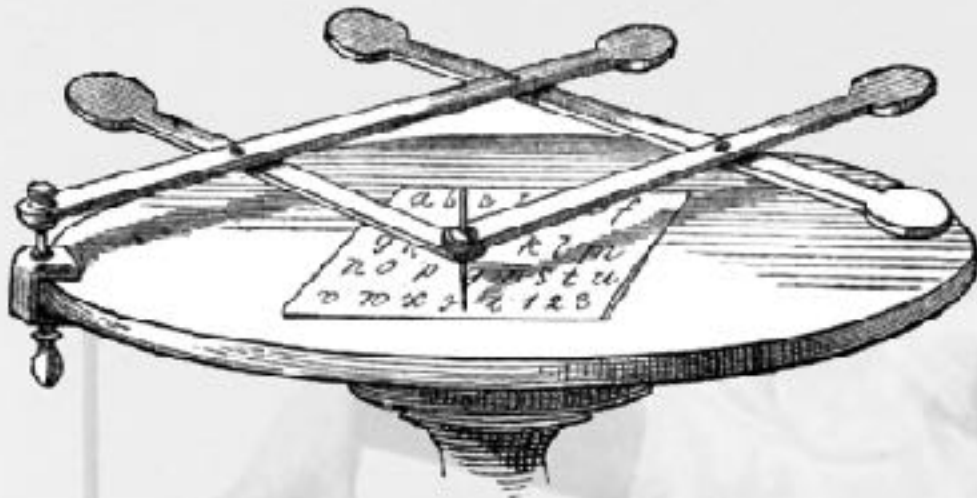




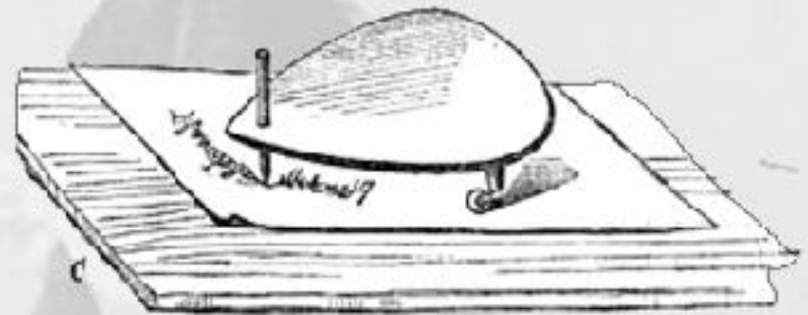


“it [alphabet-calling] was only a poor means of correspondence, and we know nothing more tedious than those endless meetings, in which we had considerable time and attention to compose responses from the table with an alphabet convention.”

-Louis Figuier, *Les Table Tournantes*, 1860



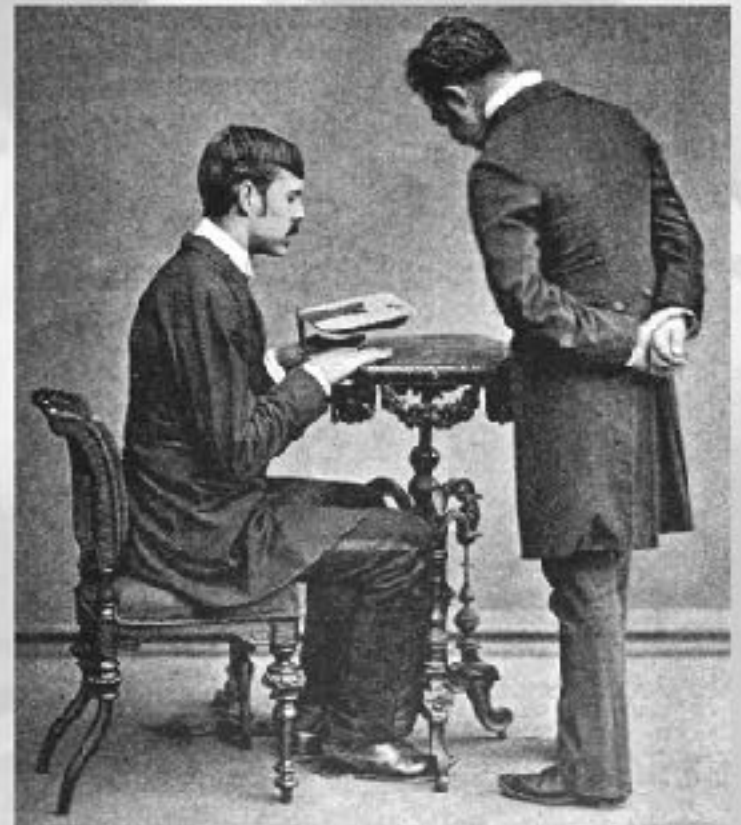
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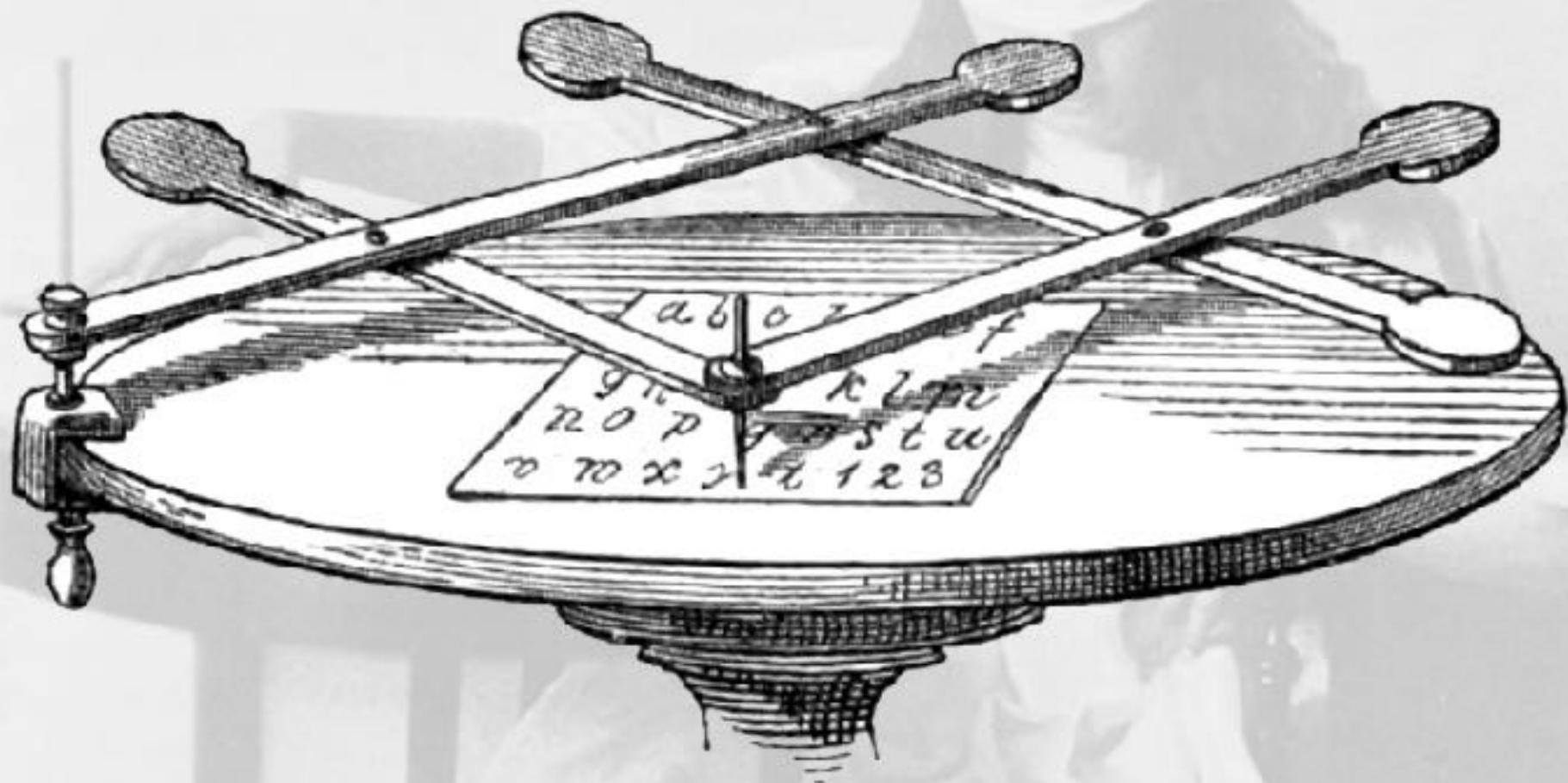
Planchettes, 1853



Pease "Spiritual Telegraph Dial," 1853



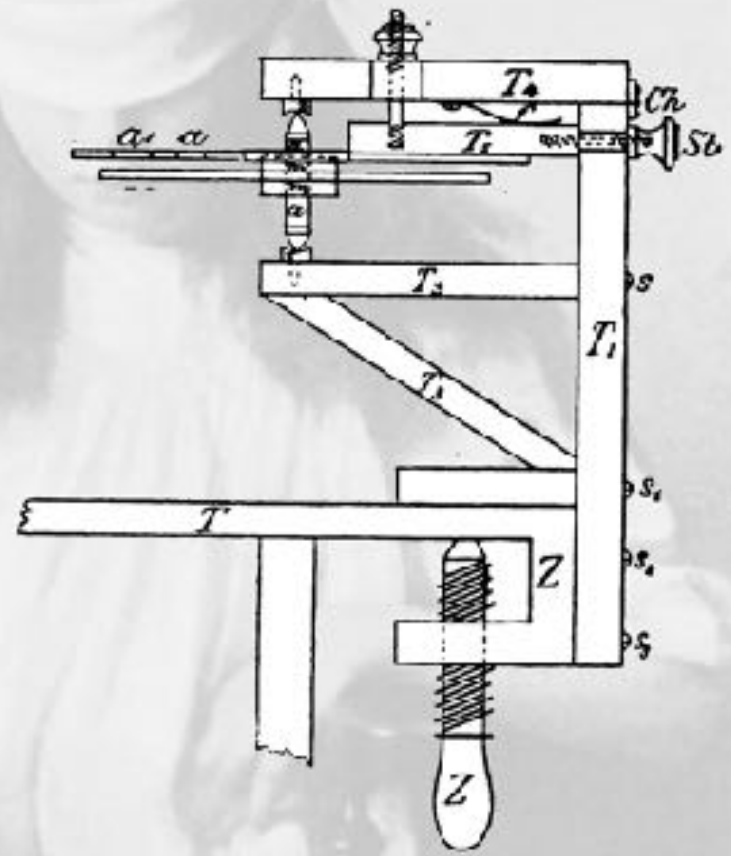
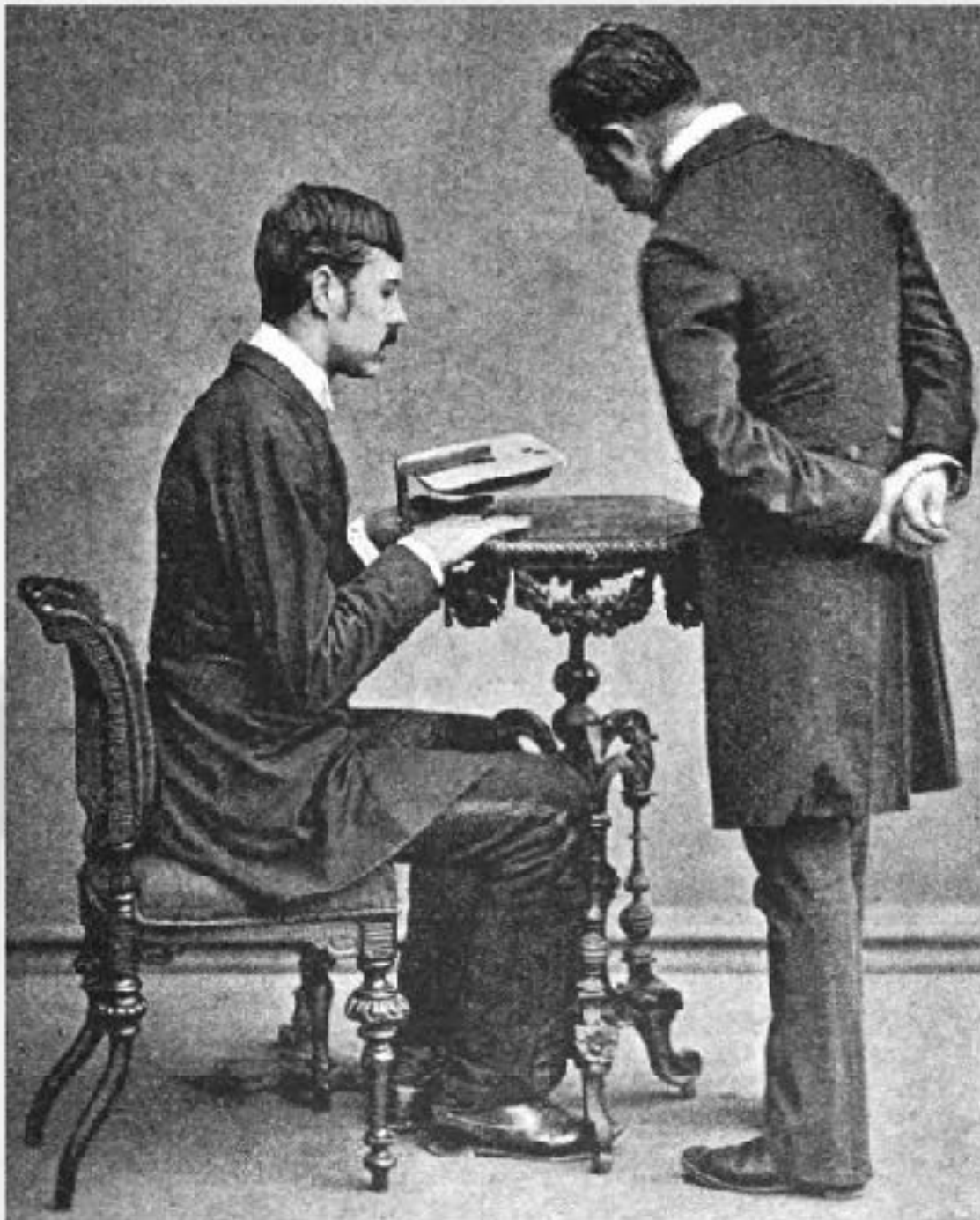
Hornung's "Emanulector," 1854



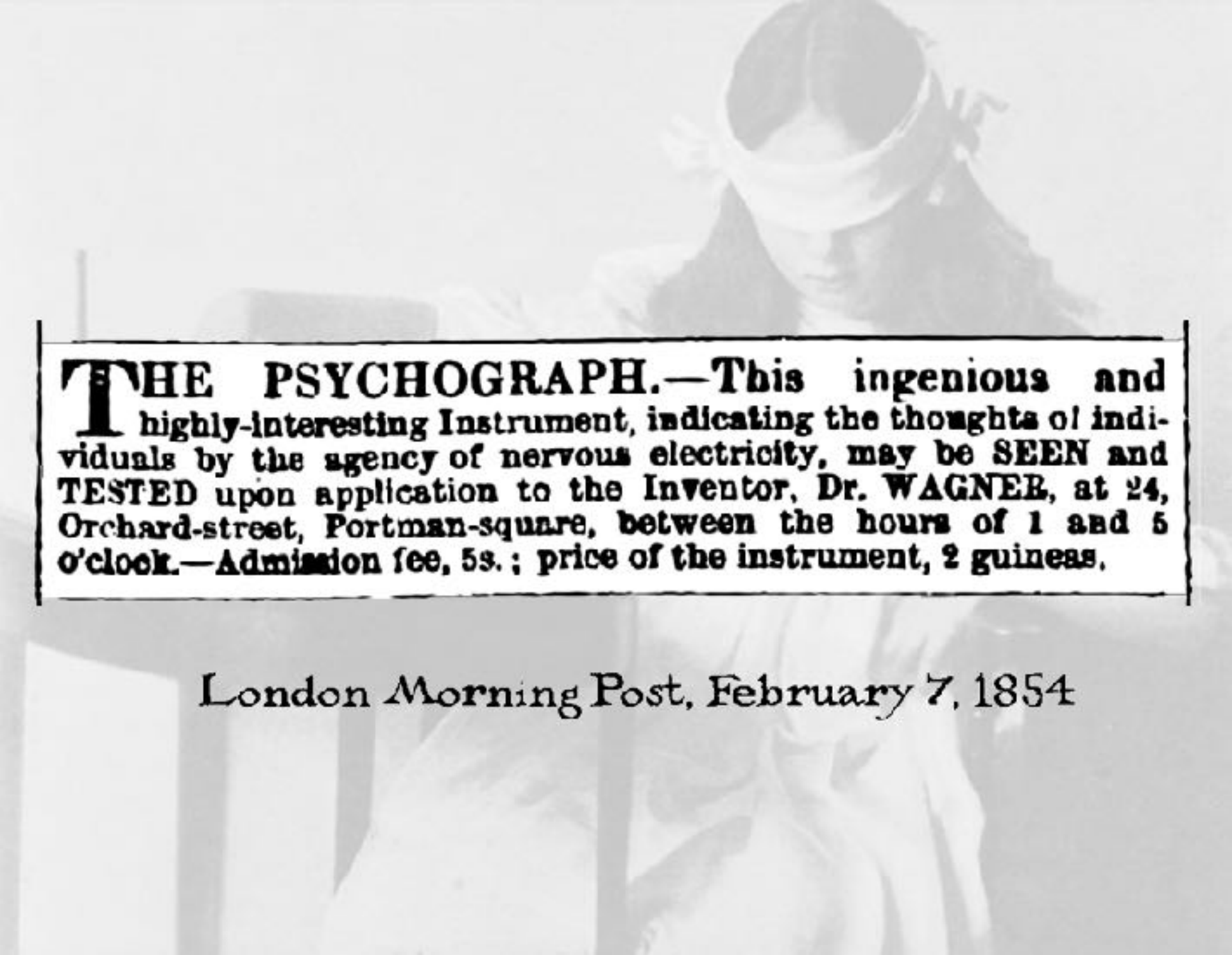
(from *Morgenblatt*, 5 February 1854)



"Der Spiritismus" Illustre Zeitung Leipzig, 1877



Hornung's
Emanulector



THE PSYCHOGRAPH.—This ingenious and highly-interesting Instrument, indicating the thoughts of individuals by the agency of nervous electricity, may be SEEN and TESTED upon application to the Inventor, Dr. WAGNER, at 24, Orchard-street, Portman-square, between the hours of 1 and 5 o'clock.—Admission fee, 5s. ; price of the instrument, 2 guineas.

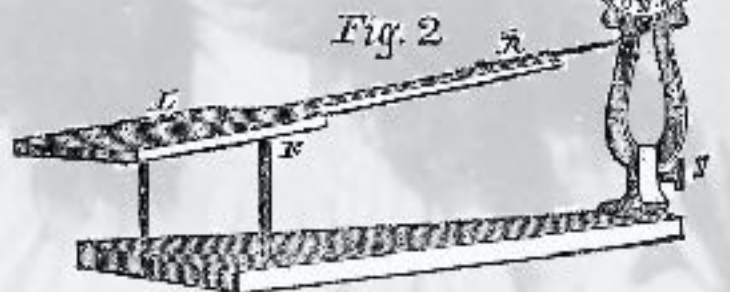
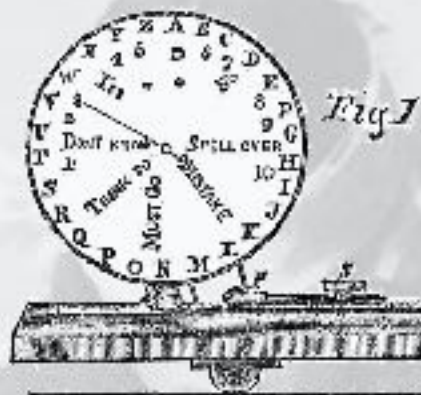
London Morning Post, February 7, 1854

A SPIRITUAL MACHINE.

On the same day as our notice of M. Wagner's Thought Indicator was published, the *Scientific American* issued an article, headed as above, containing a description of a machine just invented by Mr. J. T. Pease, of Thompsonville, Connecticut, called a Spiritual Telegraph Dial. The apparatus is contrived with a dial-face, on which are marked the letters of the alphabet, the numerals, the words "yes" and "no," and other convenient signs. A moveable hand, or pointer, is fixed in the centre; "and when a ghost wants to communicate with its pupils and friends in the body, all that is requisite is, for it to give a gentle twitch to the pointer, and the revelation is accomplished." Mr. Pease states, "that with a good tipping medium to facilitate the movements of the pointer by agitating the table, letters will be indicated to the dial as fast as an amanuensis can write it down."

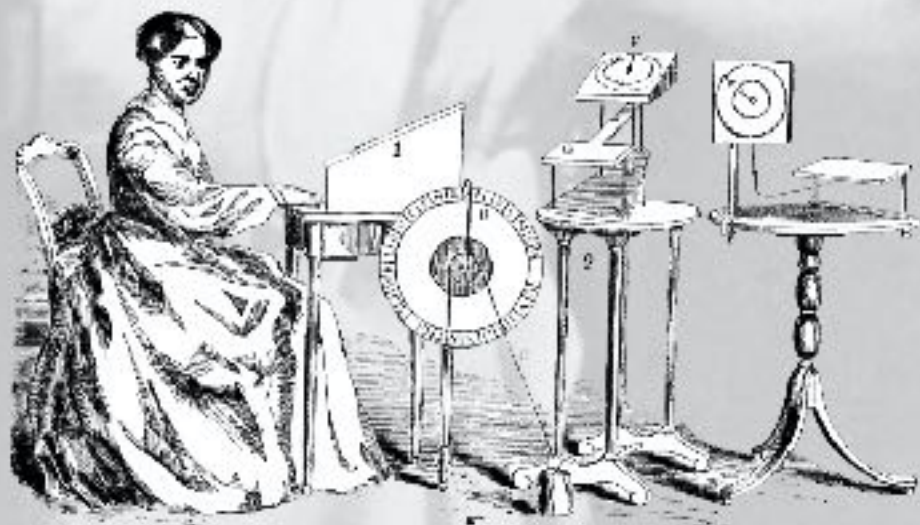
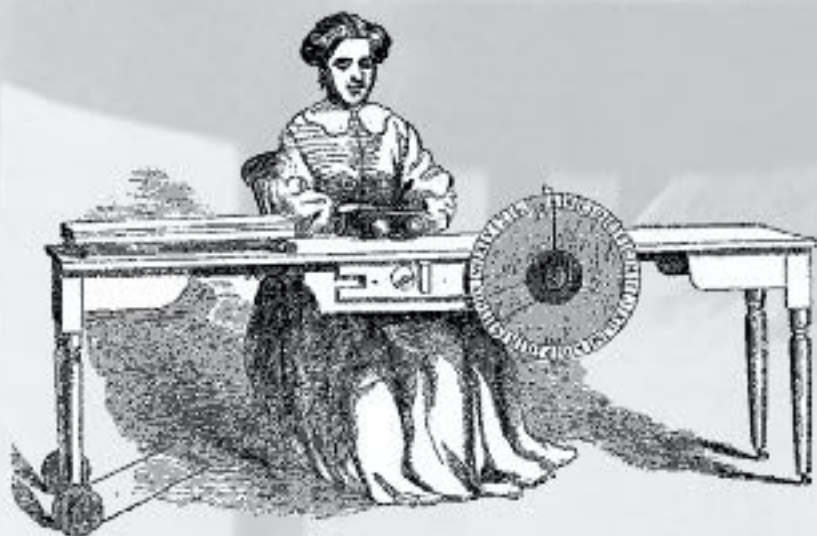


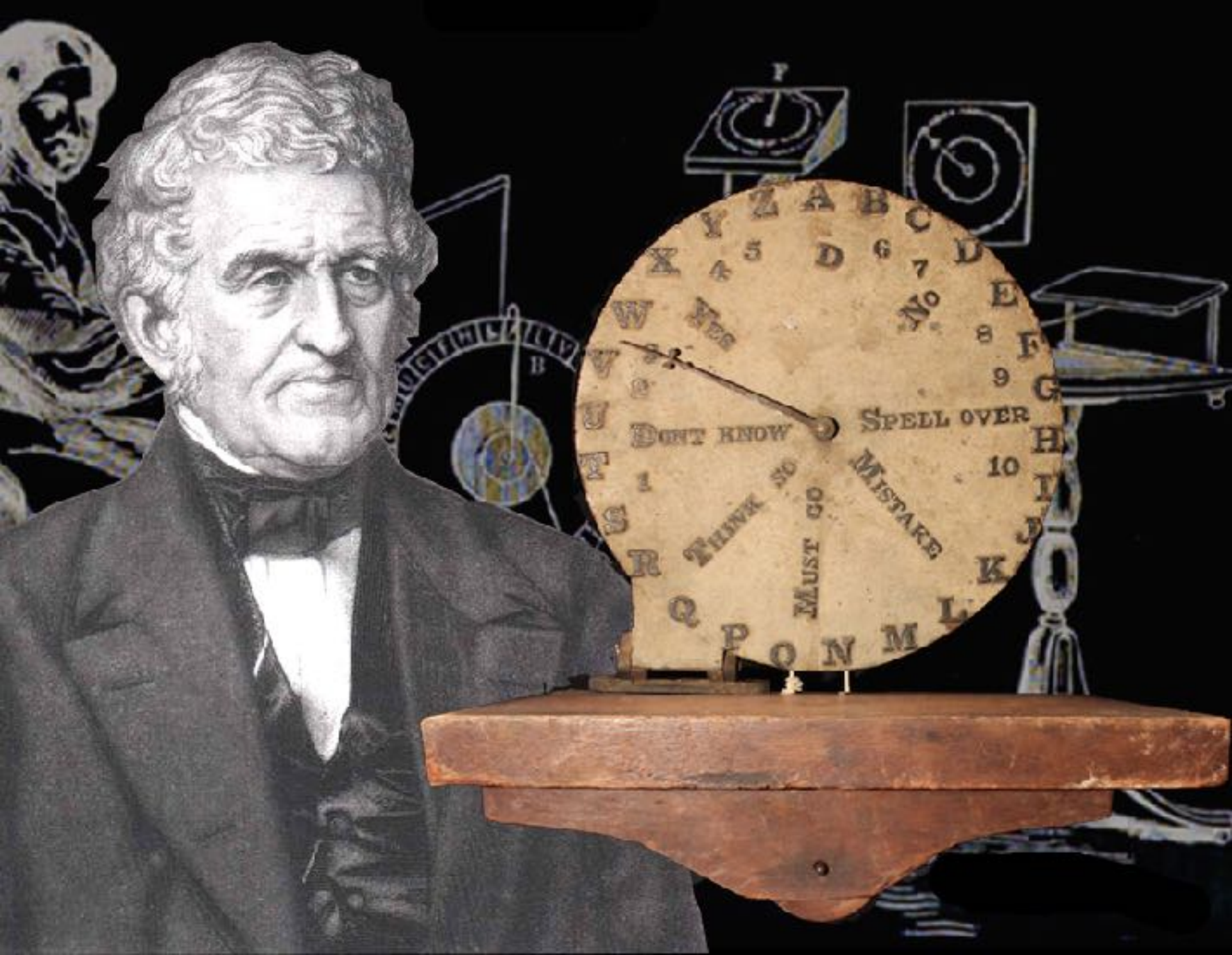
Isaac Pease Spiritual Telegraph Dial, 1853



No. 4

Dr. Hare's "Spiritoscopes"





June 10, 1853

Paris, France



“Fetch the little basket from the next room;
fasten a pencil to it; place it upon a sheet of paper;
put your fingers on the edge of the basket.”



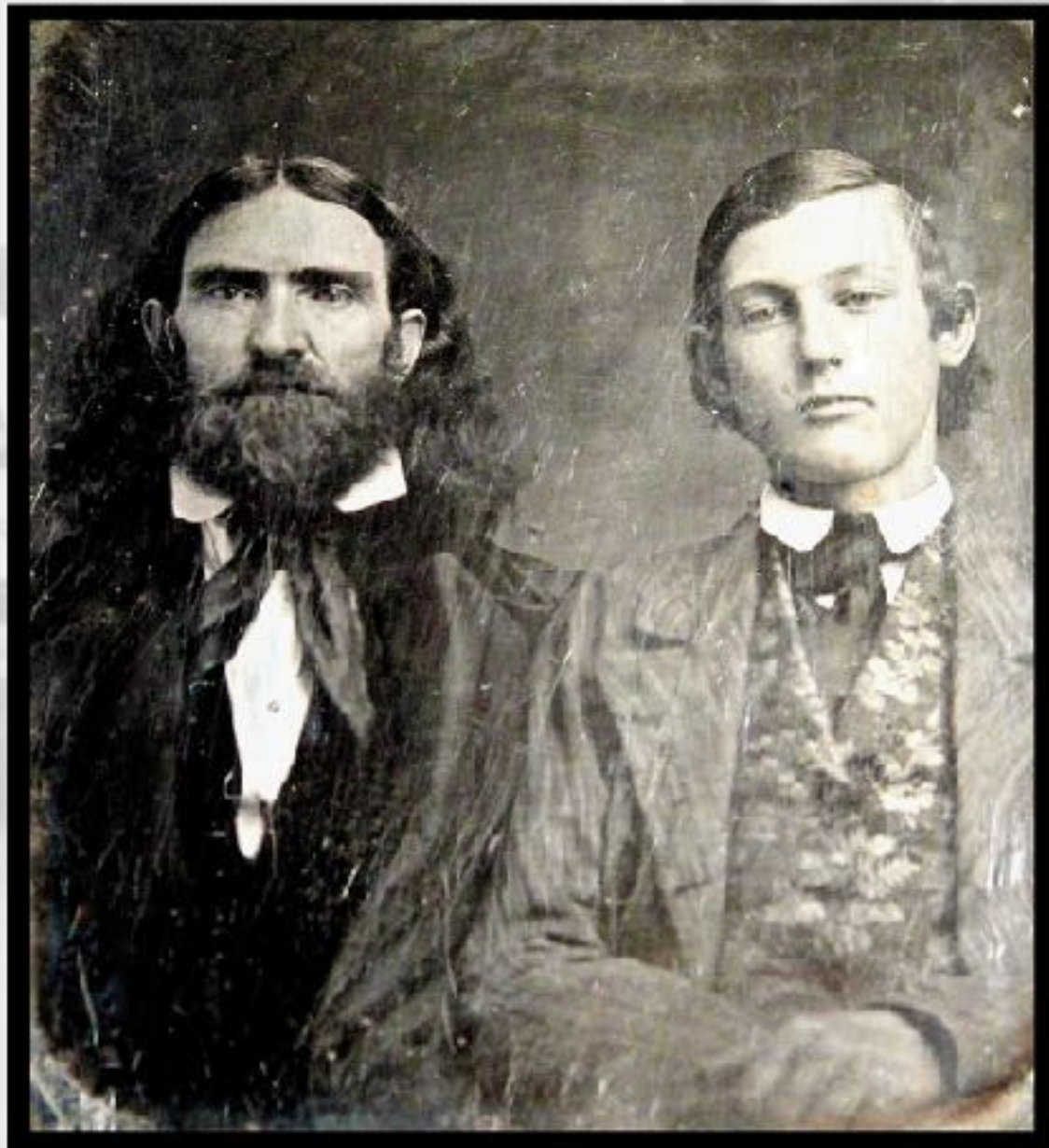
Mysterious Planchette



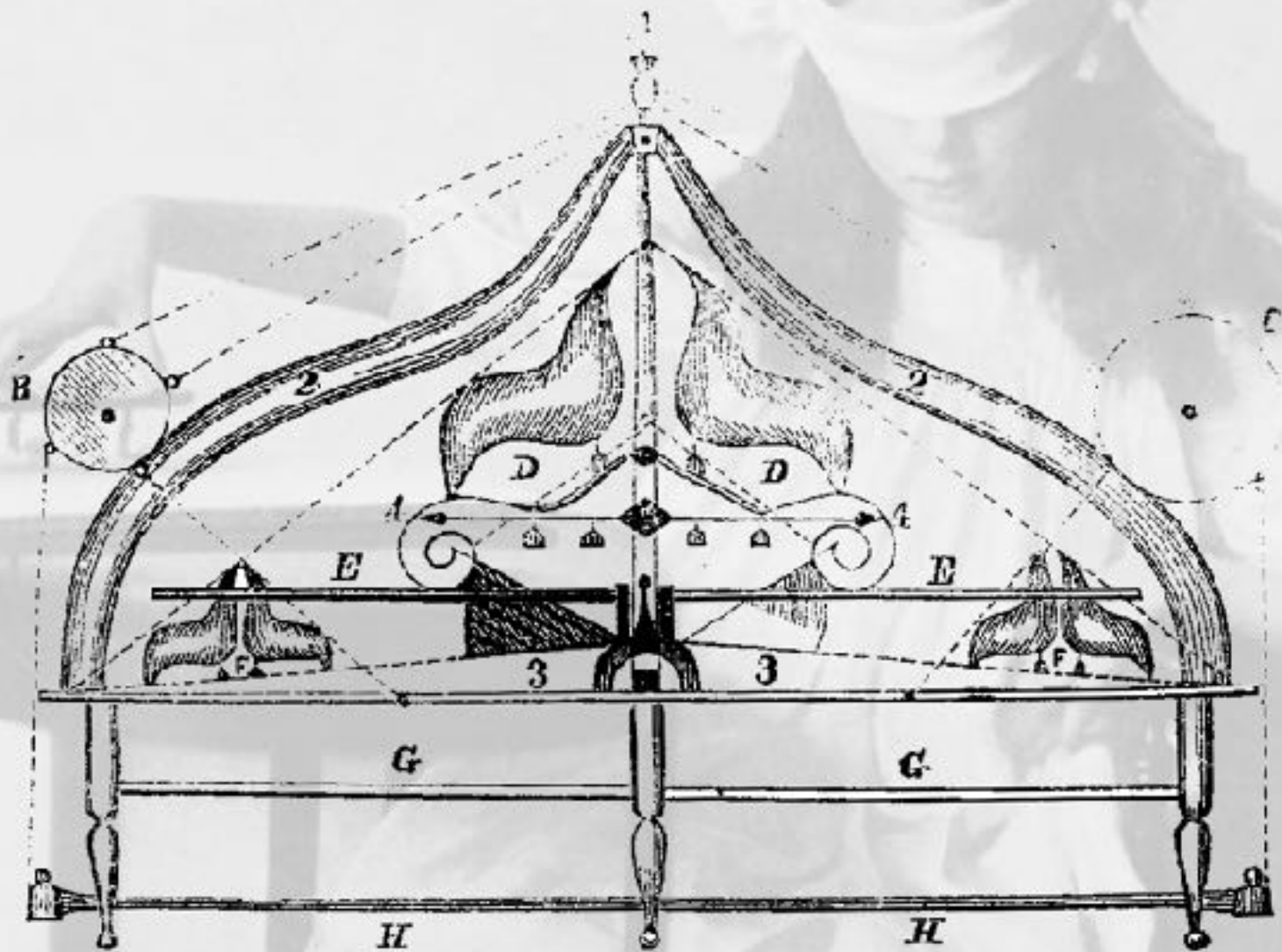
Robert Dale Owen



SPIRITUAL MANIFESTATIONS IN ATHENS CO., OHIO.

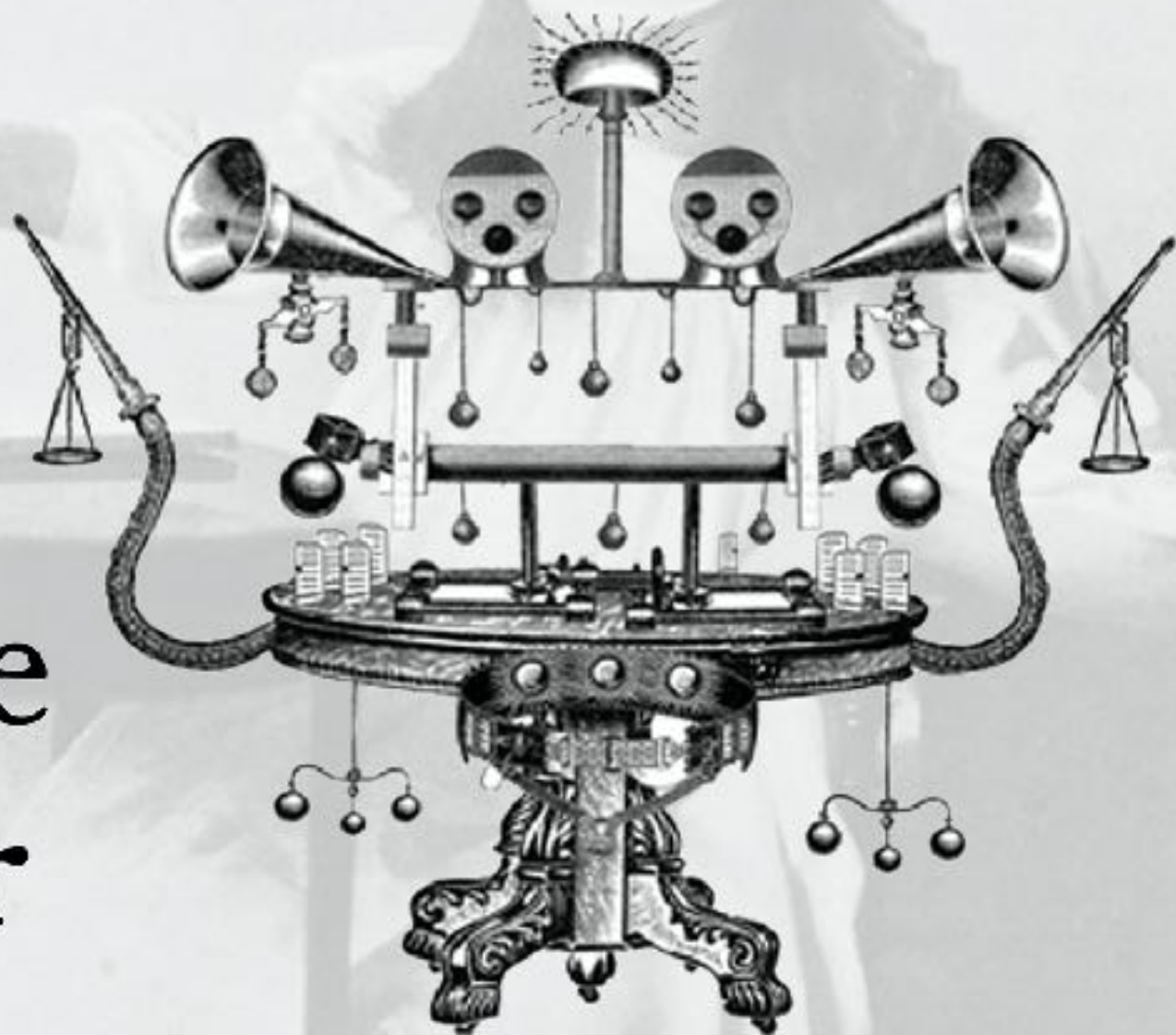


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PLANCHETTE.*

TO THE EDITOR OF "ONCE A WEEK."

SIR,—Having read the article upon "Planchette" in your number for Oct. 26, I beg to inform you that I am desirous of procuring the machine, as sometimes in the winter evenings in the country we are in want of amusement. Would you kindly publish in the first convenient number of your periodical the address at which a "Planchette" can be procured? I have a family of sons and daughters, ranging in age from ten to twenty-three, and they keep my house continually full of people, who must be amused. The day is easy enough; but oh! the long evenings when we cannot dance!

Your obedient servant,
AN ANXIOUS MAMMA.

— Park, Yorkshire, Nov. 1.

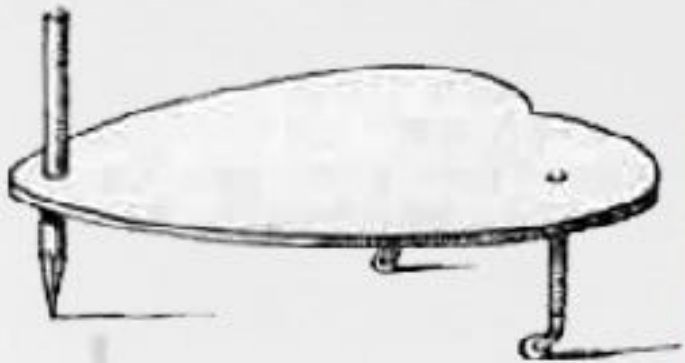
[NOTE.—In reply to her inquiry, an "ANXIOUS MAMMA" will be glad to know that the "Mr. B." of the article to which she refers gave Messrs. Elliott, Brothers, the Mathematical Instrument Makers of No. 449, West Strand, close to Charing Cross, his American "Planchette" to copy, and that they supply them. We hear that the "Planchette" is made also and supplied by Mr. Thomas Welton, 13, Grafton Street, Fitzroy Square.—Ed. O. A. W.]

* See ante, p. 486.

October 26 1867

"Once a Week"







THE PRESS ON "PLANCHETTE"

From the Albany Evening Journal.
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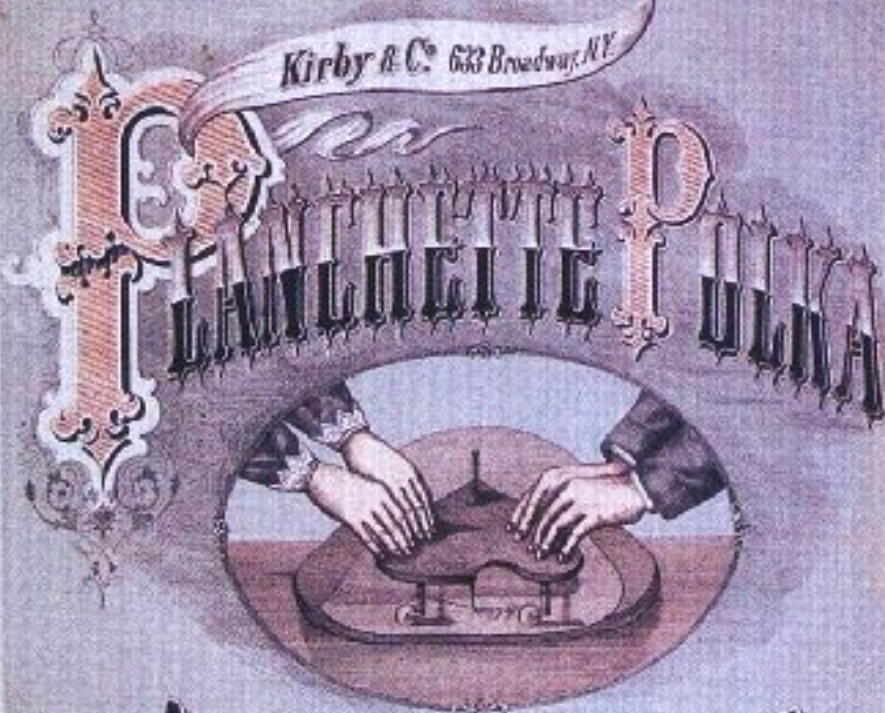
Planchette made its appearance in Portland last March, and Cyrus H. Farley manufactured quite a number which he sold at the Cretan fair in Boston. He attempted to awaken an interest in the subject in the mind of Boston people, but everybody laughed at him. He then went to New York and enlisted the efforts of a Mr Kirby, and since that time Farley and Kirby have manufactured over 34,000 planchettes. Mr Cottrell, the manager of the "Boston planchette" business, got his idea from them, being formerly their agent.





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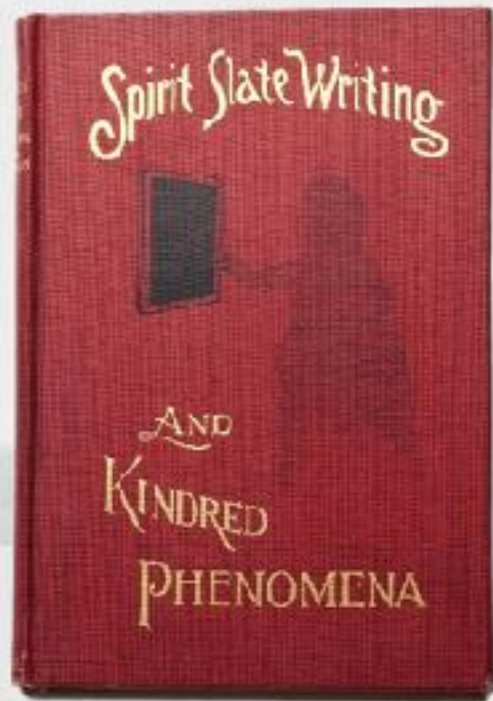


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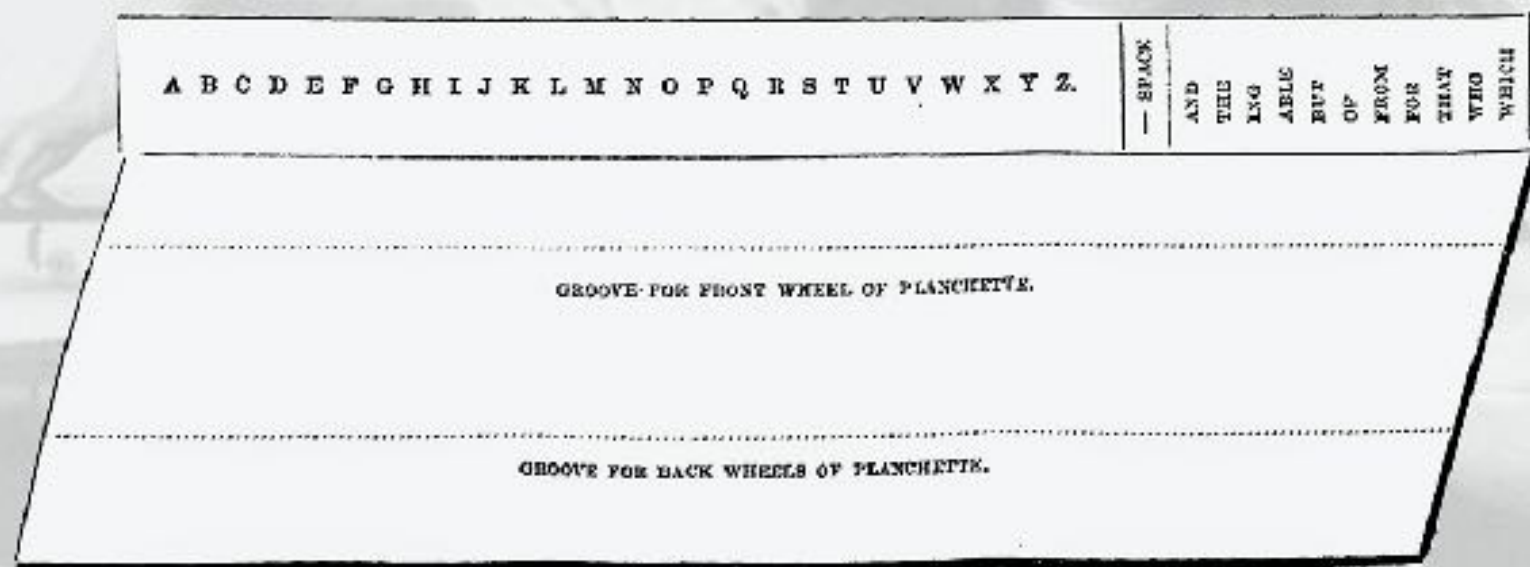
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Spirit Slates

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The Bewley Indicator, 1871

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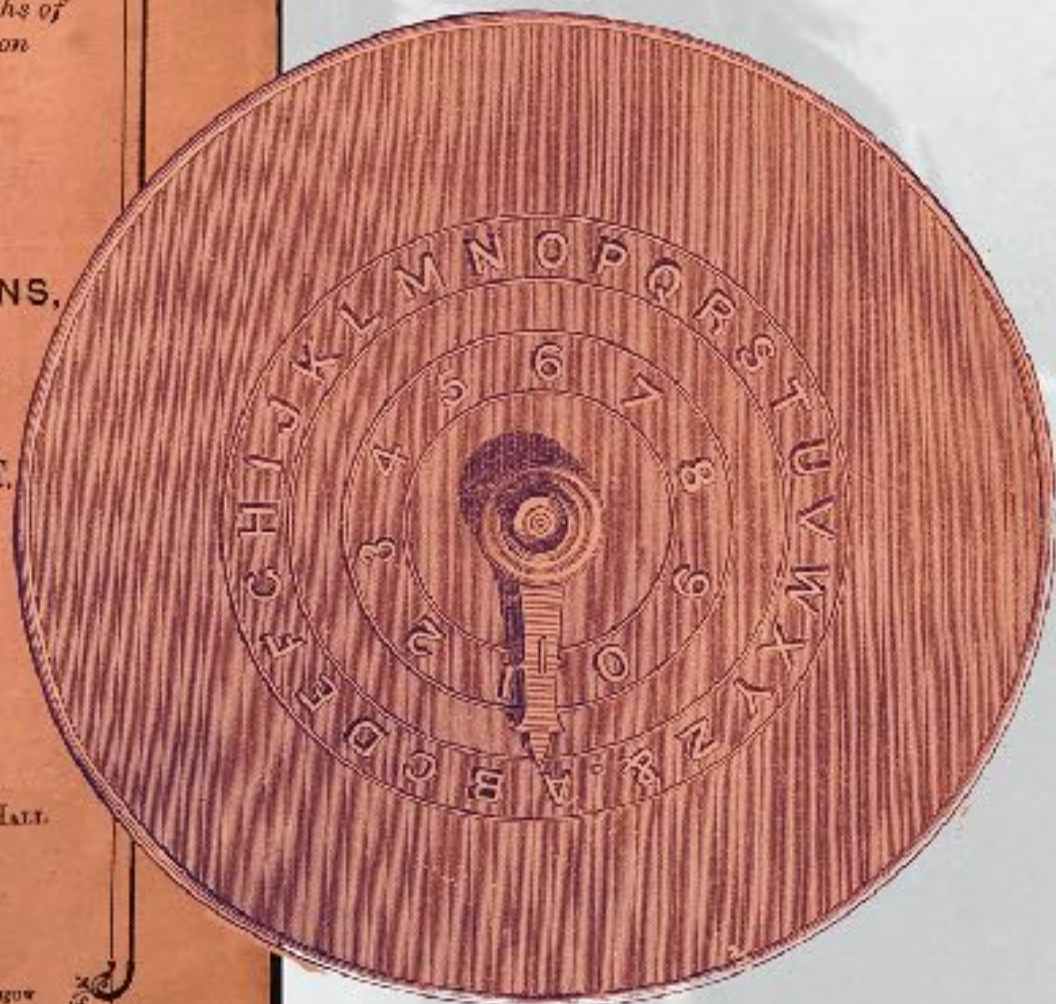
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H. Nisbet, Printer,

219 George Street, Glasgow

Pine's Spiritual Telegraph

1874



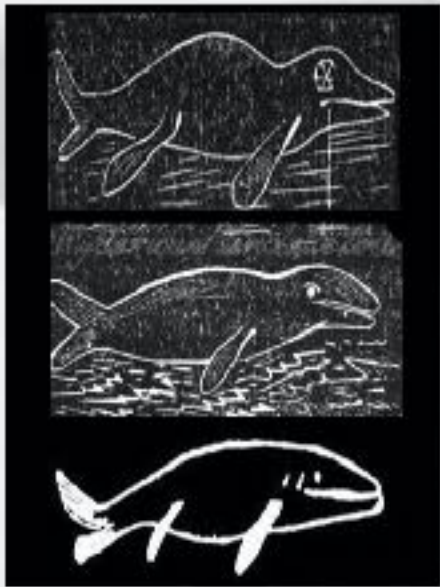
"But there has been discovered, by my wife, a method which will enable many persons to get manifestations who could not get tippings of the table; and for those who require tippings of the table to point out the letters when the alphabet is called, a method here is offered that will facilitate operations greatly."

A	G			N	U
B	H			O	V
C	I			P	W
no	J	(_____)	Q yes
D	K			R	X
E	L			S	Y
F	M			T	Z

The "L.K." Table, 1876



Hudson Tuttle



Tuttle Psychograph, 1880s



1886

Ohio, 1886

YES. NO.
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R
S T U V W X Y Z &.,
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

GOOD-EVE.

GOOD-NIGHT.

Yes.	No.
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N	
O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z &.,	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0	
Good Eve.	Good Night.



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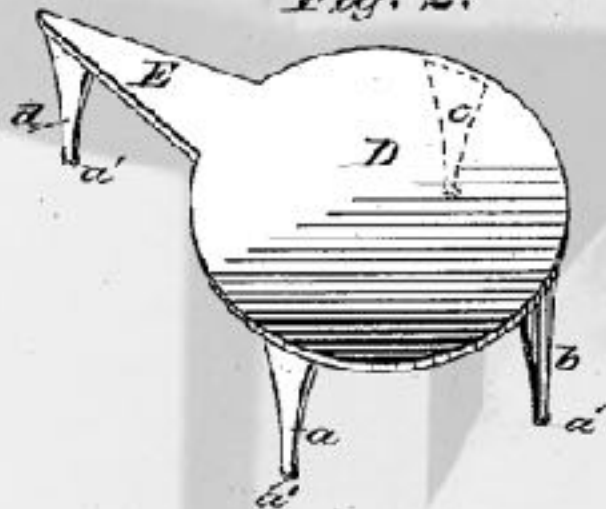
Fig. 1.



Charles F. Keenwood

1891

Fig. 2.



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 VoLô
 1 ABCDEFG 6
 2 HIJKLM 7
 (LEAR) 3 NOPQR 8 RAIN
 4 STUV 9
 5 W
 YES
 F

A B C D E F G
 H I J K L M N
 O P Q R S T U
 V W X Y Z
 6 7 8 9

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
 N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0
 BEST

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N
 O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N
 O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 No
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 COME MURDER AND WELL SUCCESS
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 TRI. WED. MON.



1,418,686.

Patented Jan. 6, 1923.
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N. E. GOLDBERG.

WHEEL ALLOW.
 APPLICATION FILED JUNE 1, 1921.

1,366,174.

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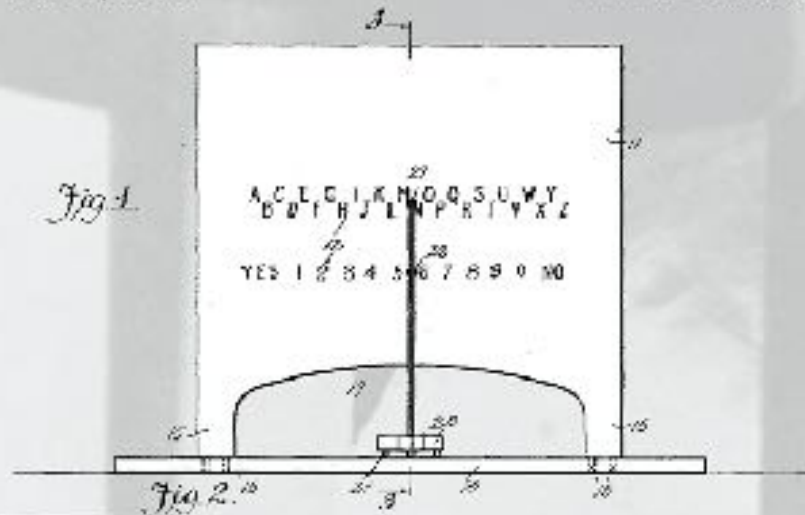
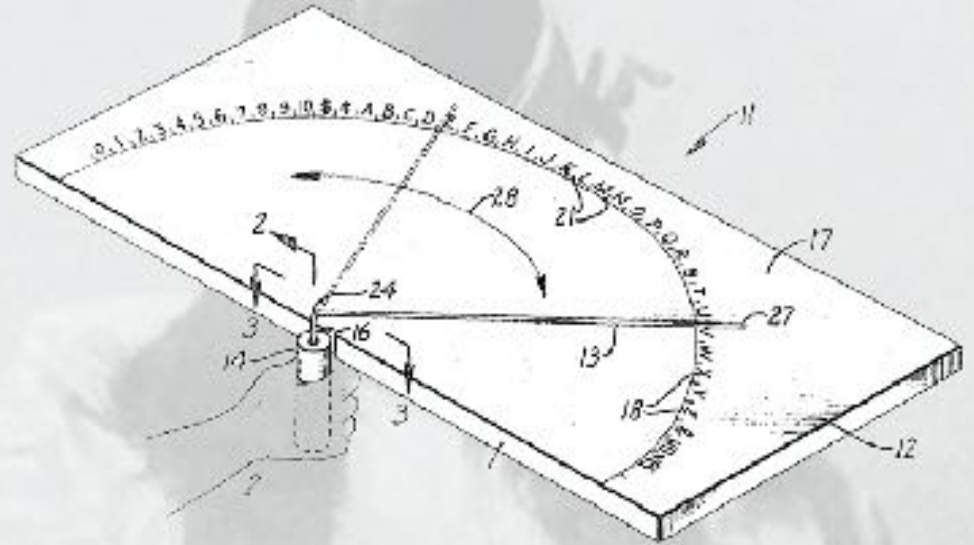


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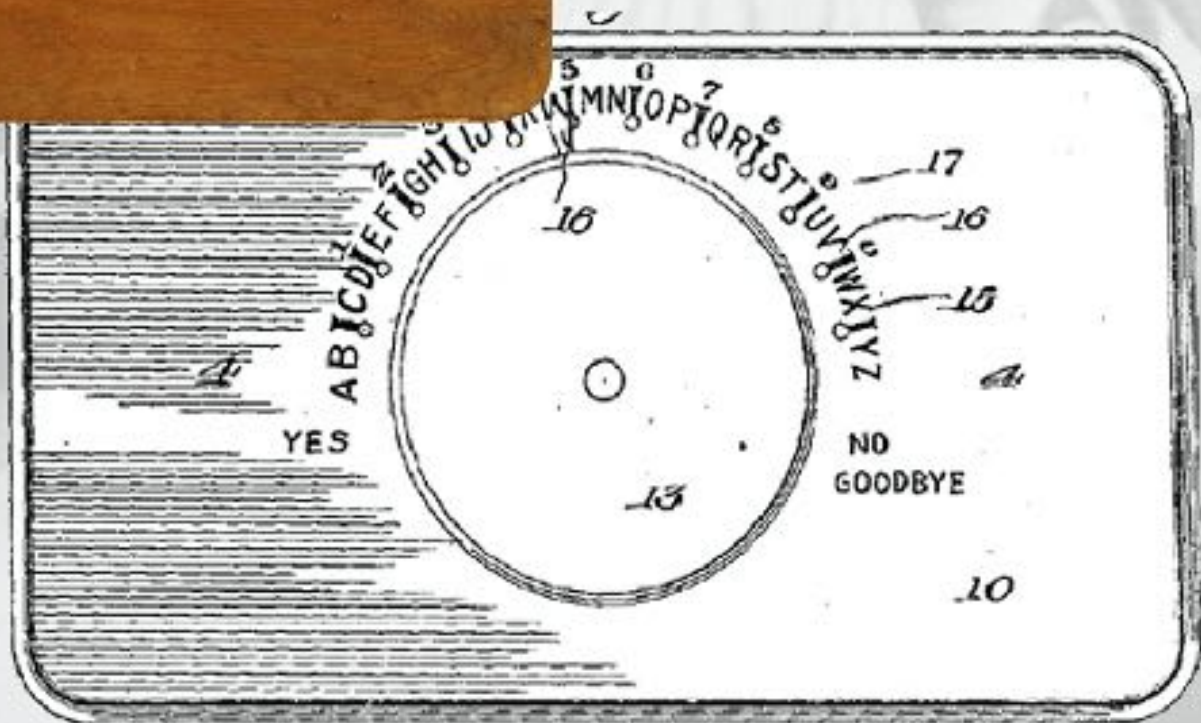


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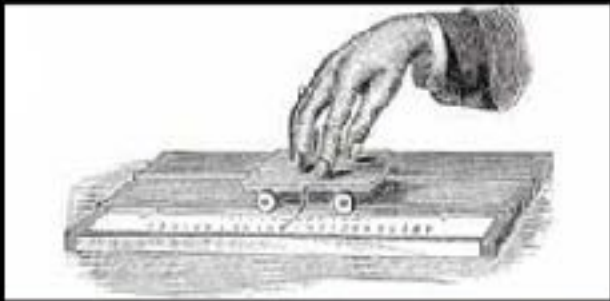
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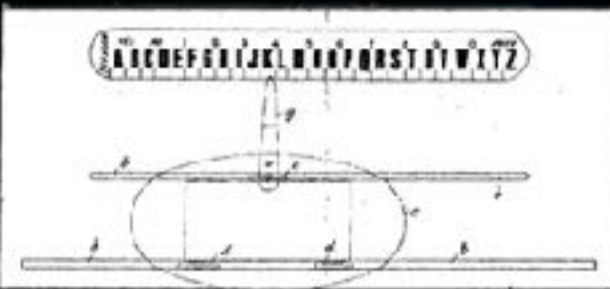




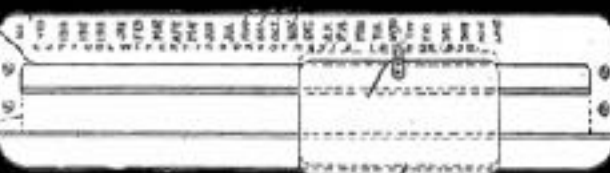
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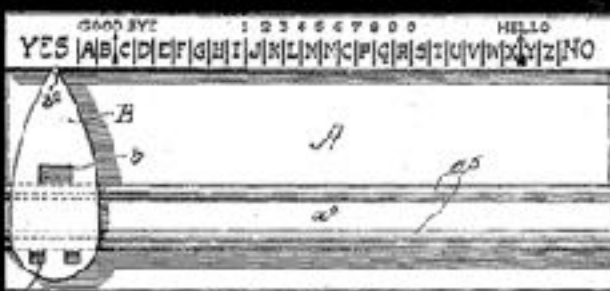
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“Slide” Dials

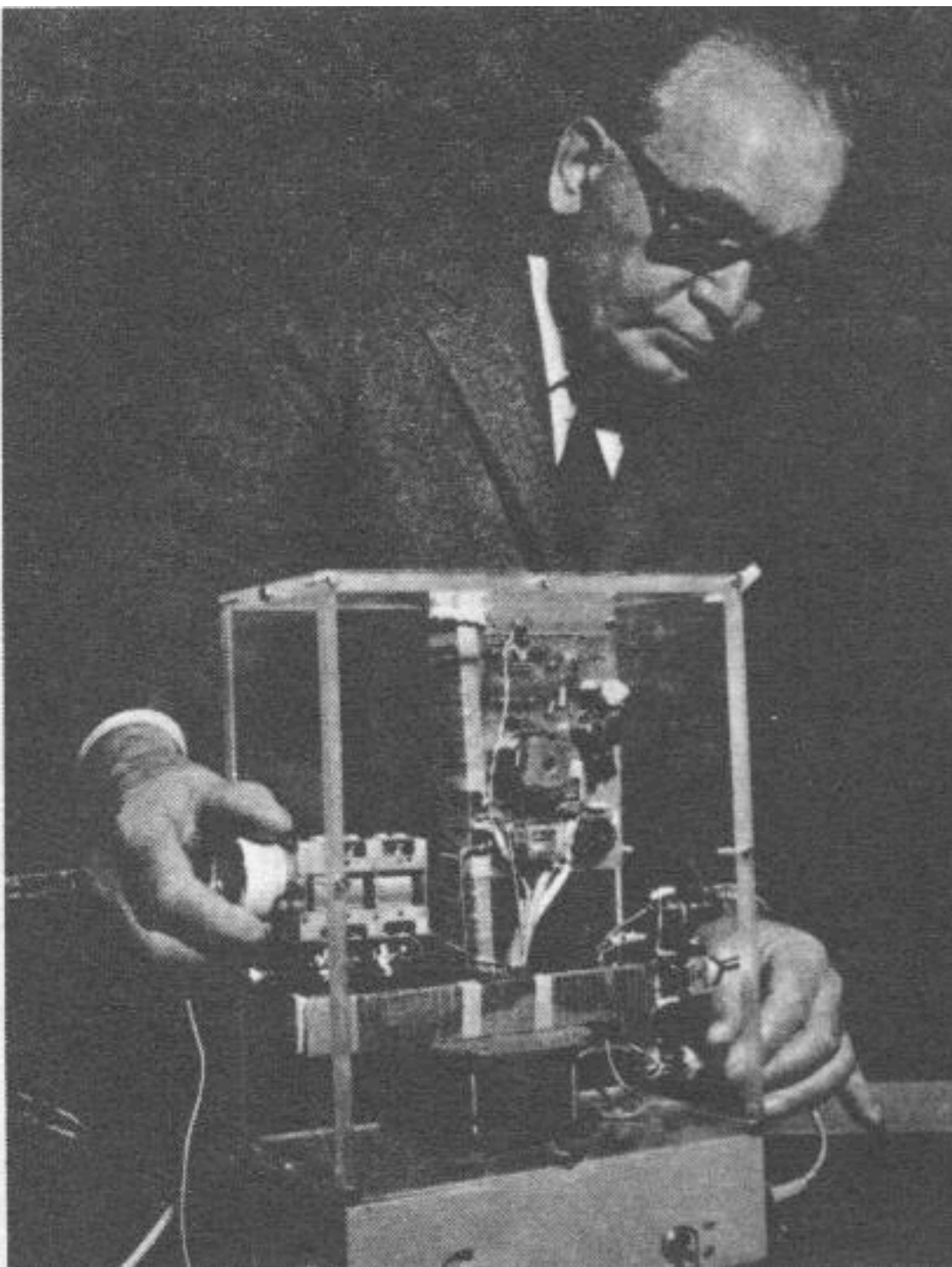


Entered June 6, 1922
 2,487,184







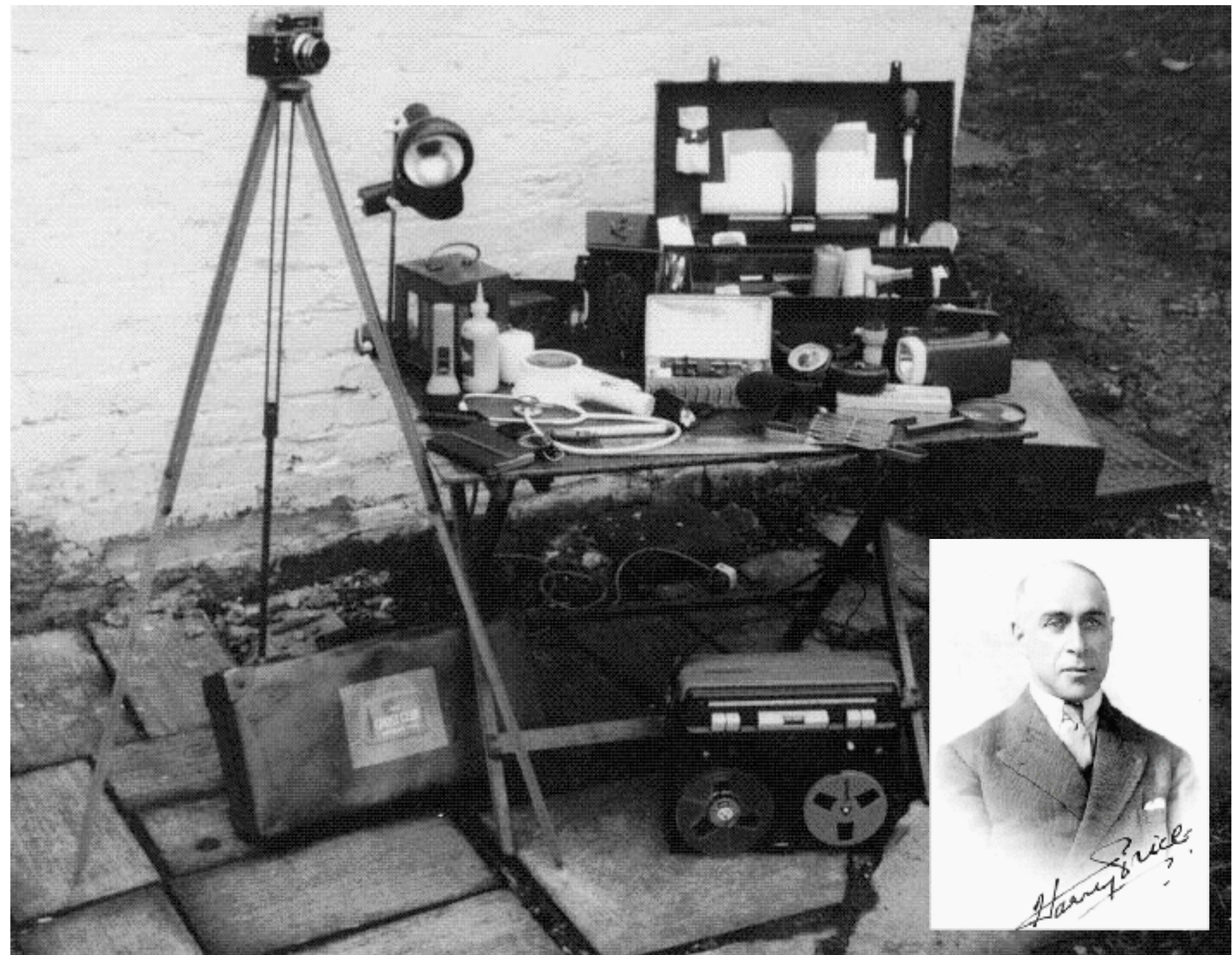


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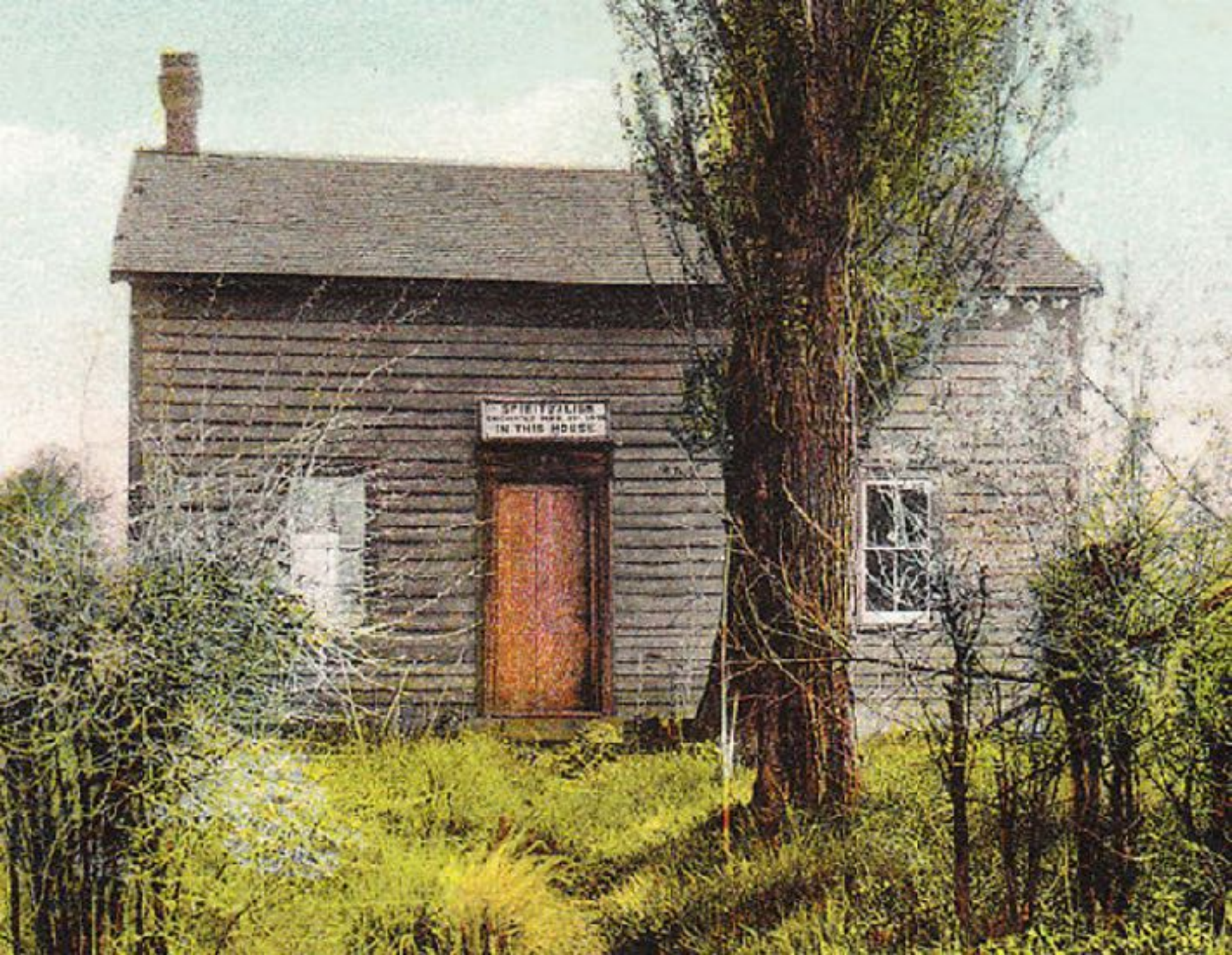
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