Tremont has the honor of siring the fastest stallion ever bred in Michigan. Lady Wilkes is the dam of Bellrene, record 2:26¾; Tennyson, record 2:27¼; Wilkesmont, record 2:28¼. Belladonna is the dam of Mercurius, record 2:28½; Aconite, four-year-old, record 2:34, and Atropie, two-year-old, record 2:52, on half-mile track. The doctor gave Tremont his record, then purchased Olmedo Wilkes, and in his three-year-old form gave him his record. He also bred the produce of both of these mares and the dam of Olney Wilkes, record 2:25¼. The colts on the farm now are out of mares of superior breeding, and the mingling of the blood of Olmedo Wilkes and Tremont is a demonstrated success in Olney Wilkes, four-year-old, record 2:25¼.

The brood mares are by George Wilkes and his sons Alcantara, record 2:23; Ambassador, record 2:21¼; one by Barney Wilkes, son of Red Wilkes; one by Pilot Medium, one by Woodlawn and many others of rare breeding. It will be for the interest of any one who anticipates the purchase of a fine colt to call and examine the stock on the Gibson Stock Farm before doing so or to send for the Gibson Farm catalogue.

IT WAS QUITE CHILLY!

"Where have you been?" queried a representative of the Kingston, O., *Blade* of a young farmer who was hugging the stove in Randall's store Saturday night.

"Been to the horse race."

"Where was there a horse race?"

"Didn't you hear about it? Why, George Rush and Joe Haynes had a big race today. It was brought about in this way. A short time ago as George was returning from Chillicothe he was overtaken by Joe Haynes, and of course a race was the result. Joe came out best, but George claimed he took advantage of him, and in telling of it afterwards, remarked that he would put up $25 that he could beat Joe three best in five, on the new track in Chillicothe. Joe heard of it and put up the $25 and the race to-day was the result. There was a big crowd out to see the race too, considering the fact that both horses were roadsters, and George claims his horse cost him $25, but he won the race easy, winning three heats and Joe's horse one."

"How much did you win on the race?"

"Yes, it's quite chilly. Good night."

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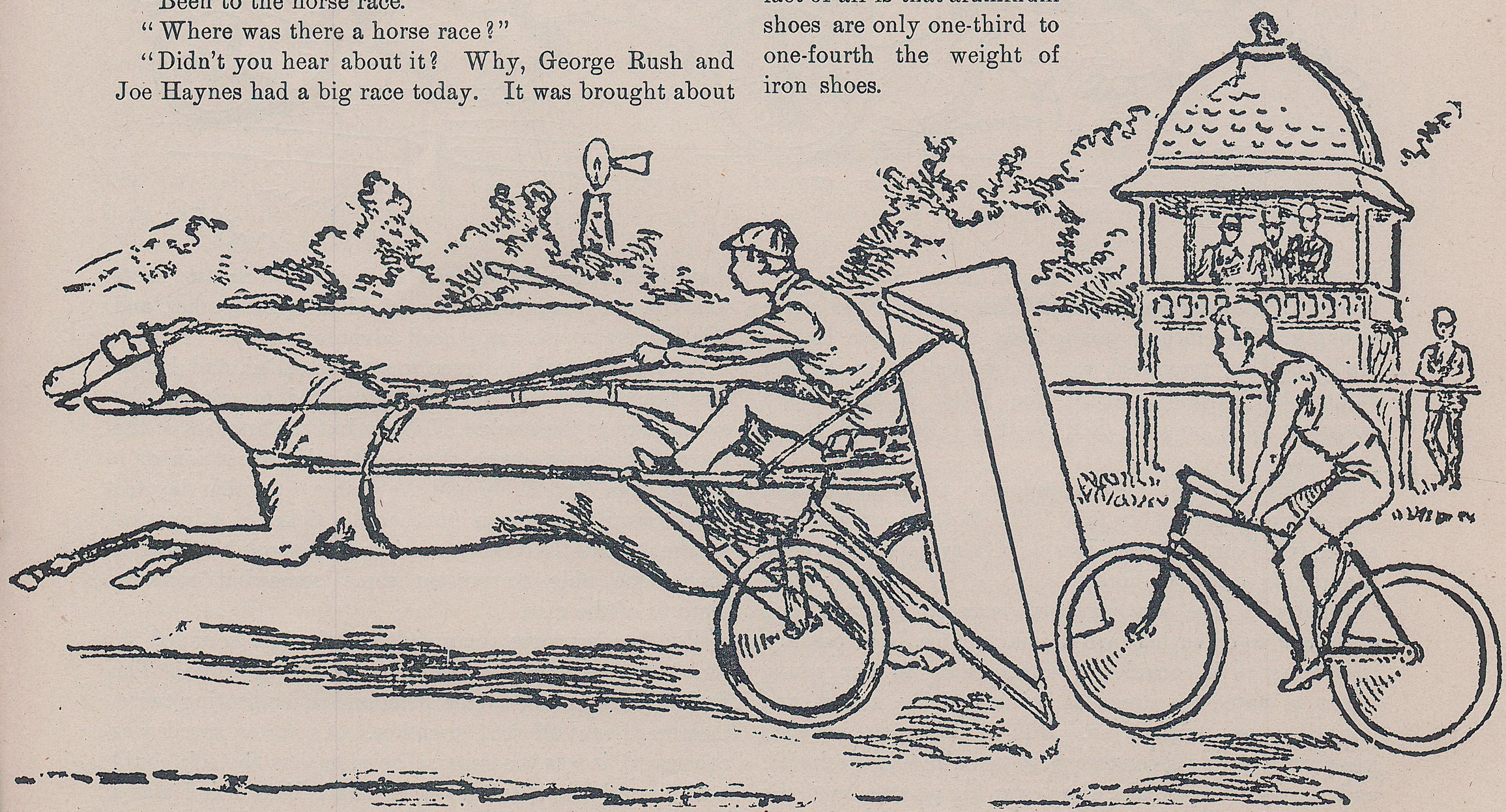
RUSSIA has tried an experiment with aluminum shoes for cavalry horses. A few horses in the Finland dragoons were shod with one aluminum shoe and three iron shoes each, the former being on the fore foot in some cases and on the hind in others. The experiments lasted six weeks, and showed that the aluminum shoes lasted longer and preserved the foot better than the iron ones. No aluminum shoes broke, and they were used over again for reshoeing. The horses, moreover, were worked over hard and very stony ground. The most important fact of all is that aluminum shoes are only one-third to one-fourth the weight of iron shoes.



A RECORD-BREAKING MILE. (Bicyclists state that the Mile Record will be lowered to 1:40.)