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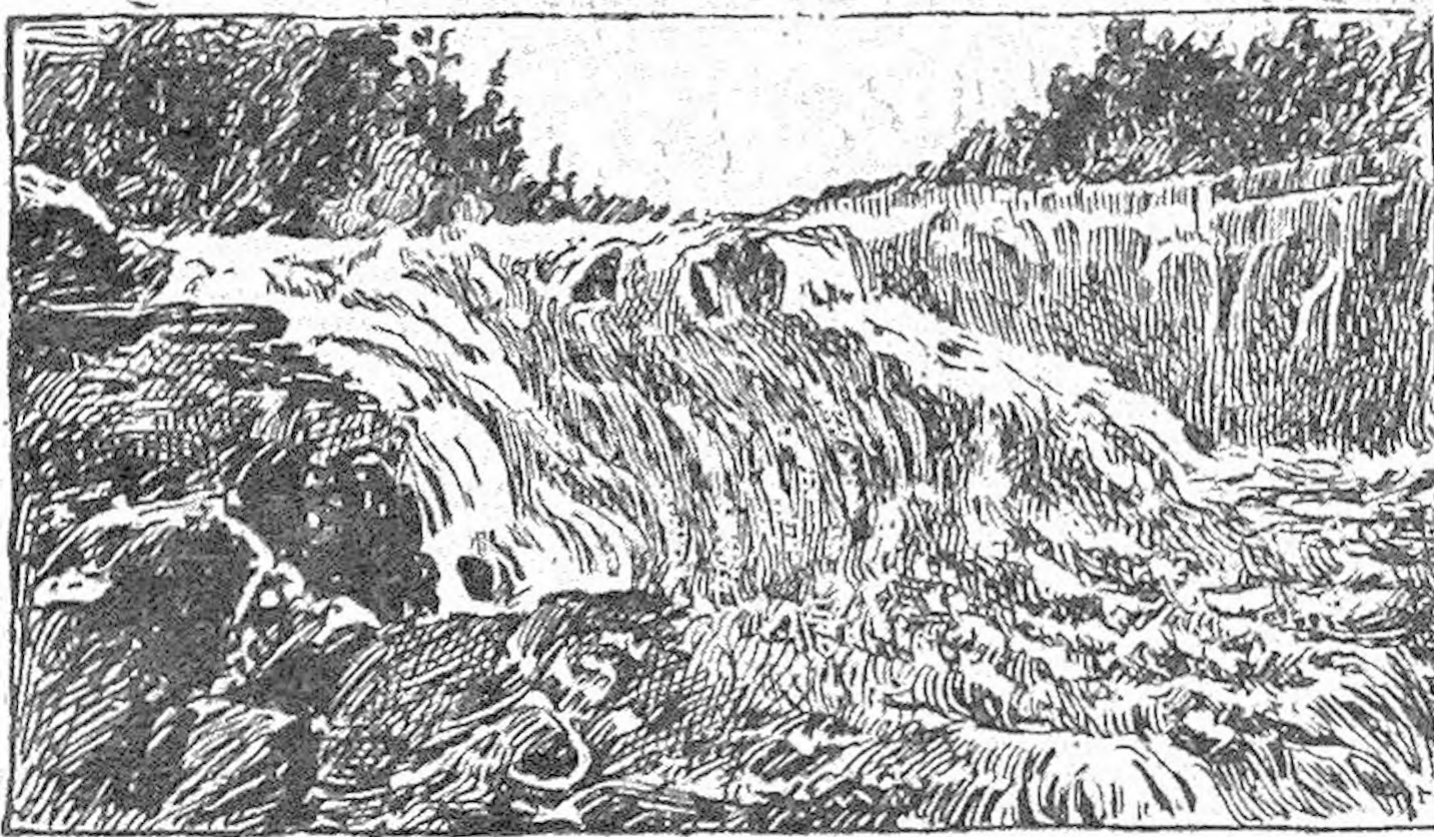
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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# Municipal Officers

OF THE

# TOWN OF PERU,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 16, 1894.

RUMFORD FALLS:  
TIMES BOOK AND JOB PRINT.  
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## REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

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To the inhabitants of the town of Peru:

Agreeably to law and the usual customs, we submit our annual report of the financial condition of the town, for the year ending Feb. 16, 1894.

### VALUATION.

Total valuation,	\$209,598 00
We have assessed a highway tax of	2,000 00
At a percentage of 8 2-3 mills on the dollar, and 256 polls at \$1.00 each.	
We have assessed a State tax of	662 70
A County tax of	223 07
Voted by town to pay town charges,	2,000 00
for support of roads,	300 00
for support of schools,	600 00
With an overlay of	184 64
Total amount committed to Daniel Fletcher, collector,	3,970 41

Percentage of assessment, 17 3-5 mills on the dollar.  
256 polls at \$1.00 each.

### EXPENSE OF POOR.

We have leased the town farm and personal property thereon, to A. K. P. Trask for one year from April 6, 1893, and he is to support Seth Jenne, and make such repairs as are necessary and receive from the town	\$31 67
We have paid W. S. Walker for barbed wire, grass seed, bedding, etc., furnished town farm,	\$27 94
Total expense of town farm for 1893,	59 61

## EXPENSE OF POOR NOT ON FARM.

Medical attendance of Mrs. Fred White in 1892,	8 25
Expense of Wm. M. Knight for 1892,	66 41
Expense of Wm. M. Knight for 1893,	159 26
Supplies furnished Otis N. Haskell,	4 30
Expense of Mrs. Frank Messello,	2 00
Medical attendance of Mrs. S. P. Wing,	136 68
Supplies furnished S. P. Wing,	56 68
F. J. Wing,	7 39
Medical attendance for F. J. Wing's family,	61 25
Expense of Austin Wagner,	66 00
burying Eugene Cory,	11 76
Italian No. 266,	11 00
Andrew Casey's family,	54 52
John McCann,	18 00
Charles Lewis,	54 25
Thomas W. Burns,	35 25
Grace Poland,	30 25
Sarah Staples,	25 65
Mrs. Peter Blackqua,	11 50
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Total,	\$820 40
To which add expense of town farm,	59 61
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Total expense of poor,	\$880 01

We have expended on roads and bridges up to  
this date, \$ 842 29

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Daniel W. Walker, Treasurer of Peru for 1893.

DR.

March 8, 1893, to amount due on Dan-  
iel Fletcher's bills of 1892, \$ 3,787 11

March 8, 1893, to amount due on tax deeds,	155 19
March 8, 1893, cash on hand,	683 87
July 1, 1893, to amount due on Daniel Fletcher's bills of 1893,	\$ 3,970 41
Feb. 15, 1894, interest on tax deeds,	65
June 5, 1893, cash from selectmen,	300 00
Aug. 15, 1893, cash from town of Poland,	4 30
Dec. 15, 1893, cash from State treasurer,	13 00
July 31, 1893, cash from selectmen,	100 00
Nov. 13, 1893, cash from selectmen,	750 00
Dec. 25, 1893, cash from selectmen,	15 00
July 12, 1893, school fund and mill tax	639 39
Free high school fund,	50 00
Total,	<u>                    </u> \$ 10,468 92

## CR.

Sept. 1, 1893, paid county tax,	\$ 223 07
Jan. 1, 1893, paid state tax,	662 70
Feb. 15, 1894, amount due on Daniel Fletcher's tax bills, 1892	578 13
Feb. 15, 1894, amount due on Daniel Fletcher's tax bills, 1893,	2,835 41
Feb. 15, 1893, orders and receipts turned in	5,224 99
Feb. 15, 1893, amount of tax deeds on hand,	187 15
Feb. 15, 1893, amount due on non-resident,	106 35
Cash on hand,	651 12
Total,	<u>                    </u> \$ 10,468 92

## ABATEMENTS.

We have granted the following orders of abatements :

Real estate tax of Wm. H. Trask, 1892,	\$ 1 72
Poll tax of J. C. Brackett, 1891,	1 00
Poll tax of James L. Demeritt, 1891,	1 00
Poll tax of Levi Jones, 1891,	1 00
Poll tax of Ithial Kenerson, 1891,	1 00
Poll tax of Russell Newton, 1892,	1 00
Total abatements,	————— \$ 6 72

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid for printing report more than estimated last year,	90
Estimated cost of printing this report,	10 50
Paid Nathan Reynolds for books,	12 45
W. S. Walker for books for town clerk,	2 90
Geo. A. Berry for damage on highway,	8 00
Henry Rowe for housing road machine,	1 00
J. G. Reed for damage on highway,	8 00
Joseph A. Putnam for sheep killed by dogs,	13 00
A. B. Walker for services as board of health, 1892,	6 00
Albert S. Austin for copy of County Commis- sioners' report,	1 50
H. F. Floyd for painting road machine,	5 27
John Harlow for cow for town farm,	20 00
Elezer Poland for land damage,	75 00
John Harlow for council,	1 00
J. S. Sturtevant for return of births and deaths,	3 50
D. W. Walker for postage and stationery,	2 00
O. C. Hopkins for postage and stationery,	1 95
E. N. Carver for advertisement,	40
for oil and can for road machine,	70
A. K. P. Trask for keeping tramps,	60
Total,	————— \$174 67



## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

S. F. Robinson, town clerk,	\$ 10 50
D. W. Walker, treasurer,	25 00
O. C. Hopkins, selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	60 50
O. L. Knight, selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	53 00
A. S. Holman, selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	37 50
Joseph A. Putnam, supervisor of schools,	38 00
Daniel Fletcher, collector,	99 26
A. A. Eastman, board of health,	16 50
S. F. Robinson, board of health,	9 19
M. Hall, board of health,	25 00
Daniel Fletcher as constable for the years '90, '91 and '93,	10 00
Total,	—————\$ 384 45

## CURRENT EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR.

Expense of the poor for 1893,	\$ 880 01
Paid on roads and bridges,	842 29
Incidental expenses,	174 67
Orders of abatement of taxes,	6 72
Town officers bills,	384 45
Interest accrued during the year,	234 17
Interest on permanent school fund,	34 38
Due Edgar M. Howard for land damage,	125 00
Due John Putnam for shoeing oxen,	1 25
Total,	—————\$2,682 94

Amount voted by town to pay town charges,	\$ 2,300 00
Overlay authorized by law,	184 64
Total,	—————\$ 2,484 64

Balance against the town in 1893,	198 30
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## FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

## LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders bearing interest,	\$ 6,788 00
Interest due to Feb. 15, 1894,	234 17
Orders not on interest,	197 27
Due the school districts,	298 80
Bills due orders not drawn :	
Town officers' bills for 1893,	384 45
Daniel Fletcher's percentage for collect- ing, 1892,	97 98
Due A. K. P. Trask,	31 67
Estimated unpaid pauper bills,	15 00
Estimated cost of printing this report,	10 50
Due for rent of hall,	10 00
Total liabilities,	<u>                  </u> \$ 8,067 84

## RESOURCES.

In the hands of the treasurer Feb. 15,                    \$ 4,358 16

Total indebtedness above available means  
to pay,                    \$ 3,709 68

We wish to say to our townsmen in closing that we have visited the town farm and find everything in good standing, and that a reasonable amount of improvements have been made on the farm during the past year.

We wish also to call your attention to the new roads we have built the past year at a cost of \$968.25. Our paupers, caused by the settlement at Rumford Falls, have made an expense of \$264.28. We hope all these extra expenses will be considered.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. C. HOPKINS,	} Selectmen of Peru.
O. L. KNIGHT,	
A. S. HOLMAN,	

## REPORT OF SUPERVISOR.

I hereby submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 17th, 1894.

### STATISTICS.

No. of Dist.	Agents.	Amount Appropriated.	No. Scholars.	Term.	Wages of Teacher.	Price of Board.	No. Attending	Average No.	No. of week.	
1	M. DeShon	\$140	29	S	\$4 50	\$1 50	24	21	8	
				W	6 50	1 75	30	28	9	
2	Dexter Delano	100	22	S	3 50	1 50	14	11	6	
				F	3 50	1 50	8	7	10	
3	S. F. Robinson	176	33	37	S	5 00	2 00	21	18	10
				W	6 00	2 00	39		12	
4	S. W. Howard	233	30	48	S	4 00	1 50	20	19	10
				F	*32 00	2 50	14	12	6	
				W	*32 00	3 50	21	18	8	
5	Elias Lovejoy	184	86	35	S	3 70	1 30	18	15	10
				F	*32 00	2 00	30	28	10	
				W	*35 00	2 25	19		14	
6	Sumner Knox	106	44	23	S	3 00	1 38	10	8	8
				W	3 00	1 44	10	7	13	
7	Ozro Knight	100	00	11	F	3 50	1 50	14	10	16
8	Nathan Harlow	120		12	S	3 50	1 50	11	10	8
				W	5 00	1 50	14	12	10	
9	Albert Johnson	100		12	S	2 50	1 50	8	7	10
				F	3 00	1 50	12	9	12	
11	D. W. Piper	106	44	17	S	3 00	1 50	14	12	10
				W	3 50	1 50	14	11	9	

Total amount appropriated, \$1367.37. Total number in town, 261.

\*Per month; others per week. †Still in session.

DISTRICT No. 1.—M. DeShon, Agent. The summer school was taught by Mrs. Marcia V. Hall of this town. Mrs. Hall is a thorough teacher, both in discipline and instruction.

The winter term was taught by Mary E. Crockett, East Sumner. This term seemed to be a continuation of summer school in discipline and instruction; thus making an unusual advancement for the school year.

DISTRICT No. 2.—Dexter Delano, Agent. Both summer and fall schools were taught by Nellie M. Castle of this town, who having had previous knowledge of the requirements of scholars in this district, and being employed for the school year made them a success. I am sorry however, that some did not take advantage of this rare opportunity.

DISTRICT No. 3.—S. F. Robinson, Agent. Summer school was under the instruction of Ada E. Gerrish of this town. Miss Gerrish being a Normal graduate and having a natural ability to teach, succeeded in giving entire satisfaction to district and supervisor.

Winter school is also being kept by Miss Gerrish. It is to continue one week longer. At my last visit I found that a larger number have attended than have before for several years. This leads me to think that there is an increasing demand for a graded school in this place, and that in the near future may in consequence have such established.

DISTRICT No. 4.—W. S. Howard, Agent. Summer school was taught by Mrs. Minnie Packard. This was Mrs. Packard's fifth term. She is an excellent disciplinarian and her methods were plain and practical. Therefore the school was a success.

Fall and winter schools were taught by L. C. Putnam of Franklin Pl. Mr. Putnam is a practical teacher. He secured the good will of his pupils and retained it, consequently scholars and teacher worked together; profitable terms being the result. There will be noticed quite a falling off from the number enumerated and the number attending school in this district. This will be accounted for by several large families moving out.

DISTRICT No. 5.—Elias H. Lovejoy, Agent. Summer school, taught by Mrs. Effie Wyman, was a success. Entire satisfaction was given. Mrs. Wyman ranks with the first in town.

Winter school was under the direction of Edwin E. Hussey, graduate of Normal school at Farmington. Mr. Hussey shows



great adaptability to teaching. At my last visit I found that his thorough organization and method of teaching combined to make this school one of the most prosperous in town.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Sumner Knox, Agent. Summer and winter schools, taught by Leanna Morrison of East Sumner, were small consequently not very interesting. At my last visit several were absent on account of the prevailing epidemic. Those present showed good advancement, therefore should report good progress.

DISTRICT No. 7.—Ozro Knight, Agent. Fall school was taught by Ada E. Gerrish having one week vacation. Miss Gerrish labored hard in this school, and taking scholars from other schools to assist in increasing interest, made it a success. Some youths in this school will some time reflect upon the past and cry out "Oh days misspent"!

DISTRICT No. 8.—Nathan Harlow, Agent. Summer school was successfully taught by Mrs. Bertha Paul of Dixfield.

Winter school was taught by Mary E. Bryant of Sumner. Not receiving notice of school closing I did not visit but once, therefore cannot report progress, but will say school appeared well during my visit the first of the term.

DISTRICT No. 9.—Albert Johnson, Agent. Both summer and fall schools were taught by Grace L. Johnson of this town. Summer term was a success. Fall term was not so successful on the account of a somewhat disobedient scholar.

DISTRICT No. 11.—Daniel Piper, Agent. Summer and winter schools both taught by Ethel Thurston, Rumford. These schools were a success.

#### FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

There has been one term of Free High school in town during the past year. This was a fall term under auspices of district No. 5, supported by tax imposed upon the district to the amount of \$50, and an equal amount from State, another being granted by the town. Joseph A. Putnam had a share of this school.

In summing up this report I am glad to find the schools of this town so uniformly successful during the past school year. And that in several instances the same teacher has been employed for the school year, giving evidence of success, and a guarantee of satisfaction to the people as a whole. By this we can foresee the good which may come from employing teachers for a succession of

terms as is done in graded schools. There has been no particular change in the management of schools as regards supervision during the past year. I have endeavored to save expense to the town as much as possible, in not buying a large number of books, which of right should be exchanged next year. All of the changes which I recommended in last year's report, I have omitted to be done in accordance with adoption of town system of schools. This being in my opinion the time for such changes to be made. In conclusion I will say I recommend to the superintending school committee to be elected at our next annual meeting, the supervision of schools in at least three districts.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. PUTNAM, Supervisor.

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

AND THE BY LAWS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.

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## MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

Ambrose A. Eastman, Chairman,  
 Frank S. Robinson,  
 Manderville Hall, Secretary.

That the citizens may understand in some degree the work done by the board, and also to place the By-Laws of the board before the citizens of the town the following brief report is submitted.

We have received notices of eighteen cases of typhoid fever and attended them as required by law. Have had seven complaints of nuisances entered all of which have been removed to our satisfaction. One case of diphtheria was reported.

The most of these cases being in the extreme north end of the town much traveling and time required to attend them. A strict house to house inspection was made and maintained and very many objectional and unhealthful conditions were removed that do not appear in the records of the board.

The thanks of the board are hereby extended to all those who by word or deed have aided us in executing the health laws and to those whose approval and encouragement have rendered some of the disagreeable tasks imposed upon us more bearable.

Below find By-Laws as adopted July 26th, and approved by Judge Foster.

1. A public funeral shall not be held for any person who has died of scarlet fever, diphtheria, small pox, cholera or typhus fever; and the body of any person who has died of any of these diseases shall neither be brought within nor carried without the jurisdiction of this board without permission in writing from the board, nor shall there be a disinterment of any such body after it has once been buried without the written permission of the board.

2. No dead animal shall, within the jurisdiction of this board, be put into any river, well, spring, cistern, reservoir, stream or pond.



3. The collection of refuse matter in or around the immediate vicinity of any dwelling house or place of business, such as swill, waste of meat, fish or shells, bones, decaying vegetables, dead carcasses, excrement or any kind of offal that may decompose and generate disease germs or unhealthy gases, and thus effect the purity of the air, shall be considered the worst kind of nuisances, and must be removed or disposed of either by burial, burning or otherwise, and in such manner that it may not be offensive to the neighborhood wherever located.

4. No privy, vault, cesspool or reservoir into which a privy, water closet, stable or sink is drained, except it is water tight, shall be established or permitted within one hundred feet of any well, spring or other source of water used for drinking or culinary purposes.

5. All privy vaults, cesspools or reservoirs named shall be cleaned out twice a year, once in spring, not later than the 15th of May, and once in the autumn, not earlier than 15th, of October.

6. Earth privies and earth closets, with no vault below the surface of the ground, shall be excepted in 5; but sufficient dry earth or coal ashes must be used daily to absorb all the fluid part of the deposit, and the entire contents must be removed at least monthly.

7. All sewer drains that pass within fifty feet of any source of water used for drinking or culinary purposes shall be water tight, and in sandy soil the limit shall be eighty feet.

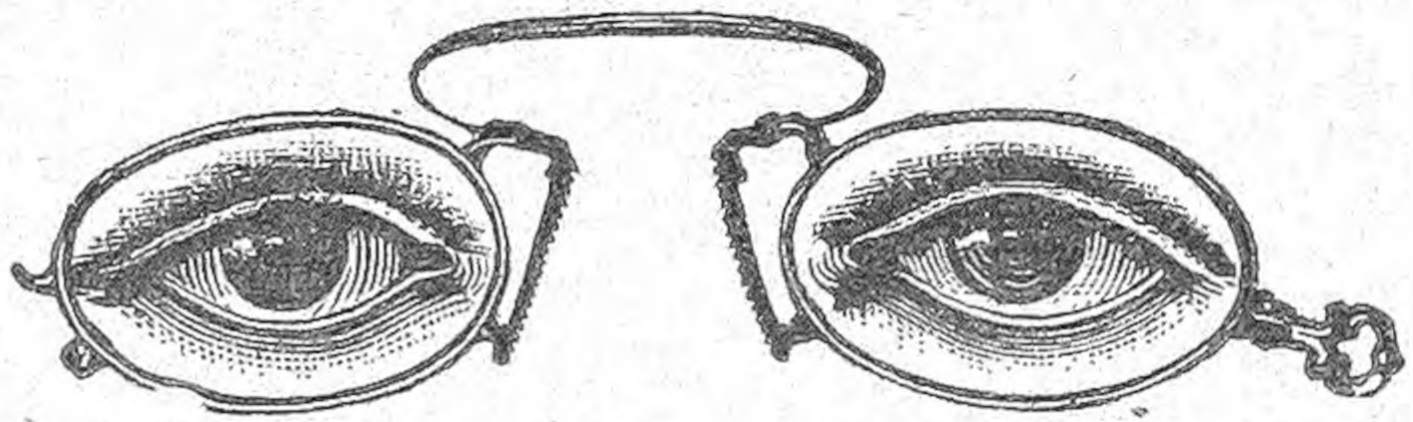
8. Swine shall be kept in such place and manner as not to be offensive to the persons residing in the vicinity, and their pens and yards must be kept deoderized by the application of dried muck, dry earth or some other effective absorbant. The same rule, with regard to deoderization applies to horses, cows and other stock.

#### CHAPTER 123, PUBLIC LAWS OF 1887.

Sec. 26. Any person who shall wilfull violate any of the provisions of this act or of said regulations and By-Laws the penalty for which is not herein specifically provided for and any person who shall willfully interfere with any person or thing to prevent the execution of the provisions of this act or of said regulations and By-Laws, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine not more than fifty dollars.

AMBROSE EASTMAN, } Board  
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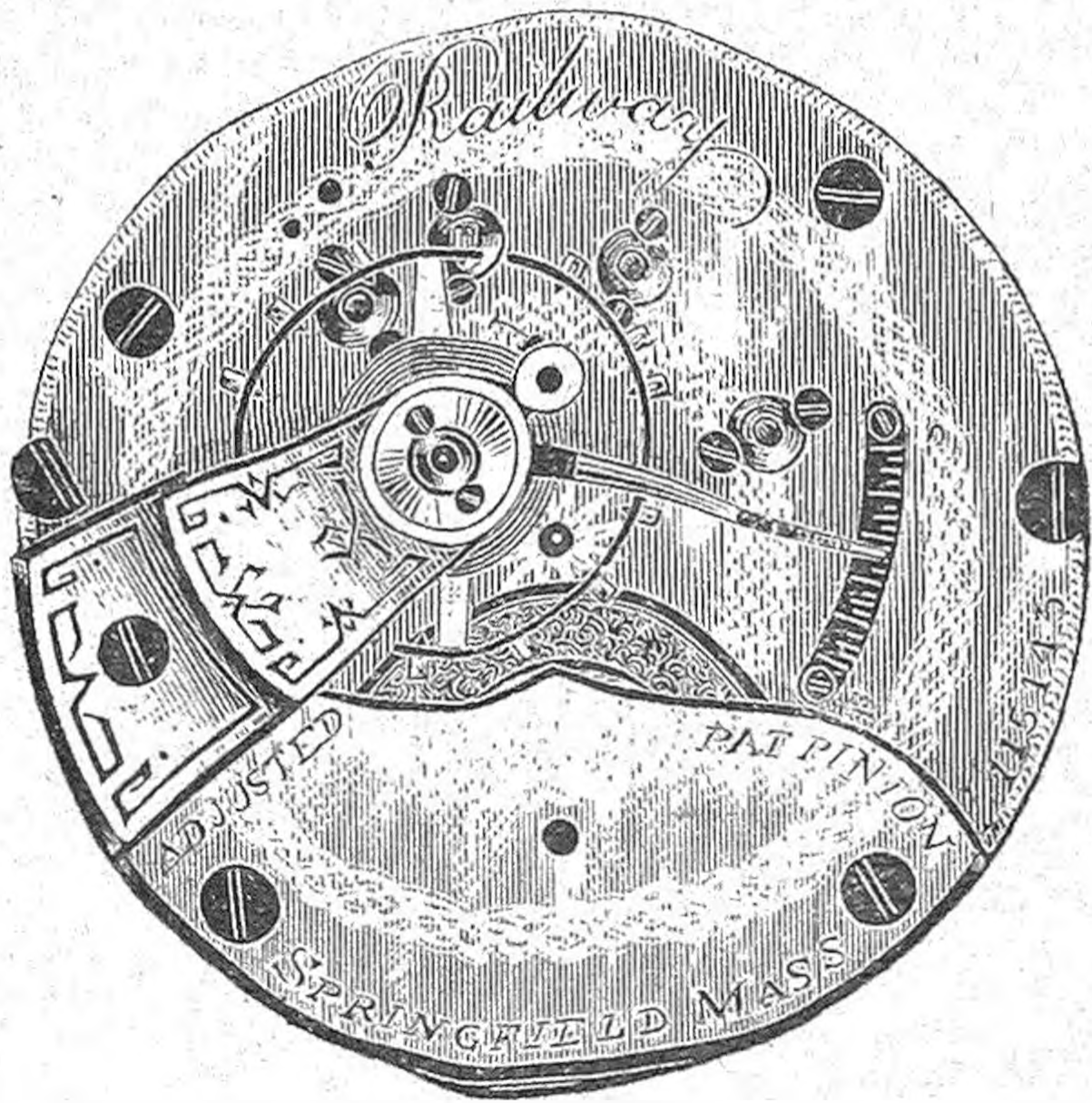
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