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P R E F A C E.

IN laying out the plan for this work the various wants of American designers and decorators have been carefully considered in the selection of materials from various styles. The Alphabets are, with but few exceptions, original productions, and are intended to illustrate and embody the progress made in the art of lettering up to the present time.

The few plates which illustrate styles of established and fixed forms have been taken from standard foreign works, and modifications have been introduced in order to adapt them to American taste.

It is believed that, in variety and value of contents and manner of execution, the present work surpasses anything which has heretofore been attempted within the scope of a work of this character and price,—the use of colored plates especially permitting the introduction of many useful and important features.

It will be observed that a great variety of styles are represented, from the simple, easily executed alphabet, for the general lettering of plans, etc., to the most elaborately decorated fancy capitals for the engraver or lithographer.

It is believed that the capitals in various styles which are introduced, executed in colors, will prove acceptable to the illuminator, sign-painter, and lithographer, as well as to the architect for the lettering of competition plans; while the plates of topographical work in color, it is hoped, will find appreciators among civil engineers, surveyors, and landscape gardeners.

Attention is particularly invited to the carefully prepared designs of the arms of the different States of the Union, which have been inserted in order to give completeness to the work and make it of the greatest practical value to decorators and designers. The latter designs are the first authentic reproductions in color of the arms of the thirteen original States, and they can be depended on as absolutely correct, having been copied from the paintings deposited by the States themselves in Independence Hall, Philadelphia. The arms of the other States and the Territories have been prepared with the aid of the respective State and Territorial authorities, and may be considered therefore as accurate as a careful and conscientious investigation can make them.



A B C D E F G H I J K
L M N O P Q R S T U V
W X a b c d e f g h i j Y Z
k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

Block Letters, Plain and Shaded.

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

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

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

ROMAN.

A B C D E F G H I J K

L M N O P Q R S T U V W

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 & x y z.

— BOSTON SIGN PAINTERS ROMAN. —

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 & &
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

— NEW YORK SIGN PAINTERS ROMAN. —

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 N° &

* Ornamented Roman *



C.H. Besting del. & sculp't.

ABCDEFHJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

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

Italic, Plain and Shaded.

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

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

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

Round Hand Writing.

B C D E F G H I K
J M O P Q R S T U V W
W X Y Z

Italian Capitals.

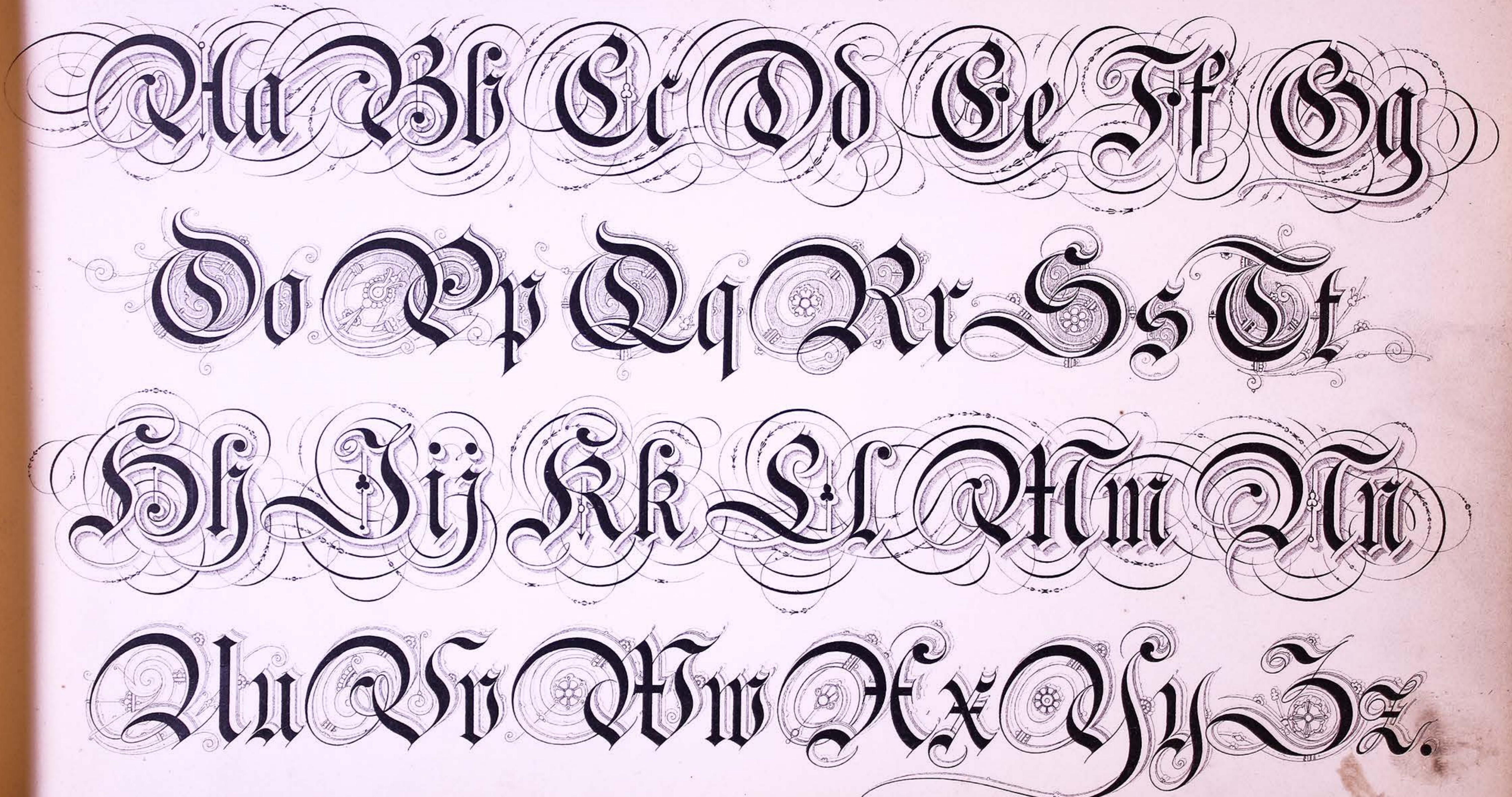
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L M N O P R S V W Z

H B C D G H I K L M N P Q R S T U V W Z Y P



A B C D E F G H I J K
L M N O P Q R S T U W
W X a b c d e f g h i j Y Z
K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Standard German Text.



— Old Gothic Alphabets. —

A B C D E F G H I K L M N

D P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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

A B C D E F G H I K L M N

O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Fancy Old Gothic.

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

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

K S T U M M E E Y Z

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

— Old Gothic Alphabets. —

A B C D E F G H I K L M N

O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

A B C D E F G H I K L M N O P Q R S T U V W

A B C D E F G H I K L M N

O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

— Plain Alphabets for Lettering Plans. —

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

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

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

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

Small Scroll Alphabets.

A B C D E F G H J K L M N

O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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

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

Architects and Engineers Alphabets.

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ.

Solid Brick Wall. Plan of First Story. Front Elevation. Cellar Plan. Details of Verandah. Gable End.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ.

Plan of the Grounds, International Exhibition at Philadelphia. 1876.

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ.

Section of Lower Cornice. FIRST FLOOR PLAN. French Roof Portion. FRONT ELEVATION. Moulded Stone Cap.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ.

Examples of Building Construction. Plans & Elevations of Wooden House.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ.

Ronde.

A B C D E F G H I J K

L M N O P Q R S T U

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.

MODERN ROMAN.

A B C D E F G H I J K

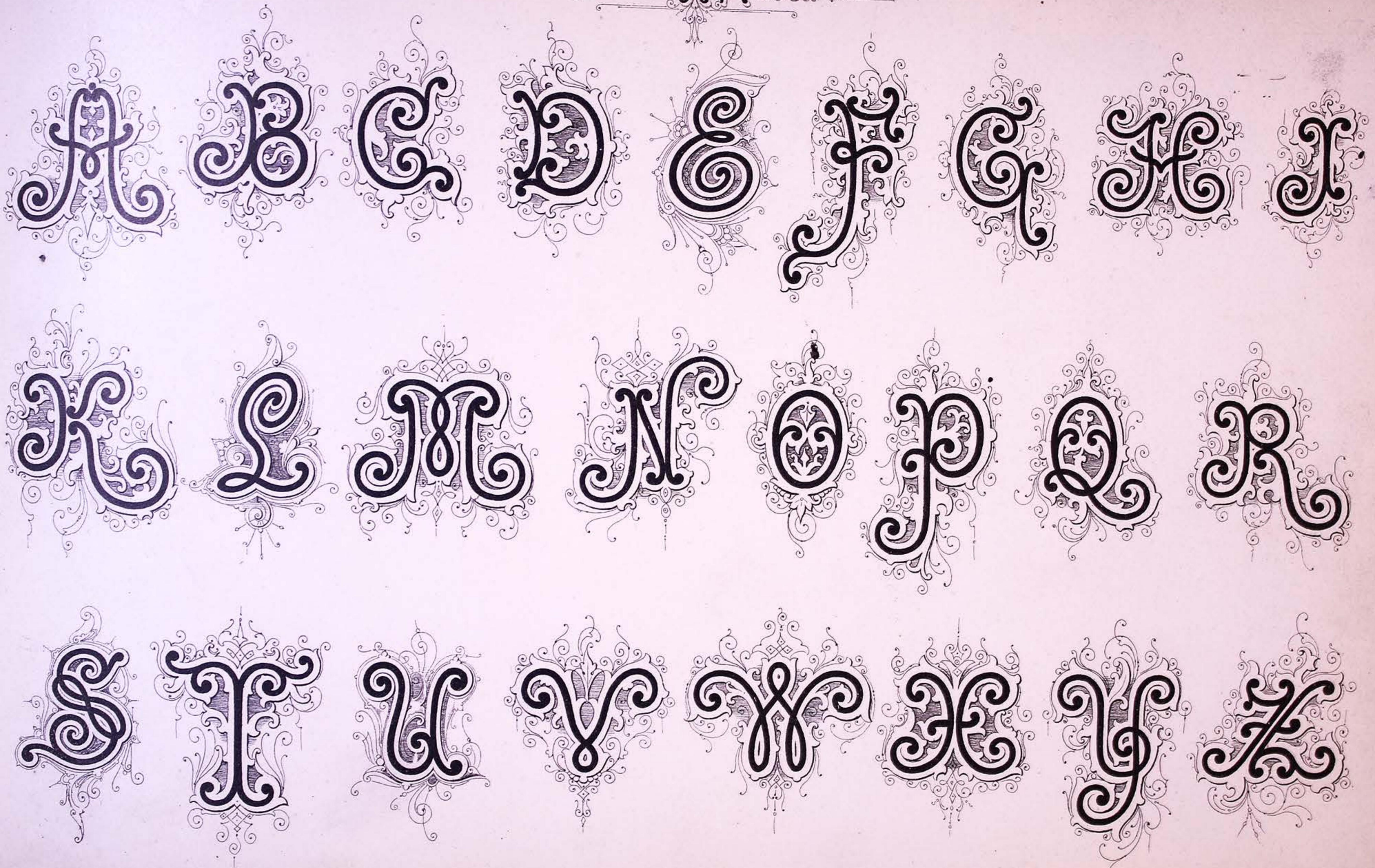
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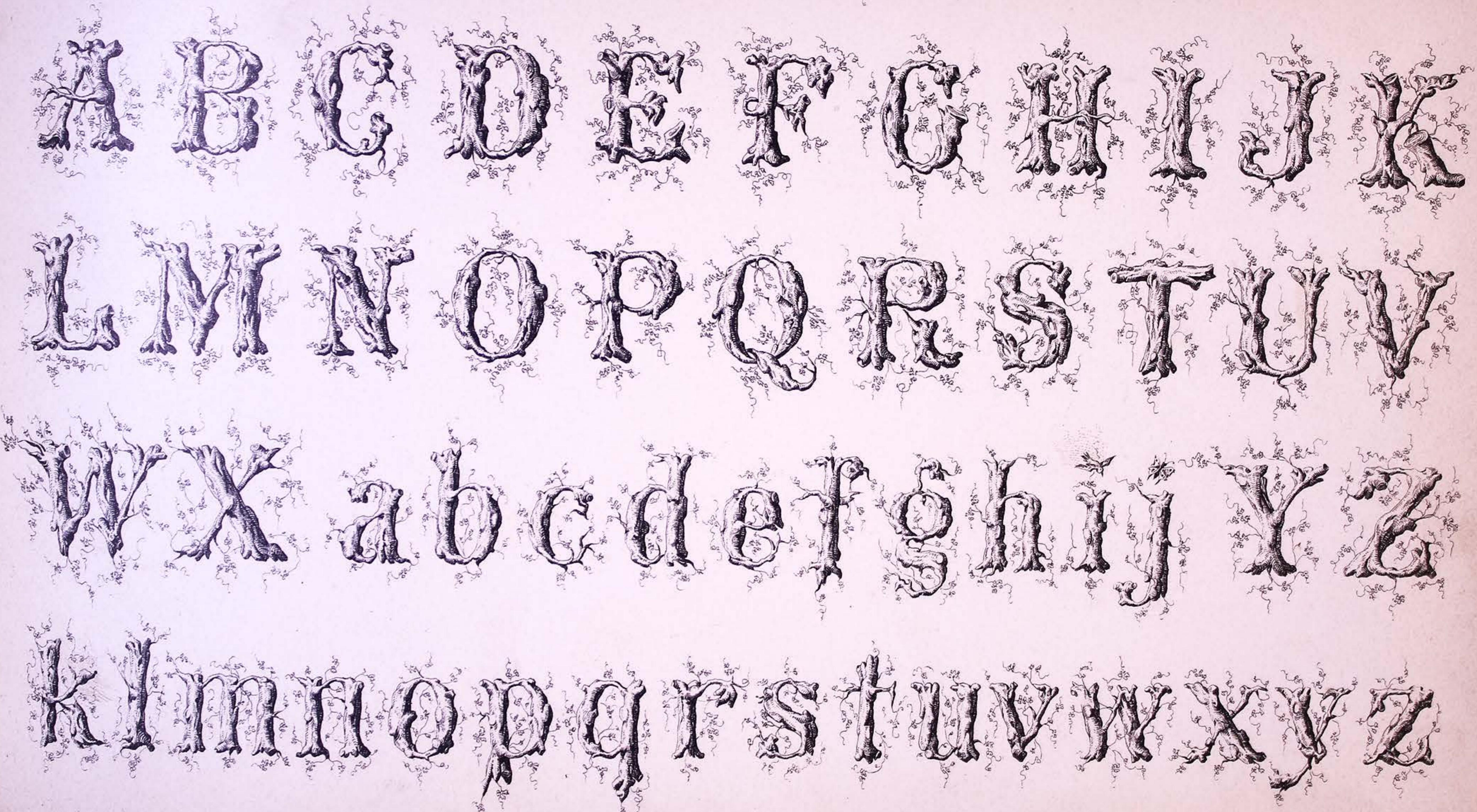
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Scroll Alphabet.



Rustic Alphabet

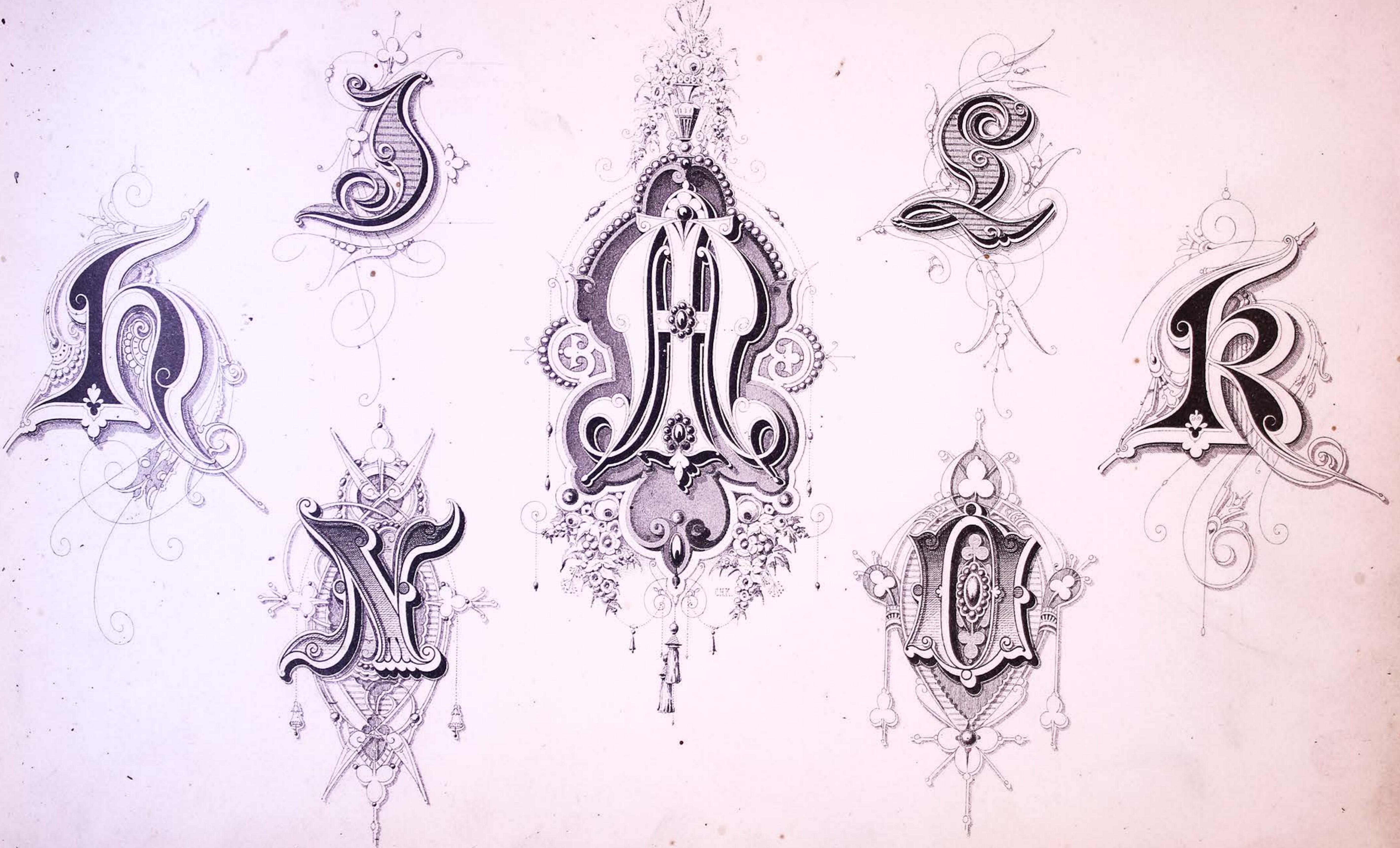


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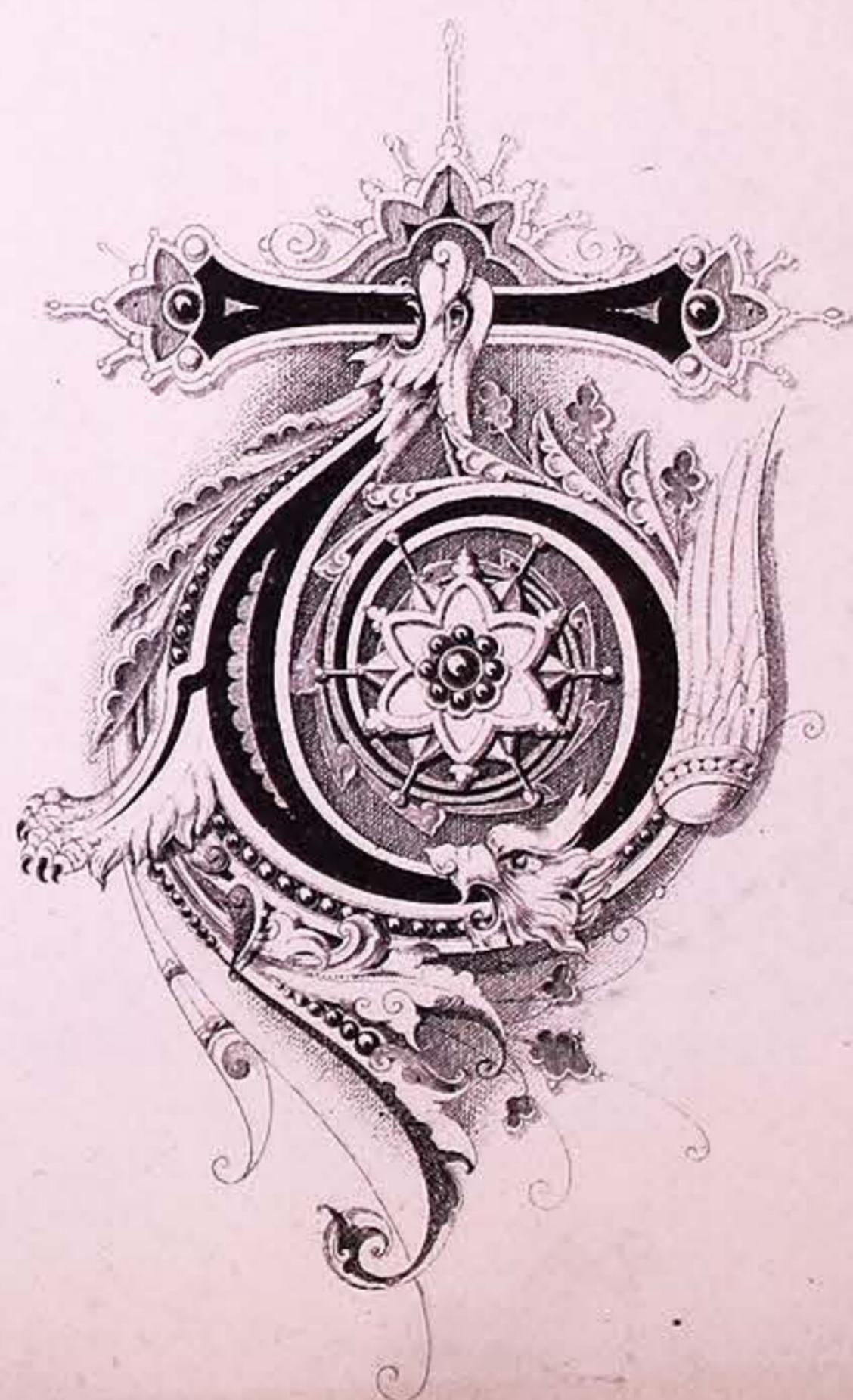
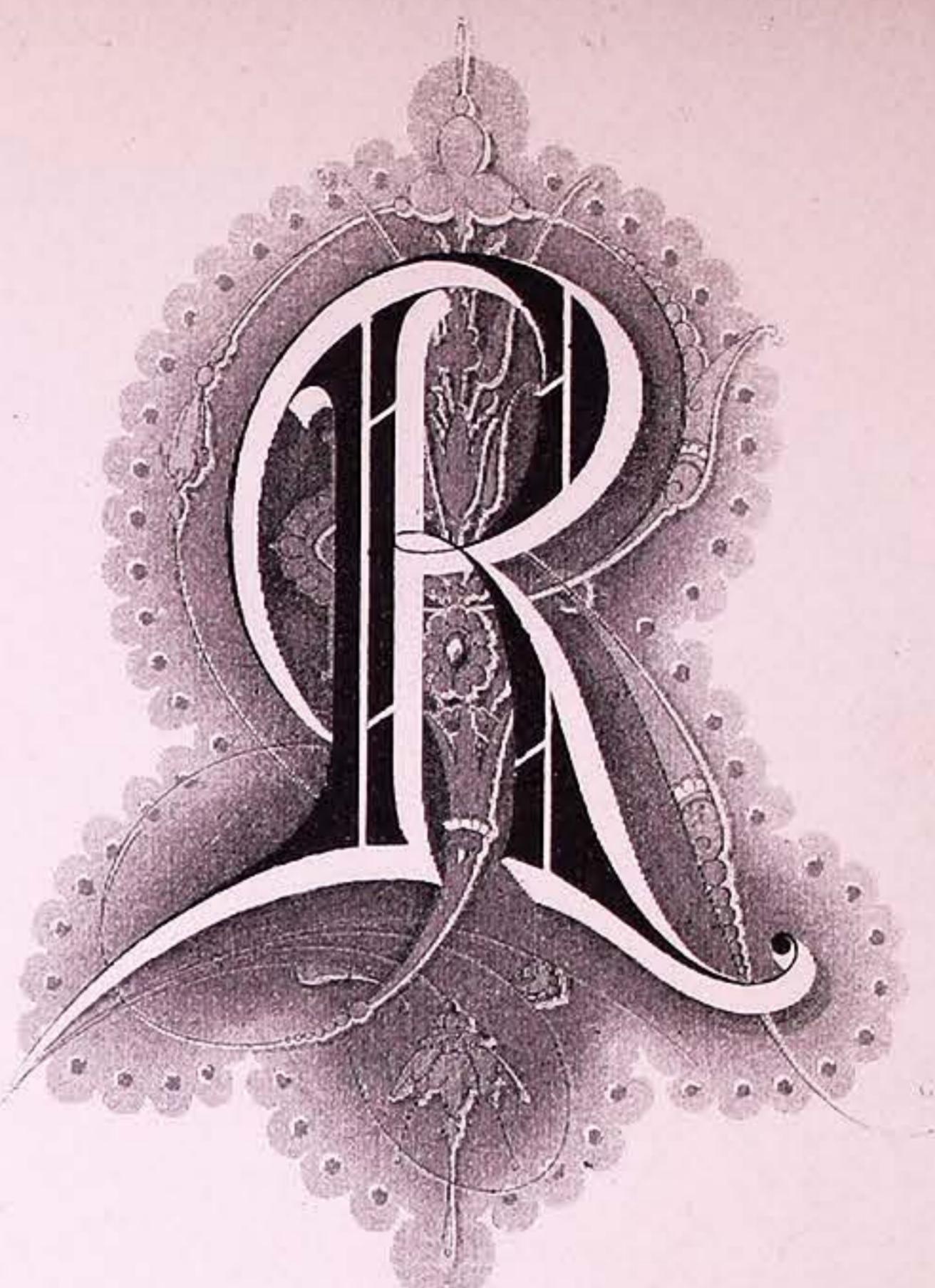
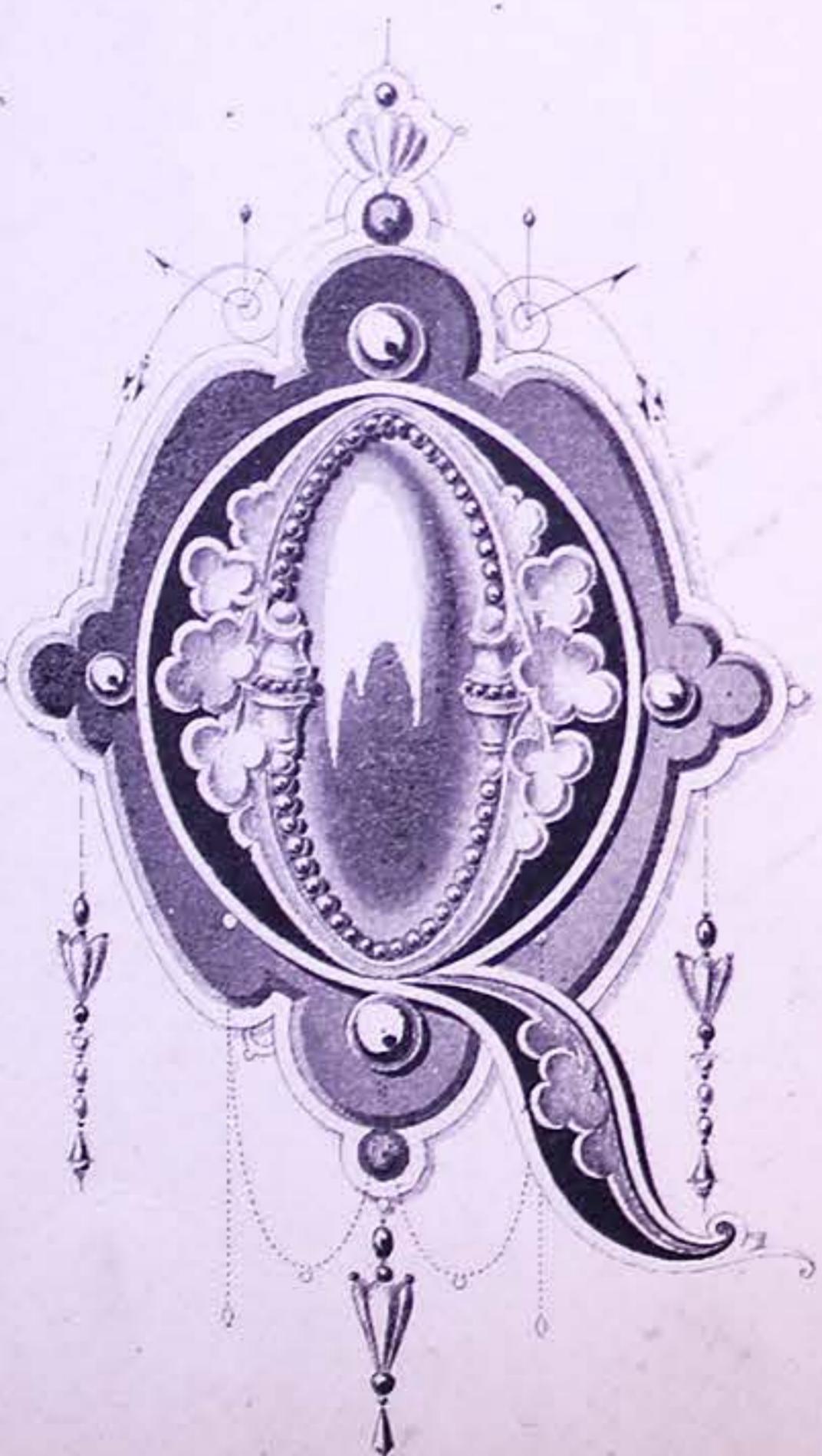
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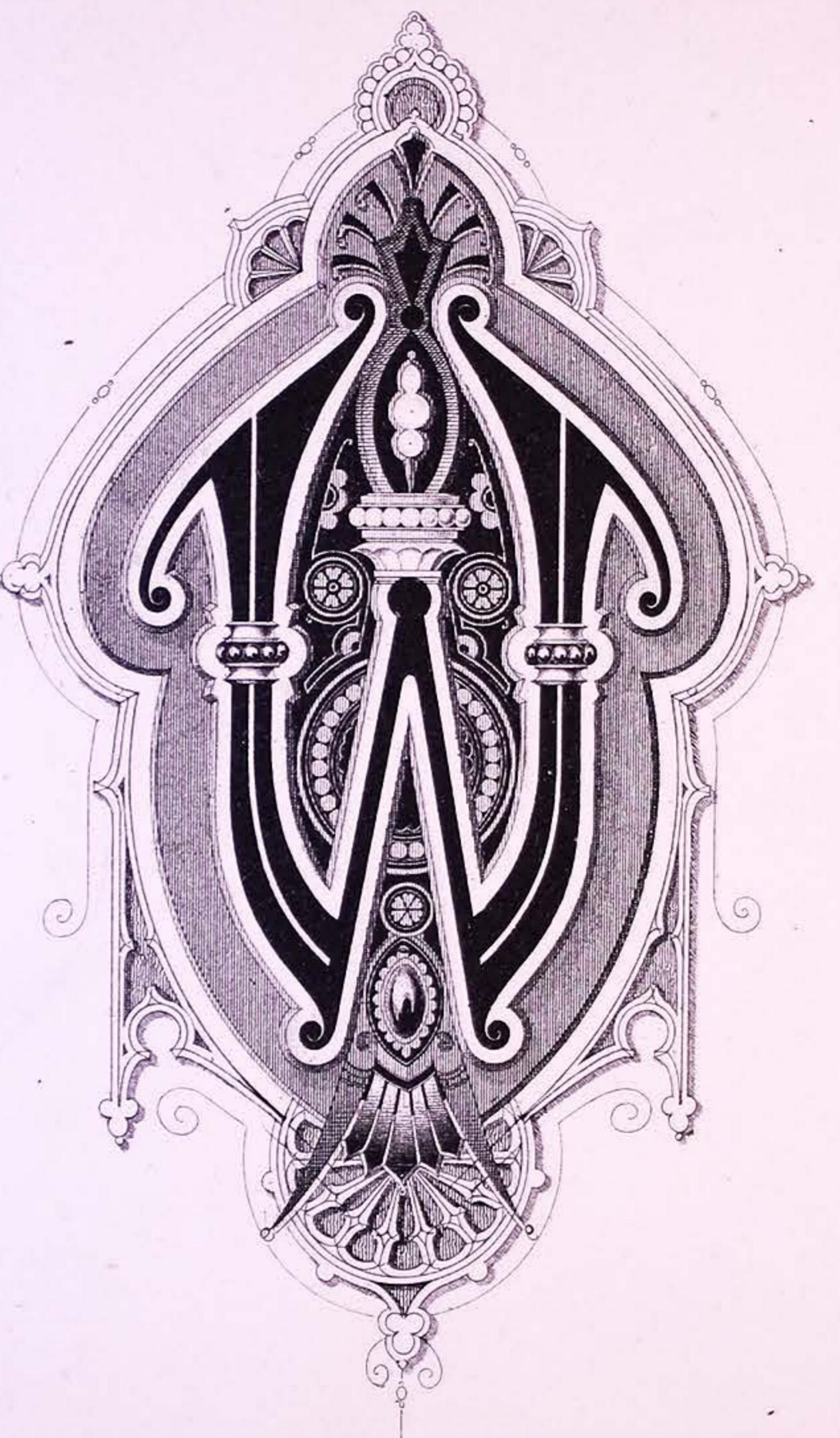
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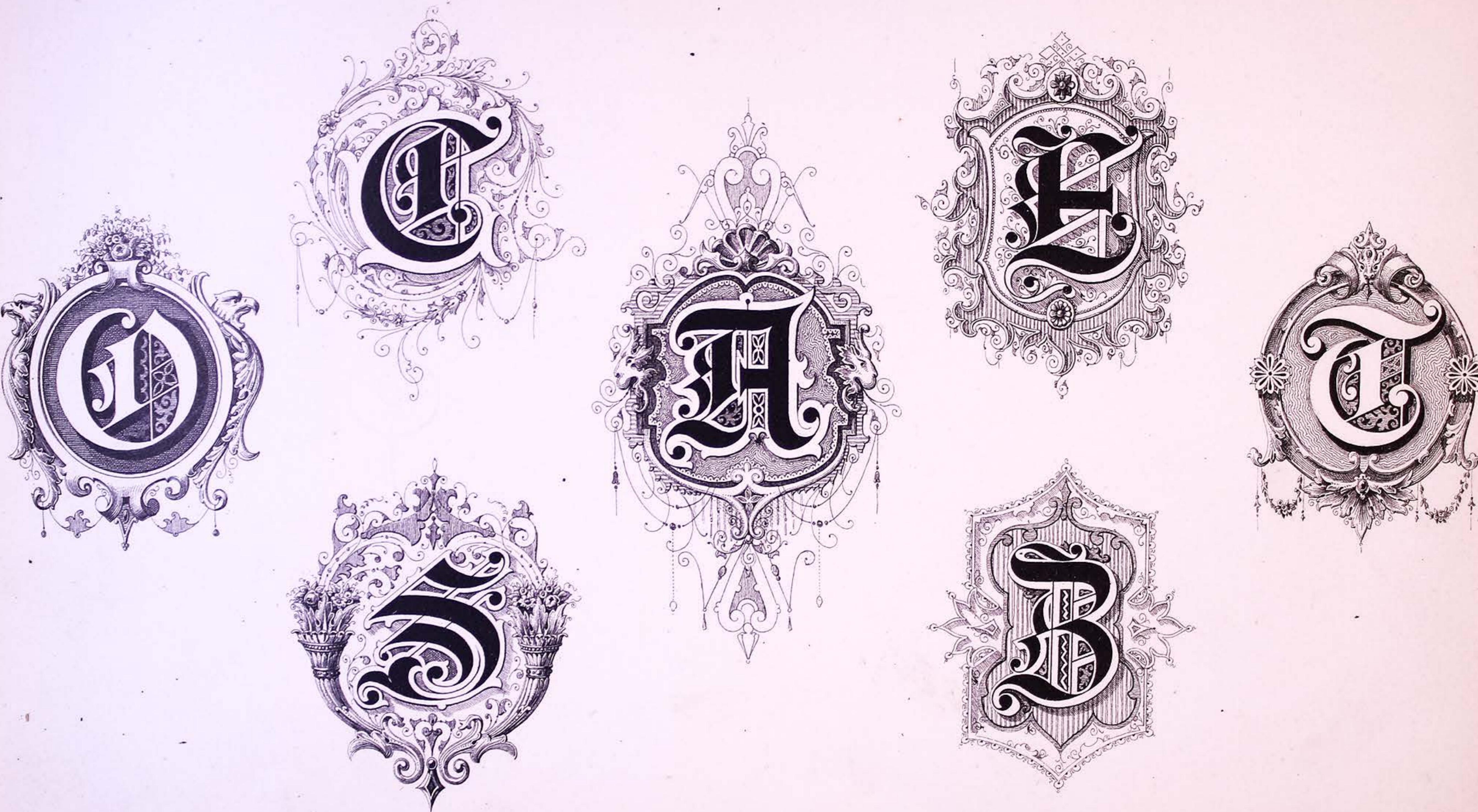
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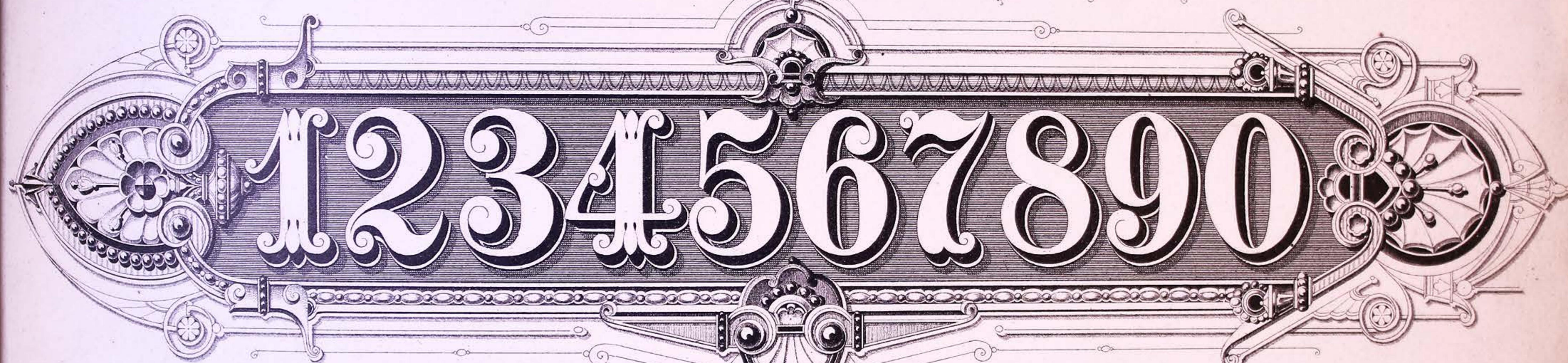
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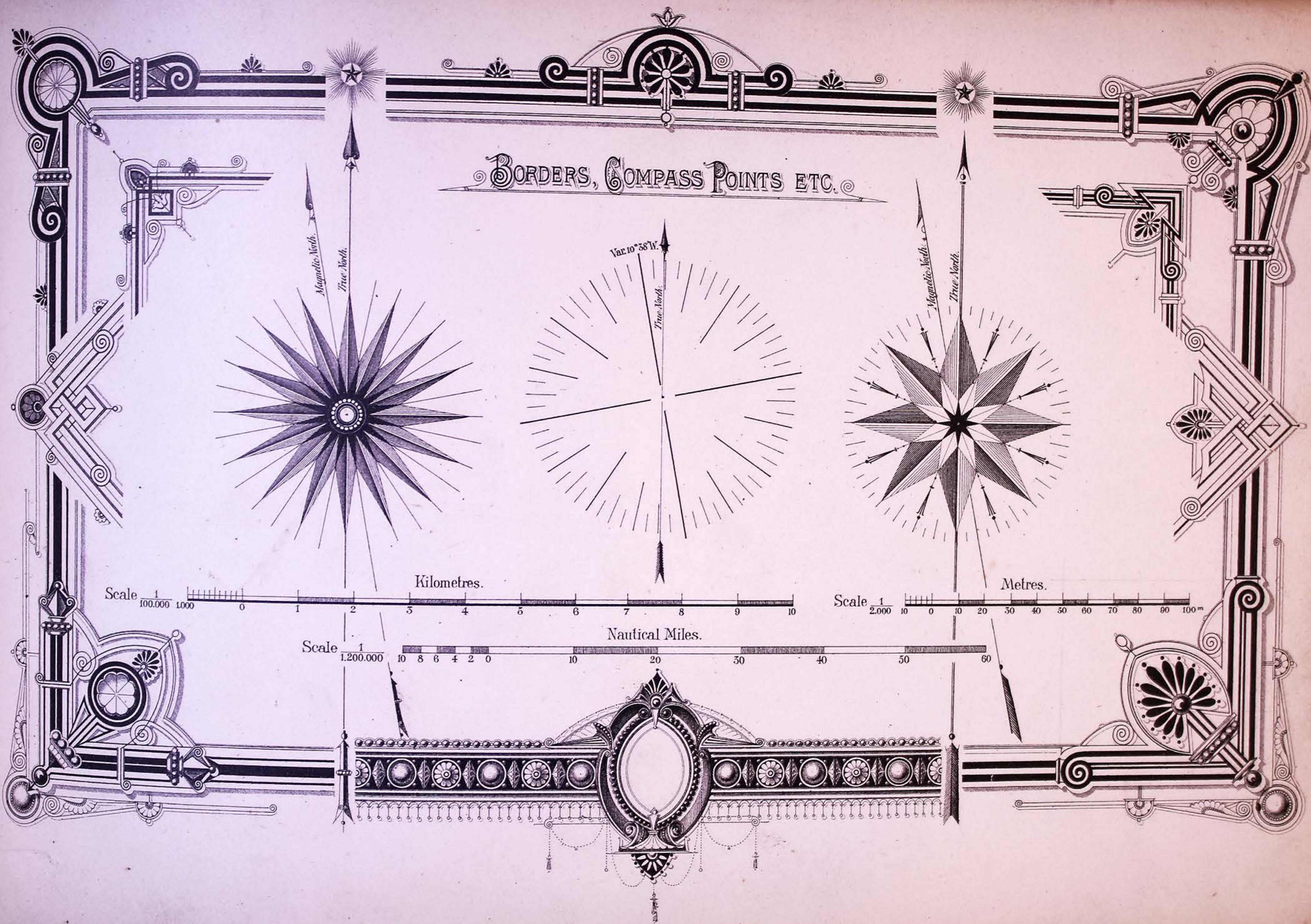
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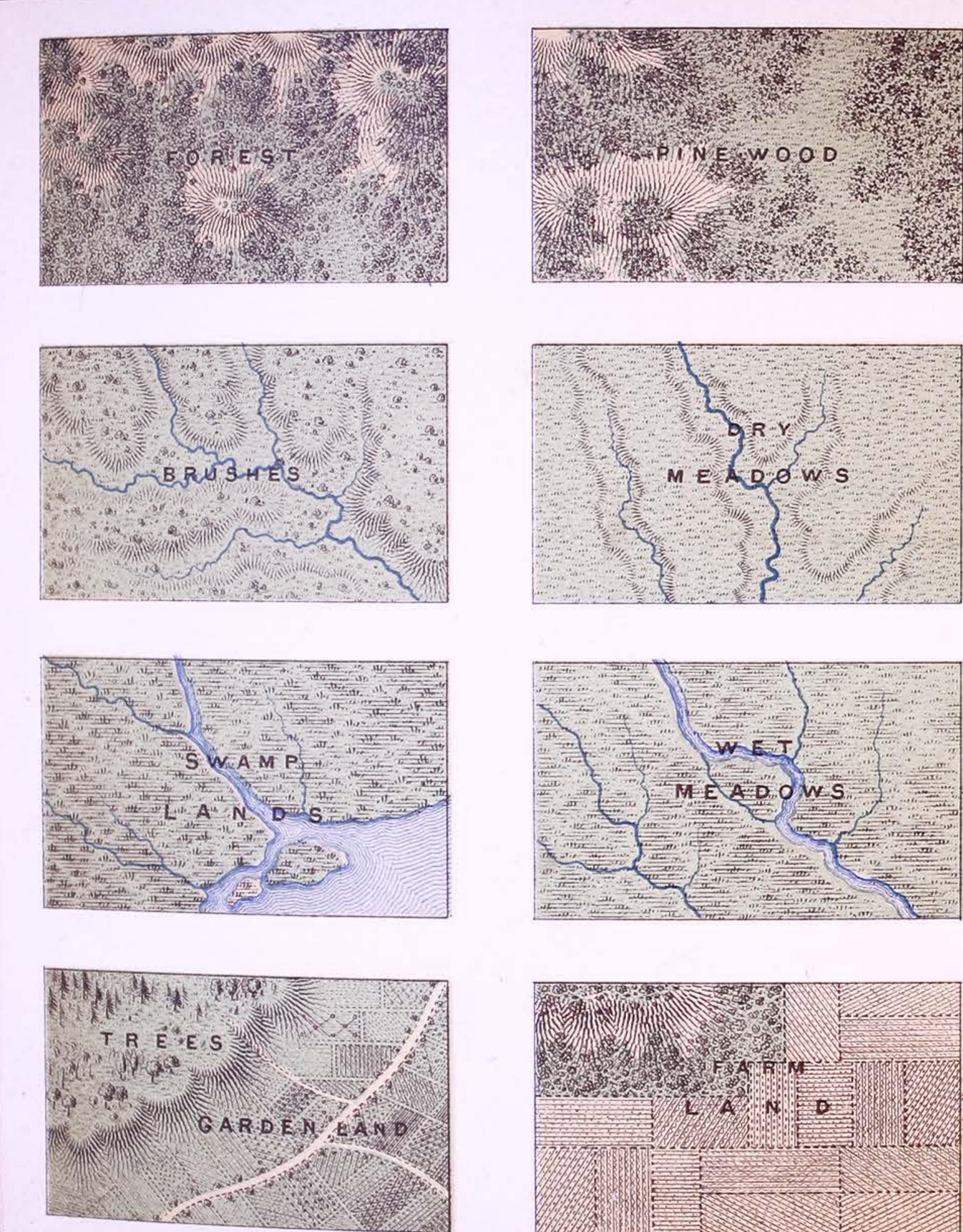
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MAP OF BUILDING SITES
FOR SALE AT
BELMONT
ON THE FITCHBURG RAILROAD
NEAR BOSTON, MASS.

U.S. COMMISSIONERS' MAP
OF THE
HARBOR OF BOSTON
MASSACHUSETTS.
Prepared under the direction of the
UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS.

Topographical Signs.

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Church		
Mansion		
Farm		
Light Ho.		
Buoy		
Water Mill		
Steam Mill		
Wind Mill		
Survey St ⁿ		
Canal		Aqueduct
RailRoad		Dam
Horse R.R.		Steam Ferry
Turnpike		Boat Ferry
Plank Road		Rope Ferry
Cross Road		Ford for Carriages
Farm Road		Ford for Horses
Foot Path		
Stone Fence		
Rail Fence		
Picket Fence		
Hedge		
Ditch		
Dyke		
Telegraph		
Mine		
Well		

Specimen of Topographical Work.

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The Arms of the
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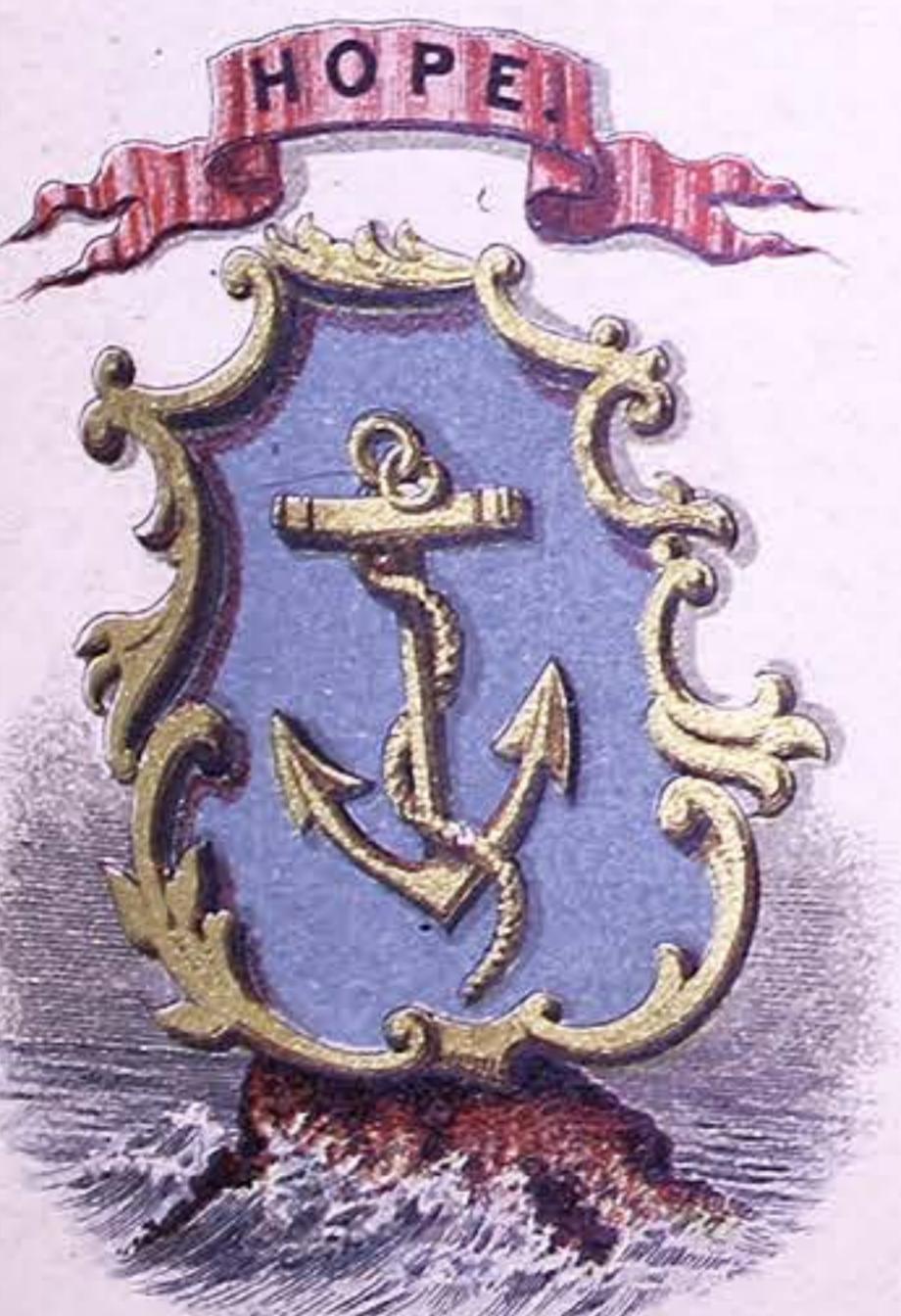
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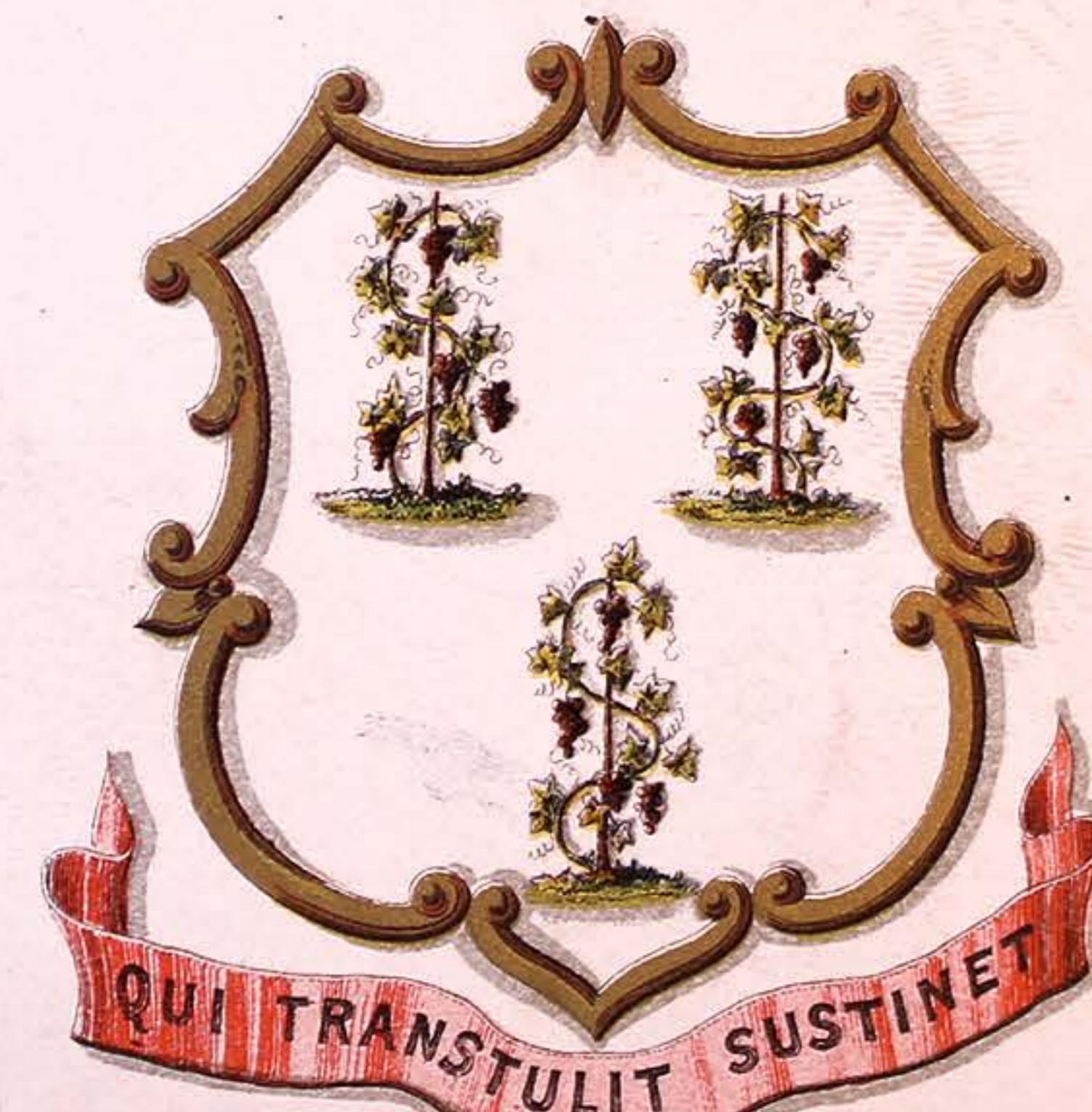
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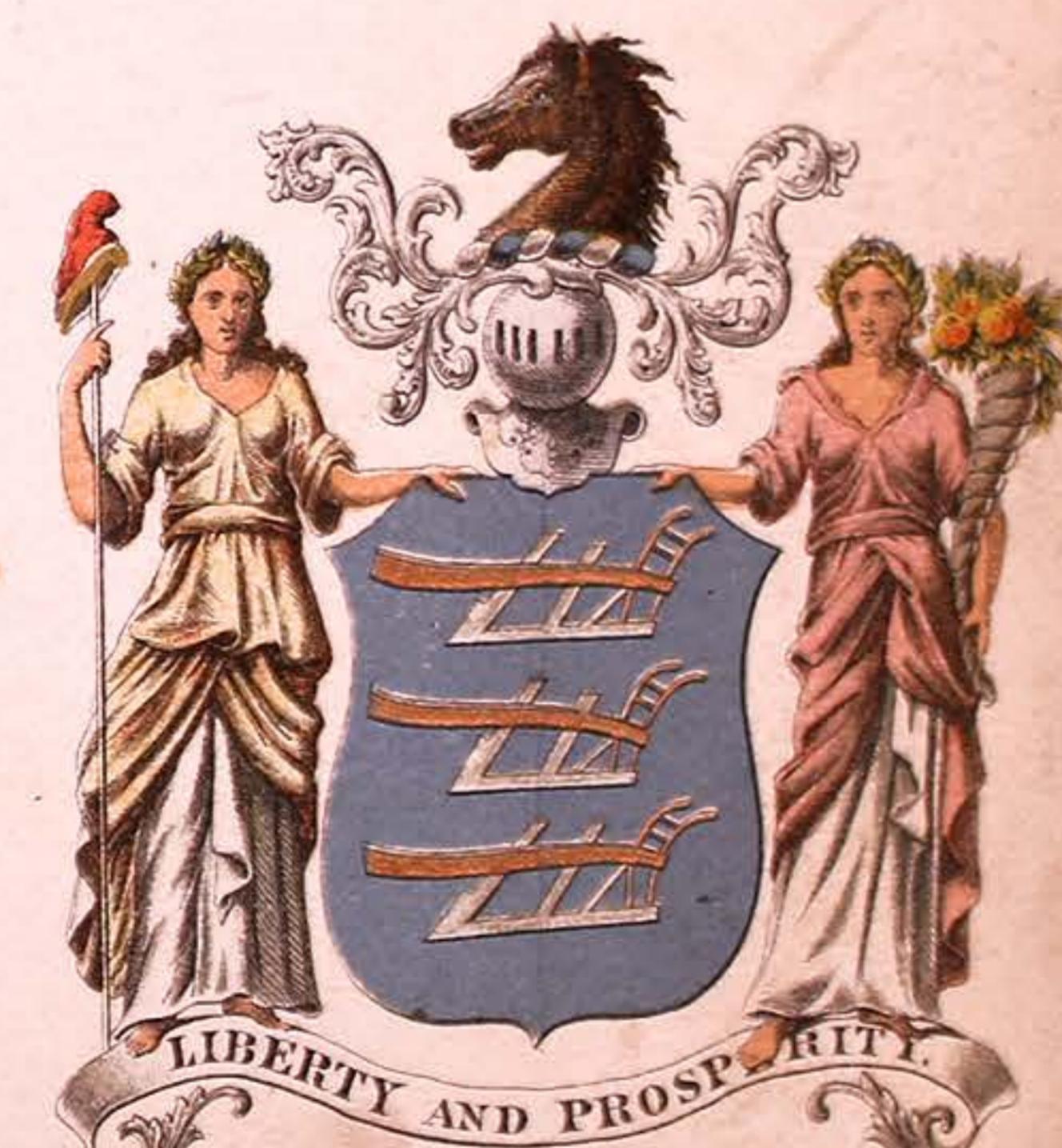
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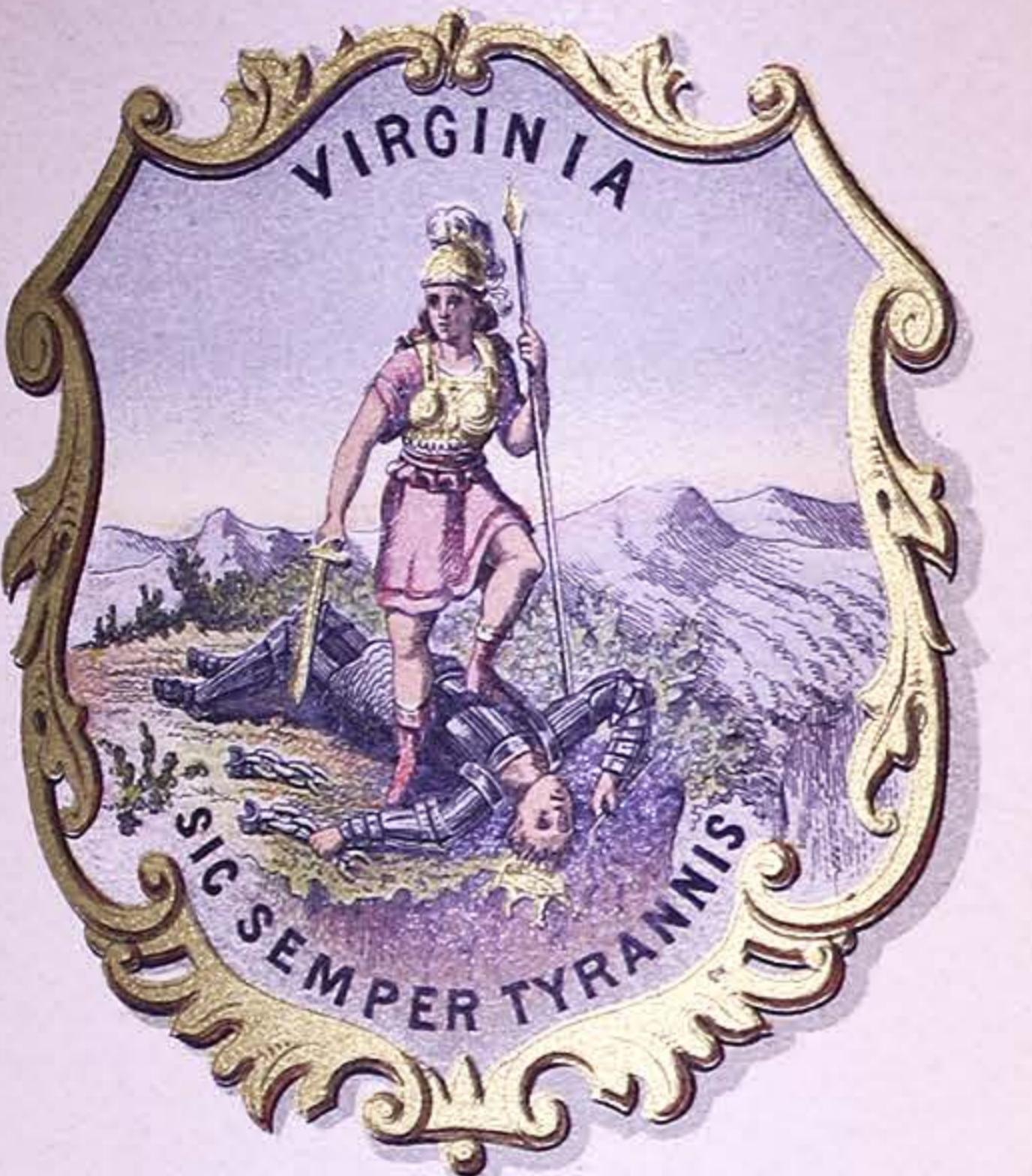
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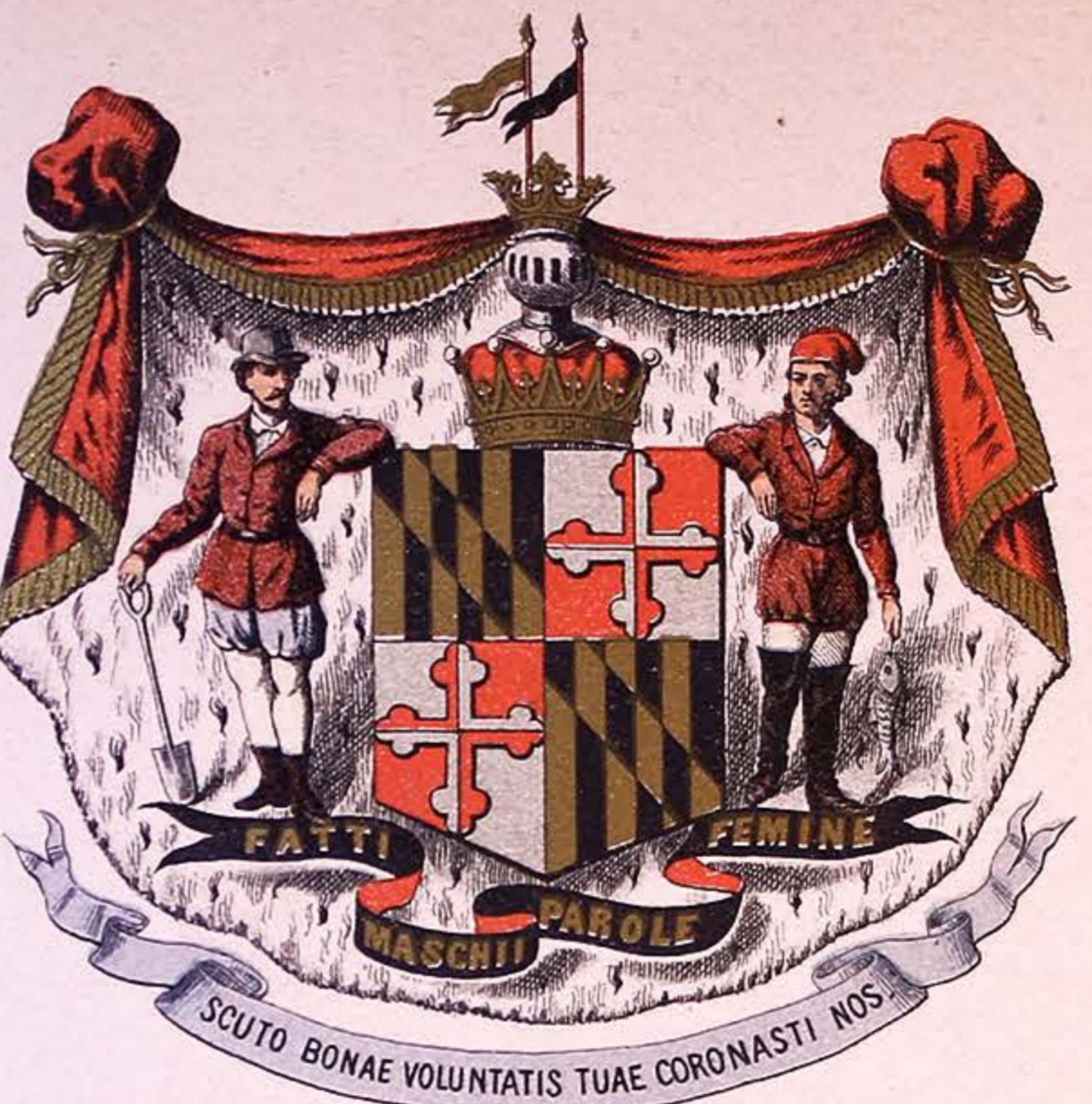
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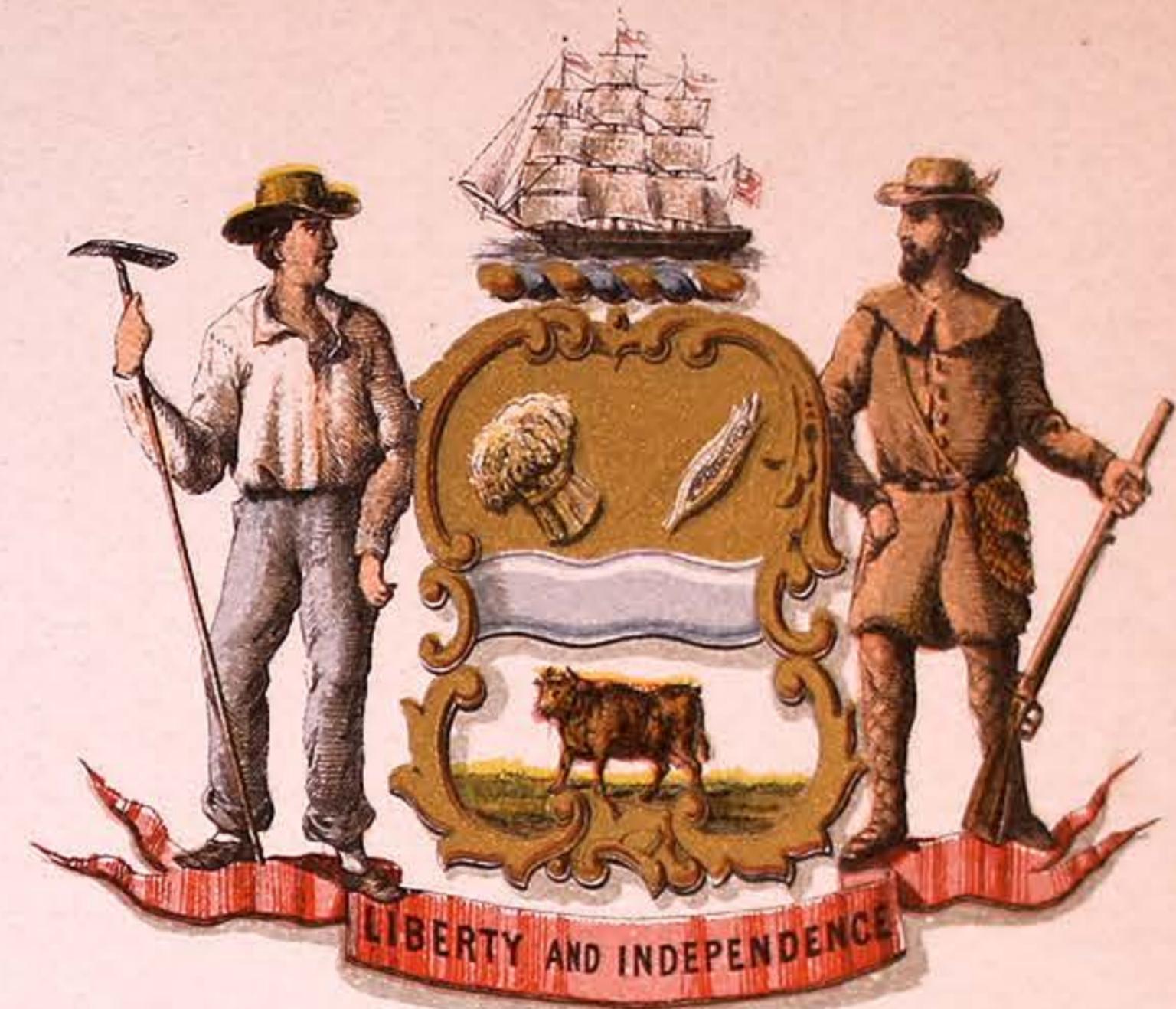
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MARYLAND



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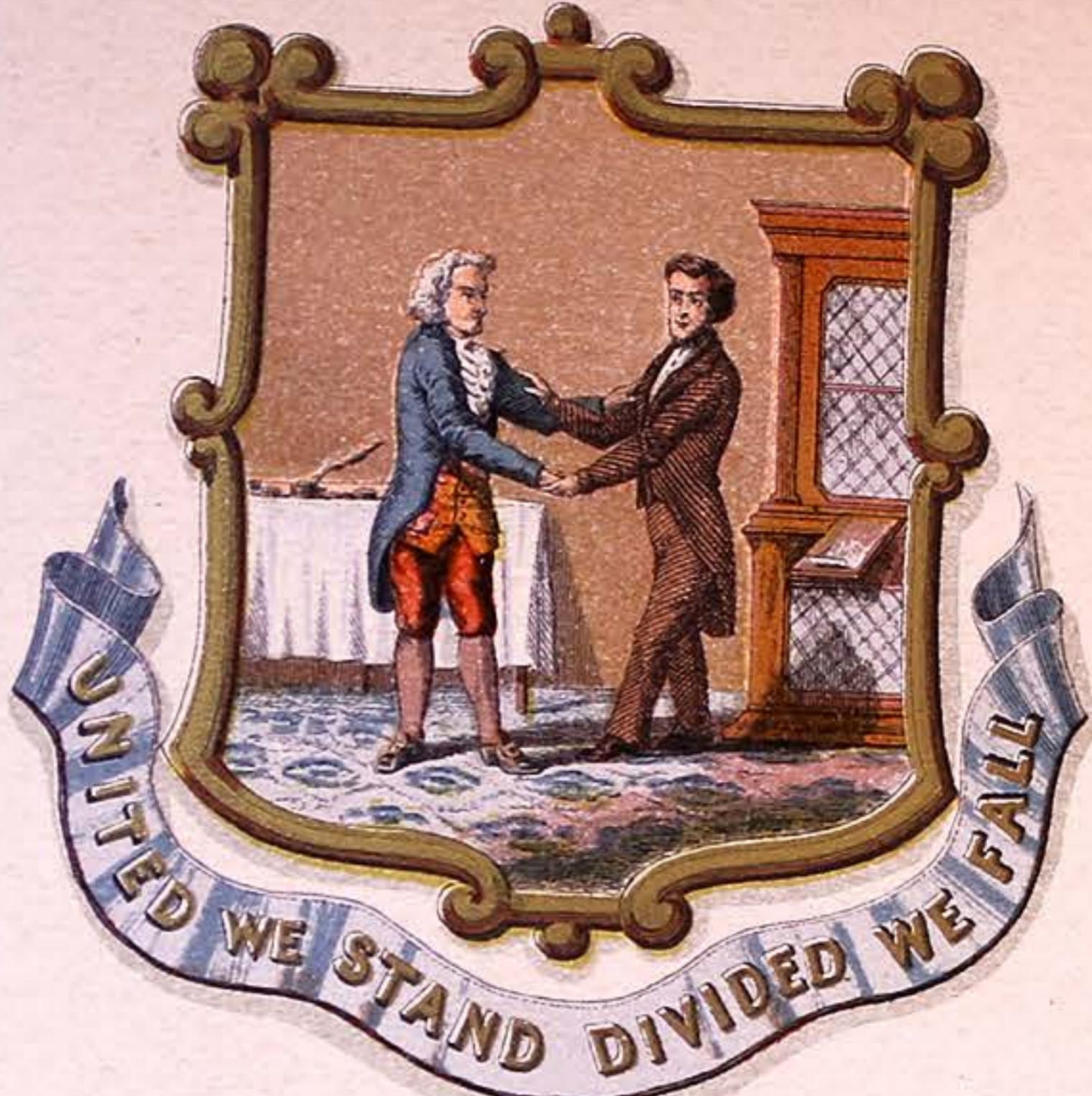


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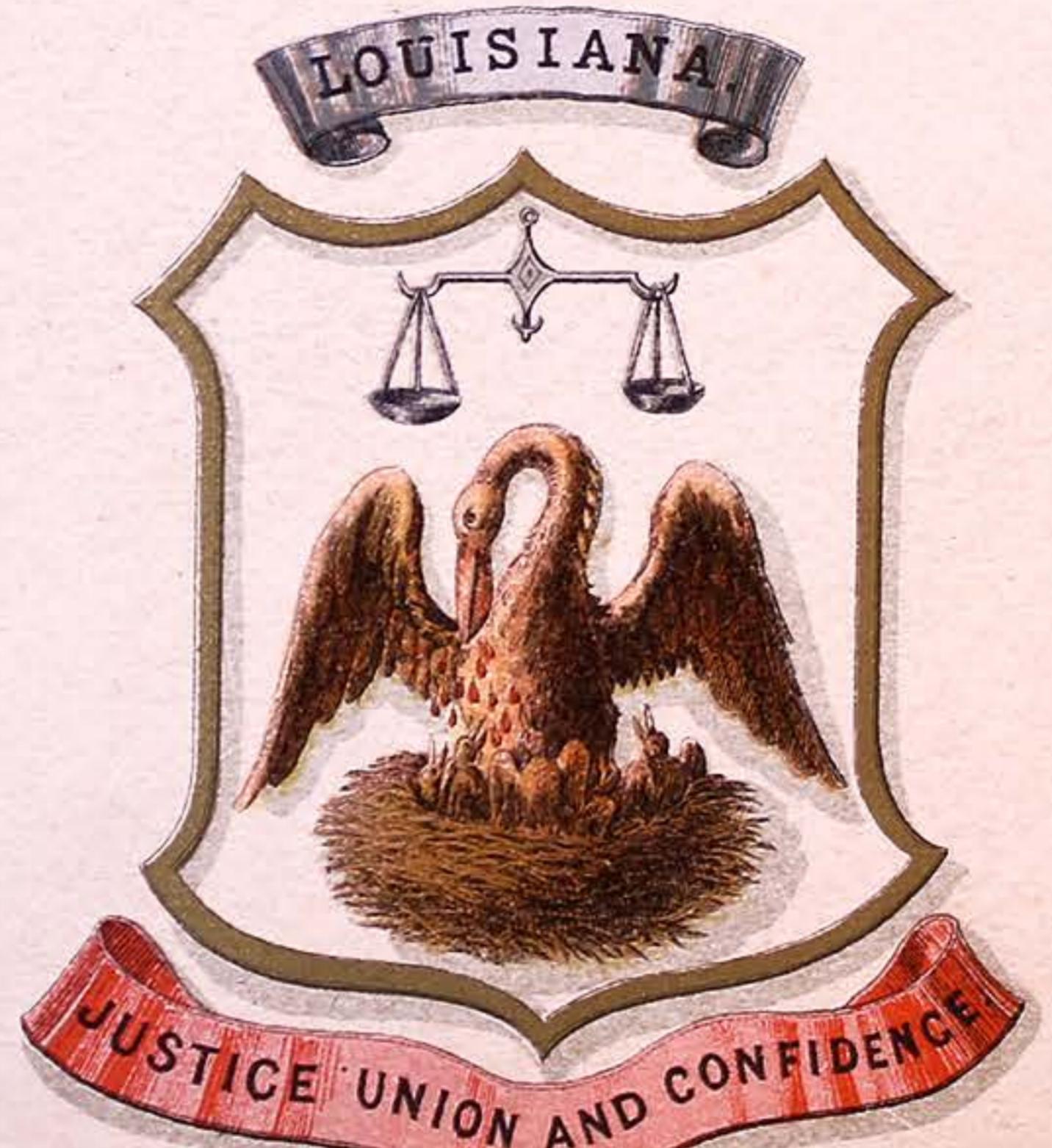
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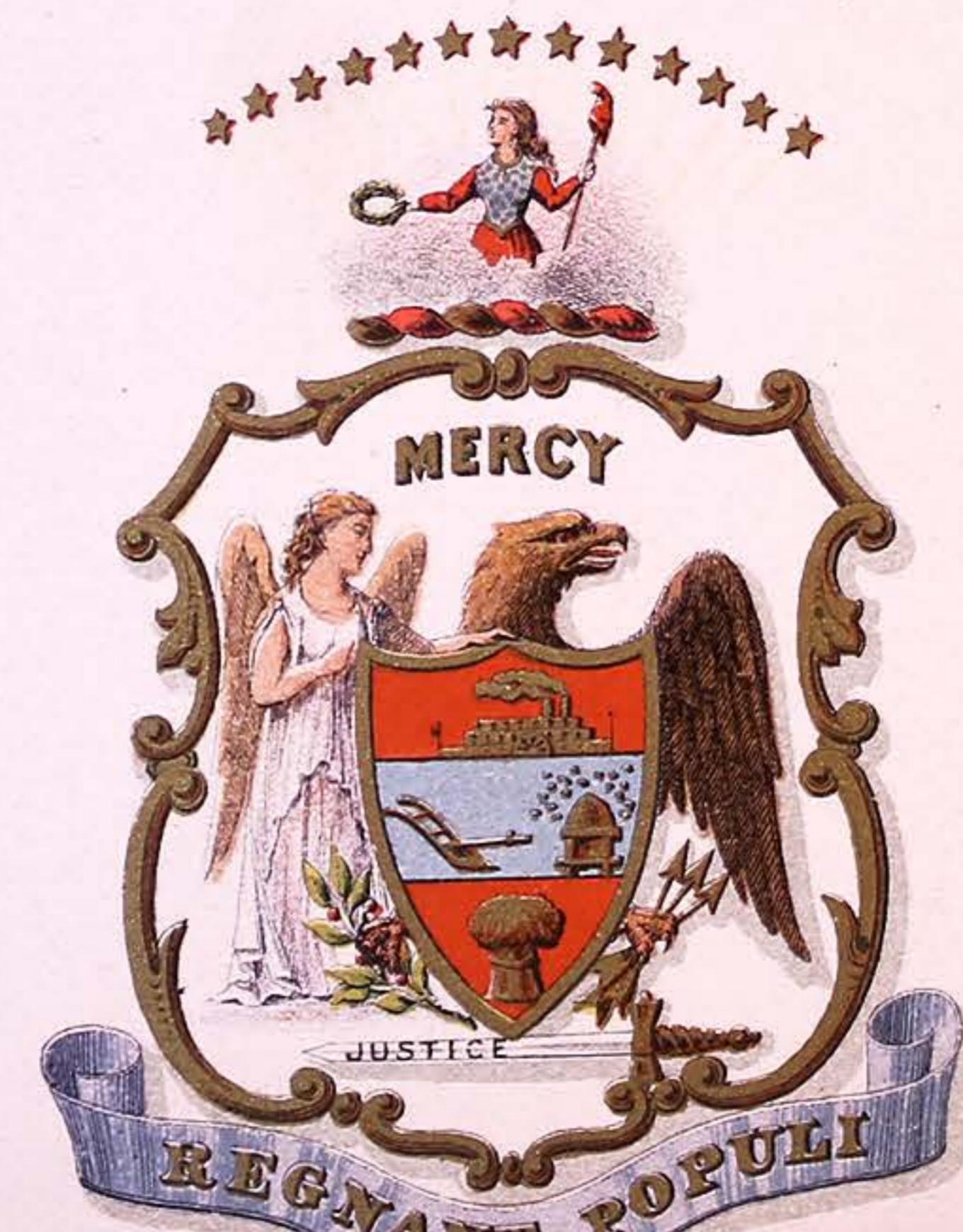
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