

Many years ago fortunate the farmer who owned a democrat, buggy or cutter. When a farmer drove a high-spirited horse hauling a highly polished buggy or cutter and guided the gelding up to the home of his best girl — he created a fine impression and it must have been a thrilling experience when the young lover tied the harness lines around the dash board in order to have both arms free to really hug his not-too-bashful lassie.

Two souls that beat as one when snug and cozy under the old rug made from the skin of a big bear.

These old cutters are today as scarce as hen's teeth, but a popular young farmer named Henry Kittle of Verulam township near Bobcaygeon, has one of these "souvenirs" and

money cannot buy the cutter or bob sleighs.

Another bit of interesting history came to light a few days ago when Norman Skitch of Colborne Street West, accepted an invitation to see the old set of bobs. The name of the carriage-sleigh maker was clearly discernable and the name was "W. R. Skitch, grandfather of Norman Lunney Skitch. This senior Skitch will be remembered by many readers as the stocky built man with the stylish bushy eyebrows, who was a pioneer tradesman with a carriage factory at the south-west corner of William and Wellington Streets.

History records the fact that the old Skitch shop was originally the first place of worship for pioneer Methodists and the late Wm. S. Skitch was the choirmaster and "presenter".

Later William Skitch built a five-residential terrace, a terrace which has weathered well the ravages of time and elements.

Among the good and talented aspects of character handed down to long ago reaching the maturity of age in the persons of Percy H. Skitch and the latter's son, Norman L. Skitch, well-known accountant, "Like Father, like Son"—Percy Skitch and son Norman L., have made very fine contributions in the realm of good

music, vocal and instrumental. Both P. H. and N. L. Skitch have been quite generous in their musical contribution through the years. Father and son have ably abetted the games of curling, baseball, tennis and Percy Skitch was a member of the Canadian curling team to visit Scotland a few years ago, and will visit Scotland this summer as a member of the Canadian Lawn Bowling team. Orchids this week to the Skitch's.