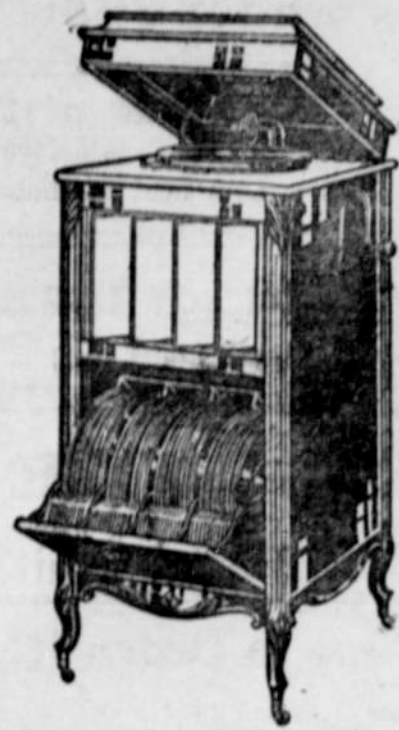


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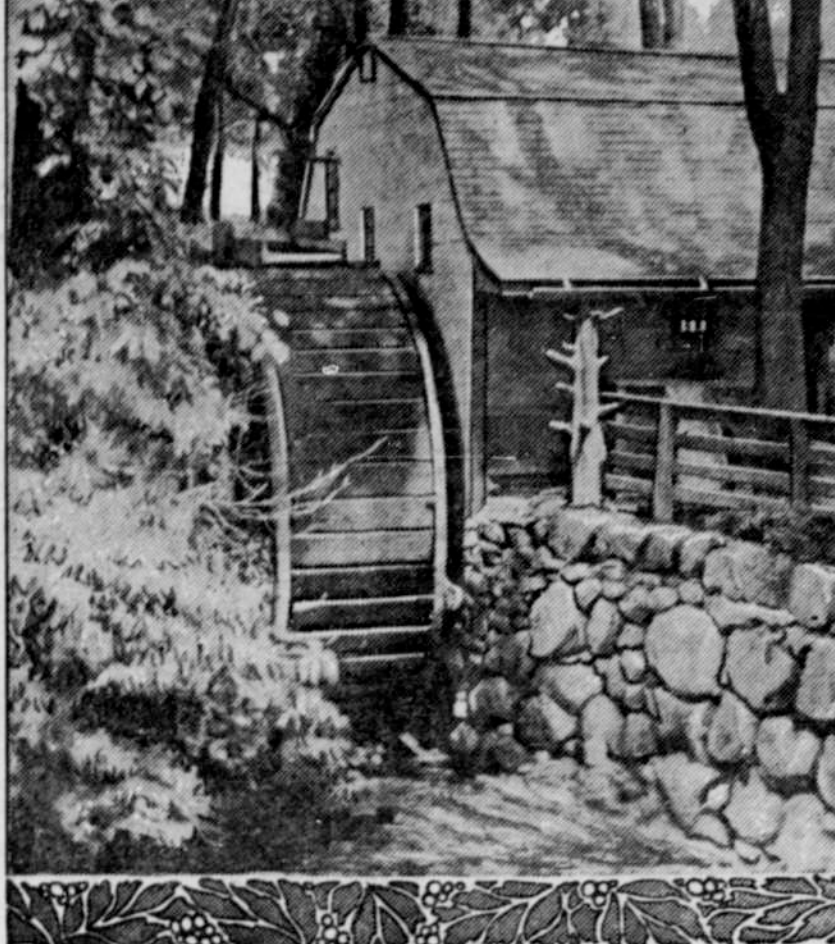
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## New London's Old Mill



THE OLD GRIST MILL PHOTO BY E. W. PICKARD

**B**UILT in 1651 and still doing business is the claim that is made for New London's old town mill. There is no doubt that the mill is still doing business, and the records also show that the start of the industry was 264 years ago. The old town mill is one of the relics in which New London, Conn., takes special pride, and the operations of the huge overshot waterwheel are watched with wonder by a great many visitors in the course of a year. The mill is public property, and while the rental that the city receives from its use does not make it much of an investment in a financial way, it is a great historical asset and it would be difficult to place a valuation on the property that would be adequate to cover the humble structure.

While the age of the mill is generally exploited, there are a great many people, New Londoners included, who are not aware of the fact that it is not only old but that it was one of the first monopolies ever established in the commonwealth of Connecticut by the authority of a town.

**Was First Monopoly.**  
The town records show that a town meeting was held on November 10, 1650, to arrange a system of co-operation with John Winthrop, the younger, in establishing a mill to grind corn, and the interest in the project is shown by an attendance of sixteen of the freemen. There was no question about the desirability of having a mill to furnish meal, and it was decided at that meeting that the people of the town should be at the charge of "making the dam and heavy work belonging to the mill." Six men were selected to do the work, and were ordered to make it substantial and sufficient. They were to be paid two shillings a day for their services and six other men were to rate the town to defray the charge. The work was started in 1651.

The monopoly feature of the mill proposition showed at that town meeting, for the records say: "Further, it is agreed that no person or persons shall set up any other mill to grind corn for the town of Pequet within the limits of the town either for the present, nor for the future, so long as Mr. John Winthrop or his heirs, do uphold a mill to grind the town corn."

The dam was constructed in due course of time and the mill began its operations. As far as the records indicate it was conducted to the satisfaction of the people for a while, but John Winthrop became governor and moved to Hartford, and his death on April 5, 1676, in Boston, left the mill, with his other property, to his heirs, and they evidently didn't care very much whether the people had their corn ground or not, particularly as nobody could set up an opposition mill without taking a risk of getting into trouble.

**People Make a Fight.**  
The monopoly clause in the vote of the town in 1650 was in force for nearly sixty years, but finally the conditions became so serious that it was necessary to make other provisions for the grinding of meal. In a town meeting, held December 26, 1709, the following vote was adopted:

"Whereas, The town has suffered many years for want of a gristmill, and no care taken by the heirs of former Governor Winthrop for our relief therein, who have some time claimed the privilege of supplying the town with what gristmills are necessary, and the present gristmill belonging to the late Governor Winthrop being like to be altogether useless in a little time, the town therefore sees cause upon the request of Robert Latimer, Stephen Prentiss, John Daniels, Richard Man-

waring, Oliver Manwaring, Jr., and James Rogers, Jr., to grant liberty to them, or the major part of them, to set up a gristmill upon the falls of Jordan brook, where it falleth into the cove."

As the result of that vote the old Jordan mill was built in 1712 and the business that the town mill did not look after went out to what is now a part of the town of Waterford. That mill ground corn for many years, but about a decade ago it burned down, and has since been replaced by a modern structure, while the original town mill is still doing business at the old stand.

**Old Merged into the New.**  
While New London's ancient relic is on the site of the original mill and the building still maintains the same shape as that which was first erected there, it is doubtful if there is more than one of the first timbers still remaining.

The big overshot waterwheel on the mill looks as though it had been there for a good many years, and it is not unlikely that some of the visitors imagine that it is the original one that was installed in Winthrop's time. As a matter of fact it takes about twenty years to wear out a wheel of that sort, and it is by no means an easy matter to replace one when it is gone. About ten years ago the present one was built, and the man who was in charge of the building had some difficulty finding a millwright who would take the job of constructing the wheel. Finally one who worked on the old wheel a score of years previous took the job, but only on condition that it be by day work. It cost the city about \$1,000 to replace the wheel, and ten years hence it is quite likely that it will be even more difficult to have a job of that sort done.

The relic is not maintained for the sake of making money, and public sentiment would be very much offended if any change should be made that would put a stop to the operations of the huge wheel.

**Danger of Tasting Plants.**  
A child is an adventurous person, and the temptation to taste anything which comes in his way is very strong. It cannot be too often insisted upon that this habit should be strongly inveighed against and children absolutely forbidden to taste any berries, etc., or even to pick them. But even when really well trained in this way—and the majority are not—accidents will happen, and it is then that the knowledge of what to do is so valuable. Plants which frequently cause accidents in this way are hemlock, which is easily mistaken for parsley, wild celery, wild spinach, deadly nightshade—perhaps the most evil and most commonly experimented upon of all—yew leaves, the berries of the juniper and laburnum seeds. Also there are the fungi, which children should never be allowed to touch.

**Rare Bird Killed in Scotland.**  
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