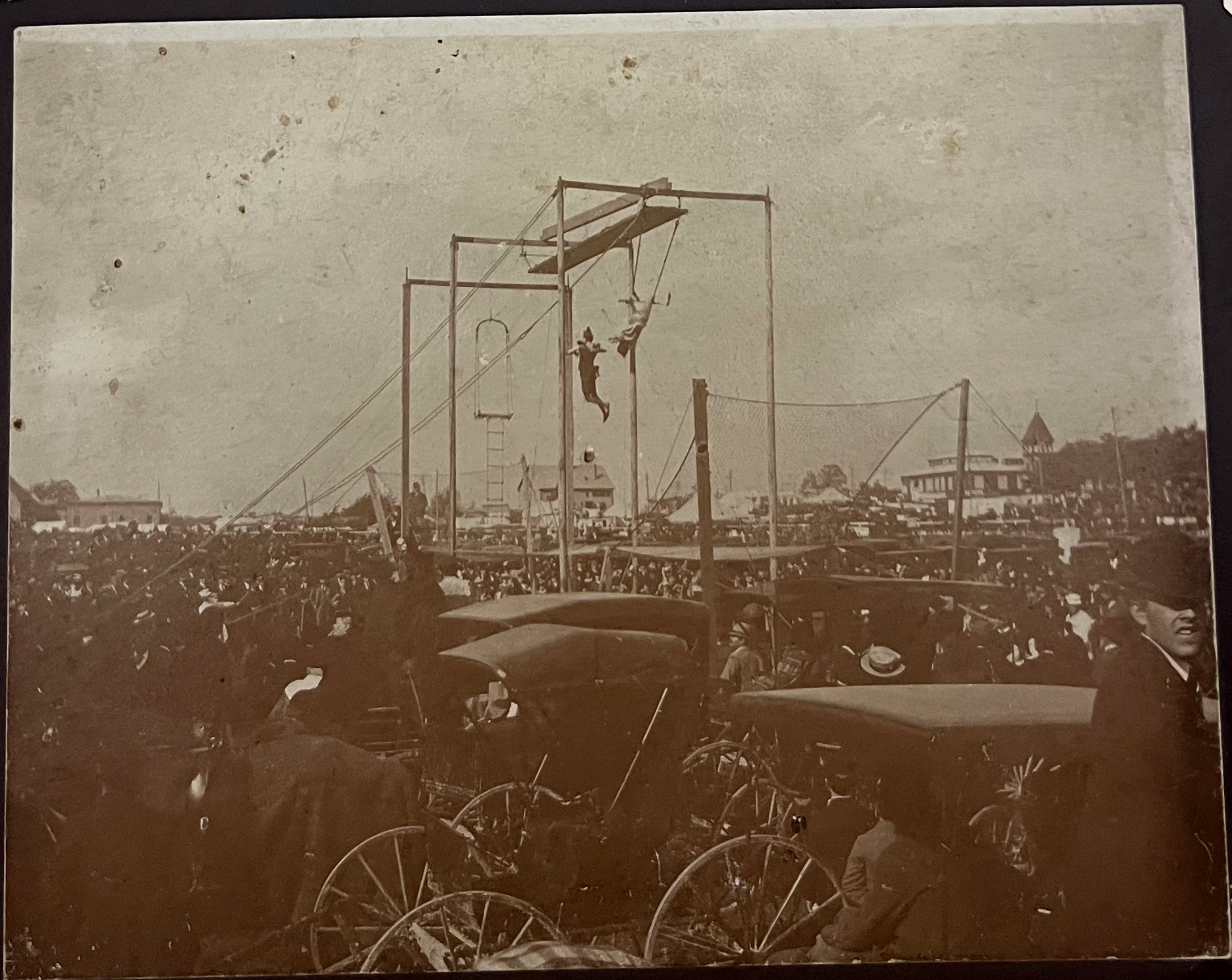


-Brockton Fair-



Backs are signed- " With compliments from Harry Amphlett Taken at Brockton Fair  
October 5, 1894. "



-Photo of President Taft 1911-



**William Howard Taft** was our 27 th. President. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1857. Taft graduated from Yale in 1878 and was a Judge of the Superior Court of Ohio from 1887-90. Taft was the first Governor of the Philippines, 1901-4. During 1904-08, Taft was the Secretary of War for our country. Then from 1909 to 1913, **William Howard Taft** became our 27 th. President. Later Taft was Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

On October 3, 1912, **President Taft** came to **Brockton** to see the famous **Brockton Fair**. He rested at the Commercial Club and ate lunch. Then from the Commercial Club, located at the corner of Main and Spring Streets in Brockton, the President went to the Fair. At the Fair, 80,000 people saw Taft and when Taft left said- "It is impossible not to feel real interest and pleasure in an exhibition of such magnitude, charm and diversity as the **Brockton Fair**. It seems to me truly wonderful that you assemble 80,000 people for such a fall carnival and maintain such perfect order. I shall always remember this visit with great pleasure."

The only other President to come to **Brockton** and the **Brockton Fairgrounds** was Franklin D. Roosevelt but NOT during Fair Week.



-Brockton Fair-



*Spotted - Brockton Fair -  
Your cards received in my post office  
for film - Hope you postmaster will  
not stamp all over this  
taken with one of your cameras*

The Midway, Fair Grounds, Brockton, Mass.





- BROCKTON FAIR -

Brockton  
Fair



"A FAIR TREAT"

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Brockton Fair

AND

HORSE  
SHOW

October  
4, 5, 6, 7  
1910



"A FAIR TREAT"

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-Brockton Fair-

# Brockton Fair

OCTOBER  
1-2-3-4  
1912



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When  
Thoroughbreds Meet

# Brockton Fair

CAS W. HOLMES



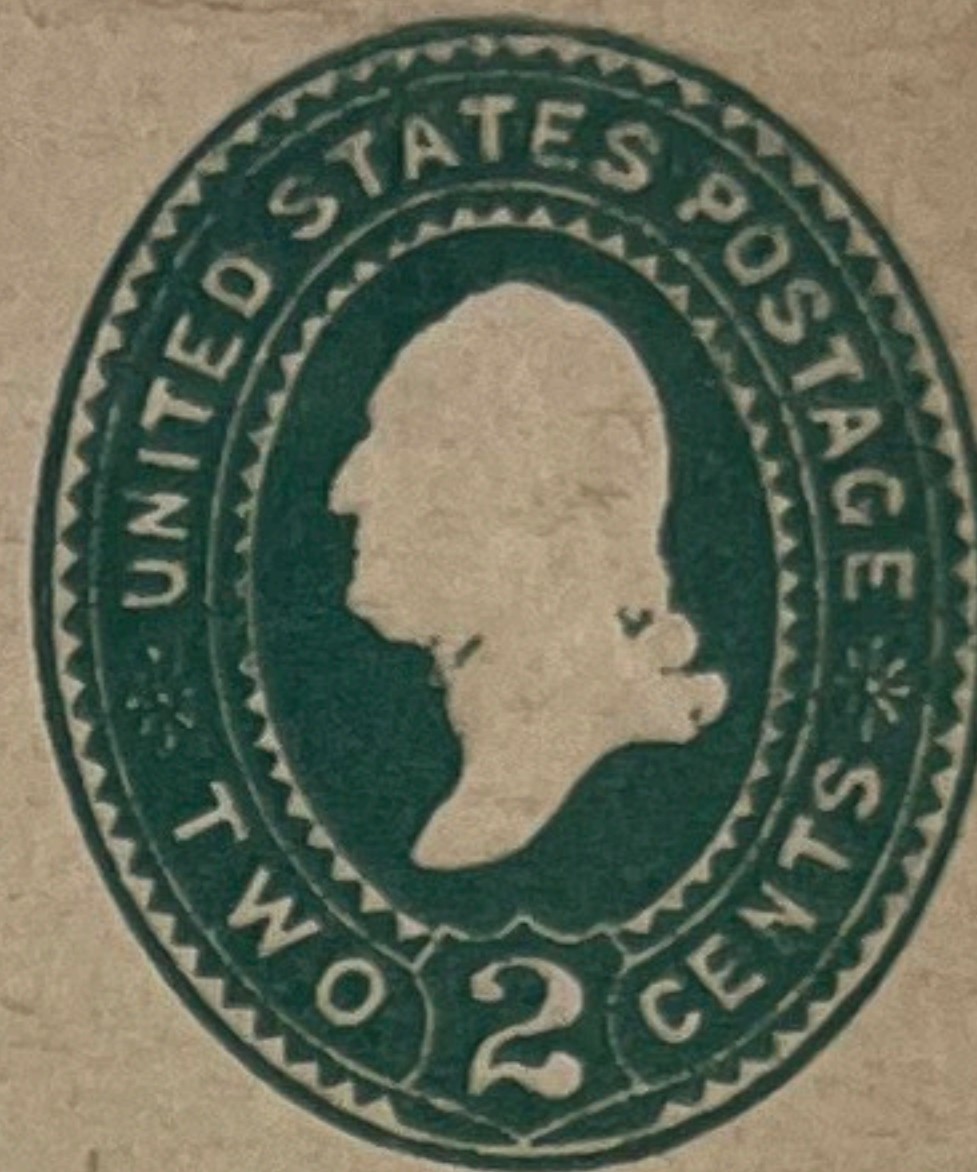
-BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS-

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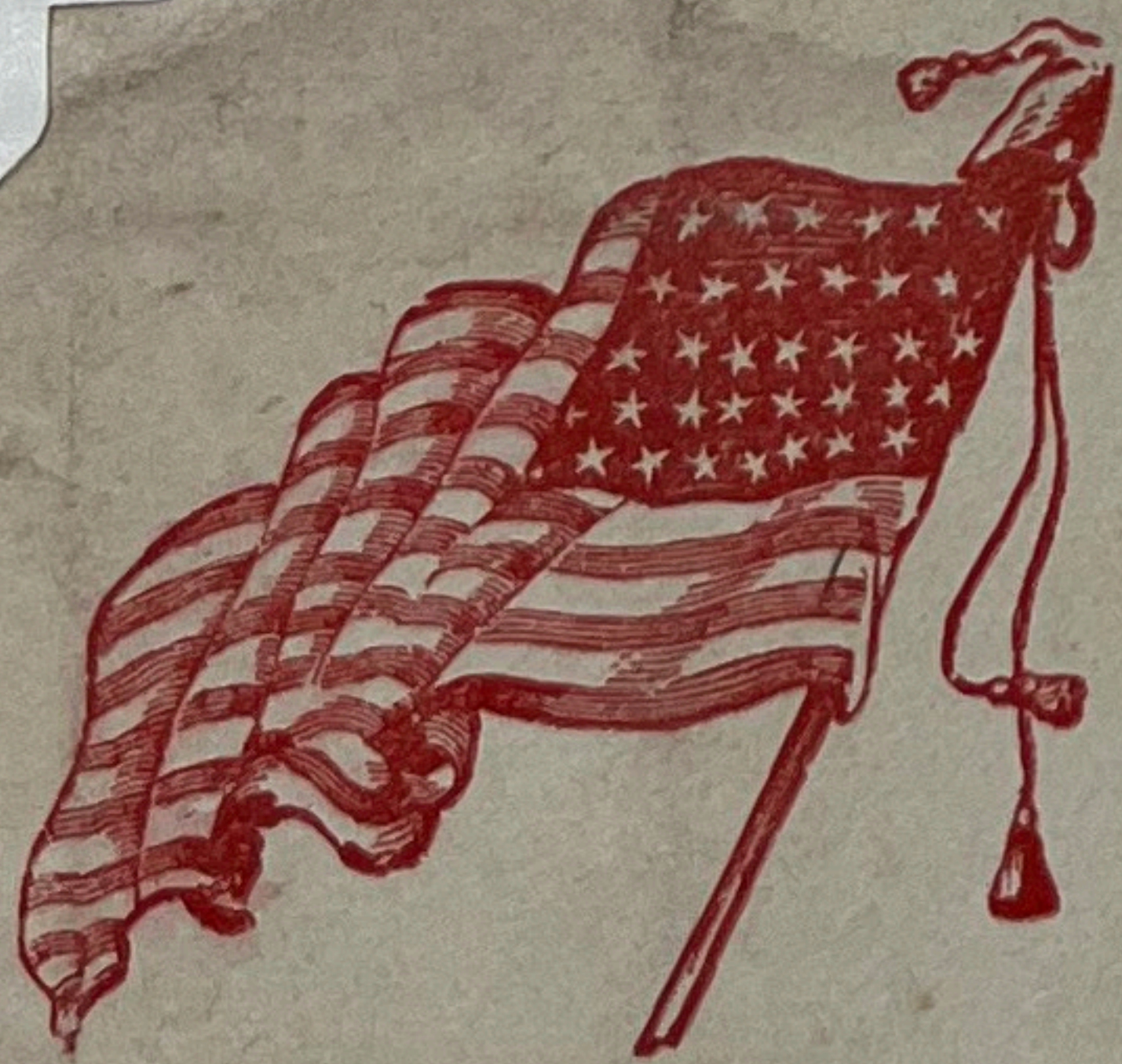
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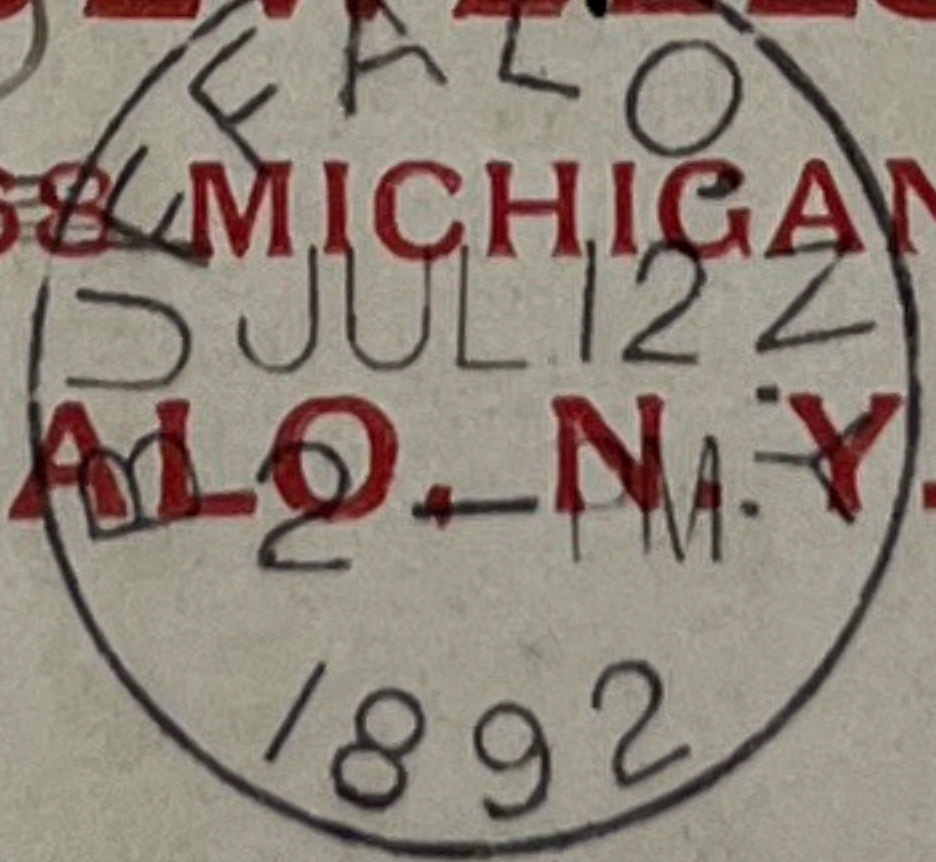
E. M. THOMPSON,  
PRESS AGENT.



W316-Unused wrapper from the Brockton Fair dated October 2nd - 5th., 1895.



660  
THE JEWELLS,  
266 AND 268 MICHIGAN ST.  
BUFFALO, N.Y.



*To Secretary of Fair,*

*Balloon*

*Brockton*

*Mass.*

#220-Buffalo, New York dated July 12, 1892 with a corner card from the Jewells, sent to the Secretary of the FAIR, Brockton, Mass. Also in pen was written "BALLOON".



-BROCKTON FAIR-



Reprint of photo taken around 1910.

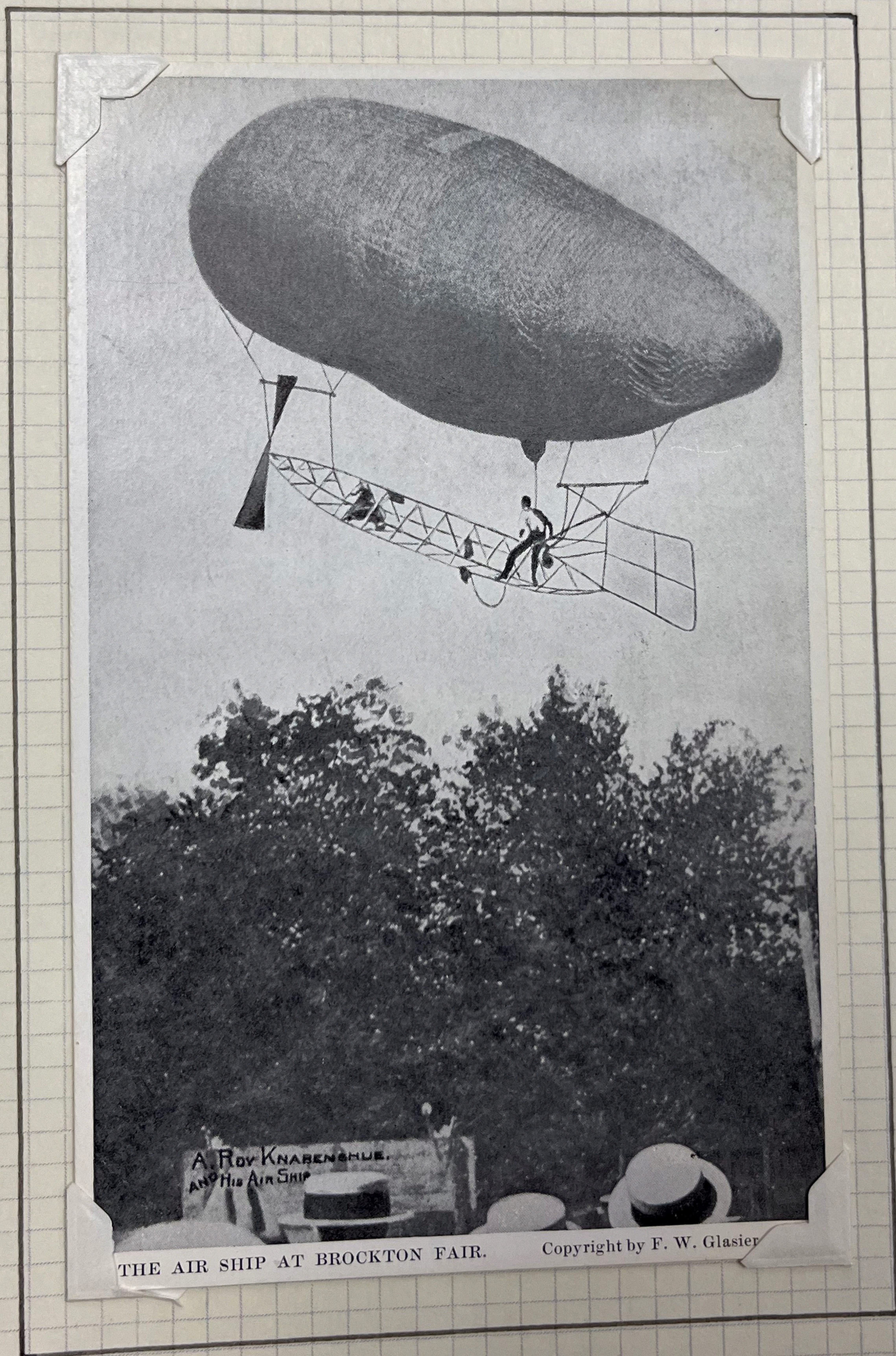
Photograph of **A. Roy Knabenshue's** airship over the **Brockton Fair** of 1906. This was his successful flight with another unsuccessful flight made in 1905.



KNABENSHUE'S AIRSHIP AT BROCKTON FAIR 1906. PHOTO BY BUFFELL.



-BROCKTON FAIR-



A. ROY KNABENSHUE,  
AND HIS AIR SHIP

THE AIR SHIP AT BROCKTON FAIR.

Copyright by F. W. Glasier

Knabenshue's Airship on a card by Glasier copyrighted 1905.



-Brockton Fair-



October 6,  
1910

Claude Grahame-White Englishman 1879-1959

Grahame-White came from England to the U.S. in 1910. He became famous because of the "Daily Mail" newspaper, which offered L 10,000 (\$50,000) for the first man to fly 200 miles (London to Manchester) in 24 hours. Grahame-White entered in April 1910 and almost won but was beaten by Louis Paulhan.

Sept. 3-13, 1910 Grahame-White won the Boston Globe's prize of \$10,000 for flying 33 miles in 34 min. 1 1/5 seconds. He also won the speed prize of 5 1/4 miles in 6 min. President Taft awarded the prizes.

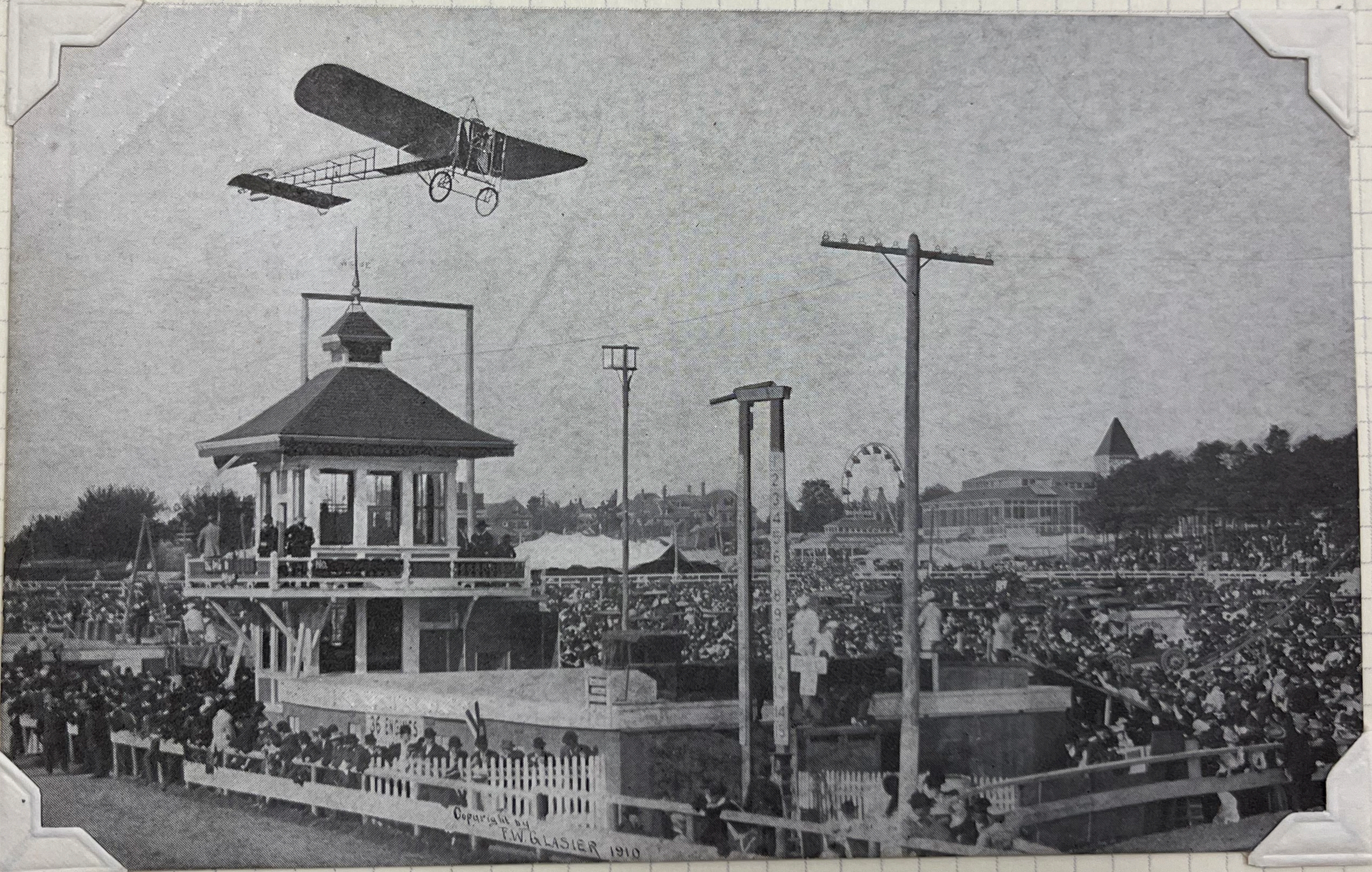
Oct. 4-7, 1910 Claude Grahame-White participated at the **Brockton Fair**.

Oct. 14, 1910 Grahame-White flew the first airplane into Washington, DC. landing between the State, War and Navy buildings and White House.

Oct. 22-31, 1910 at Belmont Park in Long Island, New York, Grahame-White was in the "Statue of Liberty" race for the \$10,000 prize but lost. He did win the \$5,000 Gordon Bennett speed contest. He was the second to win the Gordon Bennett Cup. The first was Glenn Curtiss in 1909, Grahame-White in 1910 and Charles T. Weymann in 1911.



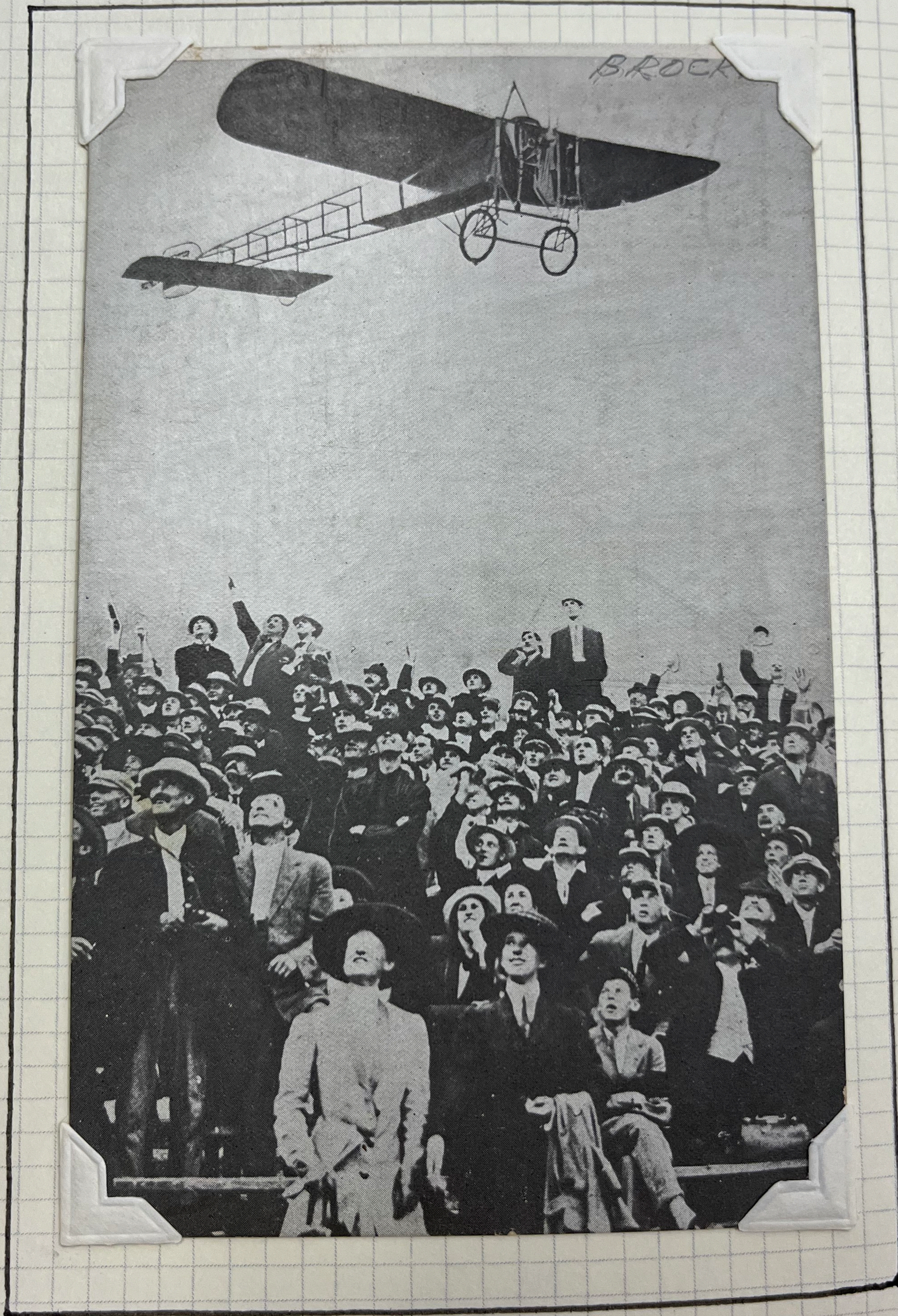
-BROCKTON FAIR-



Claude Grahame-White's airplane at the Brockton Fair Oct. 1910.



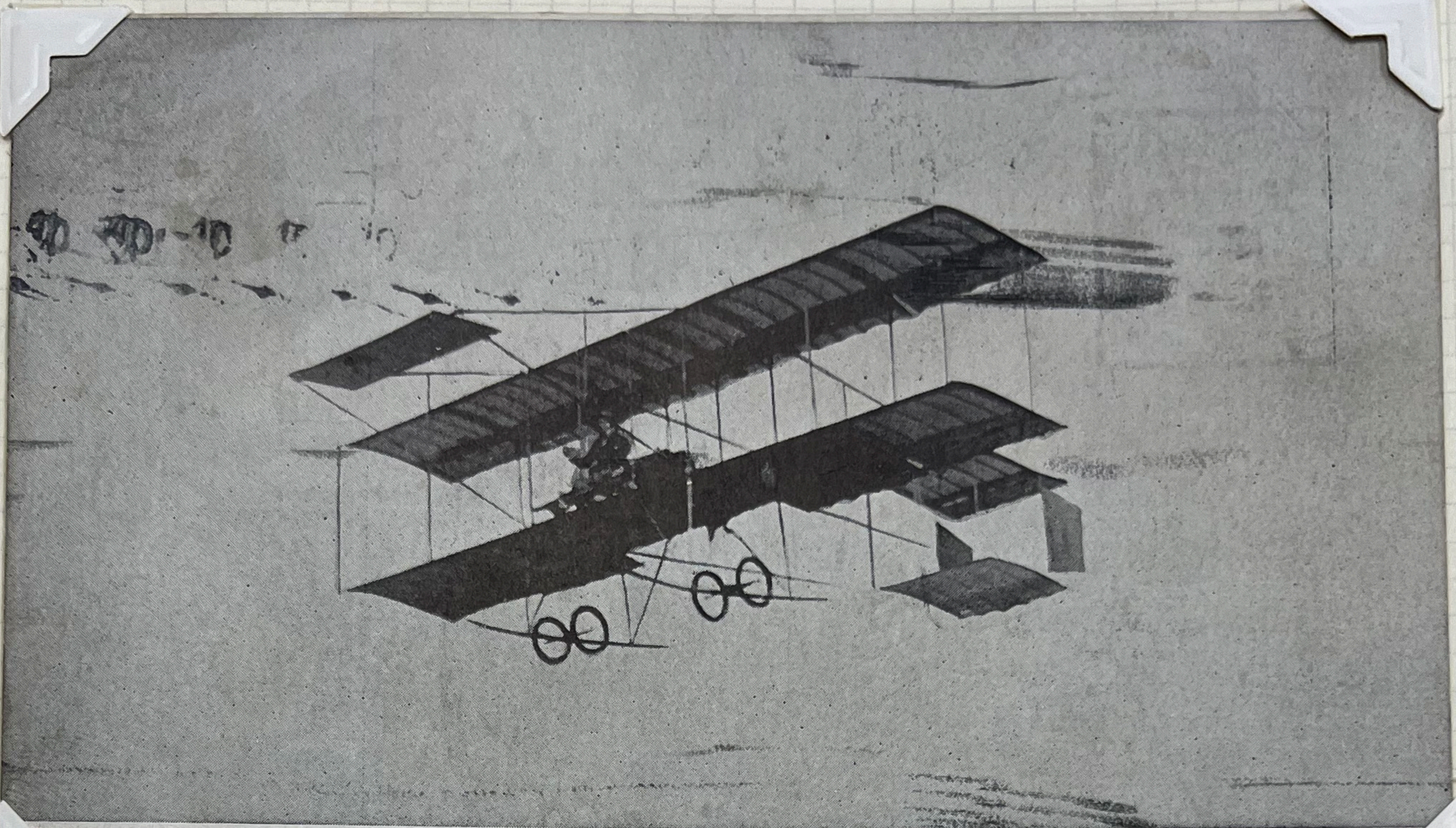
-BROCKTON FAIR-



#374- Grahame-White's airplane at  
the Brockton Fair used Oct. 1911.



-Brockton Fair-



GRAHAME-WHITE AND HIS BIPLANE, BROCKTON FAIR 1910

October 7, 1910

In 1906, a prize of £10,000 (about \$50,000) was offered to the first person to fly from London to Manchester, a distance of 200 miles in 24 hrs. This was offered by the "Daily Mail" newspaper.

April 23, 1910 Claude Grahame-White set out from Park Royal to win the "Daily Mail" prize. His Farman Biplane was powered by a Gnome rotary engine producing 50 horsepower with a pusher propeller. Grahame-White flew 2 hours and landed at Rugby, a flight of 85 miles, after refueling, took off again and got as far as Lichfield, more than halfway to Manchester, before a combination of gusty winds and engine trouble forced him to abandon his attempt to beat the 24 hrs. deadline. Next day, the wind flipped over his Farman, damaged it, and he had to take it back near London for repairs.

Wed. April 27 Grahame-White was again ready. But now a foreign competitor had appeared, Louis Paulhan (1884-1963). He took off at 5pm. to dark and landed at Lichfield. Grahame-White meanwhile concluded it was too windy to fly. But by 6pm., when he heard Paulhan had started, Grahame-White took off and flew 60 miles before darkness forced him down. This left him 57 miles behind Paulhan. In a desperate attempt, Grahame-White tried a night take off (unheard of in those days) at 2:30 am. next morning, despite his friends protests, he soared away from the field, feebly illuminated by auto headlights and vanished into the dark.

By this time, the whole world was wild with excitement. On the route to Manchester, people sat up all night hoping to see a glimpse of either flier. Grahame-White knew that landing in the dark could prove to be fatal. A friend had agreed to shine his auto headlights on the wall of an inn on his line of flight. Grahame-White managed to spot this primitive air beacon, then picked



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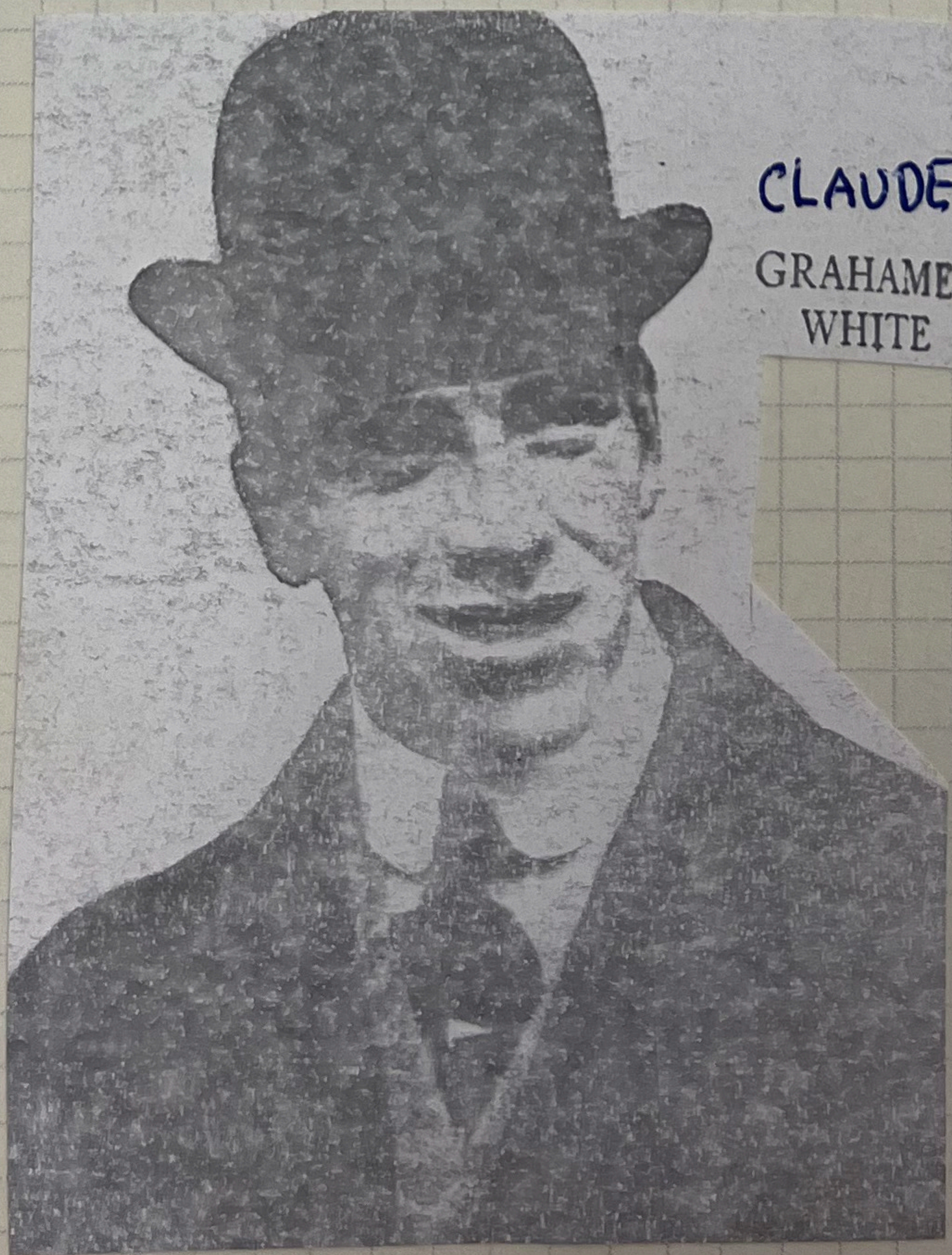
up a freight train and followed it to Rugby. When he landed, he was only a dozen miles behind Paulhan, who had just left Lichfield. Fierce winds almost wrecked Grahame-White's plane for a second time. Meanwhile, Paulhan flew straight to Manchester and won the prize. A huge crowd cheered him deliriously.

Sept. 3-13, 1910 Boston Harvard Aeronautical Society at Squantum on Boston Harbor had an air meet. England sent C. Grahame-White, T.O.M. Sopwith, A.V. Roe, the Americans were Glenn Curtiss, Ralph Johnstone, Walter Brookins, Charles F. Willard, Earle Ovington and Clifford B. Harmon. Grahame-White won the Boston Globe's \$10,000 prize flying the 33 miles around Boston Light over water in 34 min. 1 1/5 sec. His fast Bleriot plane also won the speed prize with 5 1/4 miles in 6 min. President Taft awarded the prizes.

October 4-7, 1910 Grahame-White was at the Brockton Fair.

Oct. 14, 1910 Grahame-White flew the first airplane into the city of Washington, DC. He piloted his Farman biplane from the Bennings Race Track, circling the Washington Monument and landing in the street between the State, War and Navy buildings and the White House office building, where he was greeted by cheering thousands.

Oct. 22-31, 1910 Great Aerial Tournament at Belmont Park, Long Island, New York. Grahame-White was in the "Statue of Liberty" race for the Thomas Ryan \$10,000 prize. This was won by the Count de Lesseps. Grahame-White did beat him home but was disqualified for fouling the initial pylon. This could only mean he hit the Statue of Liberty. Grahame-White did win the Gordon Bennett \$5,000 speed contest; Gordon Bennett Cup first won by Glenn Curtiss in 1909, Grahame-White in 1910 and Charles T. Weymann in 1911.





-Graham-White-



Graham-White Inspecting His Machine Before Flight.  
Copyright By Aram, Boston.



Graham-White's  
Bleriot Machine.



-Brockton Fair-



#233- Double rate cover ( 4¢ Columbian )- Boston, Mass. " Flag " cancel, Back Bay Station, dated August 18, 1899, on a purple Brockton Fair cover.

This Fair cover shows the Judge's Stand plus a Trapeze Act and a Hot Air Balloon at the Brockton Fairgrounds. It is believed that this 1899 cover was the first of the pictorial types issued to advertise the Fair. Before this, a date and the words " Brockton Fair " were about all shown. But beginning in 1899 and after, covers were pictorial, showing horses and people. These pictorial Brockton Fair covers ended around 1915 to 1920, at which time, the Fair covers became just dates and the words " Brockton Fair " once again.

On the back is another Boston " Flag " cancel, Station A used as a received marking.

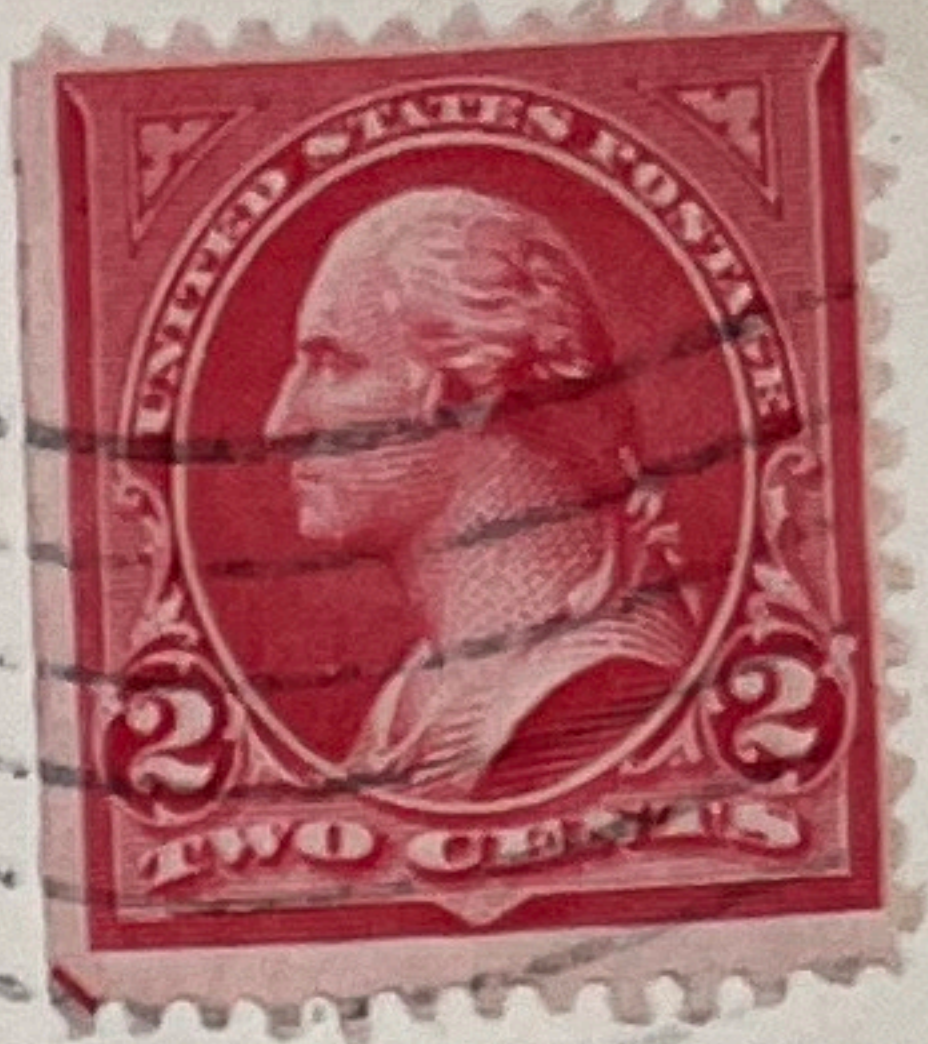
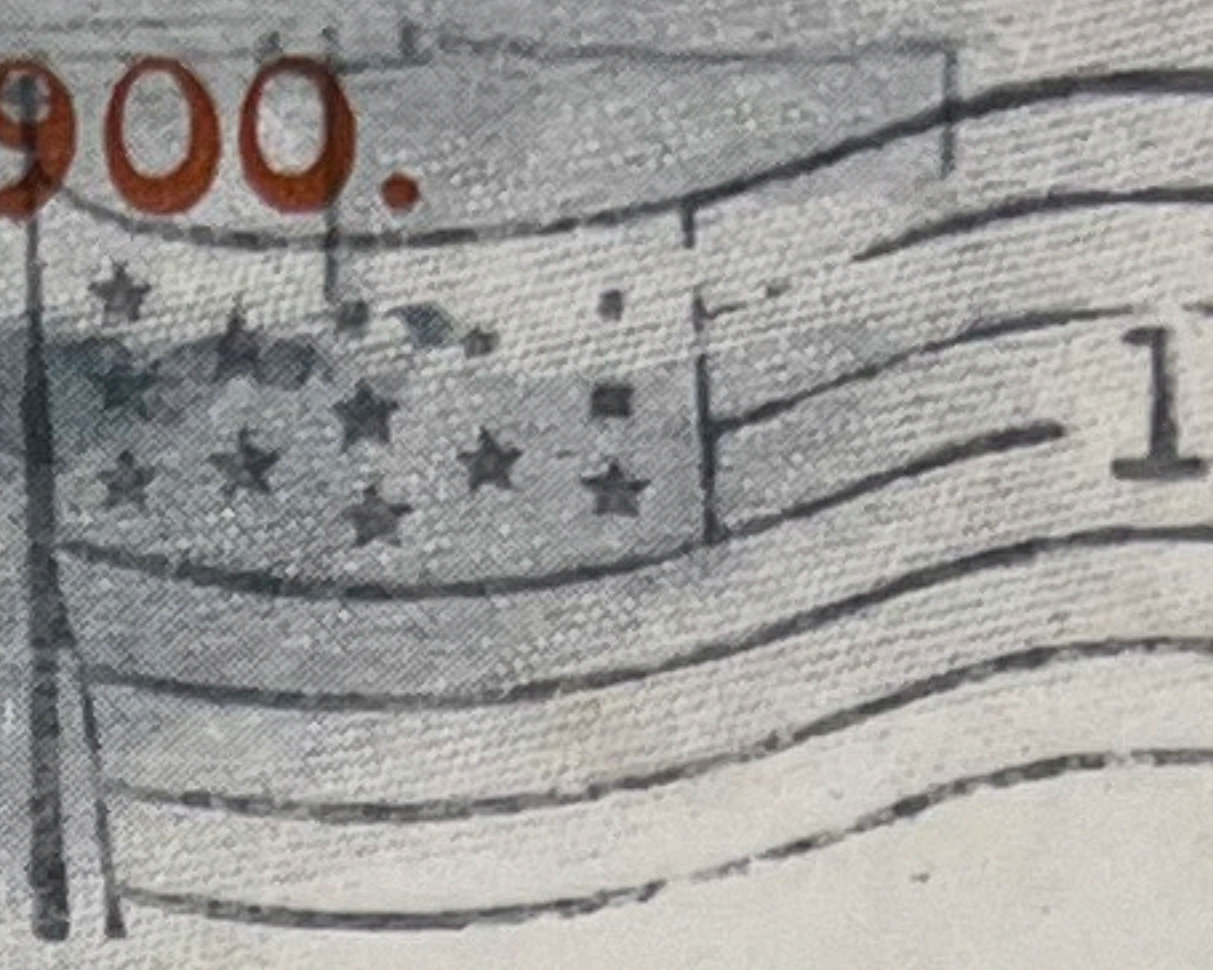


-BROCKTON FAIR-



Brockton Fair,  
Oct. 2, 3, 4, 5, 1900.

BROCKTON  
AUG 28  
7-15P  
00



Mess. Hitchings & Coulthurst,

145 South St.;

Boston, Mass.

AFTER 5 DAYS, RETURN TO  
D. W. FIELD CO.,  
BROCKTON, MASS.

Two Different 1900 Covers



Brockton Fair, Oct. 2, 3, 4, 5, 1900.

BROCKTON  
AUG 21  
7-15P  
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MASS



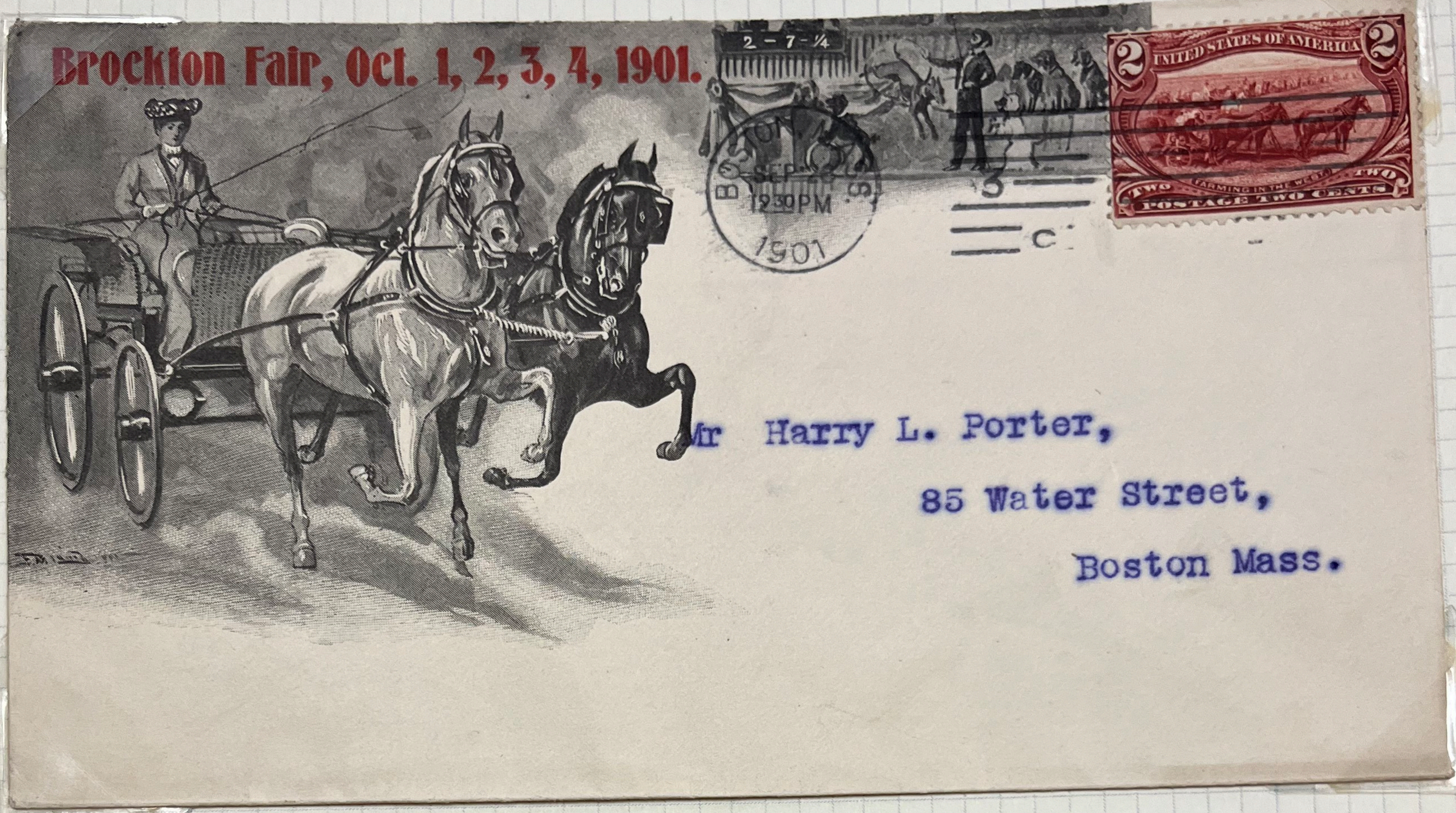
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No. New Salem

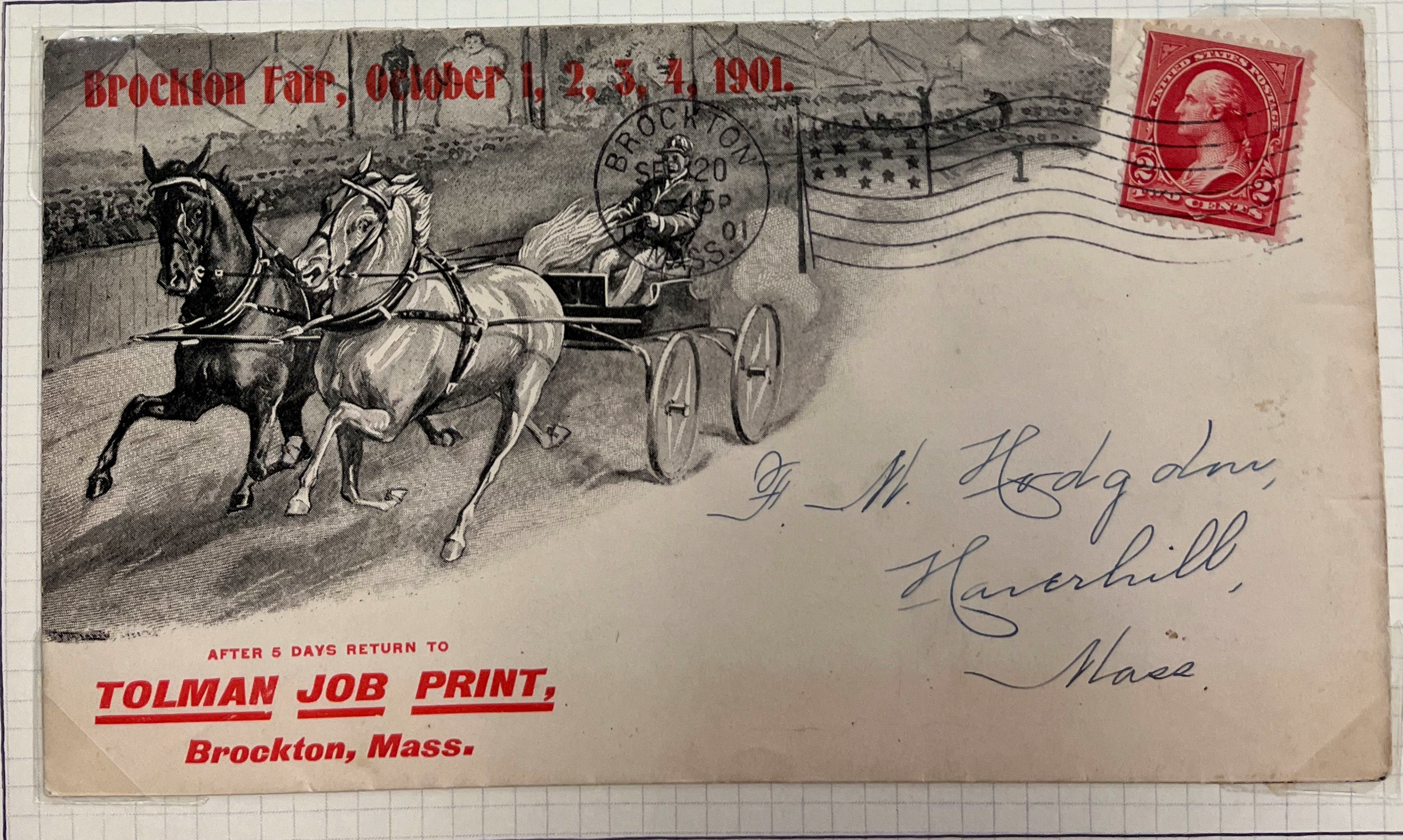
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-BROCKTON FAIR-



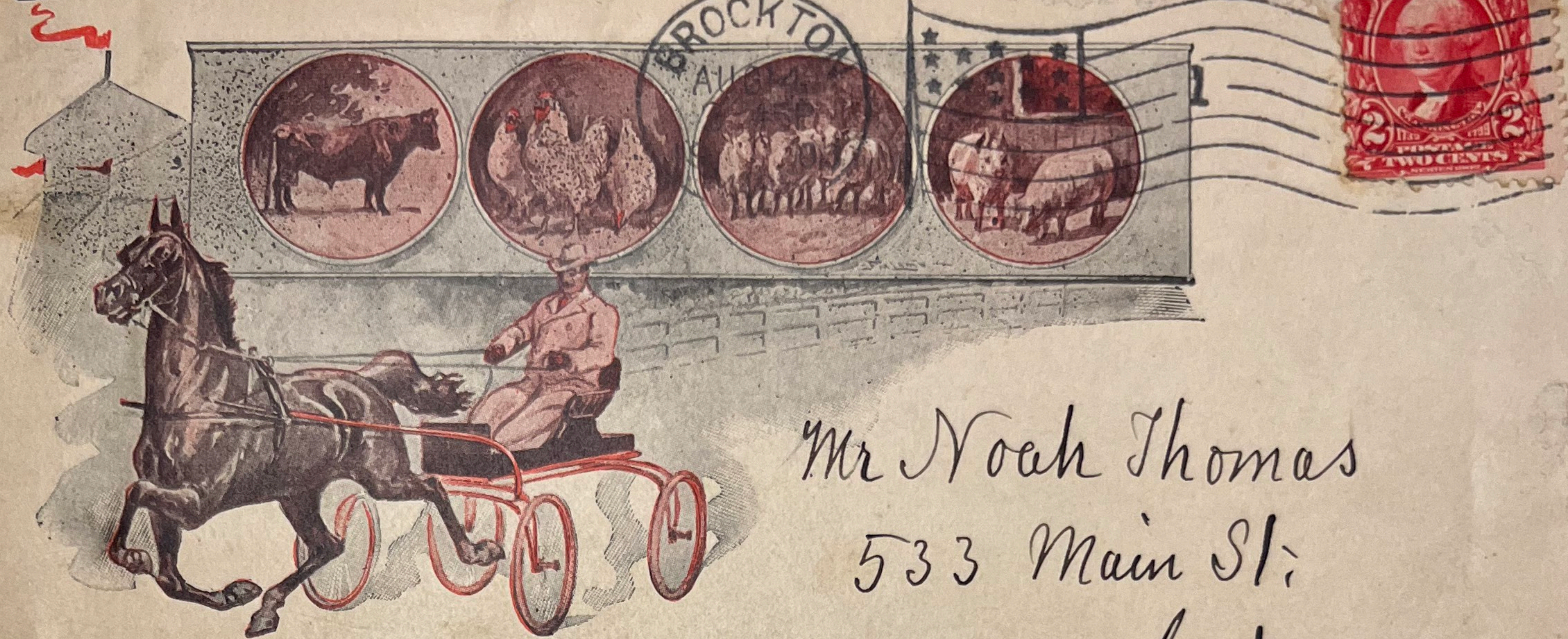
Two Different 1901 Covers





-BROCKTON FAIR-

*Brockton Fair, Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1 and 2, 1903.*



BROCKTON  
MASS.

*Mr Noah Thomas*

*533 Main St.*

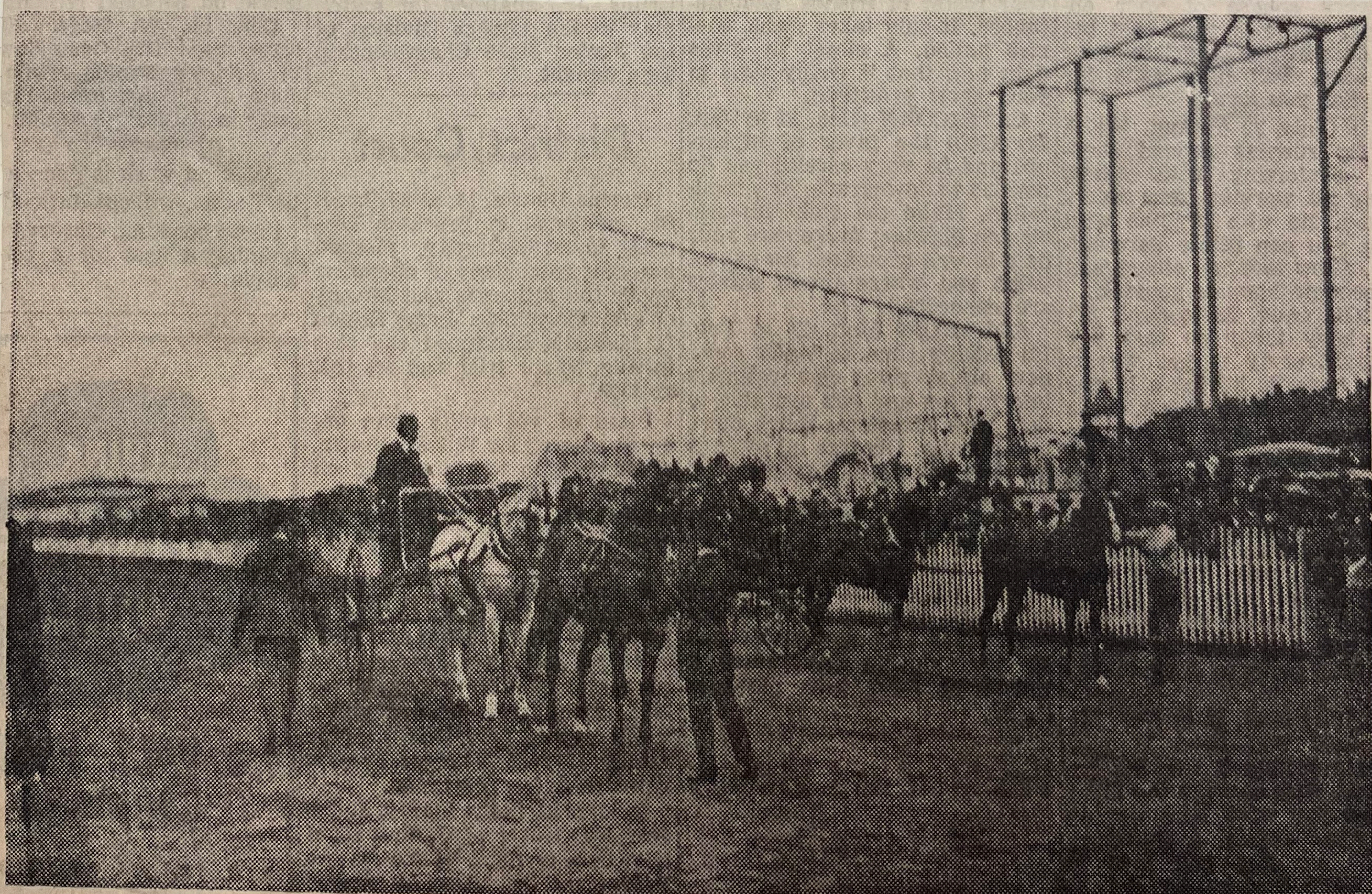
*City*

H. W. ROBINSON COMPANY,  
73 MAIN STREET,  
BROCKTON, MASS.

Brockton Fair advertising cover dated August 14, 1903  
with a corner card of H.W. Robinson Company.

The Fair was held Sept. 29-30, Oct. 1 & 2.

The stamp is Scott's # 301.



Teams Are Ready to Score in the Sporting Tandem Race



-BROCKTON FAIR-

*Brockton Fair, Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1 and 2, 1903.*



AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO  
**MAWHINNEY LAST CO.,**  
BROCKTON, MASS.

*Worcester Emery Wheel Co.  
Worcester  
Mass*

A fine Brockton Fair advertising cover dated July 16, 1903 with a FLAG cancel on #301. Has a corner card of the Mawhinney Last Company.



-Brockton Fair-

Brockton Fair, October 4, 5, 6 and 7, 1904.



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F. A. HOWARD,  
Chemist,  
254 Montelle St., Brockton, Mass.

American Showmaking

Essex St & Atlantic Ave  
Boston  
Mass

#319- Brockton, Mass. dated Oct. 5, 1904 cc F.A. Howard; Chemist.

Tolman Print Postcard 1908



Eliza U. Prime



-BROCKTON FAIR-



# 319-Brockton Fair cover dated October 3, 1906 sent within the city. # 319 has a part Imprint located near its plate number. The stamp was canceled with the familiar Flag from Brockton. The date for the 1906 FAIR was October 2, 3, 4 and 5th.

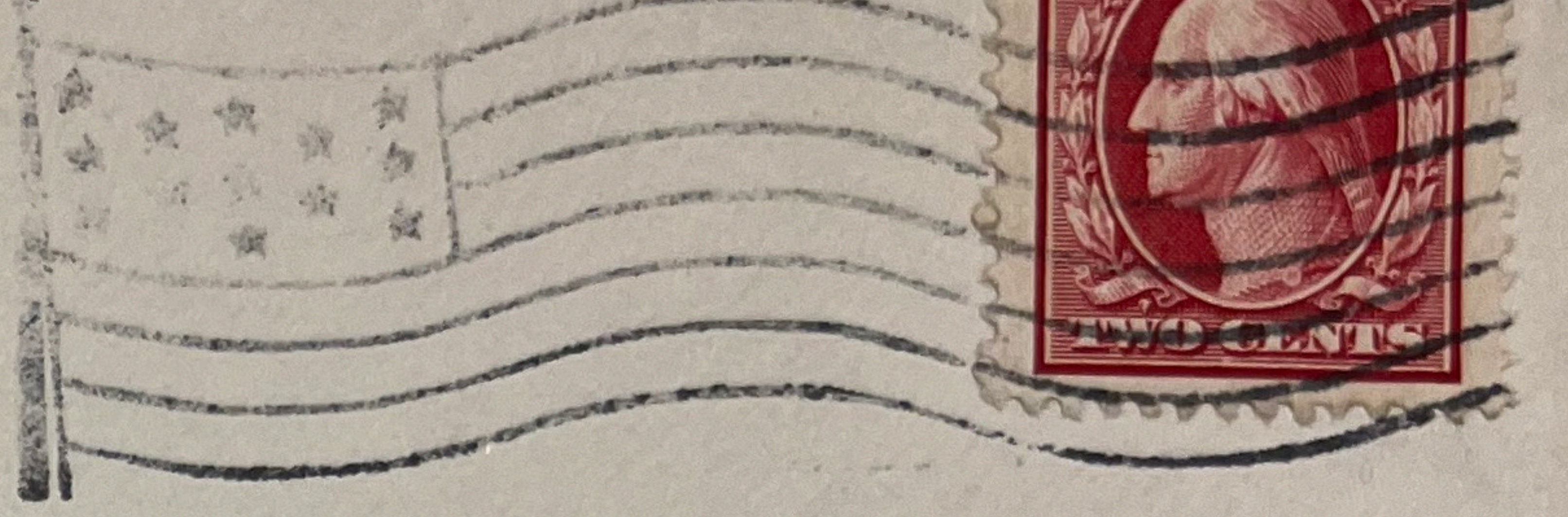
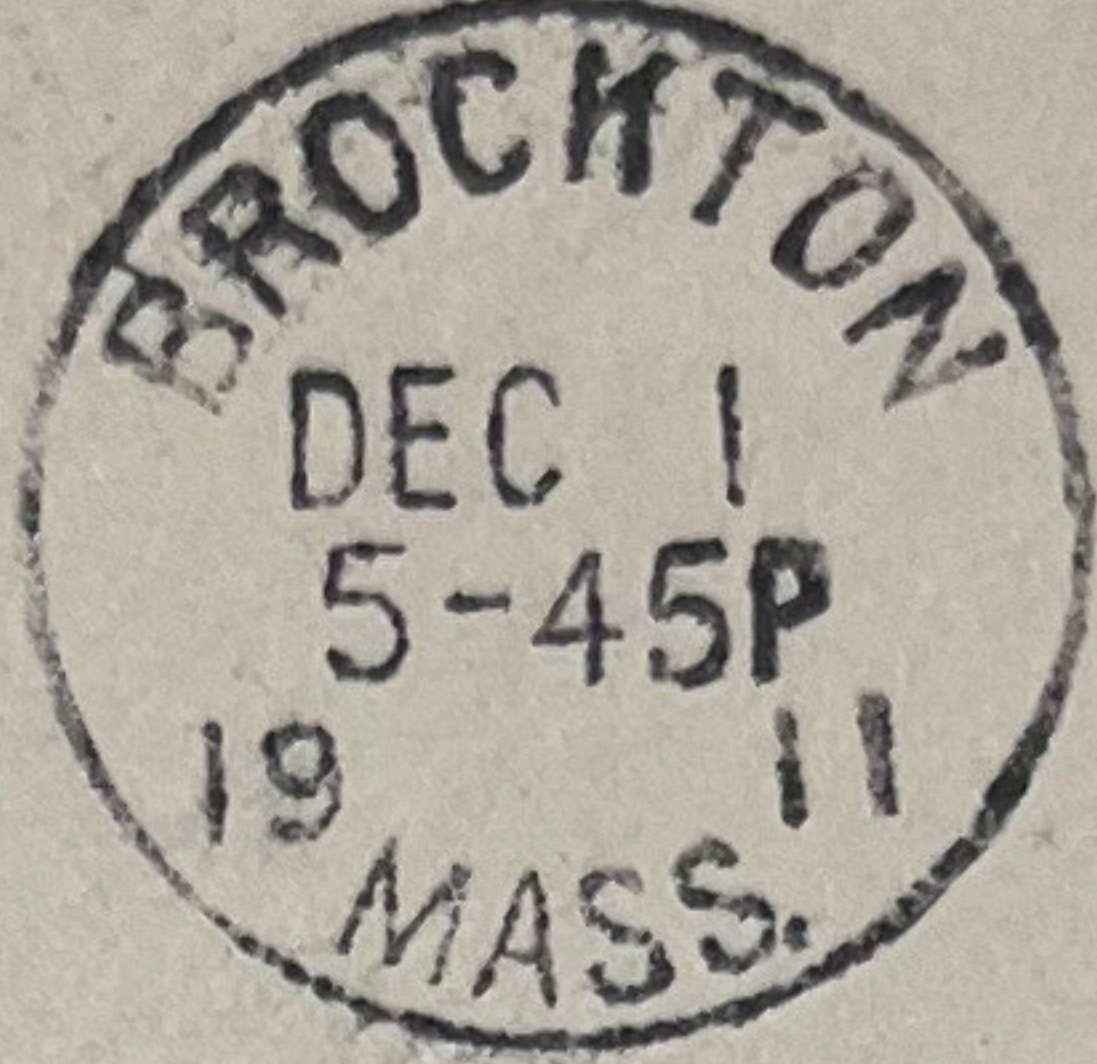


**Brocton Fair, 1906.** Illustrated, Trotters, Sulky, in Colors, #300, Tied Brocton, Mass. 1906 Flag, Small Piece missing out of Left Side of cover, Yet Attractive ..... (Photo) Est. 20.-30.00



-BROCKTON FAIR-

BROCKTON FAIR, OCTOBER 3, 4, 5, 6, 1911



A C Hawkins &  
Lancaster  
mass

J. W. SHAW ~~Co.~~

BROCKTON, MASS.

Box 24

A tri-colored Brockton Fair advertising cover dated December 1, 1911 used after the Fair was over. The Fair was held October 3-6, 1911. This cover has a corner card of J.W. Shaw. The stamp is Scott's #332 with FLAG cancel of Brockton. Letter inside.

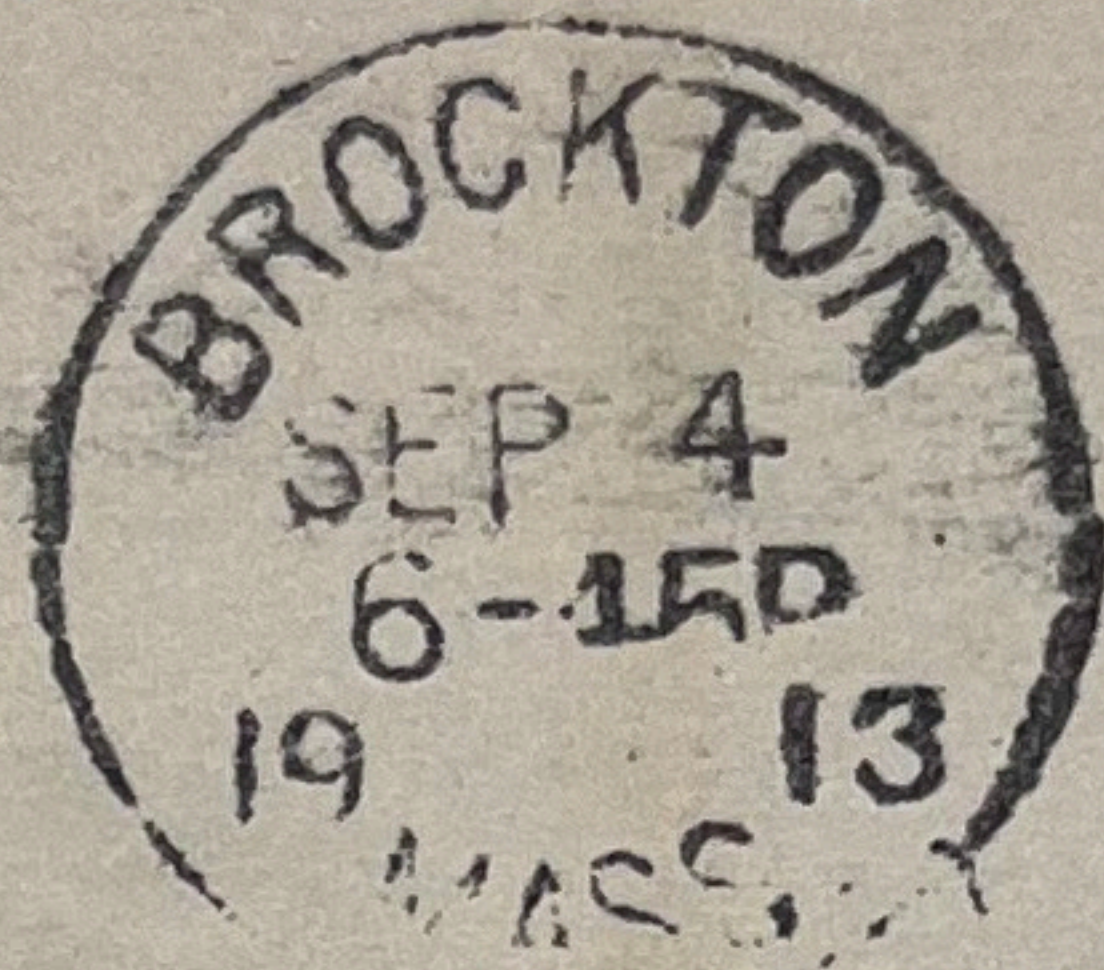
Shaw Company was a Food Department Store.



-BROCKTON FAIR-

-Brockton Fair September 30 to Oct. 3, 1913-

BROCKTON FAIR, SEPT. 30, OCT. 1, 2, 3, 1913



"A FAIR TREAT"

C. A. Eaton Company  
City

BROCKTON STAY CO.  
BROCKTON, MASS.

#398-Brockton Flag cancel dated September 4, 1913. This cover was sent to Charles A. Eaton Shoe Company of Brockton. The design "A FAIR TREAT" is a Tolman Print from Brockton. This cover also has a corner card from the Brockton Stay Co.

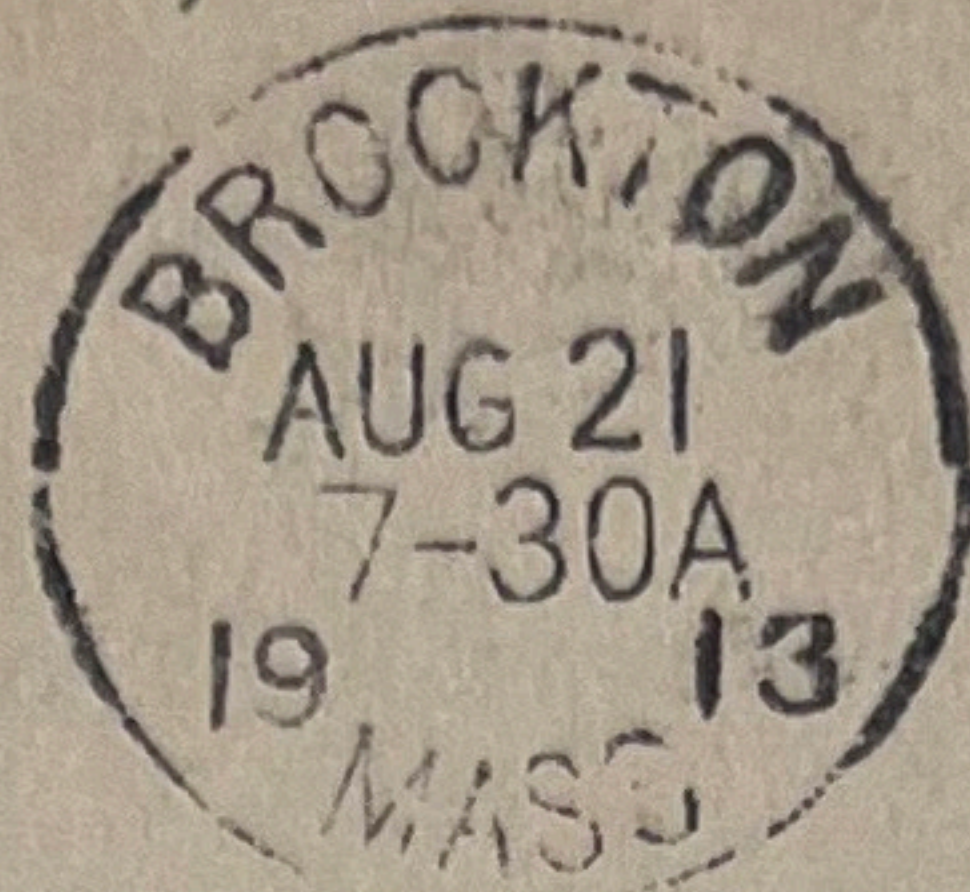


-Brockton Fair-

BROCKTON FAIR, SEPT. 30, OCT. 1, 2, 3, 1913



© "PREFERRED STOCK"



The Moxie Company,

69 Haverhill St.

Boston, Mass.

SIMPSON SPRING COMPANY

QUALITY BEVERAGES

SOUTH EASTON, - - MASS.

# 398- Brockton, Mass. dated Aug. 21, 1913 on a Brockton FAIR cover from the Simpson Spring Co. of South Easton.

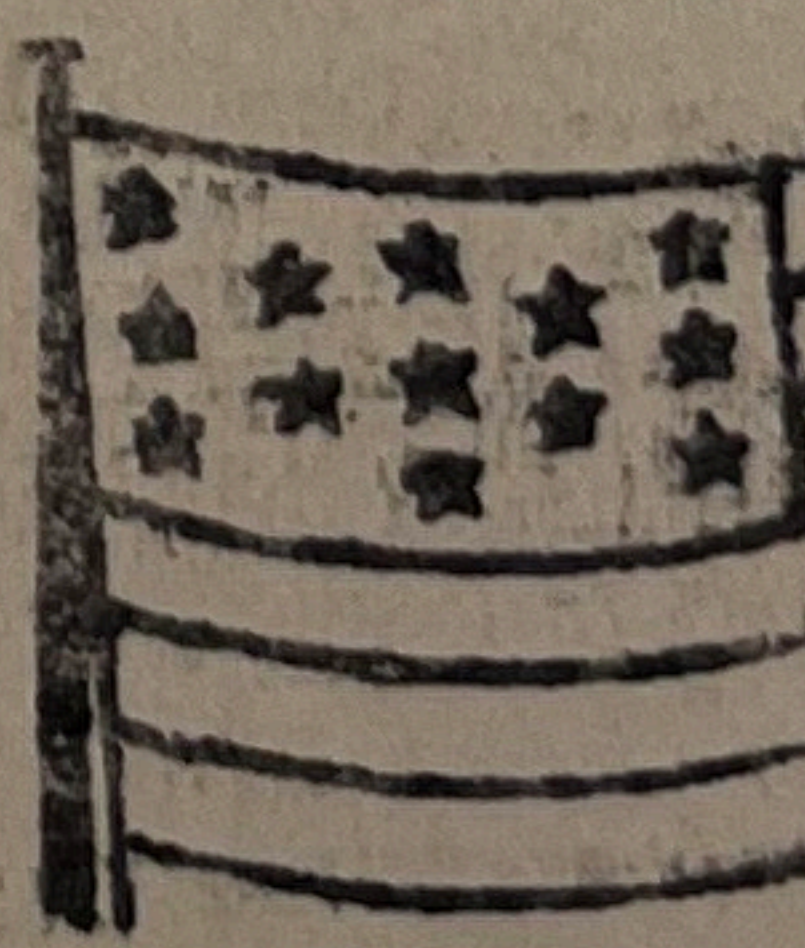
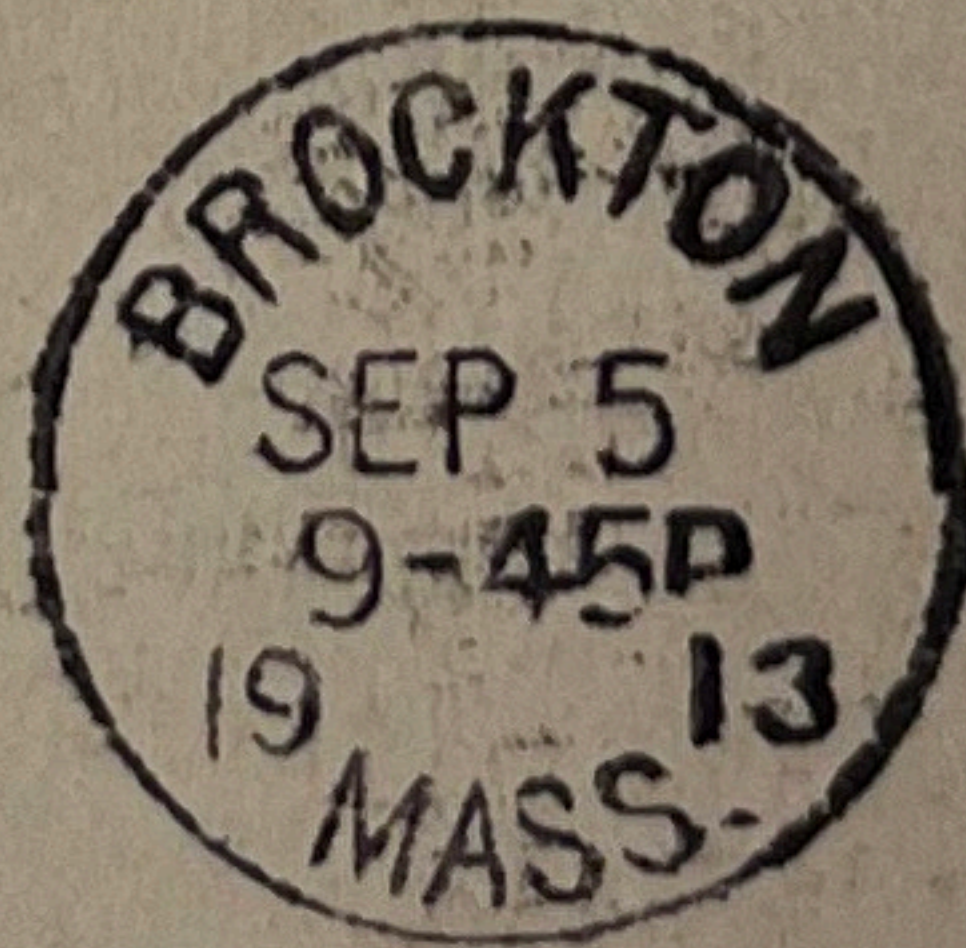
# 398- Brockton, Mass. dated Sep. 5, 1913 also a Simpson Spring Co. cover.

BROCKTON FAIR, SEPT. 30, OCT. 1, 2, 3, 1913



"BLUE BLOODS"

©



The Moxie Company,

69 Haverhill St.

Boston, Mass.

SIMPSON SPRING COMPANY

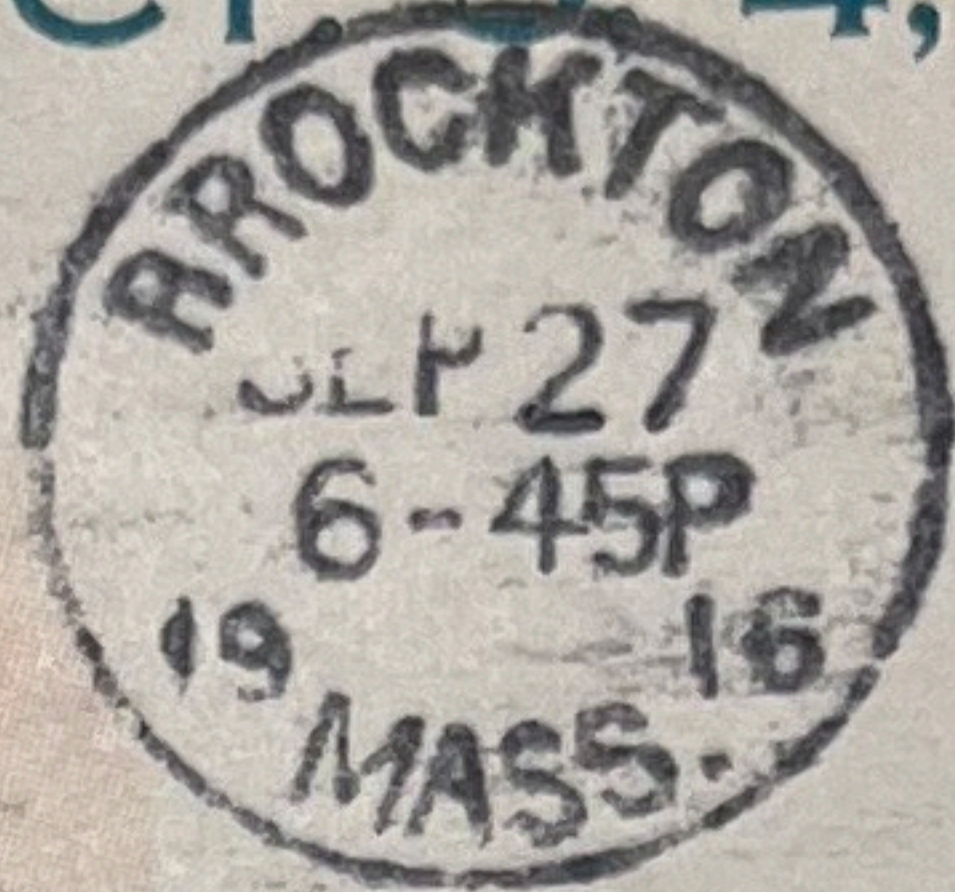
QUALITY BEVERAGES

SOUTH EASTON, - - MASS.



-Brockton Fair-

BROCKTON FAIR, OCT 3 4, 5, 6, 1916



*Excelsior Carbon Supply Co.  
117 Broad St.  
Lynn, Mass.*

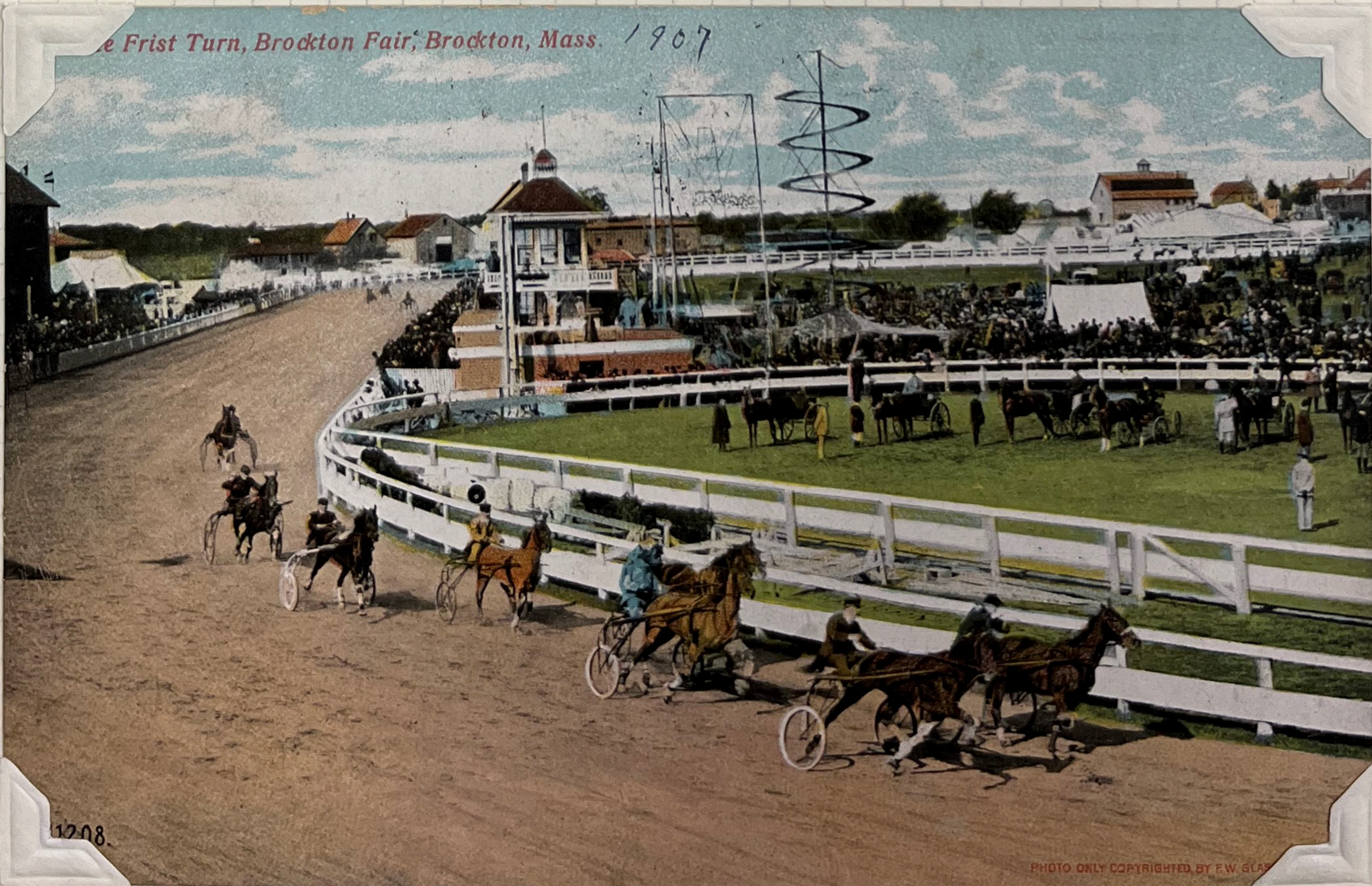
© "DOWN THE HOME STRETCH"

**C. A. NOYES CO.**  
HARDWARE, AGRICULTURAL TOOLS  
PAINTS and OILS  
207 Main St., Brockton, Mass.

# 462- Brockton, Mass. dated Sept. 27, 1916 on a Brockton FAIR cover from C.A. Noyes Co.

1907

*The First Turn, Brockton Fair, Brockton, Mass. 1907*



1208.

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Two wrappers from the Brockton Fair dated 1924 and 1926. The 1926 wrapper has the Center Street sub-station postmark.

FROM

A. E. HAZARD  
29 Riverview Street  
Campello, Mass.

NATIONAL AVIATION MEET—\$150,000 JEWELLED ELECTRICAL DISPLAY.

# BROCKTON FAIR

BROCKTON, MASS.

Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4, 1924

FIVE DAYS—FIVE NIGHTS

MR. WILLIAM H. CONGDON; ASST. TREASURER,  
PROVIDENCE INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS,

PROVIDENCE,

RHODE ISLAND.

P. O. Box 1462.



# BROCKTON FAIR

October 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1926

SIX DAYS and SIX NIGHTS

FROM  
A. E. HAZARD,  
29 RIVERVIEW ST.,  
CAMPELLO, MASS.

MR. WILLIAM CONGDON;

ASSISTANT TREASURER,  
PROVIDENCE INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS,

PROVIDENCE,





**Brockton Fair**  
 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1910  
**RESERVED SEAT**  
 This Ticket does not admit to the Quarter Stretch; it is a Check for your Chair.  
*Edw. W. Thompson*  
 TREASURER

NOT GOOD IF DETACHED  
 GLOBE TICKET COMPANY

BROCKTON FAIR  
**RESERVED SEAT**  
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 SEC.

**BROCKTON FAIR**  
 October 2

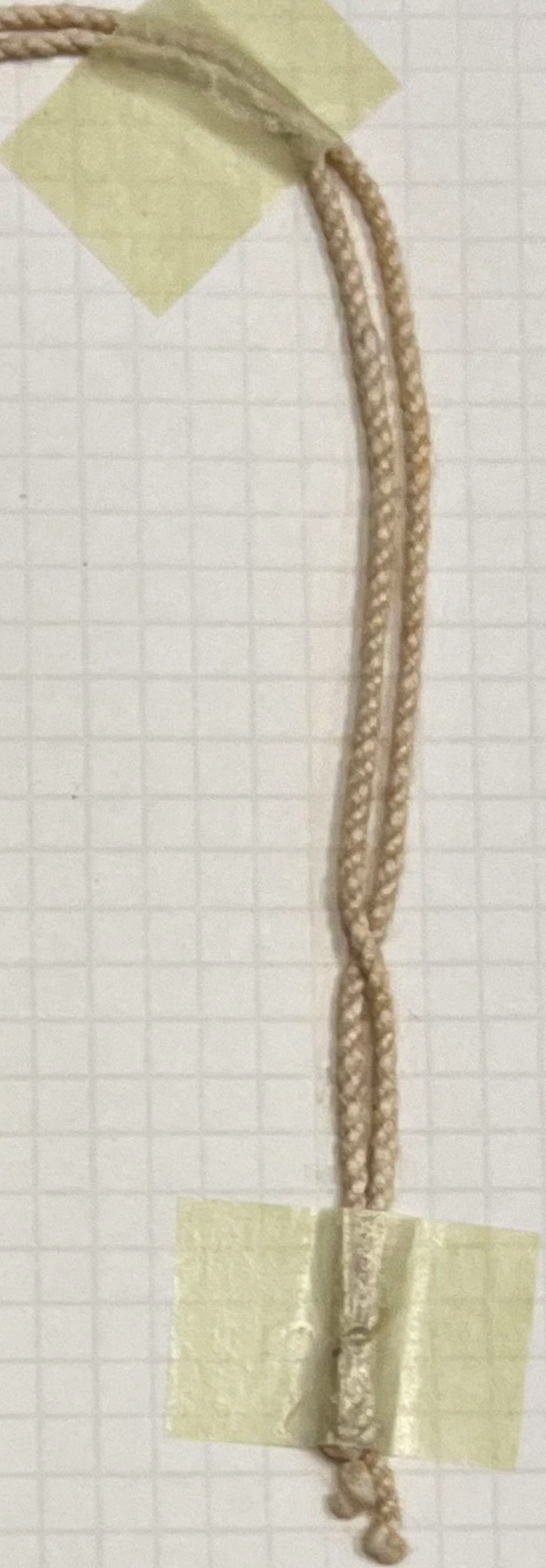
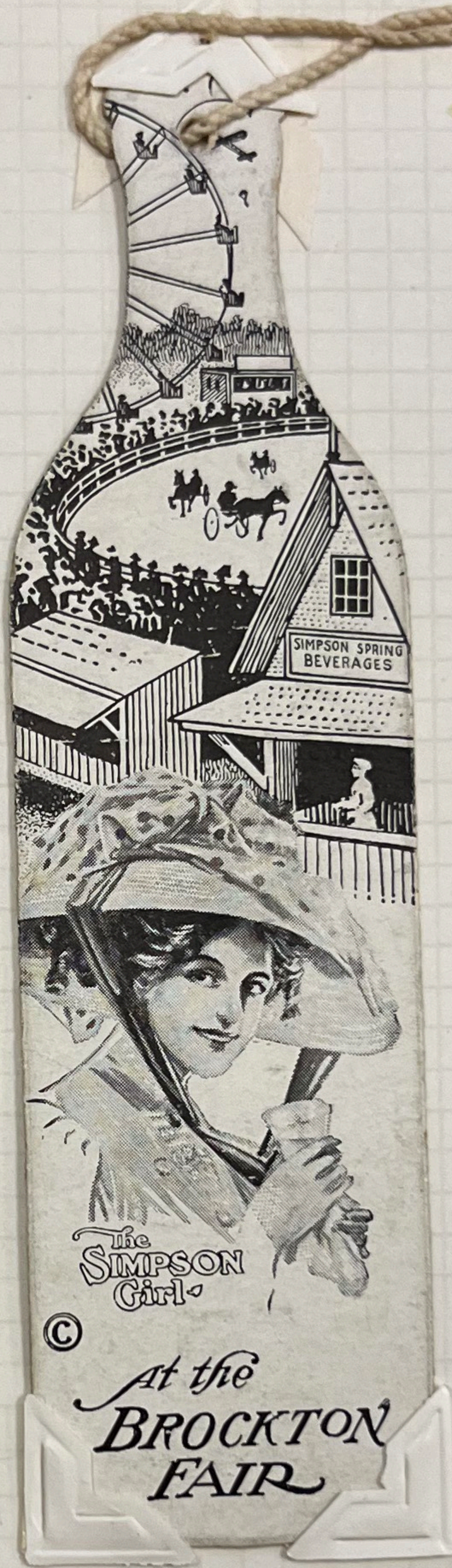
**1906**

**Athlete's Ticket**  
 ADMIT ONE

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ADMIT ONE  
 Brockton Fair, October 2

ATHLETE'S TICKET





-BROCKTON FAIR-



Brockton Fair advertising cover dated September 11, 1901 with a fine Brockton "FLAG" cancel. The show was held October 1-4, 1901.



Lined Up in Horse Show Ring