

preparations for Braddock's invasion as to have drawn Indian allies from beyond the Mississippi, and perhaps as much at finding that they had sufficient influence to enable them to do so. Of the fact, however, there appears to be no question. Warriors from the Otoe, Osage and Kansas nations made the journey, being engaged by one M'Cartie, in command at Fort Chartres; which was in Illinois, not very far below St. Louis. The Kansas did not reach the place in time for the battle, but the Otoes and Osages were present and took part. Captain Pike, in 1806, saw and talked with warriors who had been of the party. One Wet Stone gave him his recollections of the affair, which were naturally somewhat scanty, as half a century had already intervened. Wet Stone told him how all the warriors who could be spared from the villages went forth; they were supplied with powder and ball at Fort Chartres, and the place of assembly was near a lake and a great waterfall, in which Captain Pike thought he identified Niagara. They were absent on the expedition seven months, and so little prosperity accrued from it to them that when they reached their homes again they were obliged to eat their horses.

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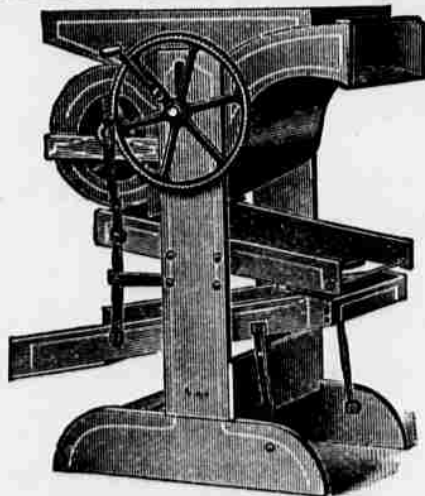
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