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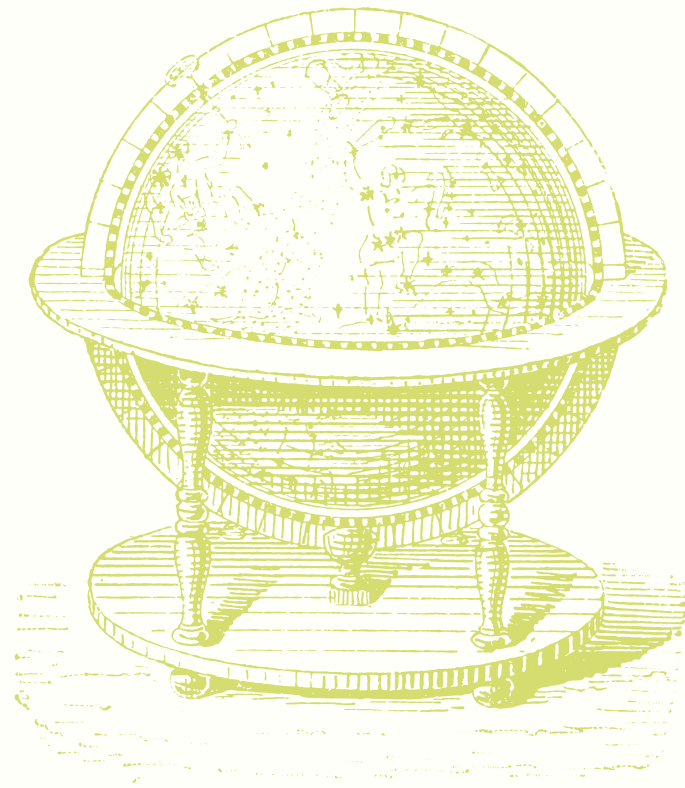
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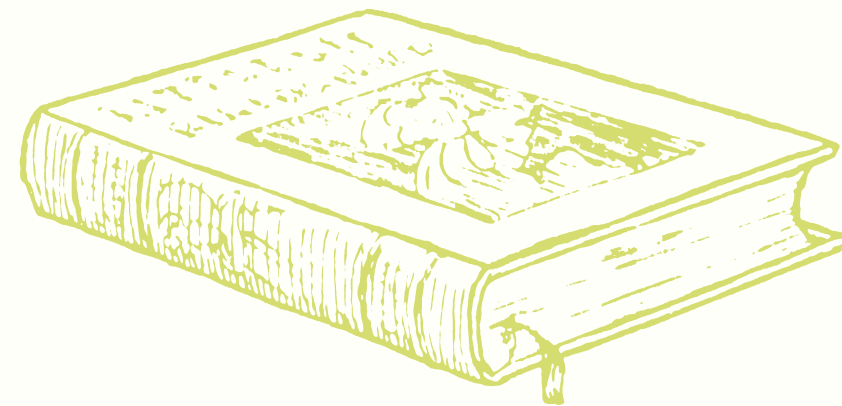
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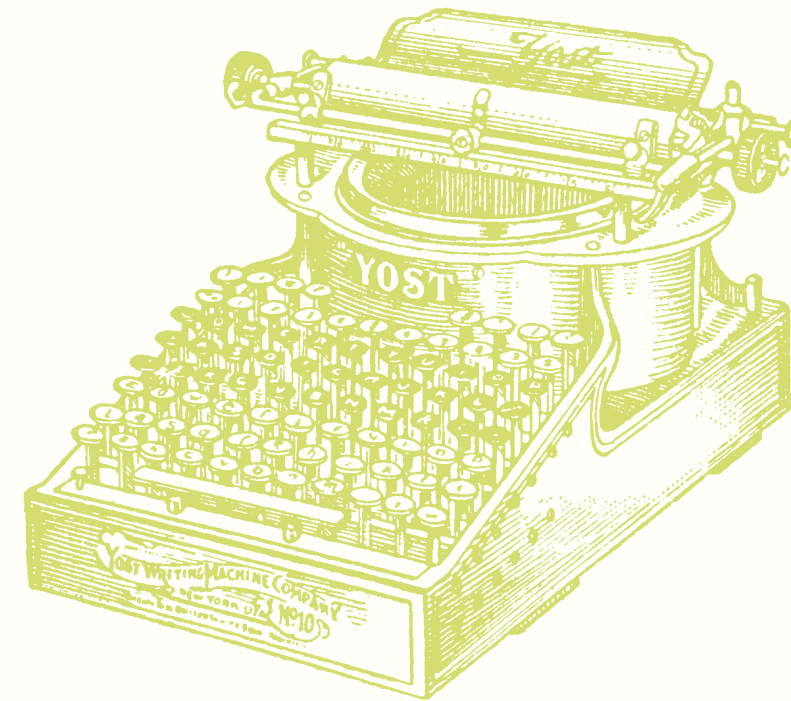
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Who are you? Why should I trust anything you say?

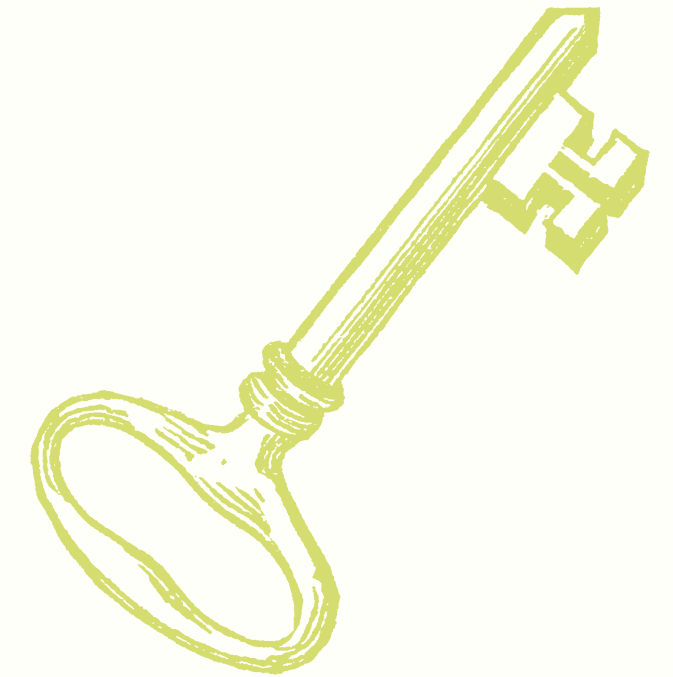


What are your research methods?

And how do you get around pay walls?

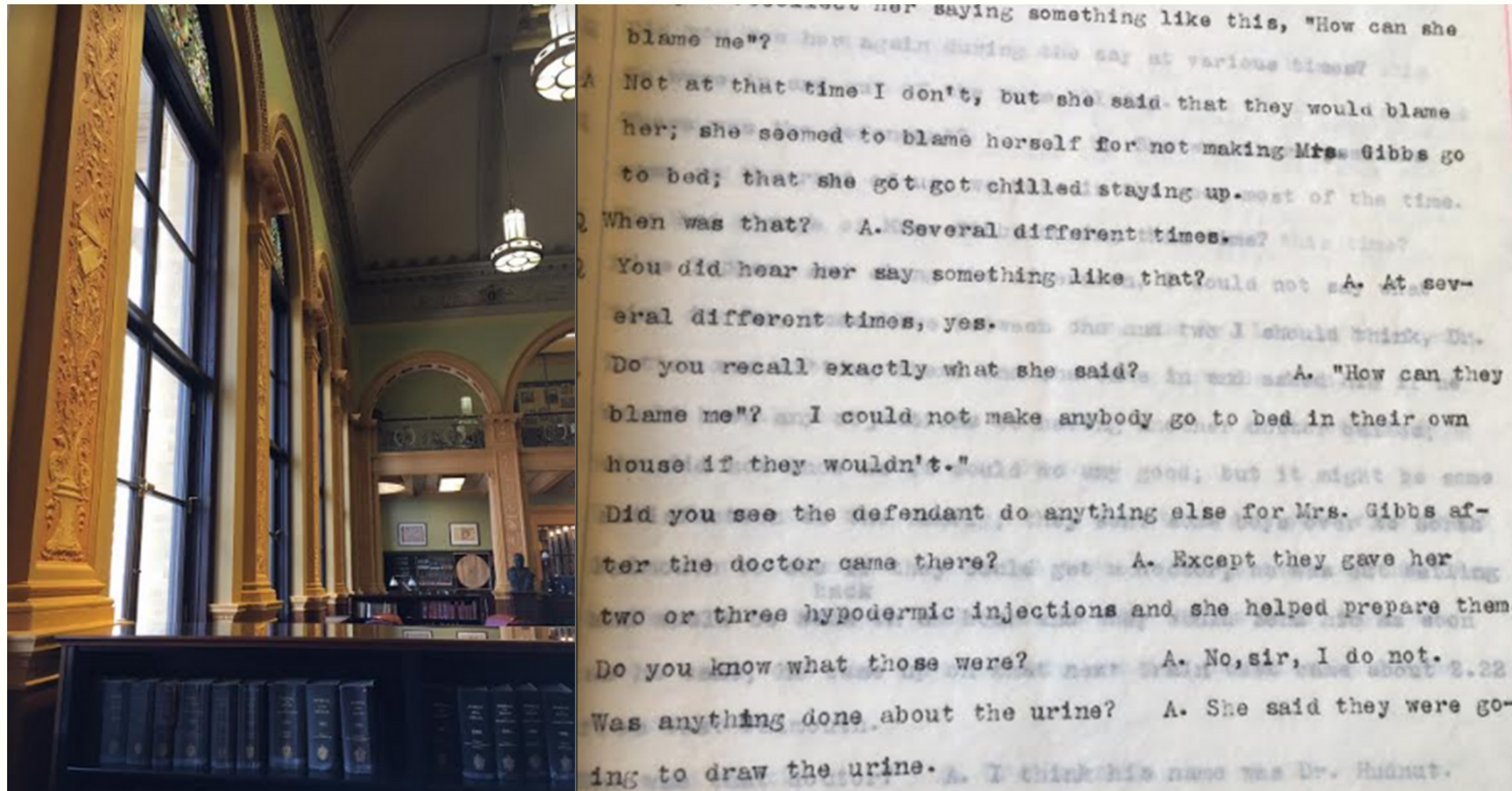


How do you make money doing this?



What do you wish you had known sooner?

RESEARCH STRATEGIES



- 01 Avoid paywalls.
- 02 Read everything.
- 03 Travel.



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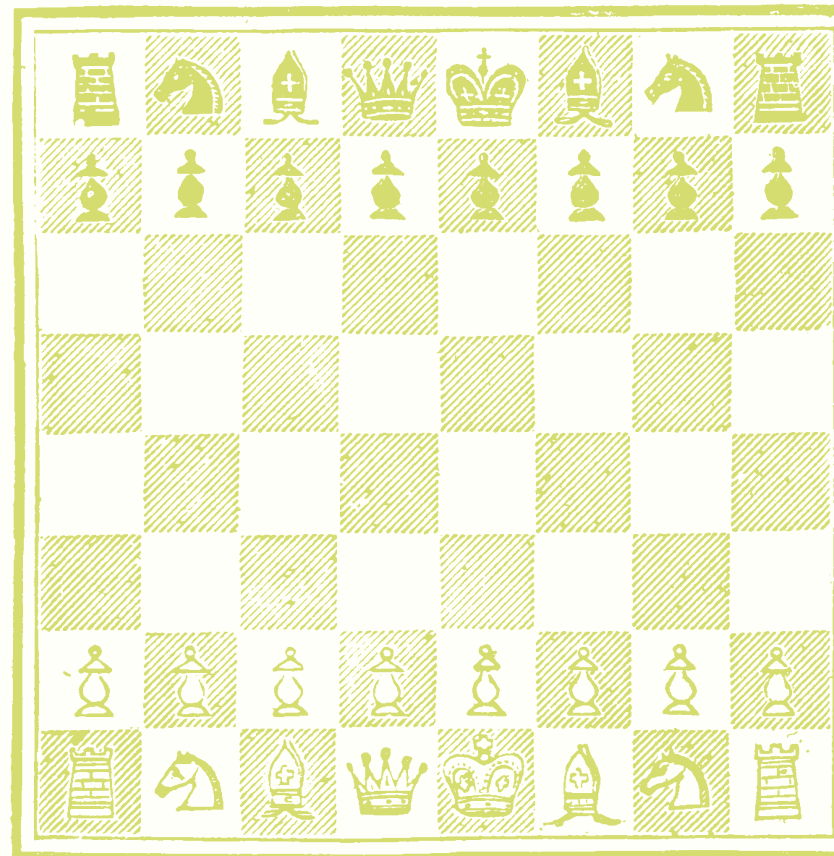
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and William Suni, 36, 2007
Madison avenue, were held in \$500 bail
each for trial in Special Sessions on
charges of illegally possessing drugs.
Tolvo Sineros, 28, 124 West 124th
street, was fined \$10 for creating a dis-
turbance and breaking a glass top table
in the restaurant of Soyroll Farrier,
2154 Seventh avenue.

Heights Court

Before Magistrate Vitale.

Friday—Detectives from Inspector
McNeill's staff raided an apartment at
117 West 141st street Friday morning
and arrested three women and six men
on charges of possessing policy slips.
They were held in \$500 bail each for a
further hearing. Those held were Ag-
nes Mitchell, 208 West 143d street; Mil-
dred Johnson, 273 West 140th street;
Mrs. Hart, 2103 Madison avenue; Adel-
bert Bonus, 200 West 148th street; Juan
LeBras, 48 West 131st street; Mande
Allayne, 204 West 141st street; Henry
Miller, 5 West 126th street, and Leslie
Tucker, 226 West 142d street. Ellsworth
Jefferson, 30, 470 Convent avenue, was
arrested on a similar charge by Detec-
tive Murray of the Fifth District and
held for a further hearing.

Saturday—Charged with creating a
disturbance before a dance hall at 254
West 135th street and refusing to move
when ordered to do so, by Detective
Cusberth of Inspector McNeill's staff,
Herbert Mayer, 20, 172 West 130th
street; Clemon Reid, 18, 57 West 130th
street, and Herbert Kane, 18, 238 West
119th street, were paroled for a further
hearing.

Friday—Charged with the theft of a
taxicab, Sam Worde, 33, 567 Pennsyl-
vania avenue, Elizabeth, N. J., was held
in \$2,000 bail for a further hearing.
The taxicab is owned by Emil Berger,
18 East 137th street, and was stolen
from in front of 45 West 130th street.
Worde was observed driving away with
the taxicab and was arrested by Police-
man Wray of the West 135th street sta-
tion.

Granville Davidson, 30, 2400 Seventh
avenue, was held in \$3,000 bail for a
further hearing on a forgery charge.
Davidson was arrested by Detective
Garvey of the West 135th street station.
He is charged with forging the name of
H. Padwa, 126 West Thirty-fourth
street, to a check for \$45 on Feb. 8,
which, it is charged, he then cashed
with Mend Robbins, 2400 Seventh ave-
nue.

Found guilty of attempting to assault
Policeman Joseph Scott of the West
135th street station, Pandrof Dadsden,
23, of 44 West 145th street, was re-
manded without bail for probation in-
vestigation and sentence. The police-
man told the magistrate that he ob-
served Dadsden acting suspiciously in
front of 34 West 135th street. When
he stopped to question him, Dadsden
attempted to kick him and tore his
uniform.

Thursday—Thomas Holden, a chauff-
eur, 533 West 177th street, whose au-
tomobile struck and injured Lottie Jaf-
fa, 35 Hamilton place, on Dec. 28, was
held in \$500 bail for trial in Special
Sessions on a charge of assault. The
accident occurred at 140th street and
Amsterdam avenue. Miss Jaffa, who
was painfully injured, told the magis-
trate that Holden drove his car in a
reckless manner.

Charles Thomas, 32, and his wife,
Mary, 25, 2471 Eighth avenue, were
held in \$500 bail each for trial in Special
Sessions when arraigned on
charges of petit larceny. The couple
were arrested on complaint of Isman
Mohamed, a peddler, 249 East 116th
street, who testified he went to the
Thomas home to sell tapestries. While

panion at the time of the shooting.
William Fontaine, also a student at
Lincoln University.

Baker said they saw Patrolman
Lowe, who was off duty at the time
and in civilian clothes, waving a gun
wildly on the Troy avenue station of
the Fulton street elevated line in
Brooklyn on the night of September
9. When he fled to avoid what he
thought was a drunken man or a
maniac, he was shot in the back by
Lowe.

Lowe charged that the two young
men made insulting remarks to him
in the presence of his companion,
Miss Louise Crocker, white, after at-
tempting to force themselves into a
seat beside them on the train. He

later revealed, had not been passen-
gers on the train.

When Lowe brought charges of
felonious assault and disorderly con-
duct against Baker and Fontaine, re-
spectively, a counter-charge of felo-
nious assault was filed by Baker
against Lowe. All three charges were
dismissed by Magistrate Mark Rudich
on October 21.

The case was reopened last week
by Chief Magistrate William McAdoo
upon the appeal of the National As-
sociation for the Advancement of
Colored People. It was because of
Magistrate Rudich's decision in this
case that the association opposed his
reappointment to the bench last
month by Mayor Walker.

Police Arrest Brooklyn Man After Still Explosion Threatens 2,000

Barber Explains Injuries by Stating He Was in Fight—Family in Adjoining House and Twenty Pupils Hurt

Brooklyn police, bent upon their task of exterminating stills
near buildings where large groups congregate, arrested David
Spear, 46-year-old barber, Saturday, following an explosion
Thursday at 1635 Dean street, Brooklyn. More than a score of
persons were injured in the blast.

A family of three, living next door
at 1637 Dean street, was freed of re-
sponsibility late Thursday, after be-
ing under arrest for several hours
while confined to St. Mary's and
Kings County Hospitals. Mr. and
Mrs. Calvin Brooks and the man's
stepson, Levi Graham, were injured
when the still exploded, creating
havoc with the house and injuring a
score of children at P. S. 83, across
the street.

Spear was said to have been seen
running away from the scene of the
blast. He denied any part in opera-
tion of the still, but is declared by
police to have asserted that he was
a bootlegger. The barber was bruised
when arrested. He explained his in-
juries by stating he had been beaten
in a fight.

Arrest Woman at Still

In the series of raids in the bor-
ough over the week-end, Mrs. Bertha
Simmons, 34, was arrested when po-
lice raided a house at 10 Clinton ave-
nue and confiscated four barrels of
mash and a 25-gallon still. Inspector
Thomas P. Cummings is directing the
crusade.

The Thursday blast was traced di-
rectly to a distiller who tapped a gas
line with a rubber tube to provide
fuel to heat the still at 1635 Dean
street. Gas had escaped from the
leaky connection and filled the room.
It exploded at 9:30 a. m. shortly af-

Hyman Aaron, white, 985 Park place,
on February 1, according to the own-
er. The 10-gallon still found in the
place had never been put into opera-
tion, it was learned.

Eugene McIntosh Wins In Oratorical Contest

Six persons competed in a law and
loyalty contest at the St. James'
Presbyterian Church, Sunday eve-
ning, so that a representative might
be chosen for the national contest
that will be held at the general as-
sembly of the Presbyterian Church
in May. The first place was given
Eugene McIntosh, while Misses
Gwendolyn Jetter, Johnnie May Jef-
ferson, Sarah Jefferson, Ruth Talley
and Alvin Stephenson were rated in
the order named.

The judges were John L. Stockton
and Mrs. Rendall of the Church
School, Miss Hulda Niebuhr of the
Union Theological Seminary, and
Miss Bessie Gladys of the English
department of Wadleigh High School.

The prizes received by the contest-
ants were awarded by the Rev. Wil-
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people during the time of election.

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I know what I am doing now. I shall never stop exposing the Police until
they stop this terrible mistreatment of the Negro race. I don't under-
stand how these police, who are supposed to be the protection of the people,
can make raids for so-called policy slips when these same men are par-
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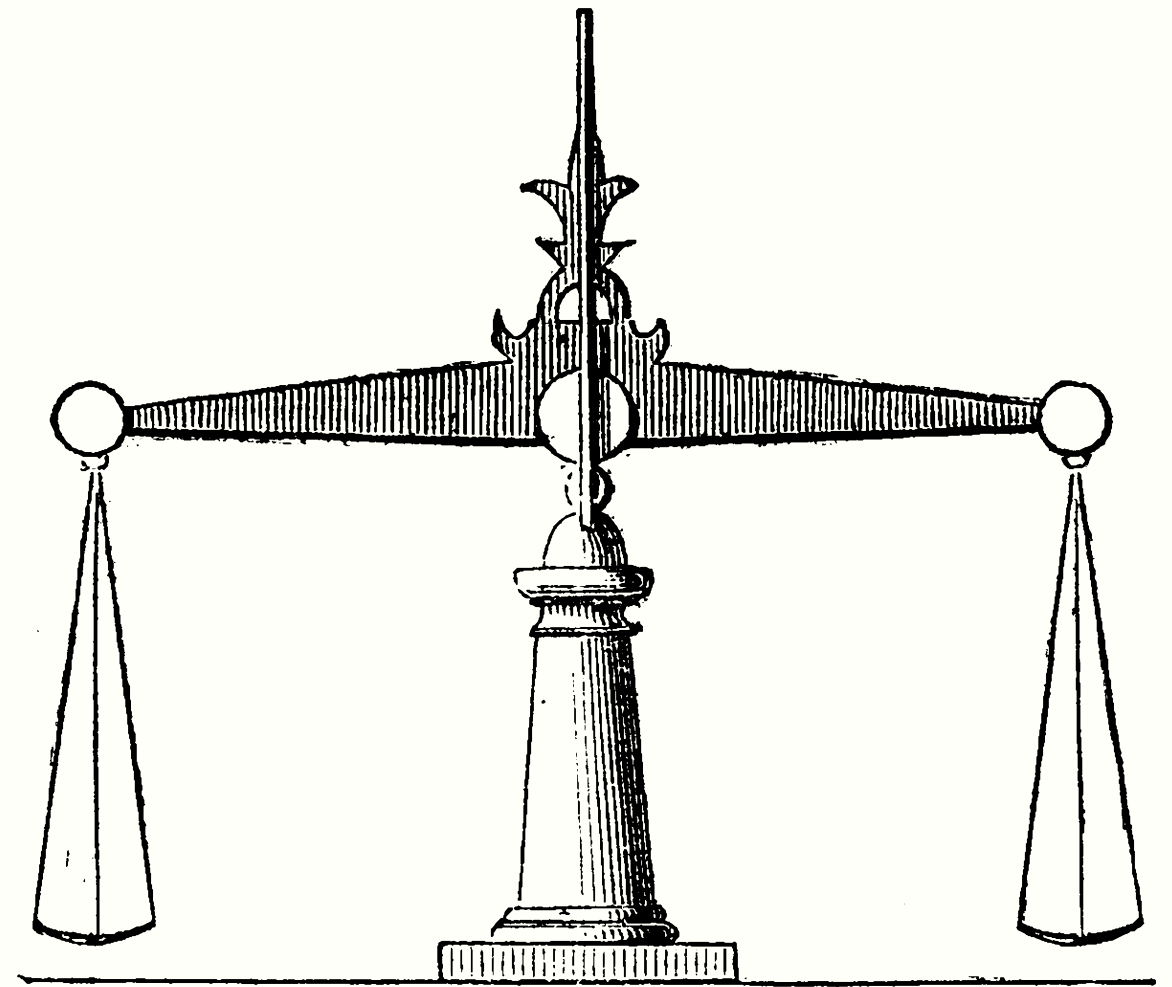
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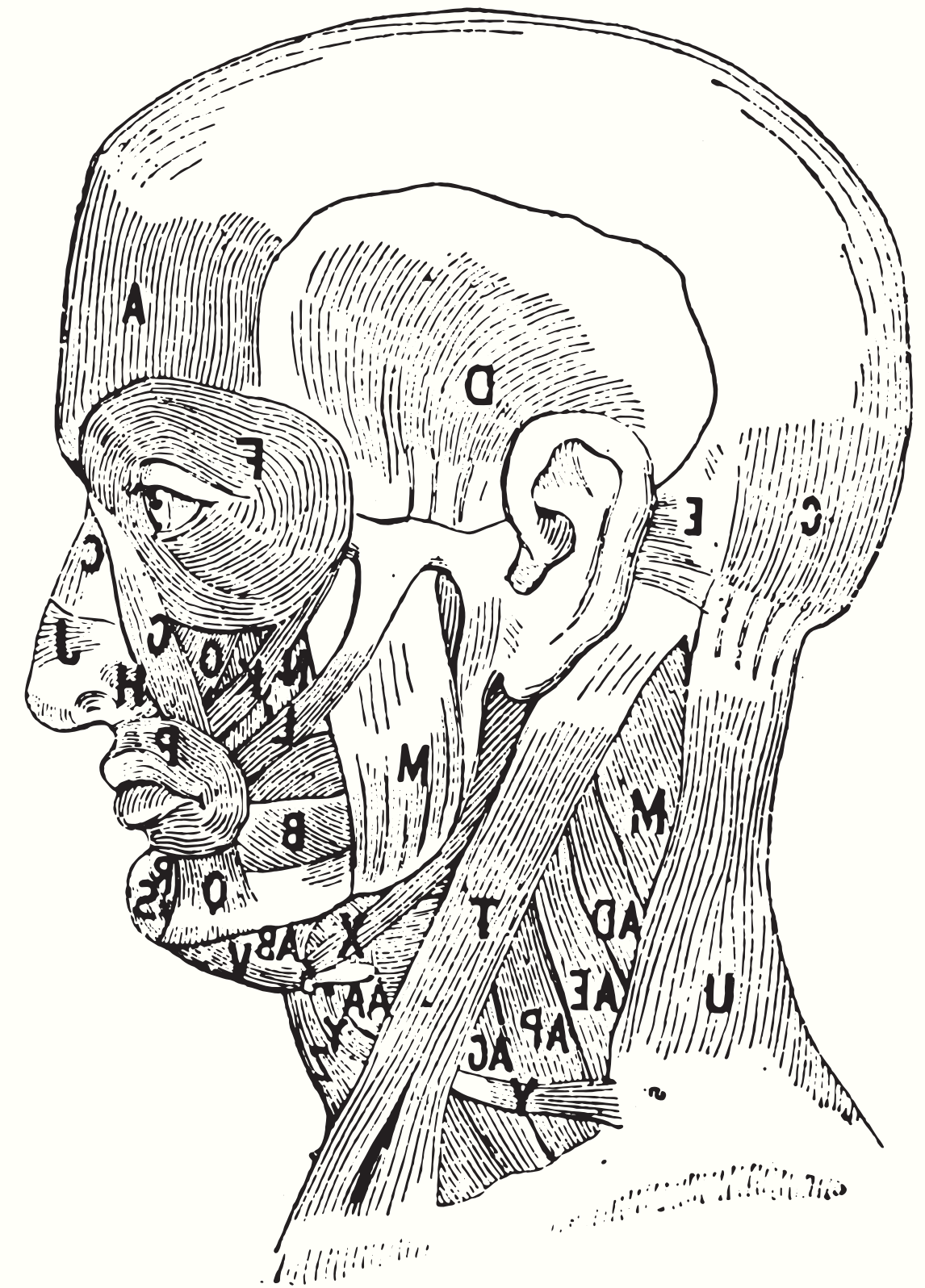
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