

St. Thomas



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THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

VIRGIN ISLANDS: GEOGRAPHY

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The executive power of the Islands is vested in the Governor, who is appointed by the President. St. Thomas and St. John share a municipal council, which meets in a joint legislative assembly with the municipal council of St. Croix. Laws passed by the assembly are subject to veto by the Governor, and are further subject to review by the President.

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VIRGIN ISLANDS: CLIMATE

The Virgin Islands enjoy one of the most agreeable climates in the world. Average year-round temperature is 78, with a range of 63-91.

VIRGIN ISLANDS: INDUSTRY AND TRADE

The main money-making business in the Virgin Islands is the tourist trade. Visitors from the mainland and elsewhere deposit more than \$5 million here each year.

The Islands also export several locally-produced commodities, such as rum, bay rum, sugar, bay oil, lime juice, and molasses. Native handicrafts include woven straw, hand embroidery, wood carvings, and paintings.

Food for the Virgin Islands, as well as other basic necessities, is largely imported from neighboring Puerto Rico. St. John and St. Thomas have a few beef cattle ranches and some dairy farms, however, which help to keep the Islands from being totally dependent upon outside sources.

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HOTELS

Virgin Islands Hilton
Bluebeard's Castle
The Virgin Isle Hotel
Estate Contant Club
Mountain Top Hotel
The Flamboyant
Harbor View Manor

RESTAURANTS

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Good buys in St. Thomas include perfumes, leather goods, Guatamalan textiles, Spanish lace, silverware, jewelry, and china. Crystal, Swiss watches, and British woolens are also featured at considerable savings.

SHOPPING (Cont'd)

Shops are generally open until 1730. Prices are fixed on most items throughout the island, so it doesn't pay to bargain. Some recommended shops include:

Continental Inc.	The Virgin Islands Cooperative
Scandinavian Silver Center	A. H. Riise
Maison Danoise	Lockhart's
Elverhoj	Beretta Center

SPORTS

Swimming:	Morning Star Beach
	Lindbergh Beach
	Brewer's Bay
	Bourne Field Beach
Golf:	Herman E. Moore Municipal Golf Course
	Bourne Field
Tennis:	Long Bay Tennis Club
	Bluebeard's Castle
	Virgin Isles Hotel
	Estate Contant
Boating and Fishing:	Harman's Yacht Haven

CHURCHES

Roman Catholic--Sts. Peter and Paul
Methodist--Christ Church
Lutheran--Frederick Evangelical
Jewish--St. Thomas Synagogue
Moravian--New Hernnhut Christian Mission

SIGHTSEEING

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VILLA OLGA beyond 'Frenchtown', was occupied by British officers from 1807 to 1815. It was the second and last time the British seized St. Thomas. Later, the Villa became the Russian Consulate. Before the First World War the Imperial Russian Atlantic Squadron always spent the winter anchored off Villa Olga. In those days the Villa was the scene of the Islands' most brilliant and lavish social events. It is said that the stained glass and carved wood railing inside were brought from Leningrad by the Russians.

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BLUEBEARD'S TOWER was erected in 1689 by Eric Smidt. Some of its original eleven cannon still decorate the upper drive. The romantic history of the tower was established when an iron-bound chest filled with milkweed and decayed papers was found, along with a rusty sword. The manuscript contained the story of Musa Hassen, known to all men as Bluebeard. It is conjectured that an escaped victim may have carried the story to Perrault in France. The story is less strengthened by the headstones of seven graves ...they are, complete with names, part of the paving of the cocktail terrace.

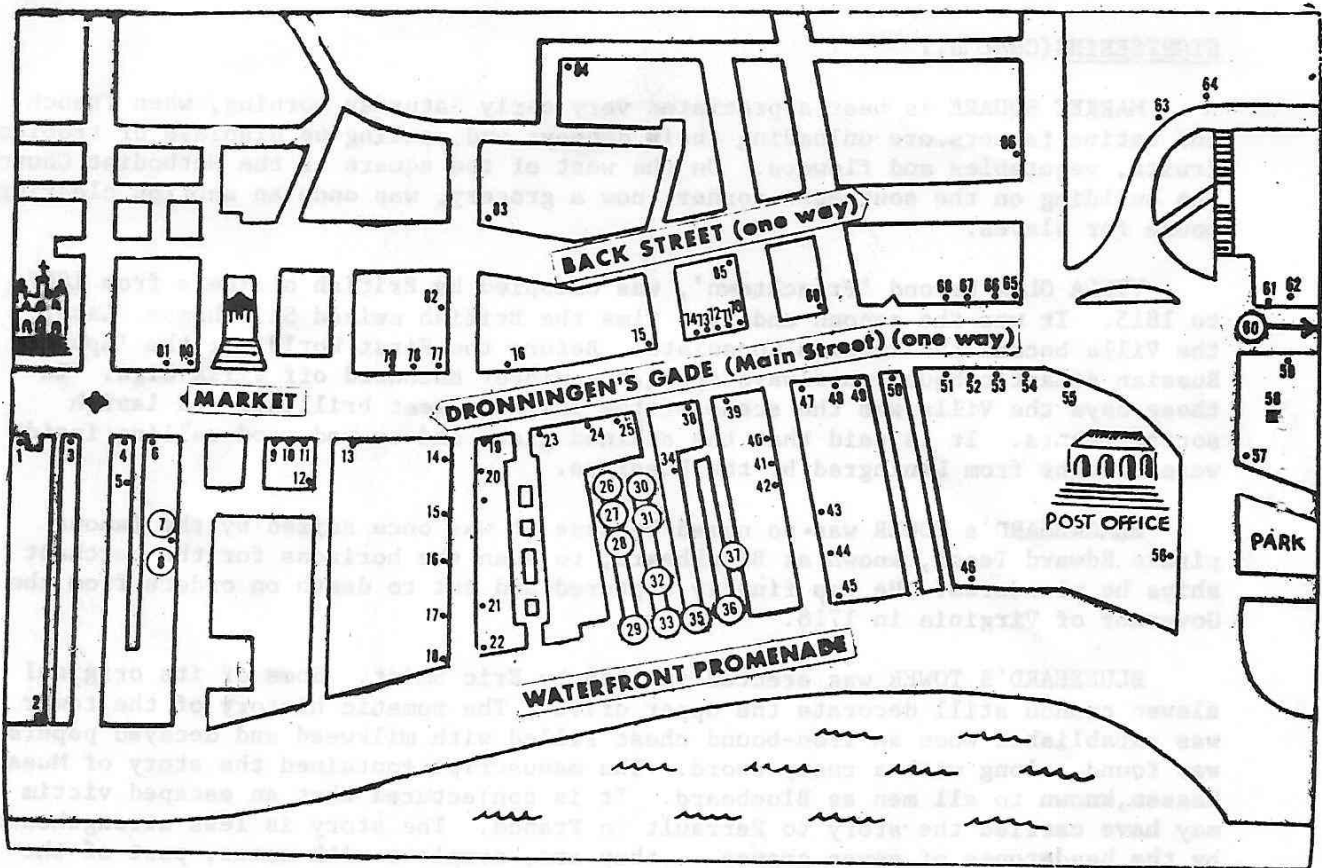
SUGAR MILL TOWER, located at the entrance of Club Contant, is one of the few remaining towers which has crowned almost every hilltop in the Virgin Islands. These towers, with huge wind-driven wheels, were used to grind the sugar cane which once covered the island. It was built and occupied (about 1855) by the famous Mexican revolutionist Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. St. Thomas' elderly persons tell tale of gay parties, cock fights and intrigue... in addition to a harem. All this may be true, considering that Santa Anna was fabulously wealthy at the time of his exile. He was broken both physically and financially when he returned to Mexico to die in 1874.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Taxi fares are 50 cents per person. The fare is posted in each taxi, but it is recommended that persons agree on a price prior to starting the trip.

Cars may be rented for \$11 per day. Driving is on the left.

There is a bus line running to Lindbergh and Brewer's Bay Beaches. Schedules may be obtained from the locals.



City Directory of Charlotte Amalie . . .

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| 1. THE PATIO SHOP, Men's Fashions, Fabrics | 30. THE LITTLE SHOP, Gifts, China, Crystal | 59. VIRGIN ISLANDS TOURS, INC. |
| 2. THE FLOWER SHOP | 31. FANTASIA, Fashions, Gifts | 60. TO: BRITISH CABLE & WIRELESS:
ZORA SANDALMAKER |
| 3. STONER'S OF ST. THOMAS,
Jewels, Liquor, Gifts | 32. TROPIC ISLE GIFT SHOP | 61. CARIBBEAN ATLANTIC AIRLINES |
| 4. RANSOM HOUSE, Jewels, Liquor, Gifts | 33. THE COMPASS ROSE, Gifts, Fashions | 62. MAISON DANOISE |
| 5. LADY CATHARIN, Fashions | 34. TANY'S BEAUTY SALON | 63. GALLEON HOUSE |
| 6. BRITISH WEST INDIAN AIRWAYS | 35. THE SPANISH MAIN, Fashions, Gifts | 64. HOTEL 1829: MAGUIRE'S CAR RENTALS
TO: HARMAN ASSOCIATES,
GOVERNMENT HOUSE |
| 7. THE FALLEN ANGEL, Nightclub | 36. THE 7 SEAS, Gifts, China, Crystal | 65. CHASE MANHATTAN BANK |
| 8. THE FLEA MARKET, Antiques | 37. THE QUEEN BEE, China, Gifts | 66. LITTLE SWITZERLAND CAMERA SHOP |
| 9. BATA SHOES | 38. SPARKY'S, Liquor, Jewels, Perfume | 67. ALL AMERICAN CABLE & RADIO SYSTEM |
| 10. JOLLY ROGER, Tobacconists | 39. A. H. LOCKHART'S, Liquors, Fabrics | 68. SPENCELEY'S RECORD & GIFT SHOP |
| 11. JOHN BELL, Importer, Fashions, Gift | 40. PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS, INC. | 69. ST. THOMAS APOTHECARY HALL |
| 12. LUFT BANK, Restaurant | 41. THE GIFT BOX | 70. PLACE VENDOME, Jewelry |
| 13. C & M CARON,
Perfume, Gifts, Fishing Gear | 42. THE LIQUOR LOCKER | 71. TROPICANA, China, Perfume |
| 14. BLUE WATER CRUISES
(Upstairs) Charter Boats | 43. ISLAND INTERIORS | 72. L'ESCALE en Ville, Liquor, Perfume |
| 15. THE PARAKEET, Gifts, Shells | 44. MORGAN-YATES, Radios | 73. STEELE'S, Cameras |
| 16. PET'S FANCY, Gifts | 45. SEBASTIAN'S ON THE WATERFRONT | 74. TRAVEL SERVICES, INC.
(Southernland Tours) |
| 17. FRAN DE PINA | 46. ANTILLES LAND DEVELOPMENT, INC. | 75. KORFAN, Jewels
H. STERN, Jewels |
| 18. ARNOLD BENNETT, Men's Fashions | 47. CASA VENEGAS, Crystal, China, Gifts | 76. COQUINA COURT, Fashions, Gifts |
| 19. LITTLE SWITZERLAND JEWELRY SHOP | 48. A. H. RIISE'S LIQUOR STORE | 77. BAM-BOULA, Jewelry, Shoes |
| 20. LITTLE SWITZERLAND GIFT SHOP | 49. CAVANAGH'S INC.,
Fashions, Gifts, Shoes | 78. ALICE SHELTON, Fashions, Gifts |
| 21. SMALL WORLD (for children) | 50. A. H. RIISE GIFT SHOP,
Crystal, China, Perfume | 79. VIRGIN ISLANDS VISITORS BUREAU |
| 22. REDFIELD'S, Art, Fashions, Gifts | 51. FOSTER-THURSTON, Men's Fashions | 80. VIRGIN ISLANDS NATIONAL BANK |
| 23. THE FRENCH SHOPPE,
Perfume, China, Crystal | 52. THE CARIB SHOP, Fashions, Shoes | 81. THE BOUNTY |
| 24. BATA SHOES | 53. BOLERO, INC., Gifts, Liquor | 82. BECKY'S Beauty Salon |
| 25. G. BERETTA, INC., Gifts | 54. ELVERHOJ, Fashions, Gifts | 83. AD LIB BOOKSTORE |
| 26. VIAL, INC., Jewelry | 55. G. LEVI & SONS, Liquor, Perfume | 84. TRAM COMBS, Books
5. ANDY'S DELICATESSEN |
| 27. JOUETT INSURANCE AGENCY, INC. | 56. THE CONTINENTAL, INC.,
Crystal, China, Fashions | 6. MORAN REAL ESTATE |
| 28. HAVE HUS, Books, Gifts | 57. LOCKHART'S LIQUOR AND
GRAND GIFT SHOP | CARIBE CONSTRUCTION CO |
| 29. SPARKY'S on the WATERFRONT,
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PLACES YOU WILL WANT TO FIND IN ST. THOMAS

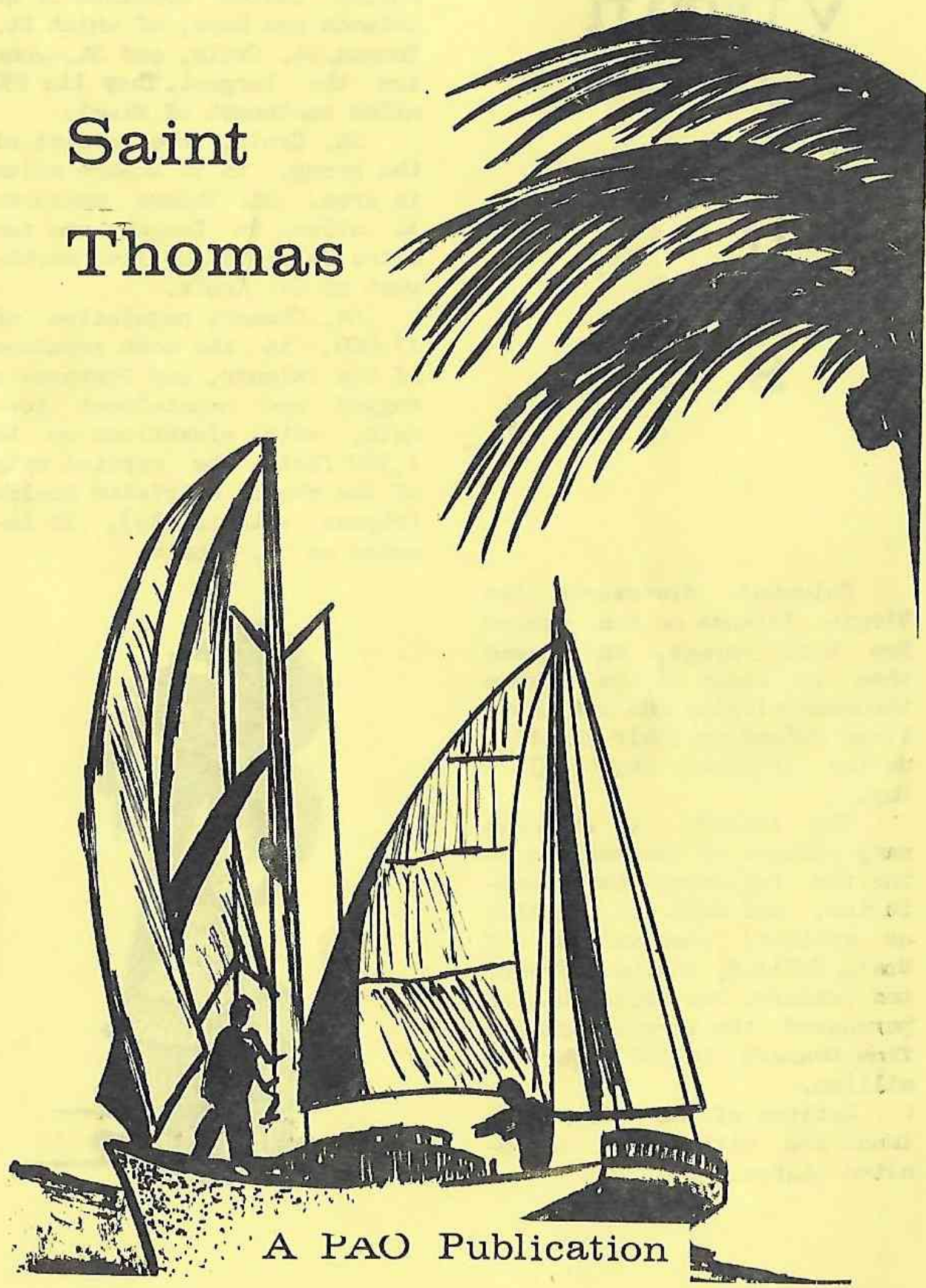
The outline of St. Thomas above is available at no charge, in greater detail, at any Real Estate or Car Rental agency in St. Thomas. The Harbormaster's office sells official U. S. Coast Guard and Geodetic Survey maps which show elevations, contours and water depths.

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| 1. BLUNDEARD'S BEACH CLUB | 16. LORD RUMBOTTOM'S |
| 2. BLUNDEARD'S CASTLE | 17. MAPOLIE APARTMENT HOTEL |
| 3. THE BOATHOUSE | 18. MILLER MANOR |
| 4. CARIBBEAN BEACH HOTEL | 19. MORNING STAR BEACH RESORT |
| 5. CONTINENTAL INTERIORS, INC. | 20. MOUNTAIN TOP HOTEL |
| 6. ECHOVIA BEACH CLUB | 21. REEF ROOM (Restaurant) |
| 7. ESTATE CONTANT | 22. SURFSIDE |
| 8. GRANDOKO INN | 23. JIM TILLET WORKSHOP |
| 9. HARBOR VIEW | 24. TROPIC ISLE HOTEL |
| 10. ESTATE HARMONY | 25. TROPICAL MOTORS |
| 11. MERTZ RENT-A-CAR | 26. VAN DYCK REAL ESTATE |
| 12. HOLLAND HOUSE | 27. VILLA FAIRVIEW |
| 13. ISLAND BEACHCOMBER HOTEL & APTS. | 28. VIRGIN ISLE HILTON |
| 14. L'USCALE | 29. WATER ISLE |
| 15. LOOK-OUT PARK | |

Church Services

- ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH** - Garden Street
Sundays: 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service: 7:30 p.m.
- ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** - Sugar Estate
Sundays: 8:00 a.m., 7:30 a.m.
- FREDERICK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**
(One block East of Post Office)
Sundays: 7:00 a.m., Matins Service
10:30 a.m., The Service
7:30 p.m., Vespers
- CHRIST CHURCH METHODIST CHURCH** - Market Square
Sundays: 11:00 a.m., Morning Prayer
7:30 p.m., Evening Worship
- MEMORIAL NORWAYAN CHURCH** - (Near Roosevelt Park)
Sundays: 11:00 a.m., Morning Worship
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- RISKY NORWAYAN CHURCH** - (Near Scharifia Base)
Sundays: 11:00 a.m., Morning P-wship
- ST. THOMAS REFORMED CHURCH**
(One block north of Capitol Theatre)
Sundays: 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship
- NEW HEBRONUT NORWAYAN CHURCH** - (New Harbort)
Sundays: 9:30 a.m., Worship Service
- ST. PETER & PAUL CATHEDRAL** (Roman Catholic)
(Main Street)
Sundays: 6:00, 8:00, 9:00 and 10:30
- OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP CHAPEL**
(Marilla, North Side)
Sundays: 9:00 a.m.
- ST. ANNE'S CHAPEL** - (Carragee, French Town)
Sundays: 6:15 and 7:30
- SYRABOQUE** - (On Denmark Hill)
Sundays: 7:30 p.m.
- SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**
(East of Roosevelt Park)
Saturdays: 11:00 a.m., Service
- SALVATION ARMY HALL** - (Upper Main Street)
Sundays: 11:00 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
- GALVANY BAPTIST CHURCH**
(Veteran's Drive near French Village)
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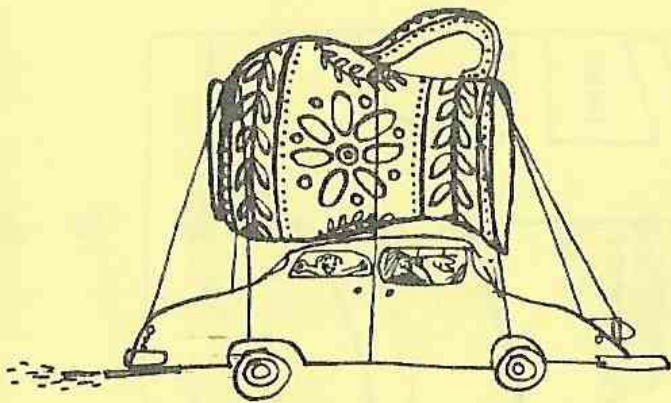
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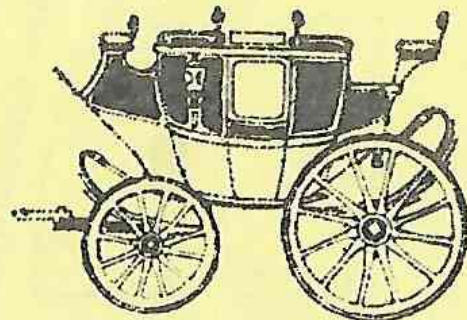
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