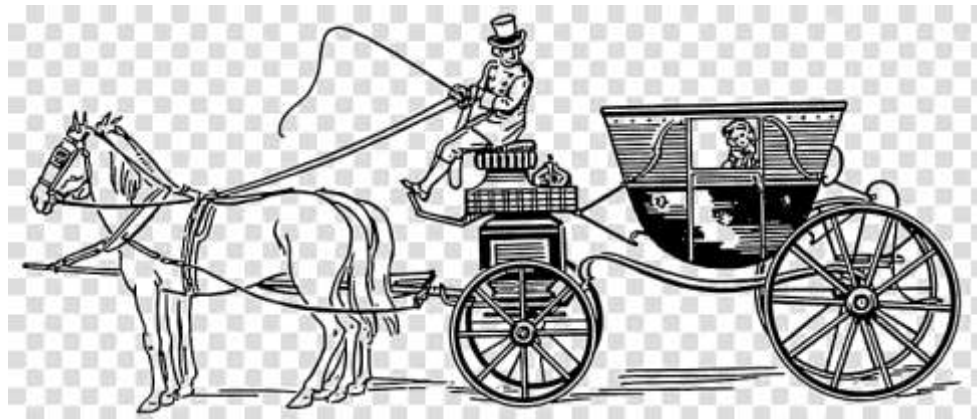




This is one of
twenty tales
in our
Midwinter
Miscellany



DECEMBER 1870 Visit of Queen Victoria



The Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice, travelled on a special train from Windsor via Waterloo to visit ex-Empress Eugenie who had arrived with her son, the Prince Imperial, in exile from France that year. Ex-Emperor Napoleon III followed early in 1871.

A crowd of 1500 people lined the embankment above the station, and ***“The utmost enthusiasm prevailed; her Majesty being welcomed with repeated bursts of hearty cheering.”***

“One of the Royal carriages that had been sent from Windsor, accompanied by four outriders, was in waiting, and the Royal Party drove at once to Camden Place, the residence of the ex-Empress.”

The Queen and other members of the Royal Family were frequent visitors, as were royalty and dignitaries from across Europe.

Chislehurst Commons has responsibility for managing the 180 acres of local common land under an Act of Parliament.

The Act made no provision for funding.

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