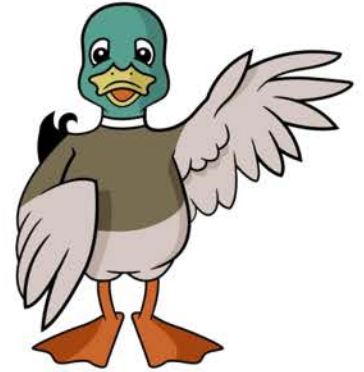


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A message from....
Bill the Duck!



Hello Time Travellers! 🖐️ This room is one of mine and Margery's favourites in the house, it has so many exciting features! The first one is this 1930s fireplace. It's a bit out of place as this room is one of the oldest in the house, built in the 14th Century! The fireplace was added by a Council Park Keeper who used to live here, and would have been very fashionable at the time, with hand-made Italian tiles. The next feature is the window...on an inside wall! There's many theories about why this window is here, but Margery thinks it's because people in the 1800s liked to show off old things in their house, like the Tudor glass that used to be in this window. When the house was being renovated, they found the original glass way down below in the Great Hall!

Today the objects in this room now are all about the Victorians, and I want to show you some of them! A lot changed in Harrow in the Victorian Period - leading to a time of prosperity, leisure, and fashion!



Welcome to the Victorian Room!

Can you spot the out-of-time 1930s fireplace?

It dates from when a park keeper used to live in the Manor House!

This room would have been used
as a bedroom when it was owned
by the Archbishops of
Canterbury!

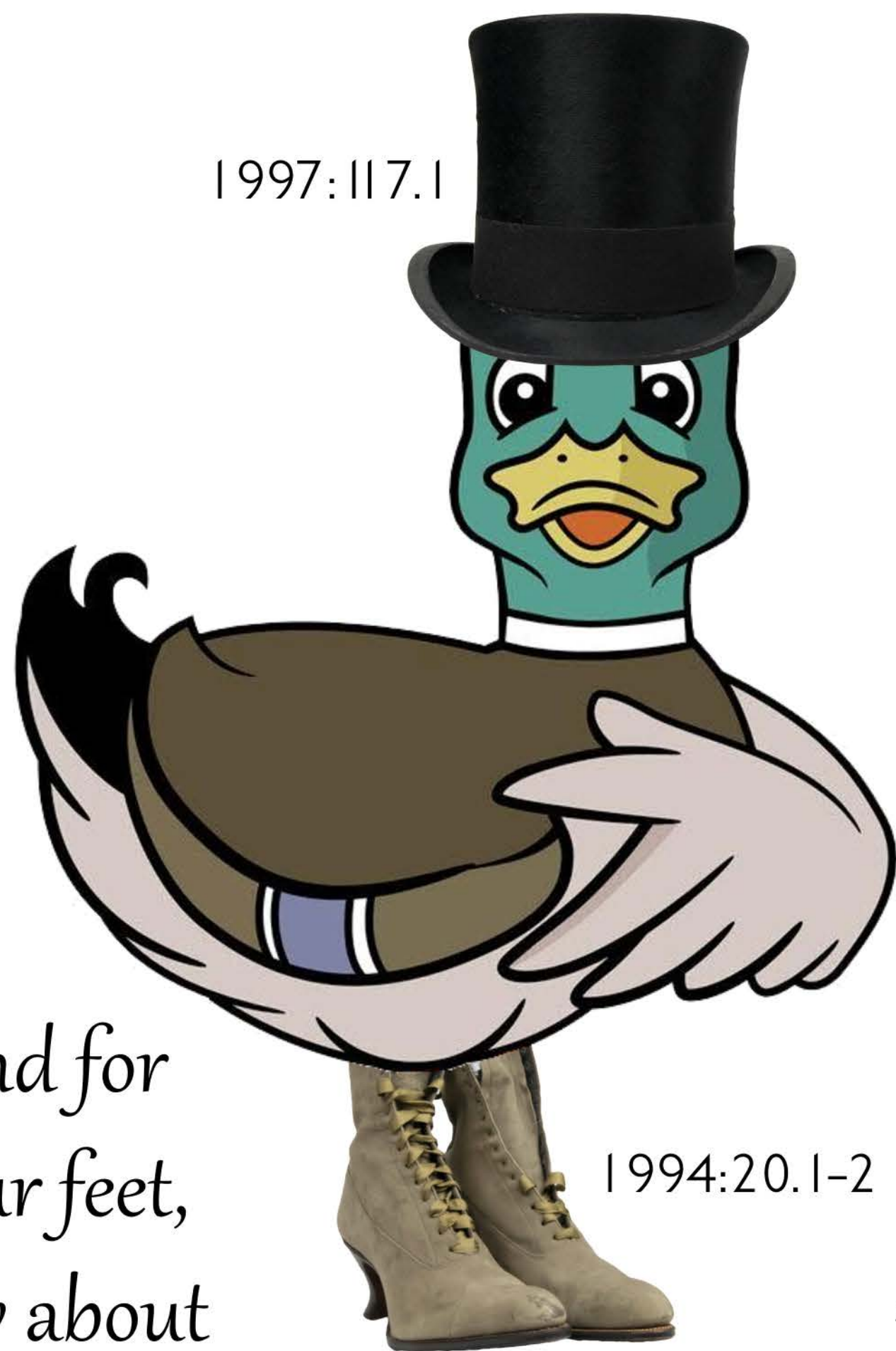
Margery says the Manor House is haunted... and we often
find this window from the 1800s opens by itself! Creepy!



Today
we will
look at
Victorian
fashion!
Can you
spot the
beautiful
black cape?



Next, things you wear on your head!
We have top hats, hat boxes, hat
stretchers, and hat pins!



1997:117.1

1994:20.1-2

And for
your feet,
how about
suede boots?



1985:19



1997:141.42-52



1990:59.3

All of these things were essential for the
fashionable Victorian lady or gentleman (or gentleduck)!

Many Victorian women took up sewing as a hobby, to craft clothes to wear, or make toys for children, like the clothes on the doll in the picture.



2017:68.1-2

2017:86

1989:112.4

1993:70.11-12

1989:89.2

They could purchase needles in packets, use cotton thread from a reel, and some wealthier women would use silver thimbles and real horn pin-cushions!



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Hi again! 🖐️ We're staying in this room today as I want to tell you all about one of Harrow's biggest changes & a famous resident! On 20th July 1837 the first train ran through Harrow, on the London & Birmingham Railway line, one of the first railways in the world. The route included a station at Harrow (Wealdstone), changing this whole area forever. Soon, more stations popped up, and the Metropolitan Underground Line was extended to Harrow in 1890.

The train carriages would have looked a little different in those days, with fancy red velvet seats and nets above to hold your luggage, but they haven't changed all that much! The main difference would be the steam engine pulling you along - have you ever been on one? They're so loud and smelly! Mrs Isabella Beeton was one of the first female commuters to live in Harrow. She worked as a journalist in Central London so was always hopping on and off the Metropolitan railway when it was first built - how cool! This Victorian lady was good at so many things, but is most well known for her book on Housekeeping! It has all sorts of hints and tips in it about how to keep a proper Victorian Household (some of them are a bit weird!).

She also wrote lots of recipes and was one of the first to write them down like we do today, with an ingredients list first! People before her used to just write the method and you'd have to find the ingredients in the description, very complicated! There's all sorts of objects in this room that Mrs Beeton would have owned, like funny shaped jelly moulds, and some fancy silver-ware (ooooooh!).

All aboard!!



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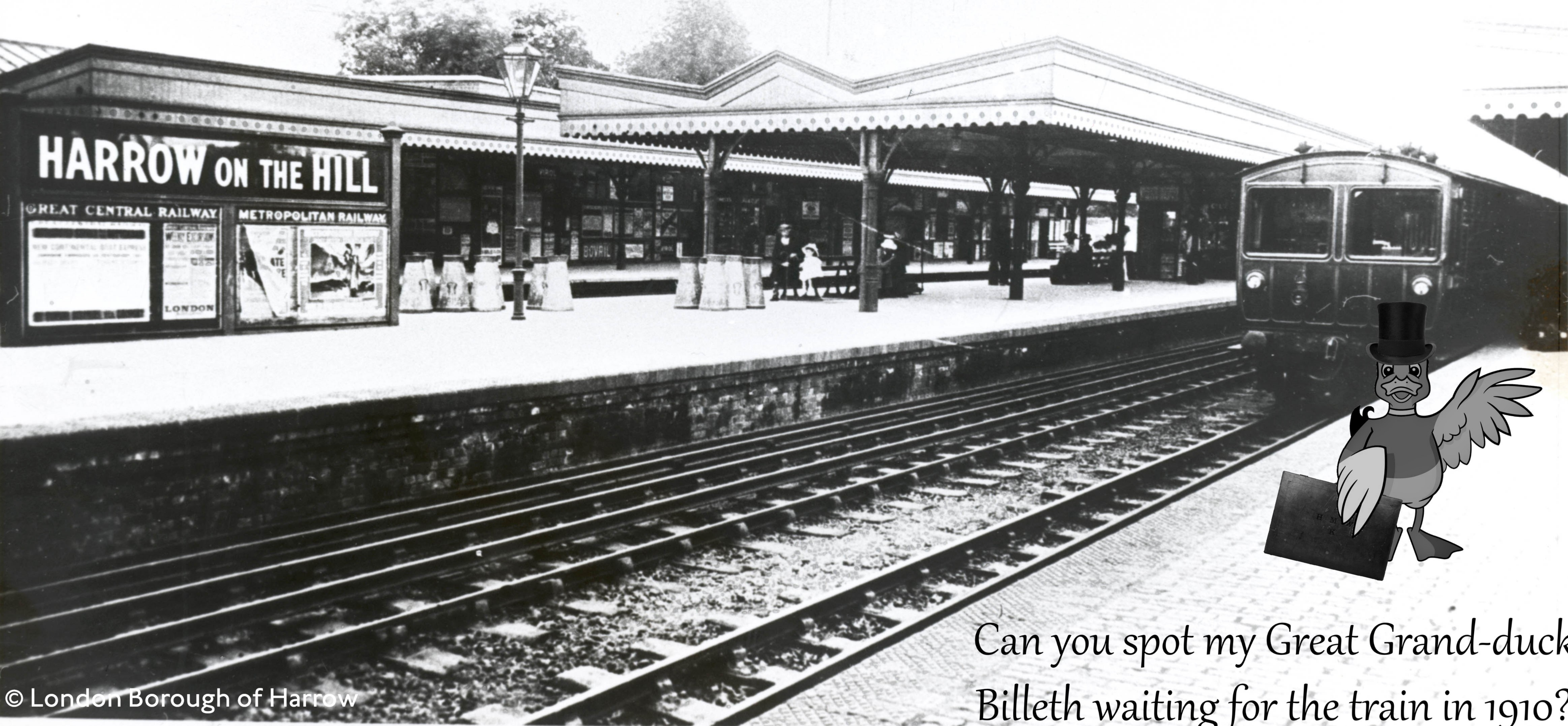


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Trains played a
big part in
the evolution of
Harrow!



The Metropolitan Line was extended to Harrow in 1880,
and this station was renamed 'Harrow on the Hill' in 1894.



Can you spot my Great Grand-duck
Billeth waiting for the train in 1910?

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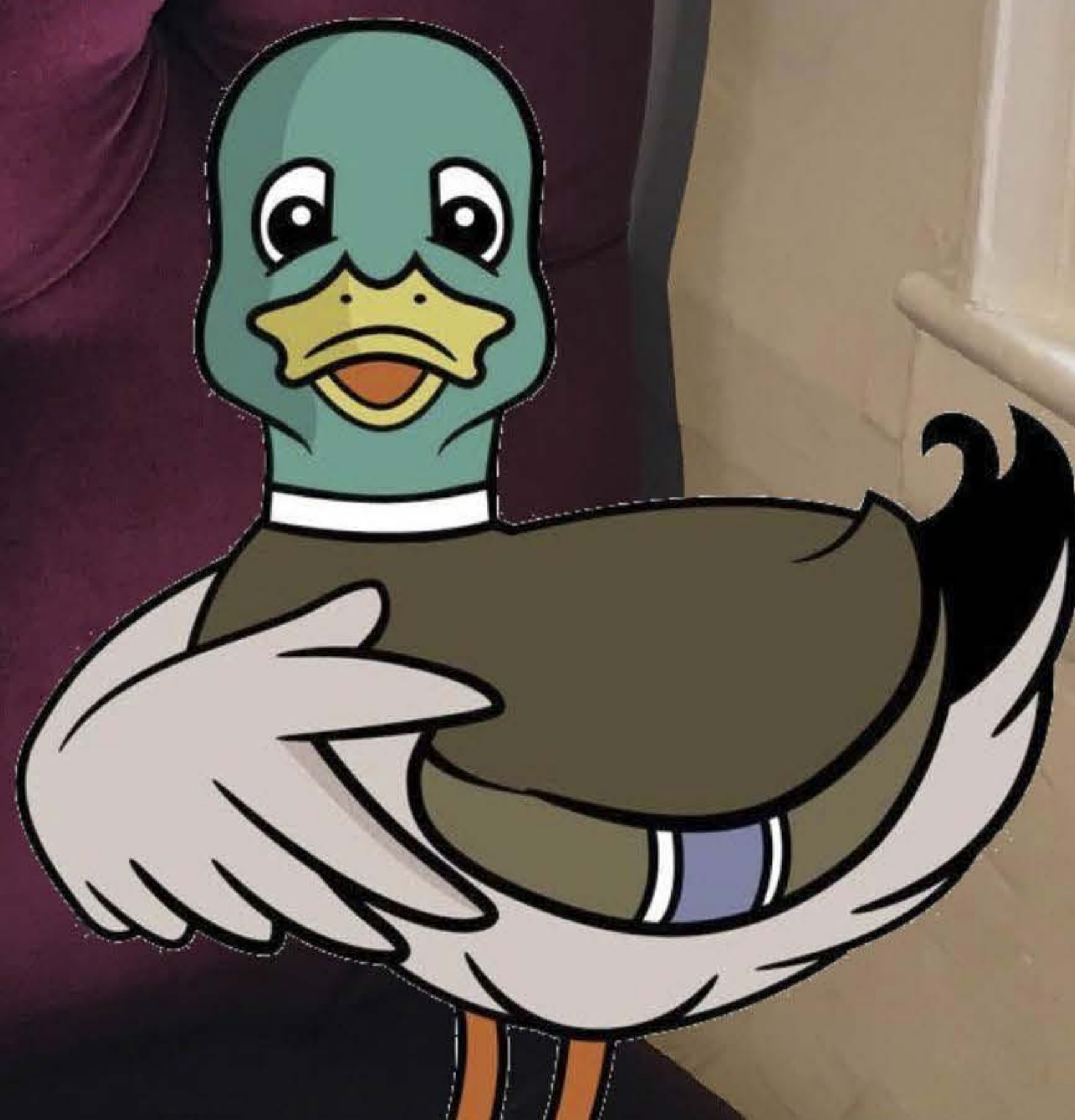
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Victorian ladies' travelling basket
Wicker furniture was valued for being a hygienic option
in the Victorian era. It was also chosen to emulate
the style in British colonies, such as India. This basket
would have had a strap around it that would keep the
basket closed and create a handle.

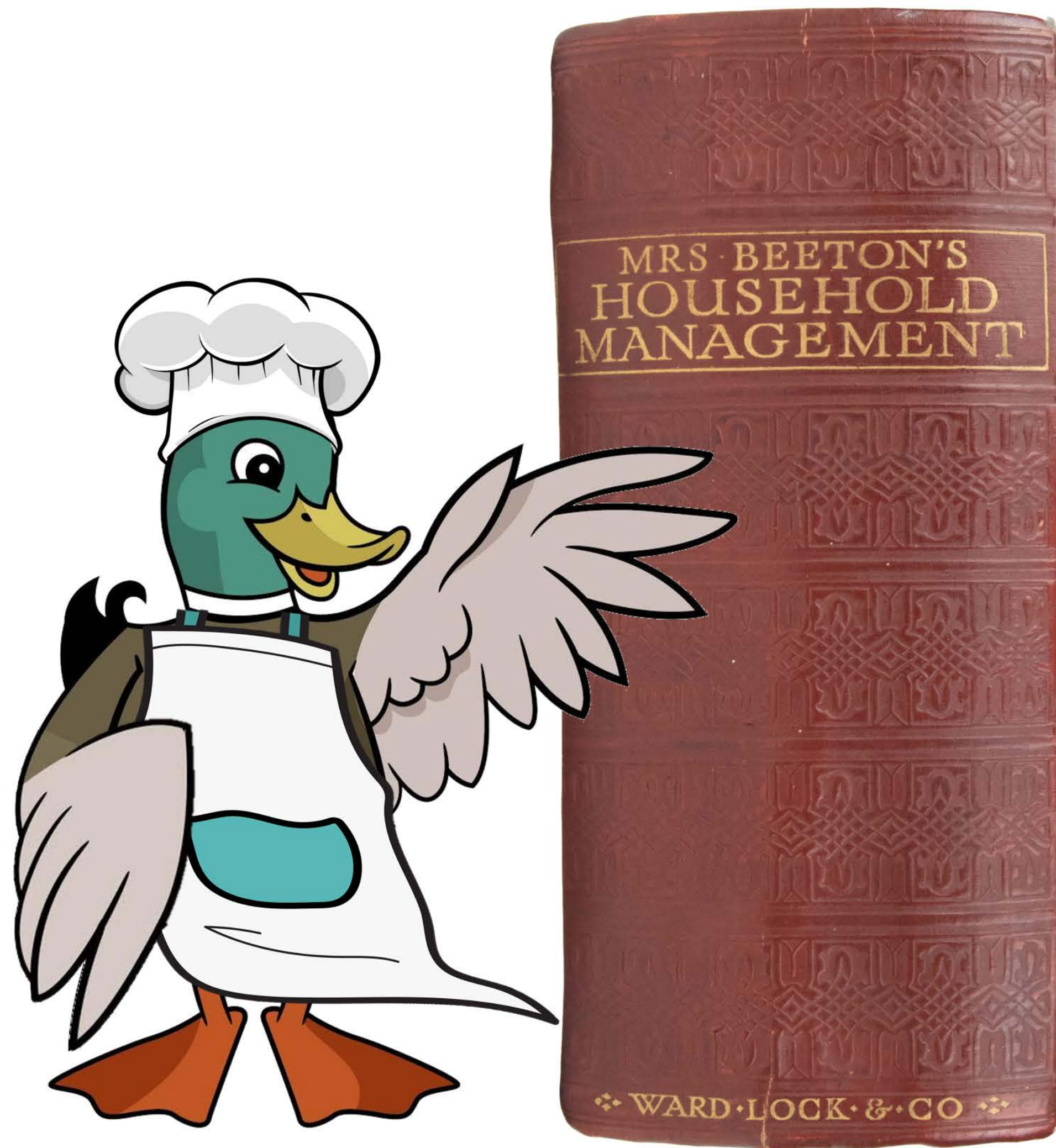
Leather suitcase, c.1890
This one belonged to Miss Mary Wilson whose initials
are embossed on the top.

First class passengers and
their luggage travelled in
special compartments.

Can you spot the
traveling basket
& suitcase?



One of Harrow's most notable early train travellers was Mrs. Isabella Beeton, the famous cookery writer and one of the first female commuters! She literally wrote the book on how to cook!



| 989: | 47



Some of those recipes look.... interesting! I think I'll stick to duck food, though!

Books like Mrs Beeton's
popularized home cookery...



... and brought with it new
designs for kitchen
implements!



Many of the Victorian utensils, tins, bowls, and other implements on display in the Museum are still in use today!

Do you see any that you use in your house for baking or cooking?



1990:65



1985:12.1-5



1991:138.8



1991:81.7-8



1991:81.5



1987:292



1993:230.4-12