

Dickens: The Last Decade

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GRESHAM
COLLEGE



Charles Dickens in 1861
taken by Watkins



Catherine Dickens by JE Mayall



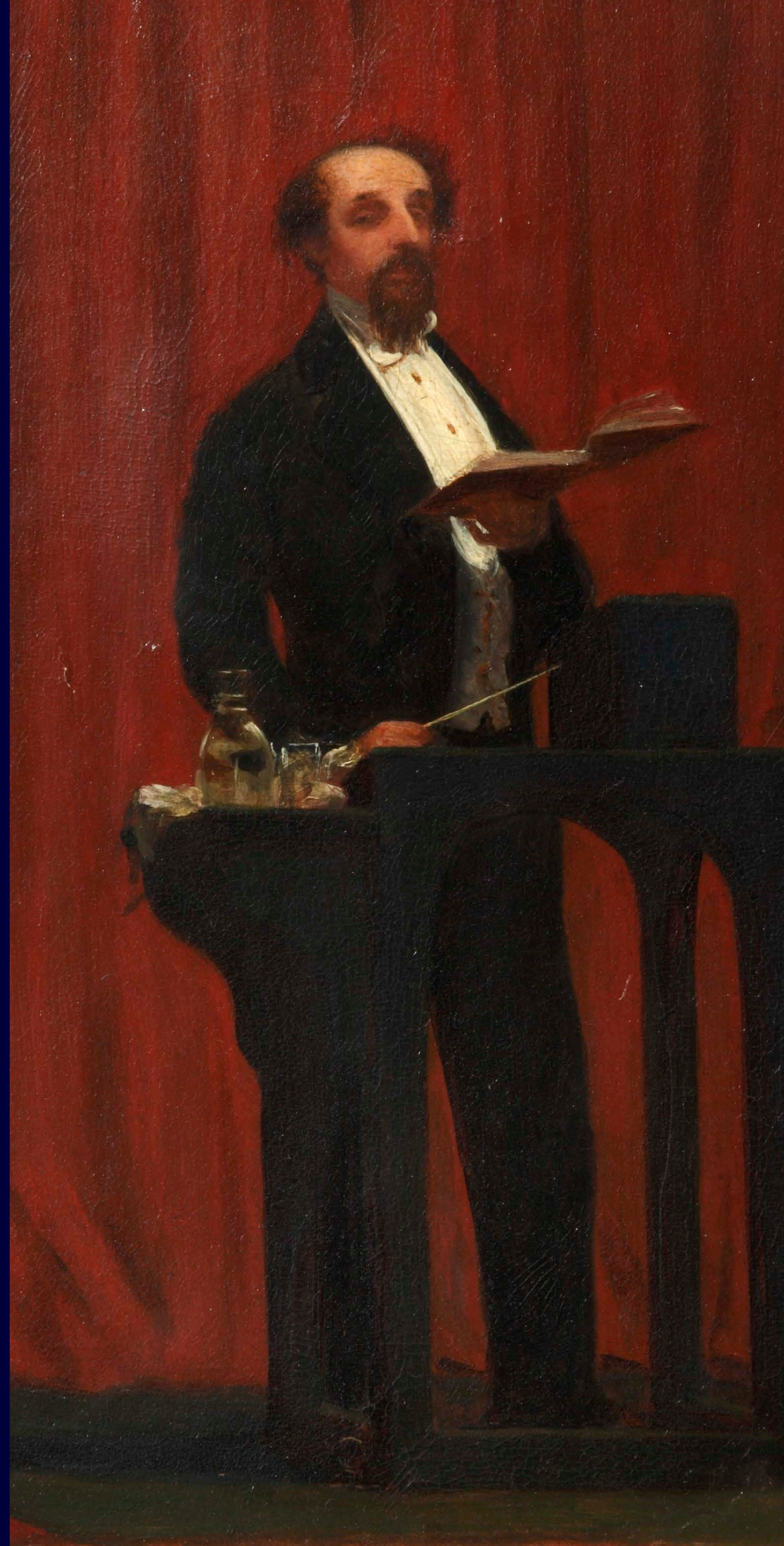
**Georgina Hogarth
and
Mamie Dickens**



Ellen Ternan



Jasper's Sacrifices
By
Luke Fildes





Gad's Hill Place

THIS HOUSE
GAD'S HILL PLACE
STANDS ON THE SUMMIT
OF
Shakespeare's
Gadshill

Ever memorable for its affociation in his noble fancy
with

SIR IOHN FALSTAFF

But, my lads, my lads, to morrow morning, by four o'clock, early
at Gadshill: There are pilgirms going to Canterbury with rich
offerings, and traders riding to London with fat purses:
I have visors for all, you have horses for yourselves,





CHRISTMAS SPORTS,

AT

**Mr. Charles Dickens's Cricket Field,
ON BOXING DAY, 1866,**

To Commence at Half-past Ten to the Moment.

Open to Members of the Gadshill, Higham, Chalk, and Shorne Cricket Clubs. Entries to be made, free of all charge, with Mr. Russell, before One o'clock on Wednesday, December 19th, when the Lists will be finally closed. Colours will be distributed on the Ground.

THE FOLLOWING RACES WILL TAKE PLACE:

100 Yards Flat	—	—	—	—	First Prize 5s.;	Second Prize 2s. 6d.
120 Yards over Ten Flights of 2ft. 6in. Hurdles	—	—	—	—	First Prize 5s.;	Second Prize 2s. 6d.
440 Yards Flat	—	—	—	—	First Prize 10s.;	Second Prize 2s. 6d.
Twice round the Field (about 1200 Yards)	—	—	—	—	First Prize 10s.;	Second Prize 5s.
(If a sufficient number start, a Third Prize of 2s. 6d. will be added).						
400 Yards Flat	—	—	—	—	First Prize 5s.;	Second Prize 2s. 6d.
(Open only to Boys under 16 years of age, relatives of Members of the above-mentioned Clubs).						
High Jump	—	—	—	—	First Prize 5s.;	Second Prize 2s. 6d.
Long Jump	—	—	—	—	First Prize 5s.;	Second Prize 2s. 6d.
Wheelbarrow Race, blindfold, 50 Yards	—	—	—	—	First Prize 5s.;	Second Prize 2s. 6d.
Sack Race, 50 Yards	—	—	—	—	First Prize 5s.;	Second Prize 2s. 6d.
Three-Legged Race, 50 Yards	—	—	—	—	First Prize 10s.;	Second Prize 2s. 6d.

(Entries for this Race to be made to MR. RUSSELL before 10 o'Clock on the Morning of Running).

Clerk of the Course	—	Mr. Charles Dickens, Jun.
Starter	—	Mr. Marcus Stone.
Judge and Referee	—	Mr. Charles Dickens.

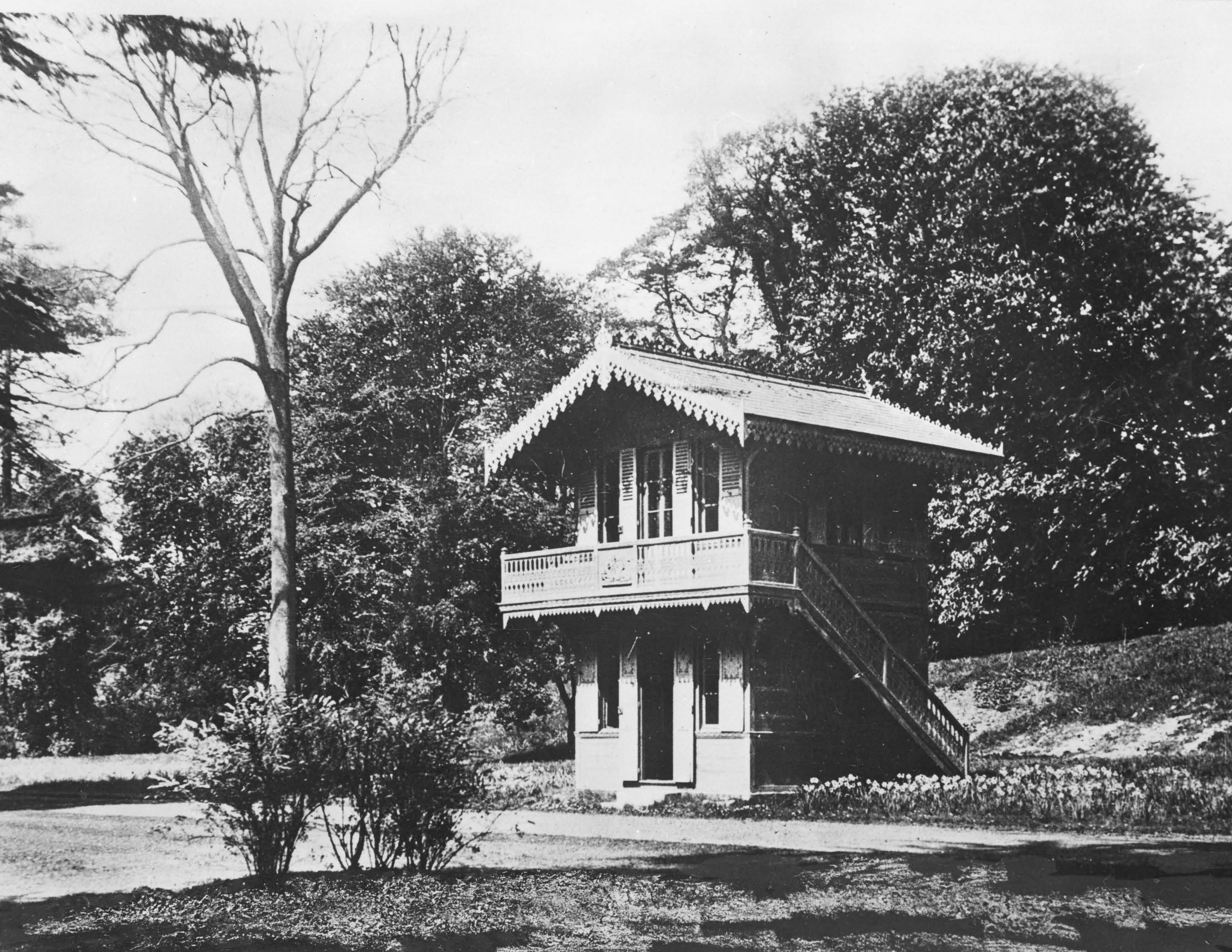


**Charles Dickens
reading to
Mamey and Katey**

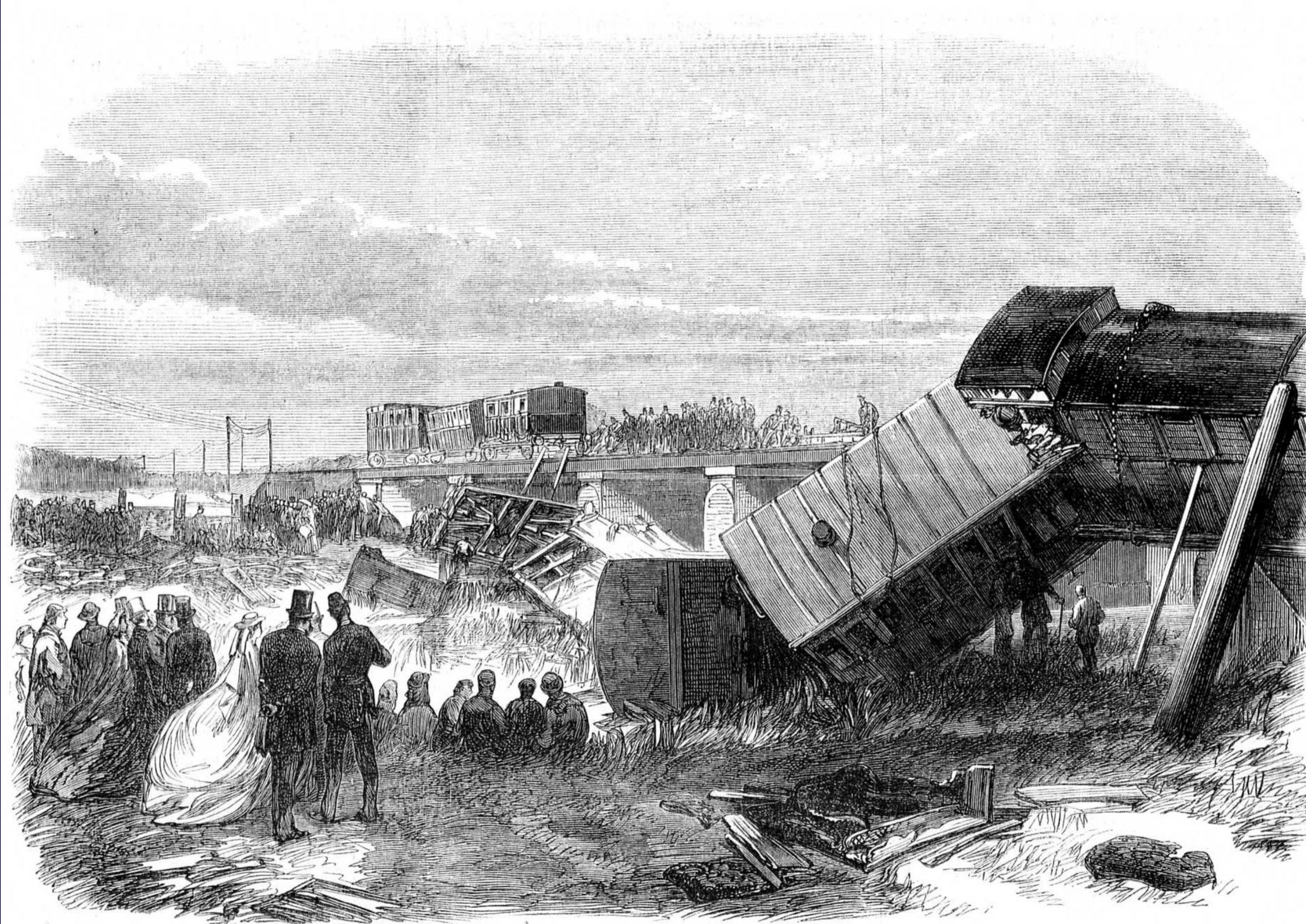
Gad's Hill



Charles Dickens and
family at Gad's Hill Place

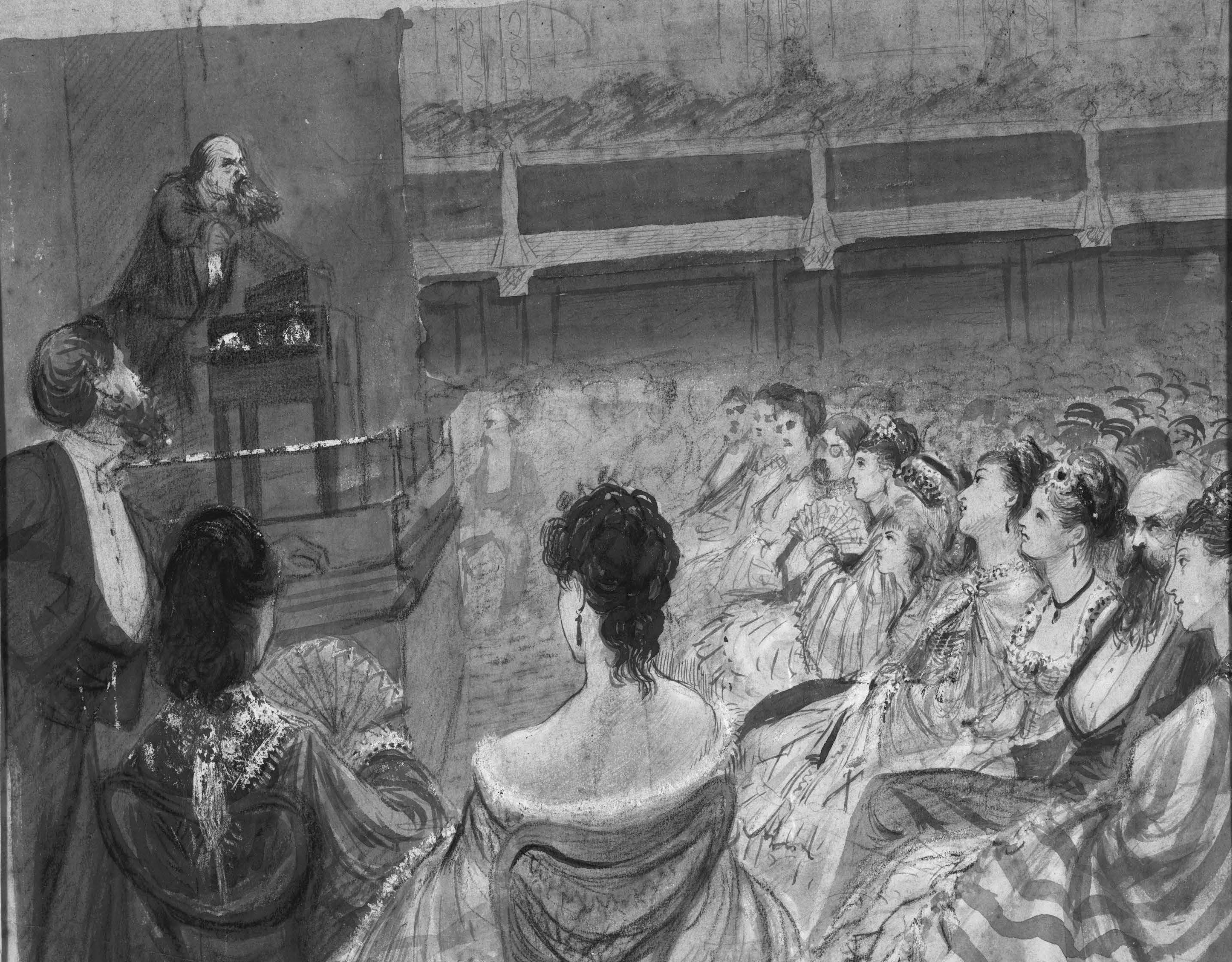


**Dickens' chalet from
Gad's Hill Place**

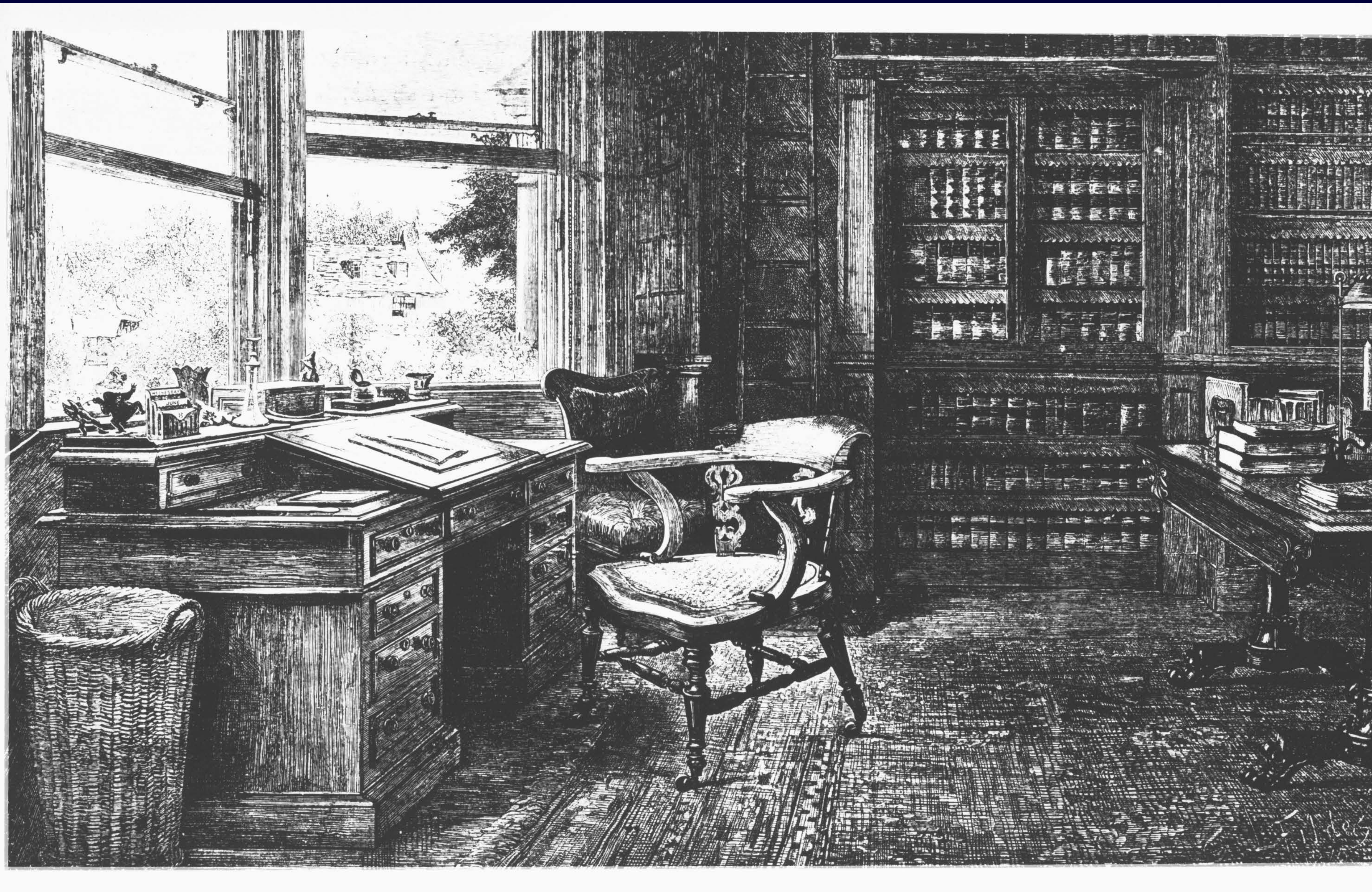


**Staplehurst
Crash**





Dickens reading
Sykes and Nancy



Steel engraving of
'The Empty Chair'
by Fildes
(Gad's Hill Place)