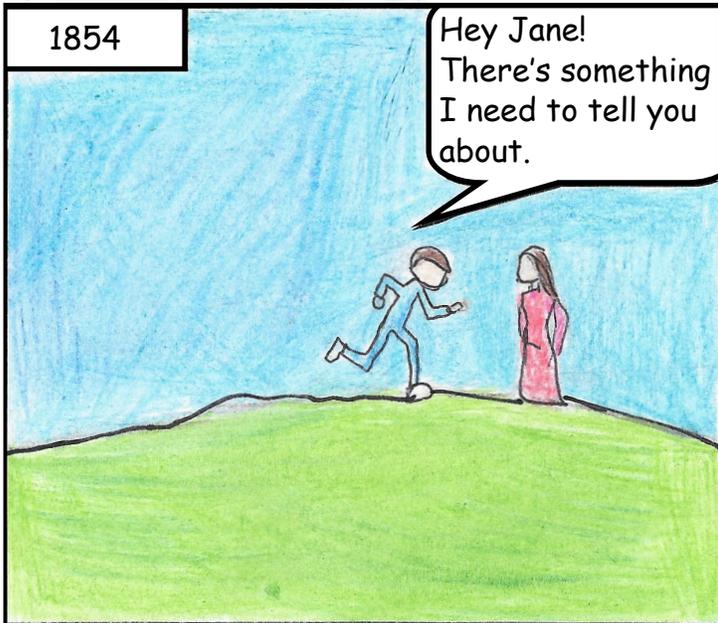


A SINGLE STRING

By Georgia

BUILDING THE NIAGARA FALLS SUSPENSION BRIDGE



The next day



Today we are going to lay a foundation for a wonderful new bridge to connect our two nations in prosperity.

Charles Ellet, Jr
Lead Engineer

The prize for successfully landing a kite on the other side is \$5.

Mary?

It's good to see you here.

Hey Charles!
Jane!

Are you flying a kite for the bridge?

Maybe you could catch our kite on the this side. Our parents are taking us to the other side this afternoon.

Yes.

Great. We're in!

We'll be waiting at 5 p.m.

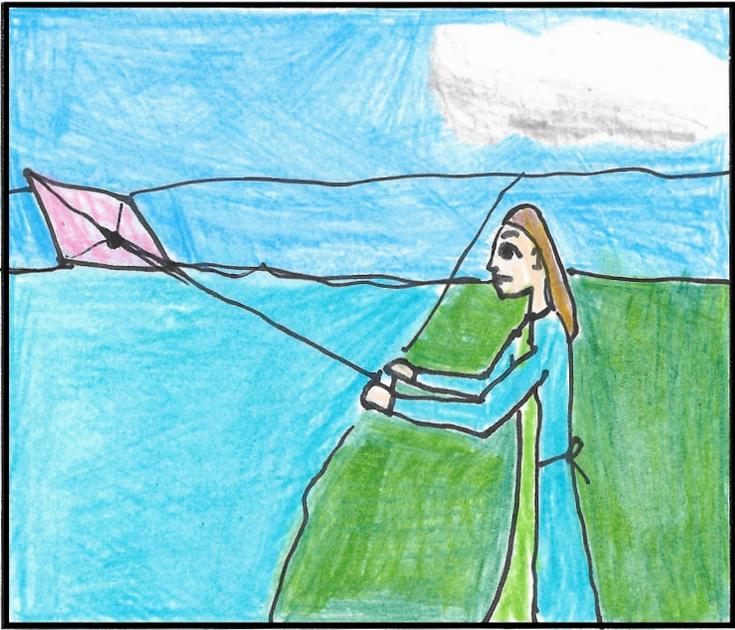
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They tried once...

Not far enough!

They tried twice...

Shoot. It's too high!



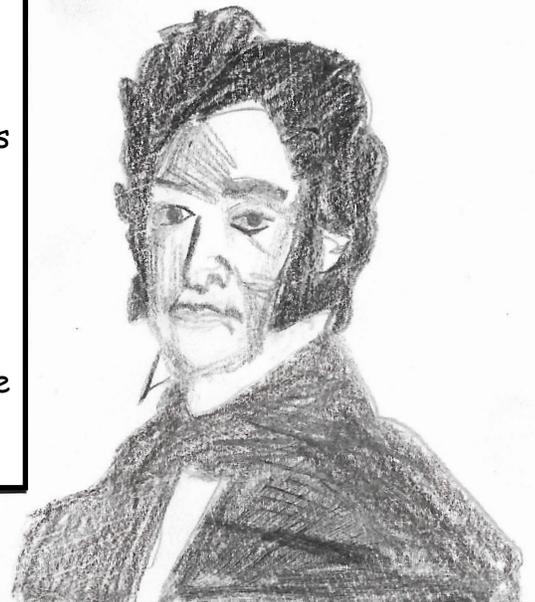
On March 18, 1855, the Niagara Suspension Bridge was officially opened. Trains drove on the top while pedestrians walked on the bottom deck.



The bridge served as an important link in the underground railroad, helping slaves find freedom in Canada.



Charles Ellet, Jr. continued to work as an engineer until his tragic death during the American Civil War.



In 1897, the bridge was replaced by the Steel Arch Bridge because trains had become too heavy for the older bridge.



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