


The story of one small bus.



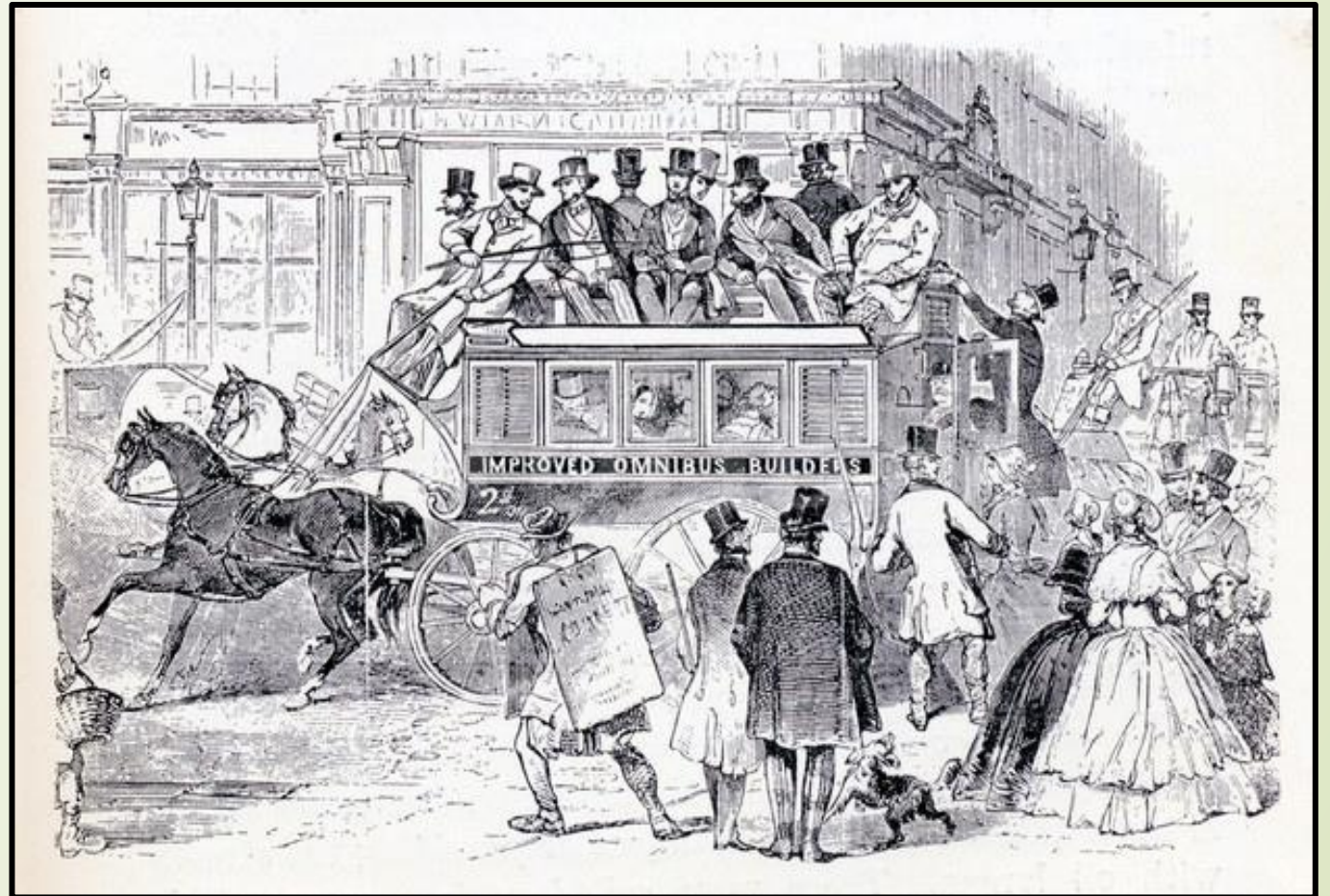
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You know that British people take much part of attention for symbolic things of their country. British people adore and idolize the Royal Family; the Union Jack is the icon of style; and, by the way, as a cup of tea. Owing their attitude to these things, British weather also has the world fame!

Many countries use double-deckers, but a red colored bus becomes one of the well-known sight of the capital of Great Britain. And now we know how this story has been started...



The first double-deckers appeared in the streets of London in 1829. They were harnessed with horses and named “omnibuses”. For up their effectiveness (to transport more number of people in narrow London streets) omnibuses started to offer two levels of service: the first deck is comfortable deck for rich people and the second level is an opened deck for poor people. It was the first prototype for a modern double-decker.

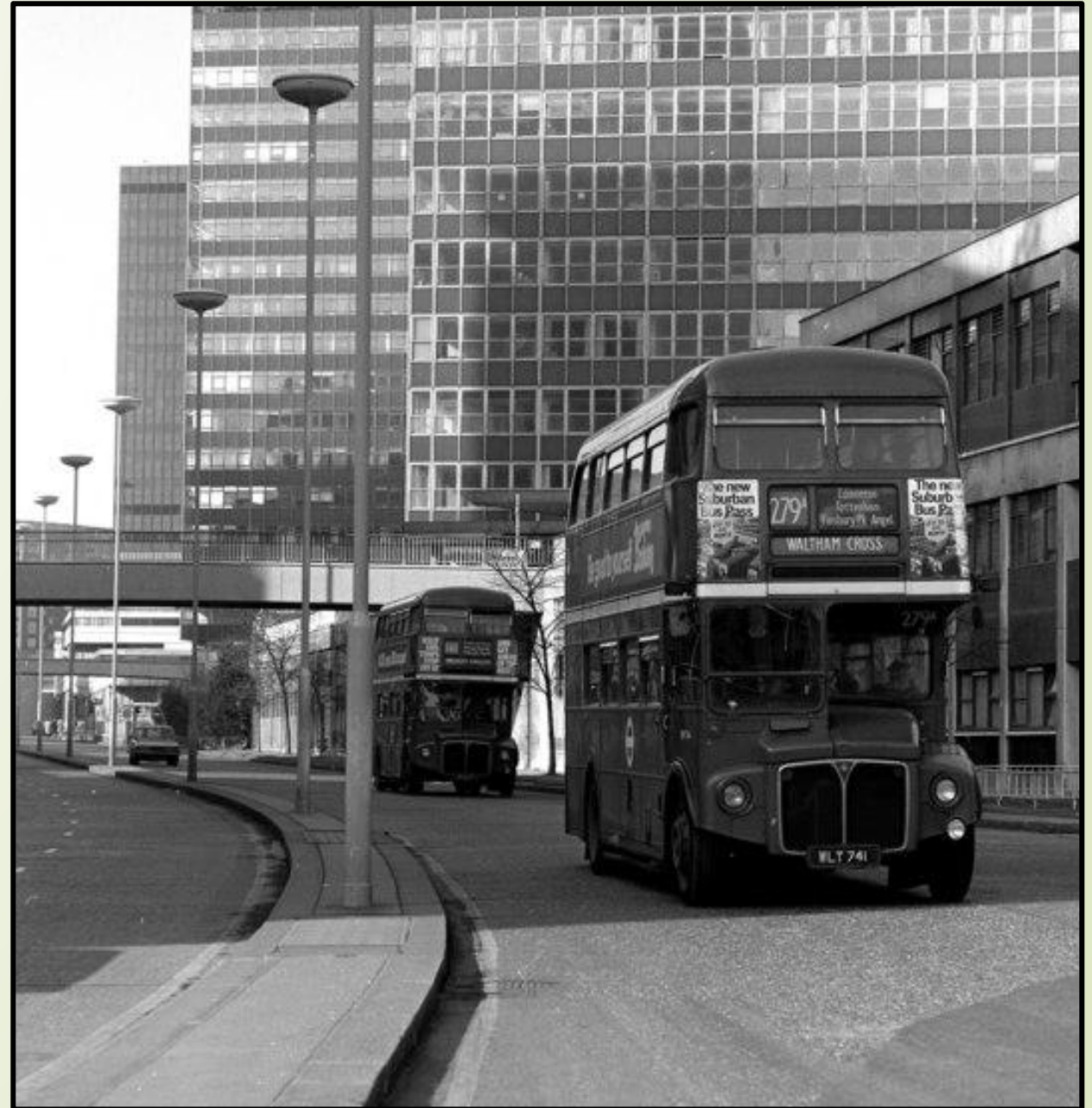


Little by little omnibuses were changed. Citizens laid rails for omnibuses. Thanks to electricity necessity in horses disappeared – trams went in the London streets (also double-deckers). Then they were changed with trolleybuses, because they had more mobility. Together them motorbuses were developed, then they were renamed “autobuses”.





The most well-known double-decker is Routemaster (you can translate it as “a host of roads”). It was existed in 1954 and appeared in the streets of the capital on February 1956. Routemaster immediately became the ultrapopular symbol of London.



There was some reasons of its popularity, but the main reason was the unique design: Routemaster hadn't doors, and enter-entrance was on the opened back deck. So people could go out not only bus stops, but in the crossroads, traffic lights and traffic jams. It expresses British spirit of freethinking very well, doesn't it?



Some years ago they said that double-deckers would disappear in London. But it was not true. Simply citizens took away old Routemaster. The main reason was *Health and Safety regulations*. Today you can see old buses on two “historical routes” - 9 и 15 - and you can go by them with a usual ticket. “Historical routes” are named so, because they go near many important monuments and sights of London – from Tower to Kensingtons Gardens.



After charge-off “Routemasters” weren’t scraped, but were exposed on selling. There everybody could buy a drop of London history for some thousands pounds. So buses were taken by owners. Some of double-deckers were removed Canada, China, Japan and so on, but another stayed in museums and own touristic companies. Some of them had more interesting fortune: one, for example, was made a popular vegetarian restaurant of East-End in London.



London double-deckers always are changed: leave old models, come new modern, more comfortable and ecological ones. But no one of them compare in popularity with old Routemaster.

From 2012 in London streets you can see modern version of double-deckers Routemaster.



**Welcome
and
go by
Routemasters!**





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