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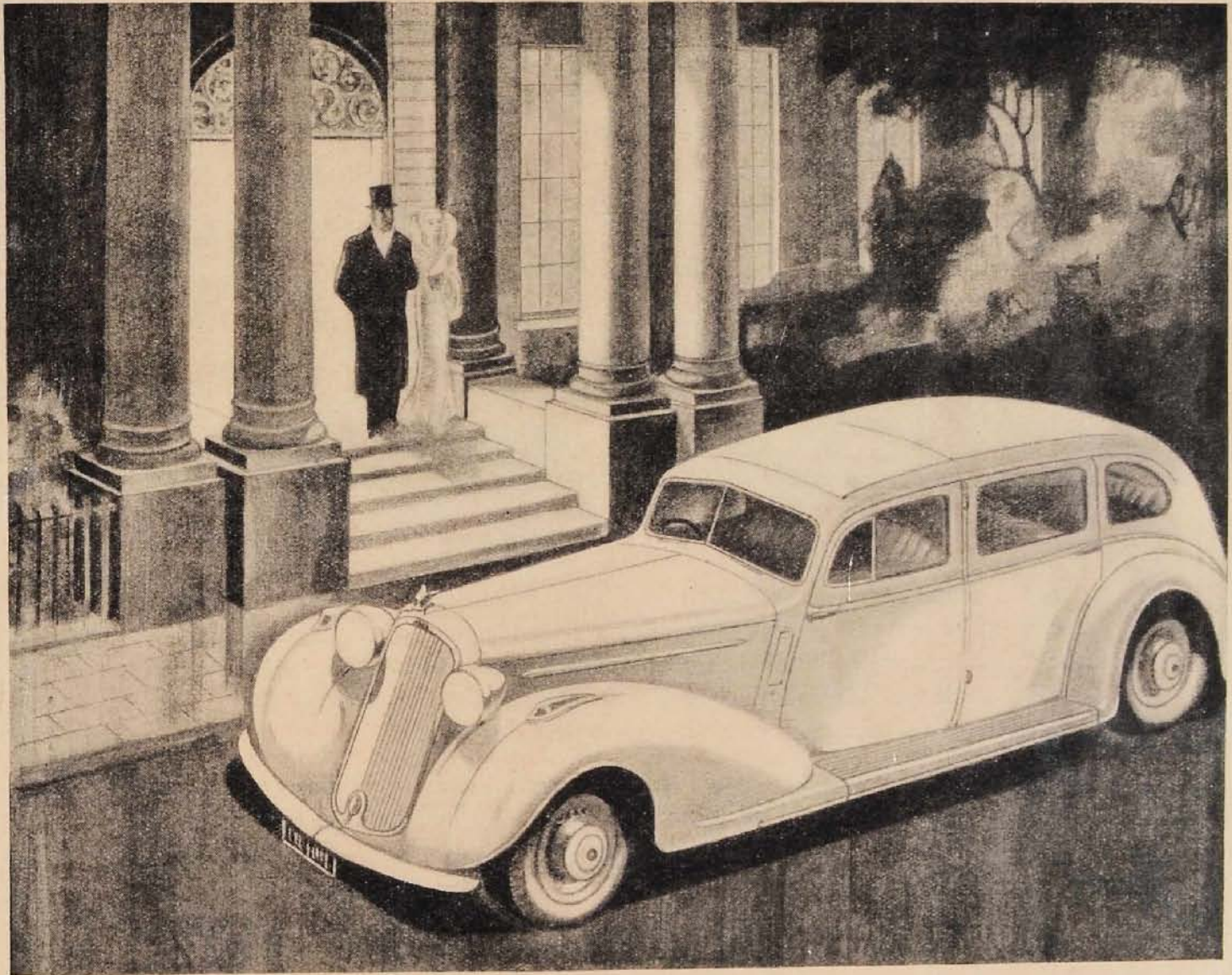
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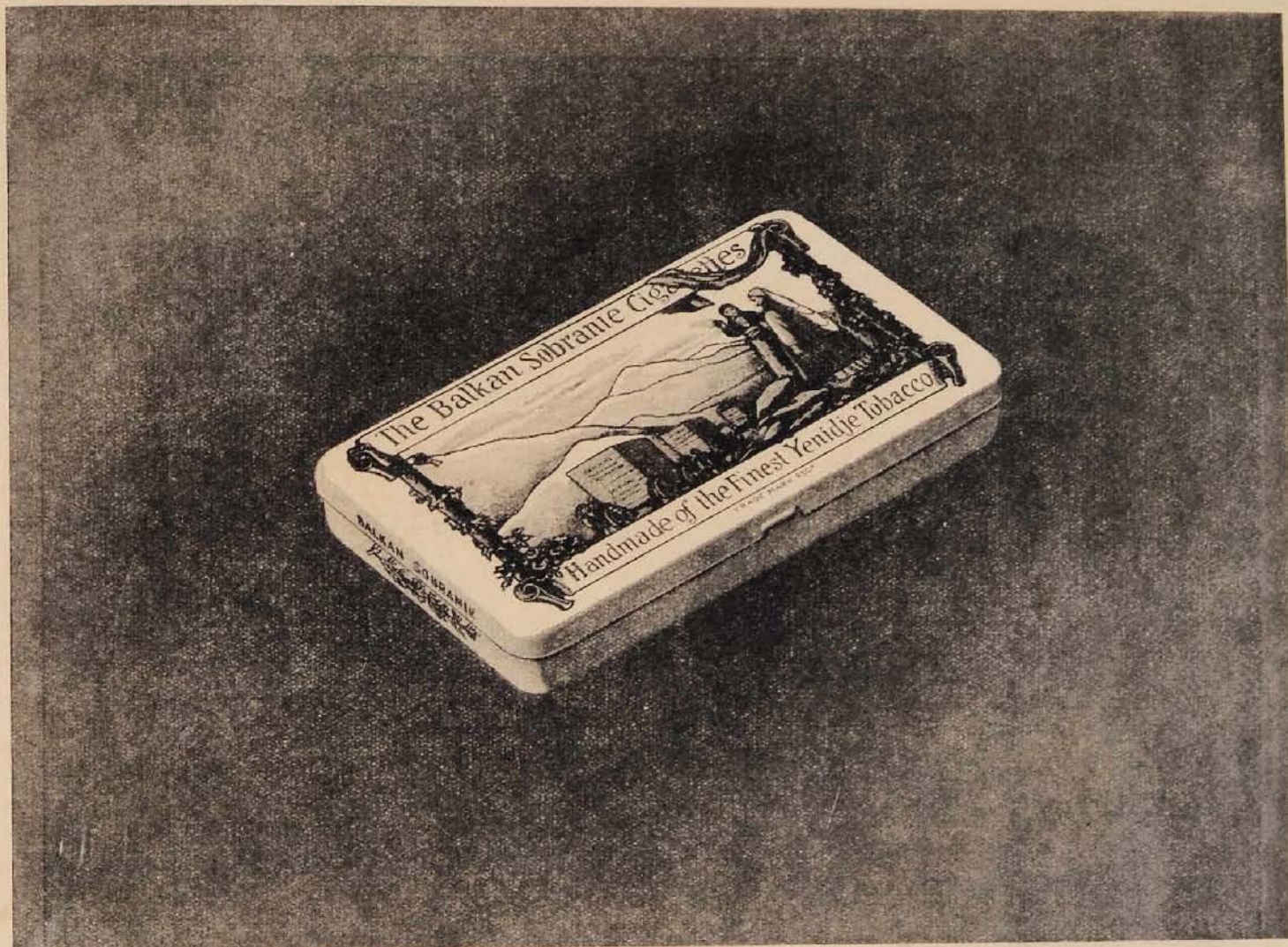
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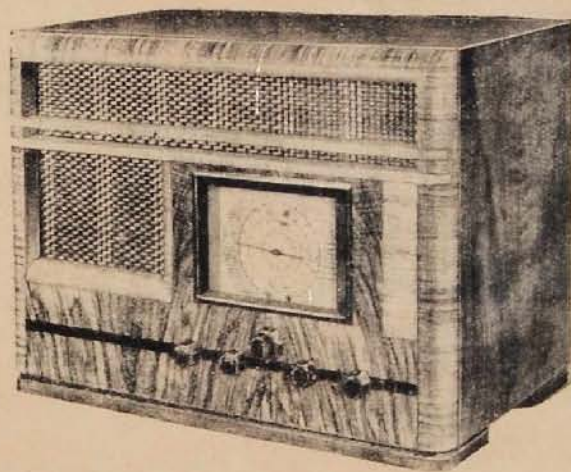
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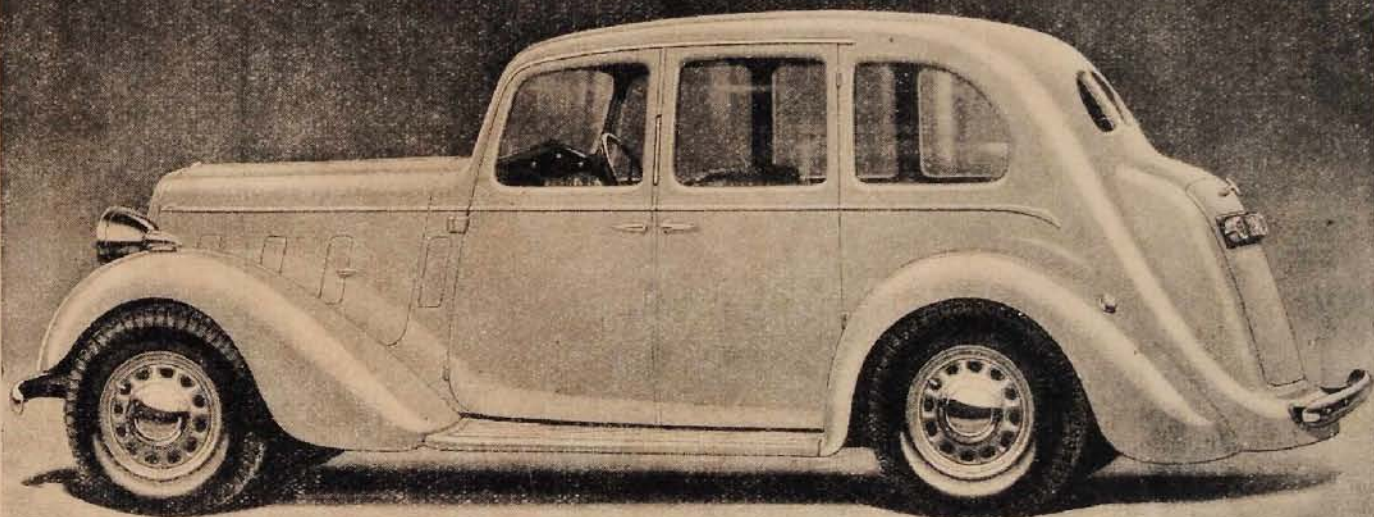
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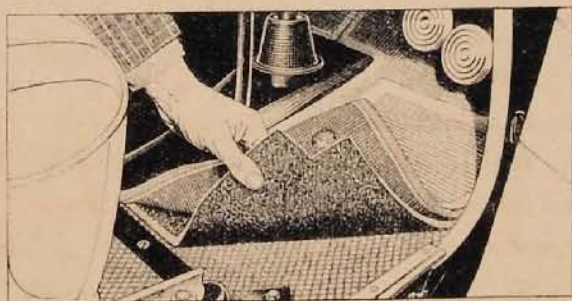
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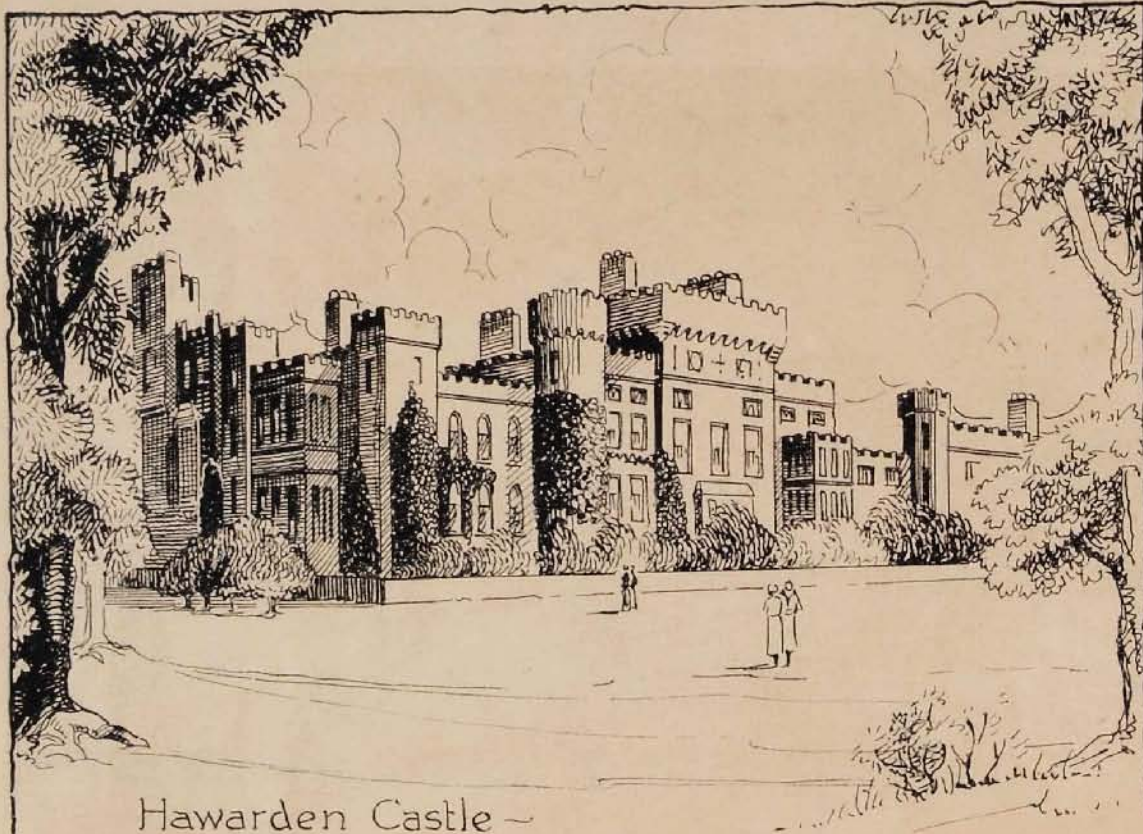
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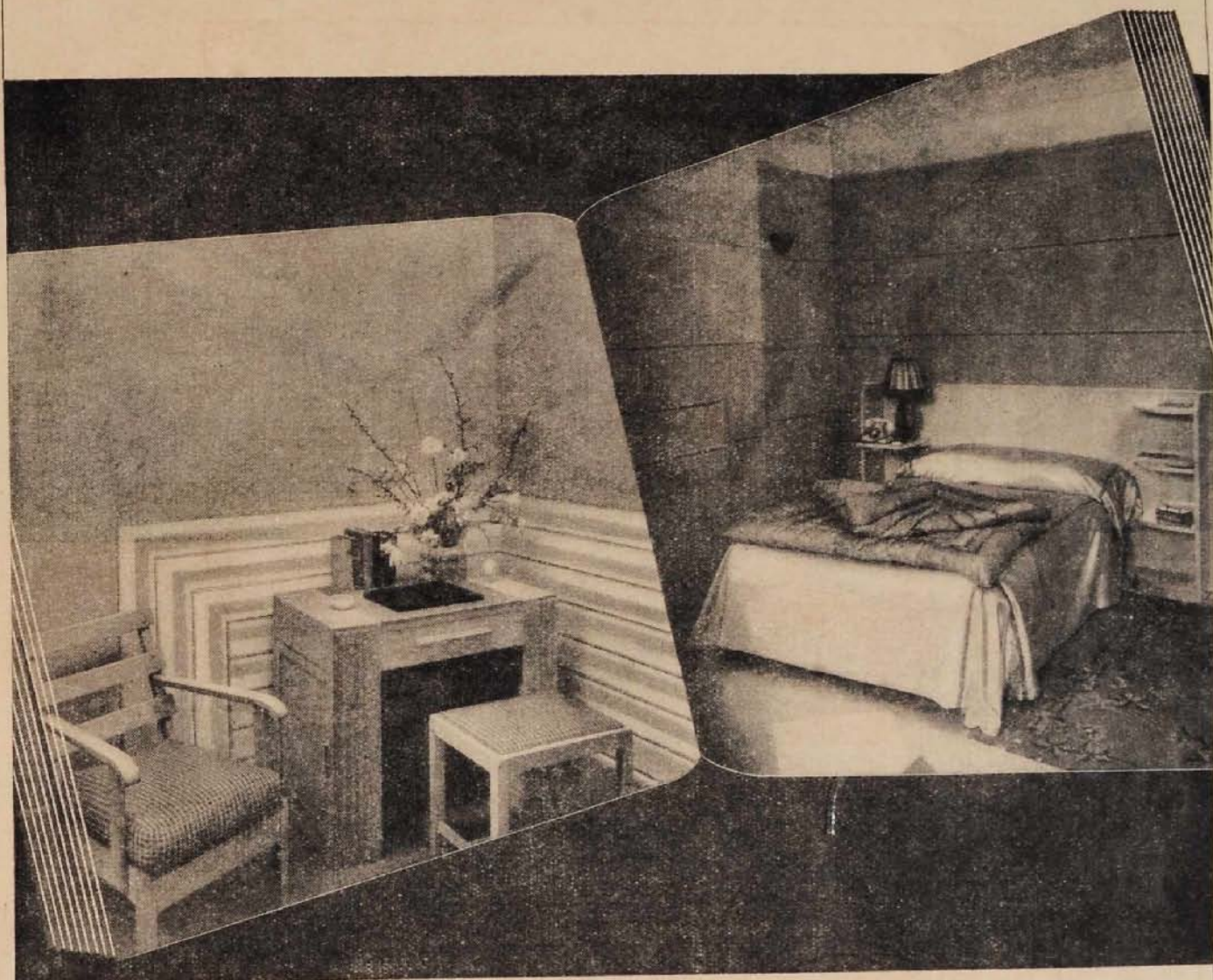
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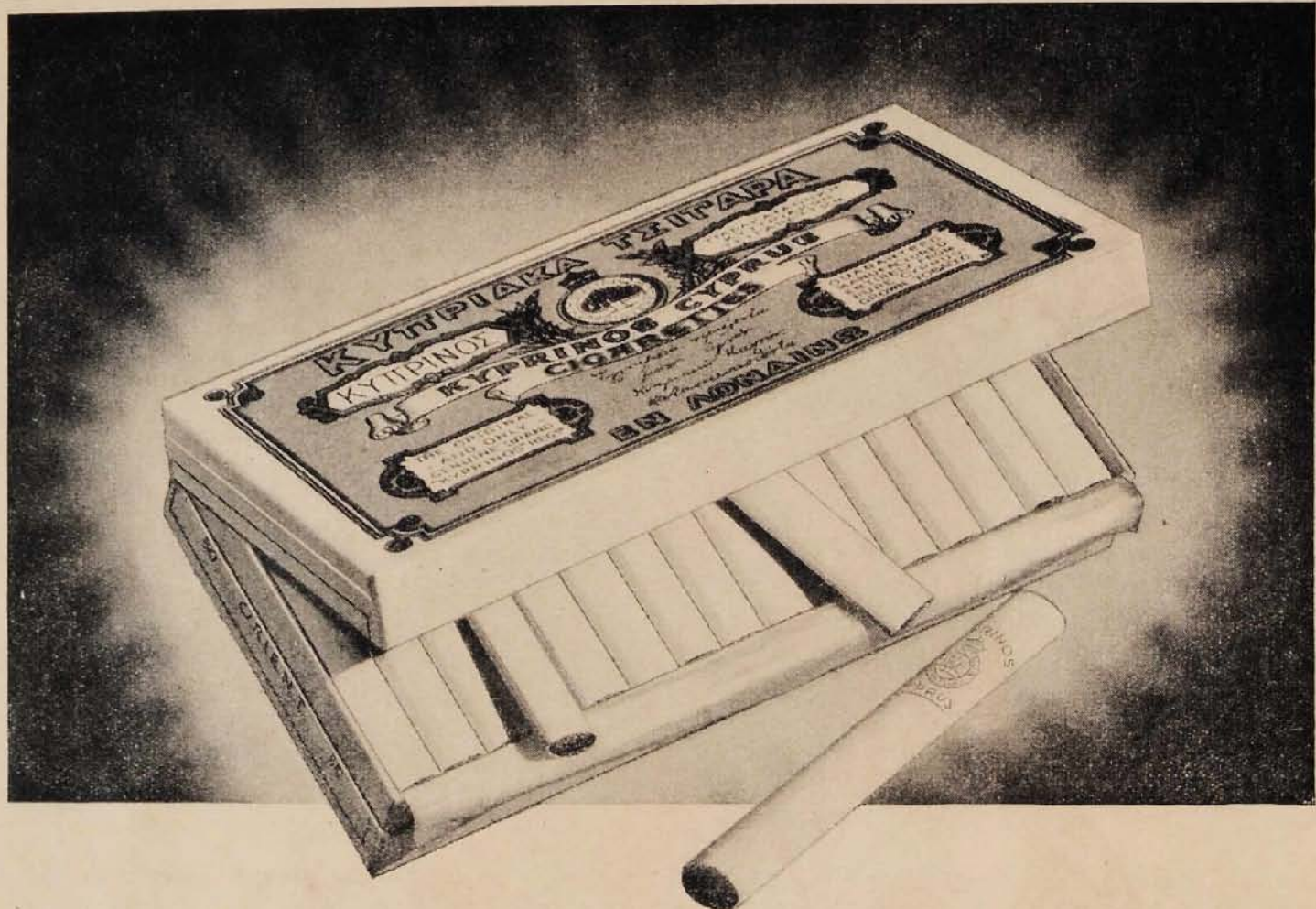


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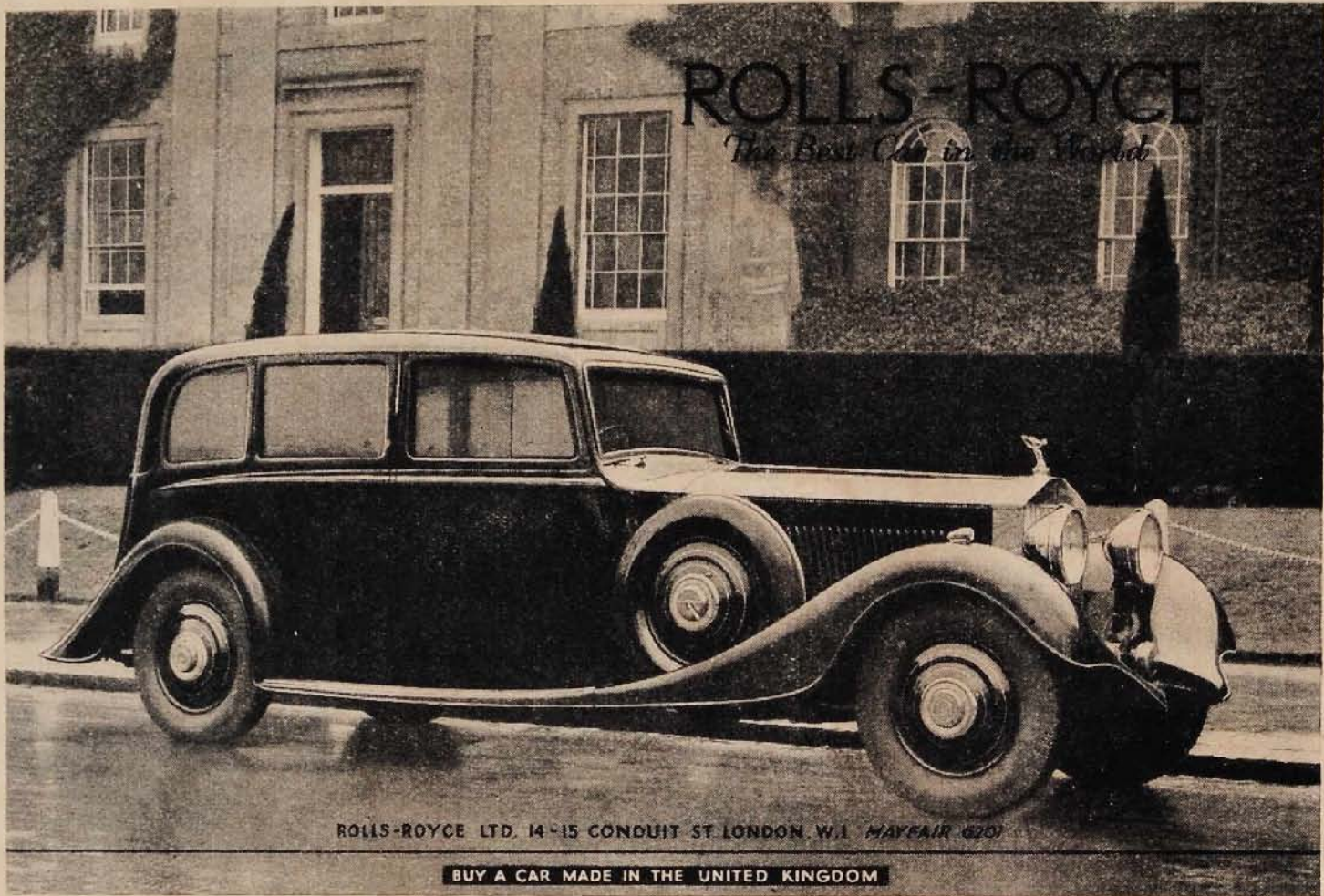
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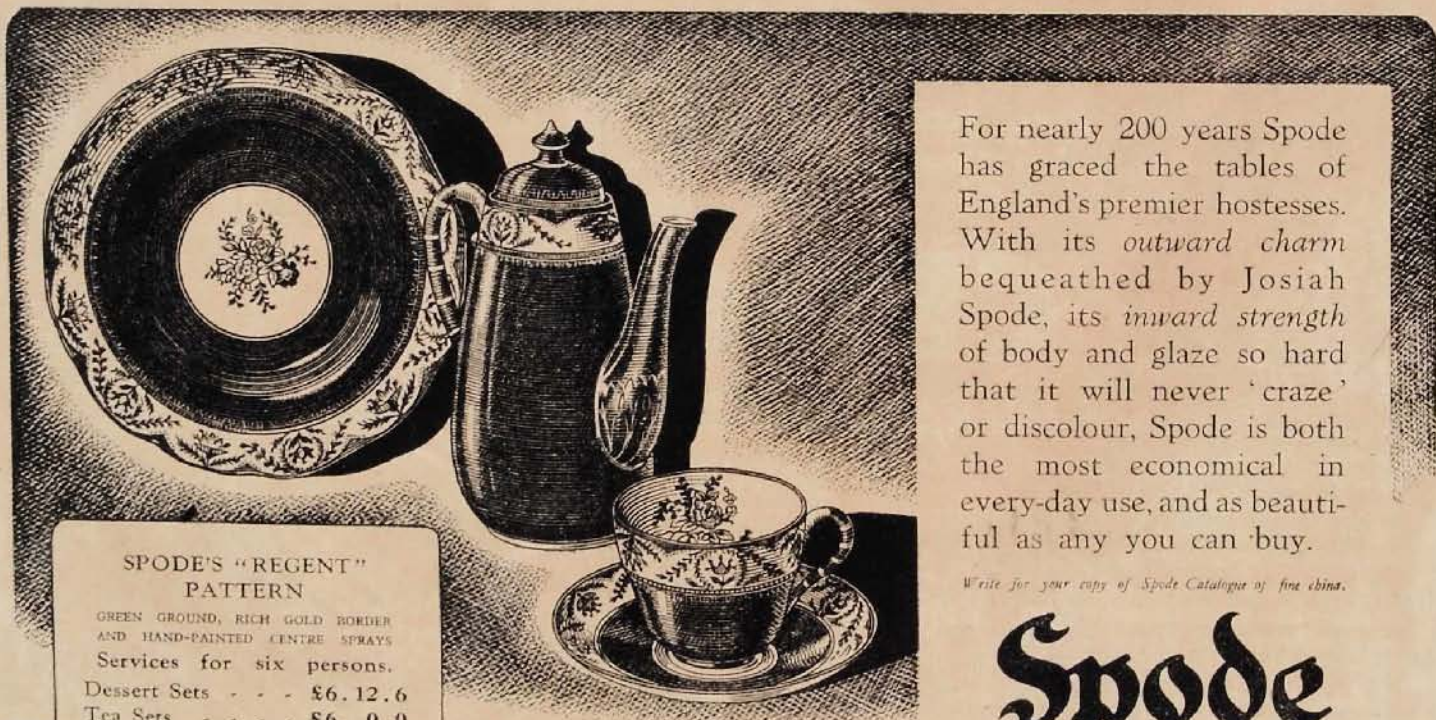
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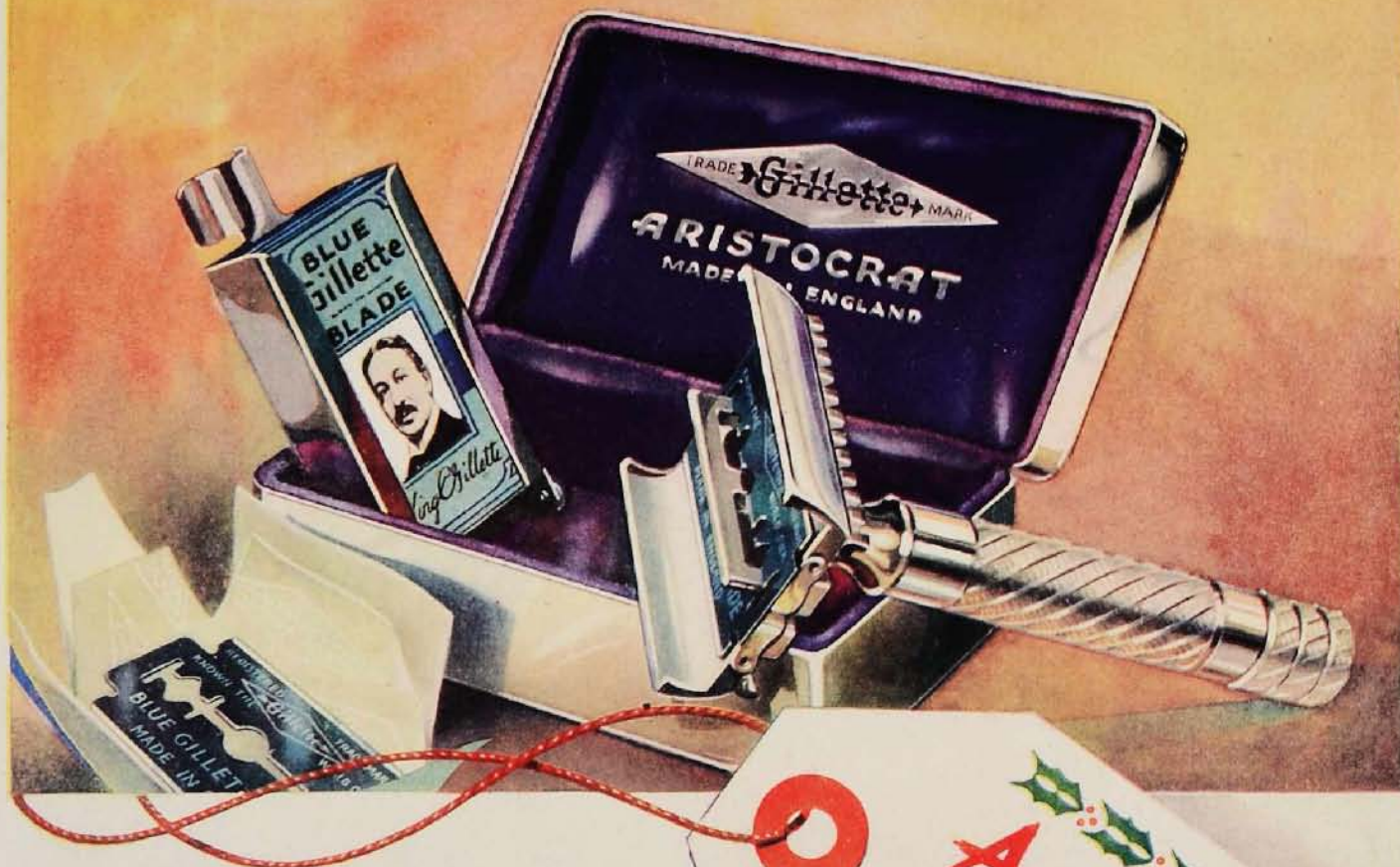
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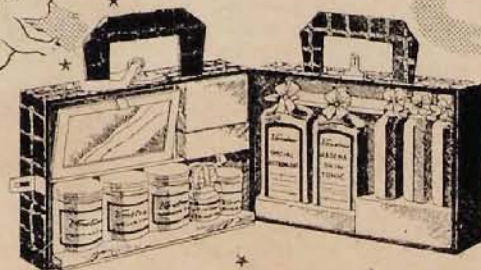


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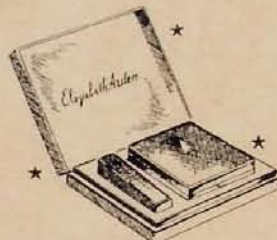


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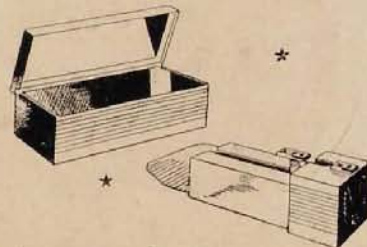


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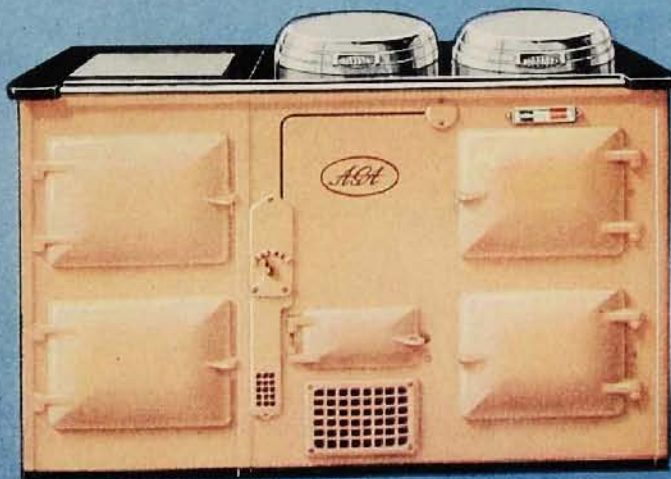
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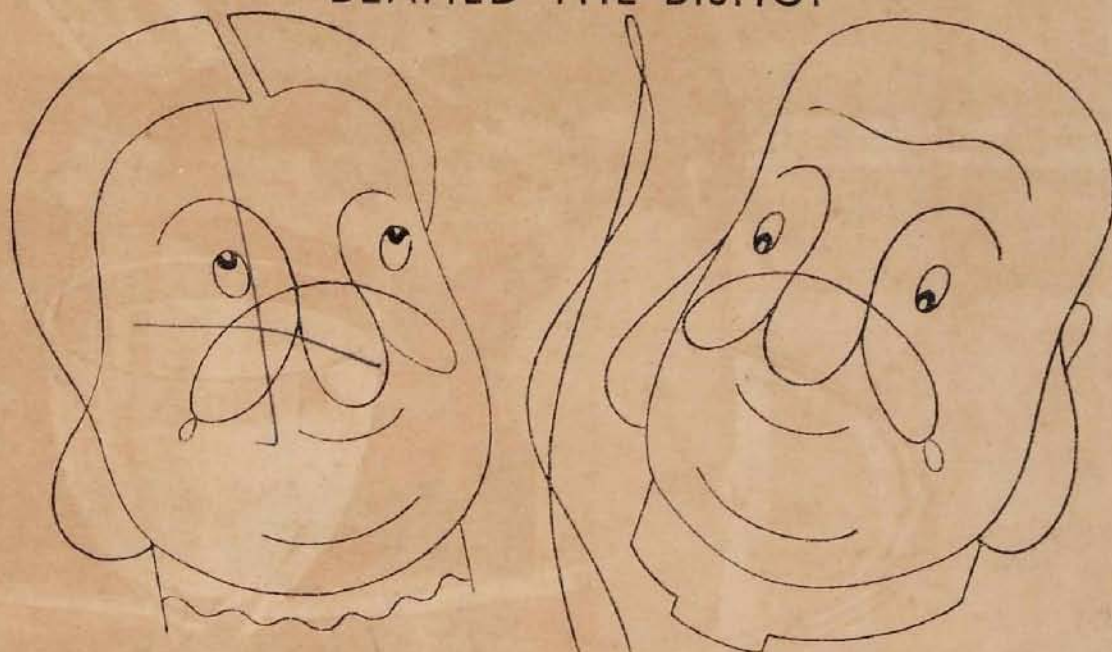
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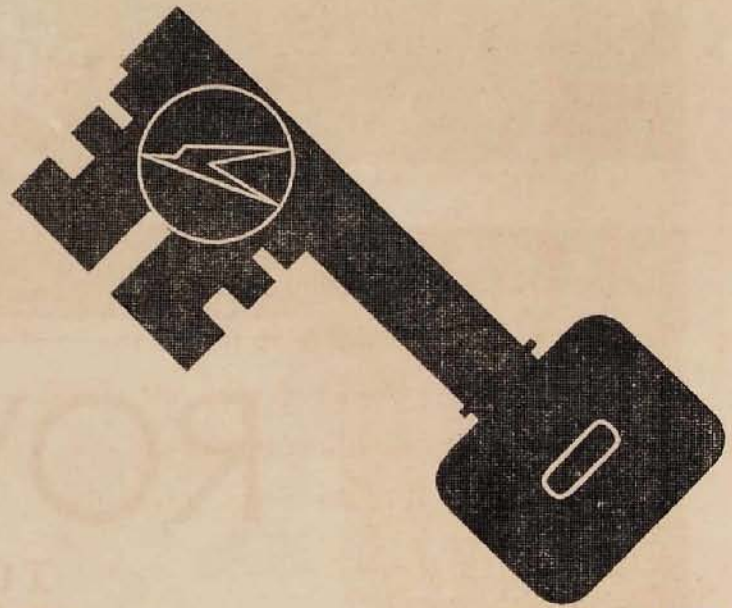
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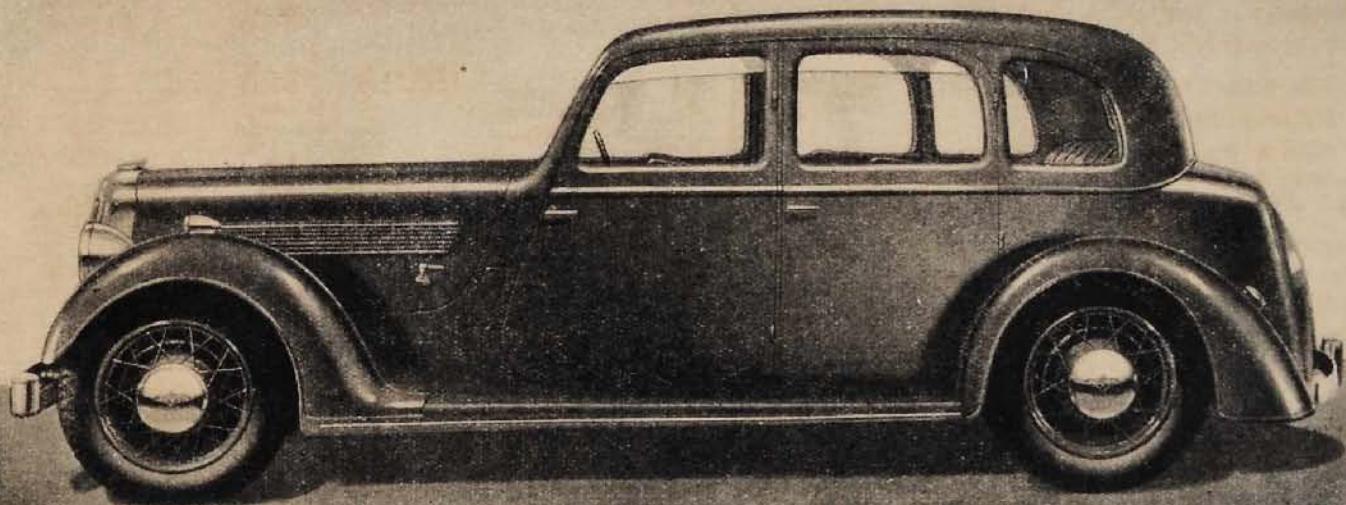
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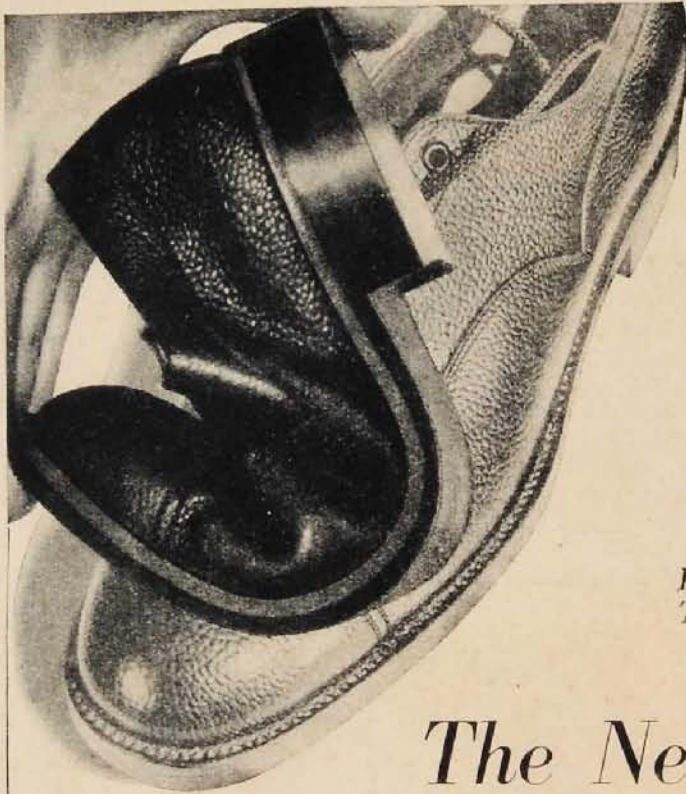
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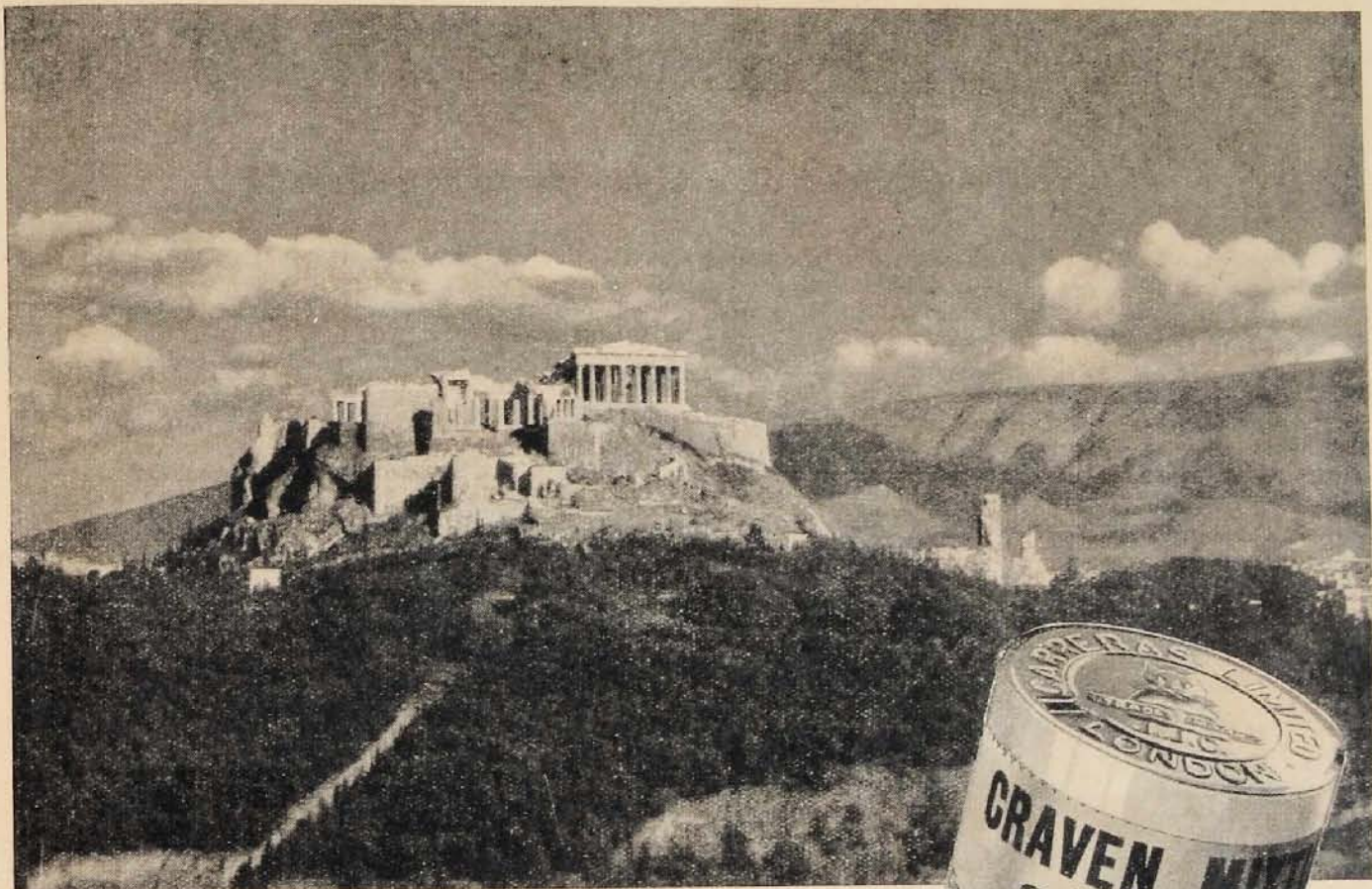
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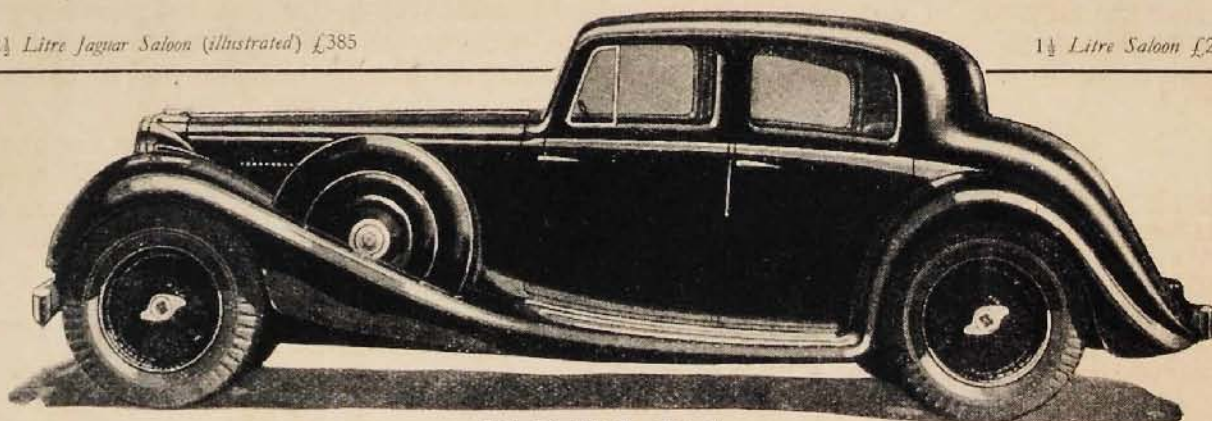
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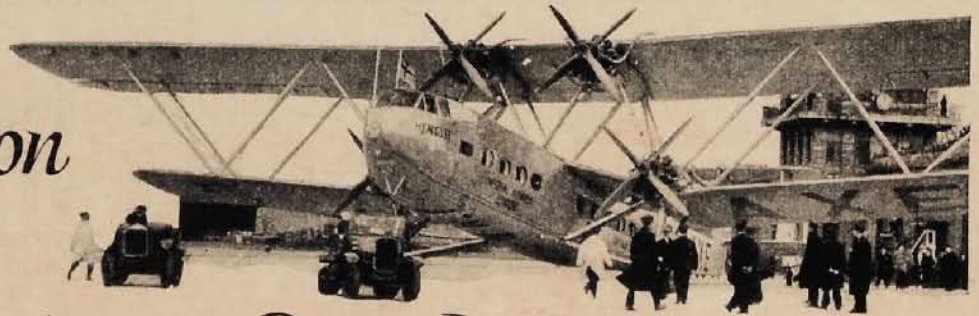
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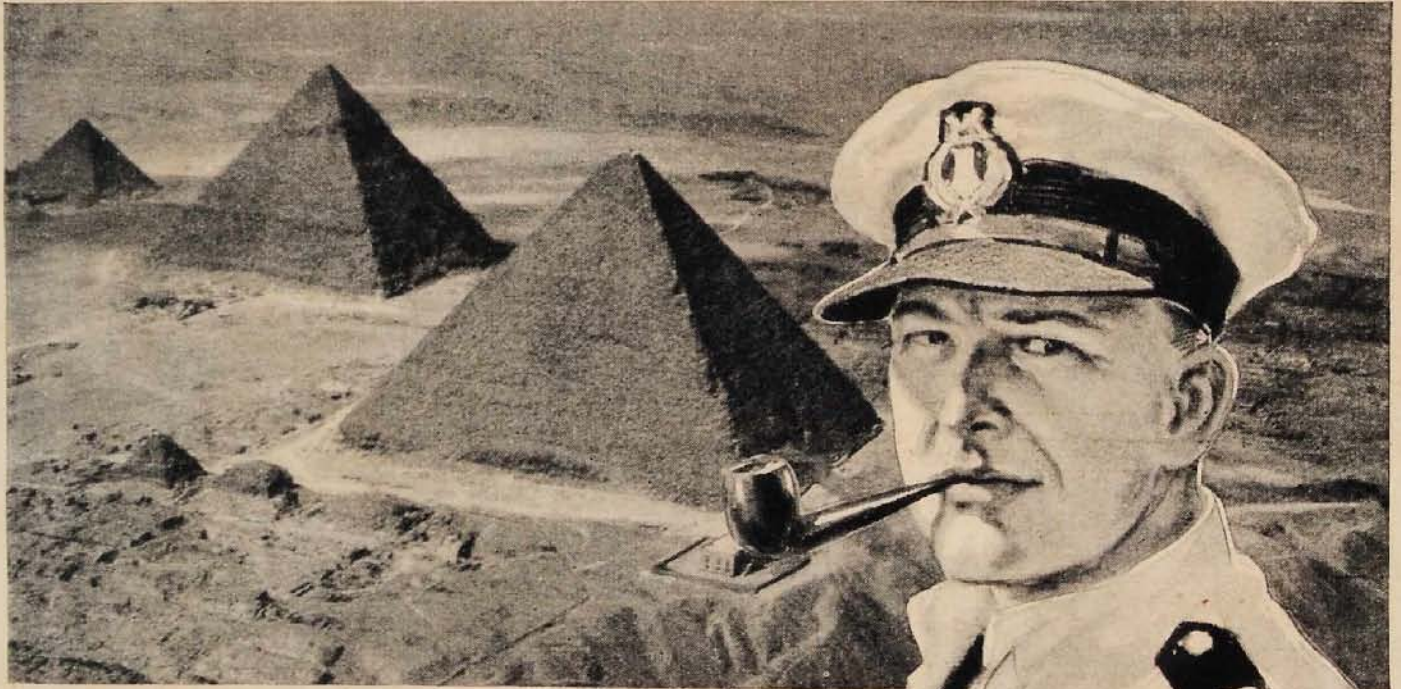
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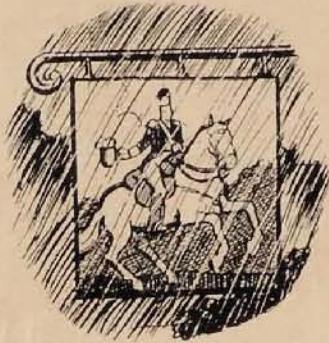
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WHEN PAUL WAS A YOUNG MAN, MANY YEARS AGO, HIS AMBITION WAS TO BECOME A GREAT PAINTER.



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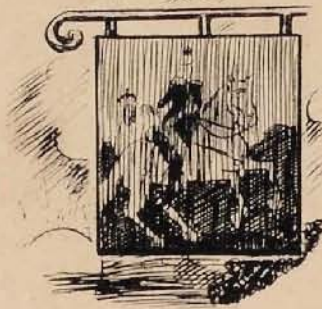
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AND PAUL GAVE UP ART AND WENT INTO BUSINESS—



AND PROSPERED.



AND STILL THE SIGN HUNG IN THE SUN AND WIND.



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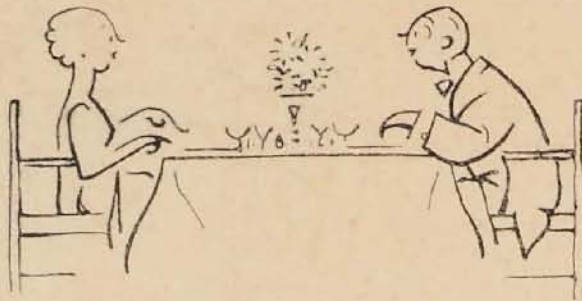


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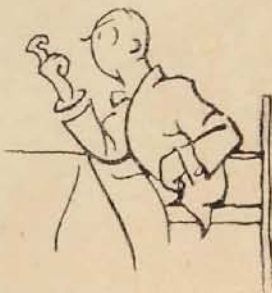
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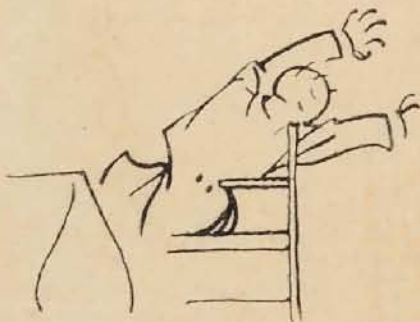
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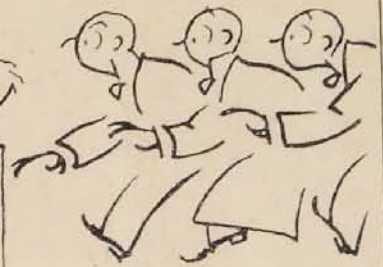
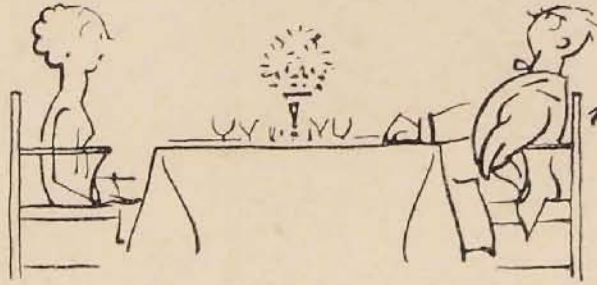
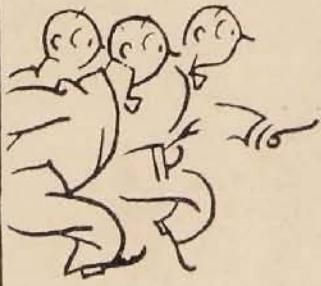
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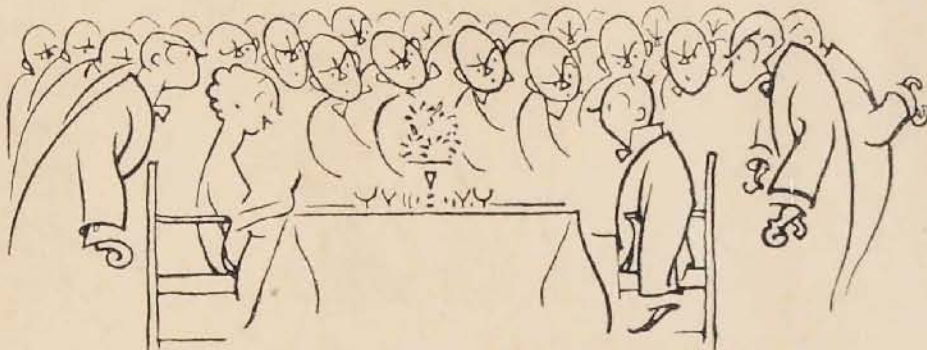
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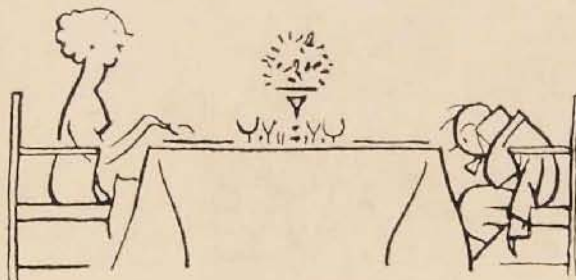
"RED PEPPER, PLEASE!—"



"FOR THIS LADY."



"OH, IT DIDN'T MATTER, REALLY—"



"I'VE MANAGED WITHOUT."

The Bogchester Chronicles

The Grey Monk of Bogge Manor

"Meadows, I have bequeathed to you the large brown overcoat and my second-best pair of riding-breeches. Let Mrs. Meadows have the table-linen, and tell Henry that he can keep his chauffeur's suit.

"For it may well be that your master will not be here in the morning. Who can tell the fate of those who cast mortal eyes on the dread shape of Geoffrey de Bouillon, the Grey Monk of Bogge Manor?"

"Nay, Henry, I will drive myself to the house. I will involve no one else in this venture. Farewell, old faithful friends, farewell!"

And with this affecting leave-taking I drive on to where the long low shape of Bogge Manor rises dark and sinister



"DARK AND SINISTER AGAINST THE MOONLIT STORM-WRACKED SKY."

against the moonlit storm-wracked sky. Six hundred years ago within these grey and crumbling walls the black-hearted monk Geoffrey de Bouillon most foully did to death a brother-priest. And now, so rumour says, his ghostly form has of late been revisiting the scene of his crime when the moon is at the full. He has been seen flitting down the dark and winding passages, while from behind him comes the blood-curdling sound of his victim, choking and sobbing out his life.

Such at least is the story, vouched for by the domestic staff of the Manor, which has grown up in the neighbourhood of Bogchester since the house, after a lapse of many years, has at last found a tenant.

It is a story to appal the stoutest heart on such a night as this. Nevertheless Sir George Gorge, the owner of the Manor, and I are not the sort to shirk a plain duty, however terrible, and we are determined to investigate to the full this rumour which is not only alarming the whole neighbourhood but is liable to cause considerable depreciation in a valuable property.

As I draw up opposite the massive front-door of the Manor Sir George's car sweeps up the drive, and the next minute he has descended to join me. In a low undertone he explains to me that during the afternoon he has been visited by Captain Featherstonehaugh, who has offered to come to-night, bringing with him a friend of his, a professional medium. They will, he says, be here shortly.

While admitting the usefulness of an expert in an important investigation such as this, I cannot feel that the Captain is the type of man I should willingly choose for a

crisis. But it is too late to raise objections now; we advance to the door and send a heavy knock echoing through the house.

AN UNGRACIOUS RECEPTION

There is a long pause, and then at last the door is opened by the tenant himself, Mr. Perkinson, an elderly gentleman of a rather difficult disposition, who has shown very little inclination to co-operate with us in our investigations. He holds a lantern in front of him and peers out into the night.

"Well, come in, come in," he calls out impatiently. "There are quite enough draughts in this house of yours, Sir George, without my needing to stand half the night at the front-door. I'm the only one left now; this infernal talk of ghosts frightened the last servant away this morning."

And with this ungracious reception we pass on into the house and gather round the big fireplace in the stone-flagged hall.

"Understand this," continues Mr. Perkinson: "If you want to hang about here looking for ghosts I can't stop you. I've lived here for three months now, and all I've seen is rats, mice, cockroaches and beetles. But have your bit of fun if you want to; I'm going to bed."

Having thus shown how completely he has failed to grasp the gravity of the situation, Mr. Perkinson lights a candle and mounts the staircase, leaving us to settle down to our vigil.

THE FIRST ALARM.

Almost immediately there comes from outside the front-door the sound of weird moans, eldritch cries and an occasional shriek. Sir George springs to his feet tense and shaken, but my nerves are stronger. "That will be Captain Featherstonehaugh, if I know anything of his habits," I remark impatiently. Sure enough, the next minute the Captain's head appears round the door. "Any ghosts about yet?" he bawls out in an offensive manner. "Come on then, ghost. Good ghost, then. I've brought a friend of yours to see you."

And with these words he ushers in a stout gentleman in



"ANY GHOSTS ABOUT YET?" HE BAWLS."

a loud tweed suit whom he introduces to us as Mr. Joseph Smith the well-known medium. Mr. Smith tells us to keep a good look-out and to call him if anything happens. He then seats himself in the most comfortable chair, props his feet up on the fender, yawns and announces that conditions are now favourable for him to go into a trance. Shortly afterwards his heavy breathing and occasional loud snores tell us that he is *en rapport* with the other world.

Sir George gives a sharp rebuke to the Captain for his

levity; but he has already wandered away, and can be heard in the distance opening and shutting doors and making loud comments on the furniture. Once again we settle down to wait.

SHUFFLING FOOTSTEPS

Some minutes pass, and then faintly from somewhere beneath us I hear "the sound of footsteps ascending—shuffling uncertain footsteps getting nearer every second. "To the cellar," I breathe, and by the light of a single candle we grope our way to the back premises. The cellar-door is open and an icy breath is blowing through it.

And the sounds show that some Thing, human or inhuman, is dragging its way up the steps.

"Who is there?" calls Sir George in quavering tones.

"I can call spirits from the vasty deep," replies a sepulchral voice.

Then—as we might have expected—Captain Featherstonehaugh emerges from the gloom, carrying a bottle of whisky under one arm and a siphon under the other. "Might as well make ourselves comfortable—what?" he says, uneasily meeting our indignant looks.

At this I move forward and snatch his burden from him. "Captain Featherstonehaugh," I cry, "this is no time for carousing. Kindly go and sit in the hall and let us have no more of this extraordinary behaviour, which has already jeopardised the success of this important and dangerous experiment."

"Oh, all right, all right," says the Captain moodily. "I only thought you looked as though you needed something to keep your courage up."

We return to the hall in indignant silence to resume our interrupted vigil. Mr. Smith is still deep in his trance, the fire is burning low, no sound is to be heard save the deep ticking of a clock in the background.

ONE'S BLOOD RUNS COLD

Suddenly from up above us, softly at first but rising in intensity, we hear a new sound, a sound to make the blood run cold, the choking gurgling sound of someone whose



"SOME THING, HUMAN OR INHUMAN, IS DRAGGING ITS WAY UP THE STEPS."

throat has been cut from ear to ear. The Grey Monk of Bogge Manor is with us in the house!

Captain Featherstonehaugh brings Mr. Smith out of his trance and we urge him silently before us up the staircase, for we are all tacitly agreed that it is best for an expert to have the first chance of seeing what is before us.

At the top of the stairs a long corridor stretches away into the darkness and at the far end of it a faint flickering light can be seen approaching. Breathlessly we flatten

ourselves against the wall as the light draws near enough to reveal the form of a cowed monk gliding silently down the passage. Pushed forward by Captain Featherstonehaugh and perspiring freely, Mr. Smith advances towards the apparition.

"Are you the ghost of Geoffrey de Bouillon, the Grey Monk of Bogge Manor?" he asks in shaking accents.

"No," says the apparition, "I am the ghost of Henry Perkinson, the unhappy tenant of Bogge Manor, who has been hounded to death by a party of busybodies."

UNMASKED

"So, Mr. Perkinson," says Sir George sternly, "you are the ghost of Bogge Manor? Perhaps you will explain to us why you are masquerading in a monk's robe?"



"ARE YOU THE GHOST OF GEOFFREY DE BOUILLON?"

And with that Mr. Perkinson for some reason or other seems to lose his self-control. He throws his candlestick to the ground, stamps on it and kicks it down the passage.

"Sir George," he cries out of the darkness, "I have worn this dressing-gown for forty years, my father wore it for twenty years before that, and this is the first time that half the neighbourhood have had to sit up to watch it coming out of the bathroom. Perhaps you would like to see my nightshirt now and tell me whether it looks like the ghost of MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS?"

"And were you also making that unpleasant choking noise, Sir?" I ask severely.

"Certainly not," replies Mr. Perkinson. "If you mean that beastly noise the bath makes whenever the water runs out, I have already complained about that to Sir George's agent. I expect the waste-pipe is blocked up with beetles, the same as the rest of the house."

"Ah!" says Sir George.

AN UNPLEASANT EPILOGUE

And it really seems as though our vigil is over. Mr. Perkinson asks if we would like to look under his bed to see if there are any ghosts there; but we refuse, as we already feel well satisfied with the night's work. With a word of reassurance to Mr. Perkinson—which is received somewhat ungraciously—we descend the staircase and pass out into the night, secure in the knowledge that the ghost of Bogge Manor has been laid for ever.

But the next morning I am surprised to see that there is an inaccurate and deplorably facetious account of our experiences in *The Clumphampton Mercury*. On inquiry I find that Mr. Smith, far from being an expert medium, is actually one of that paper's reporters. It is then that I realise the full folly of allowing Captain Featherstonehaugh any part in so important an investigation. H. W. M.

As Soon as Possible

A CORRESPONDENCE has recently taken place between my publishers and myself.

But not a straightforward man-to-man correspondence, like the kind between me and my butcher, or me and my Aunt Emma.

My publishers and I communicate with one another *via* my literary agent. This helps to swell the Inland Revenue account (extra stamps), and does its bit towards the reduction of the Unemployment figures (my literary agent's office-girl), and also serves to mark the difference—which is gradually becoming less and less obvious in most other ways—between English and American methods.

DEAR MISS PIN (*writes my agent*),—Messrs. Button and Mutton write that they would be glad to know as soon as possible whether you will have a new novel ready for inclusion in their Spring List, and, if so, if you could let them have a short descriptive paragraph. They would be glad to receive this as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,
G. W. A. F. CHEESE.

To this I reply:—

DEAR MR. CHEESE,—Will you be so kind as to let Messrs. Button and Mutton know as soon as possible that I am hoping to have a novel completed for inclusion in their Spring List. It is a very intensive psychological study of HENRY VIII., the rather well-known Tudor king.

Yours sincerely,
E. PIN.

DEAR MISS PIN,—Messrs. Button and Mutton have asked me to let you know as soon as possible that, whilst they are delighted to hear that you have got a new novel for them, they are rather anxious as to your choice of subject. Practically every writer of any significance, and many of none, has quite recently published a book about HENRY VIII., and they are a little bit afraid that the Tudor vogue may be running out.

They would be glad to hear your views as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,
G. W. A. F. CHEESE.

DEAR MR. CHEESE,—Could you inform Messrs. Button and Mutton as soon as possible that I will do my best to meet their views (as soon as possible)? The trend of my new novel is so

entirely psychological that I think I could substitute JONAH and the Whale for HENRY without in any way interfering with the theme.

If Messrs. Button and Mutton would let you know as soon as possible if they like the idea, would you let me hear from you as soon as possible, when I will effect the comparatively minor alterations involved as soon as possible?

Yours sincerely,
E. PIN.

Very well. Hardly have we settled Messrs. Button and Mutton, HENRY and JONAH (and the Whale) than the publishing world begins to get busy on the far side of the Atlantic.

My American publishers do not take any notice of Mr. G. W. A. F. Cheese. They go straight to the fountain-head (me):—

MY DEAR MISS PIN,—We in New York are all so happy to hear that we may hope to bring out another of your wonderful novels in the Fall. That's just the best news!

Now, I wonder if you could find a minute to have your secretary cable us the title, chapter-headings and main theme of your book, together with a quite brief outline of the plot? This will enable our boys to get right on with a big advance-advertising campaign all over this country.

I just can't tell you how very much we are all of us right here in this office looking forward to the arrival of your manuscript.

Cordially,
FRANK B. HOCK.
(*Messrs. Hock, Bassedge & Co.*)

Well, there are reasons, or anyway there's *one* reason, why I don't have my secretary do as Mr. Frank B. Hock suggests. But I convey the necessary information to him, and two days later his return cable arrives:—

Your theme absolutely O.K. by us but would suggest HENRY TUDOR sex-life somewhat overdone of late prefer alternative offered JONAH stop suggest you elaborate well-known episode with whale as can see great film possibilities stop also suggest very careful handling final catastrophe avoiding anything likely to offend humanitarian susceptibilities stop this with reference to Women's Magazine Editors in view possible serialization stop letter follows stop very cordially.—FRANK B. HOCK.

Nor does it end there.

Whilst I am already settling down—spurred on by encouraging cables—to thinking about my next novel—(*not*

HENRY VIII. and not, now, JONAH and the Whale, but what about Yankee Doodle?)—the Transatlantic telegraph-lines are kept alive, the excitement grows and grows; Mr. Hock, Mr. Bassedge, Co.—“our boys,” I suppose?—get more and more happy and busy and more and more cordially mine.

Mr. G. W. A. F. Cheese enters into his own when the moment comes for arranging a contract. Whether Mr. Hock, Mr. Bassedge or our boys are on the same terms of blithe intimacy with him that they are with me I do not know. Mr. Cheese has ceased—temporarily—to write to me. He is far too fully occupied with his snappy American correspondence—so different from Messrs. Button and Mutton's efforts.

The only thing is, when one comes down to actual *sales*—on either side of the Atlantic—is there so much difference in results as in methods? One of those questions that we must all answer for ourselves. As soon as possible.

E. M. D.

Old Dancing Days

At a dance in the jolly old nineties
We galloped all over the room;
We had never heard then of a floor
twelve by ten
Where we'd amble with faces of gloom.

When we sat at our dinner or supper
We tackled each excellent dish,
And didn't go puffin' around full of muffin
Or waltz 'tween the soup and the fish.

The dancing was more like a riot,
Each partner was seized in a grip
Like a wrestler's hold, for disasters
untold
Was her fate if she happened to slip.

In the rollicking polkas and lancers
The timorous went to the wall,
For we dashed like expresses; 'twas
rough on the dresses,
Though that didn't matter at all.

As we crashed with a joyous abandon
Into most of the couples around,
A spot of reversing set everyone cursing
And several went to the ground.

In a furious gallop to end with
And shouting for all we were worth,
With joy undiminished, the third collar
finished
And shirt-front like nothing on earth,

We were footsore, bedraggled and
dripping,
A sight to draw tears from the gods,
Our partners were tattered, but none
of that mattered,
We were happy, so what was the odds?



ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF NAUGHTINESS IN THE NINETIES.



THE SURREALIST'S NIGHTMARE.



THE DENTIST

THE FIN DE (HOLIDAY) SAISON PARTY

A HINT TO HOSTESSES



INTRODUCTIONS ARE EFFECTED WITH DIFFICULTY—



AND ARE FOLLOWED BY A CERTAIN COOLNESS—



AND LACK OF DECORUM.



EVEN REVERSIONS TO "CAVE-MAN" BEHAVIOUR ARE NOT UNKNOWN.

THE FIN DE (HOLIDAY) SAISON PARTY

A HINT TO HOSTESSES



ICES AND LEMONADE CREATE A SOME-
WHAT FRIENDLIER ATMOSPHERE—

BUT WITH A SUGGESTION OF DANCING, GLOOM
AGAIN DESCENDS—



AND IT IS NOT UNTIL A QUANTITY OF EXCRUCIATINGLY NOISY INSTRUMENTS ARE PRODUCED THAT THE CLOUD
DISPELS AND ALL IS PEACE AND HARMONY.

THE MOVEMENT FOR MORE USEFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS



BAYONET-PRACTICE OUTFIT FOR LITTLE JIM



FIELD-BOOTS FOR SISTER MATILDA



FIRST-AID OUTFIT FOR NIECE SUSAN ANNE



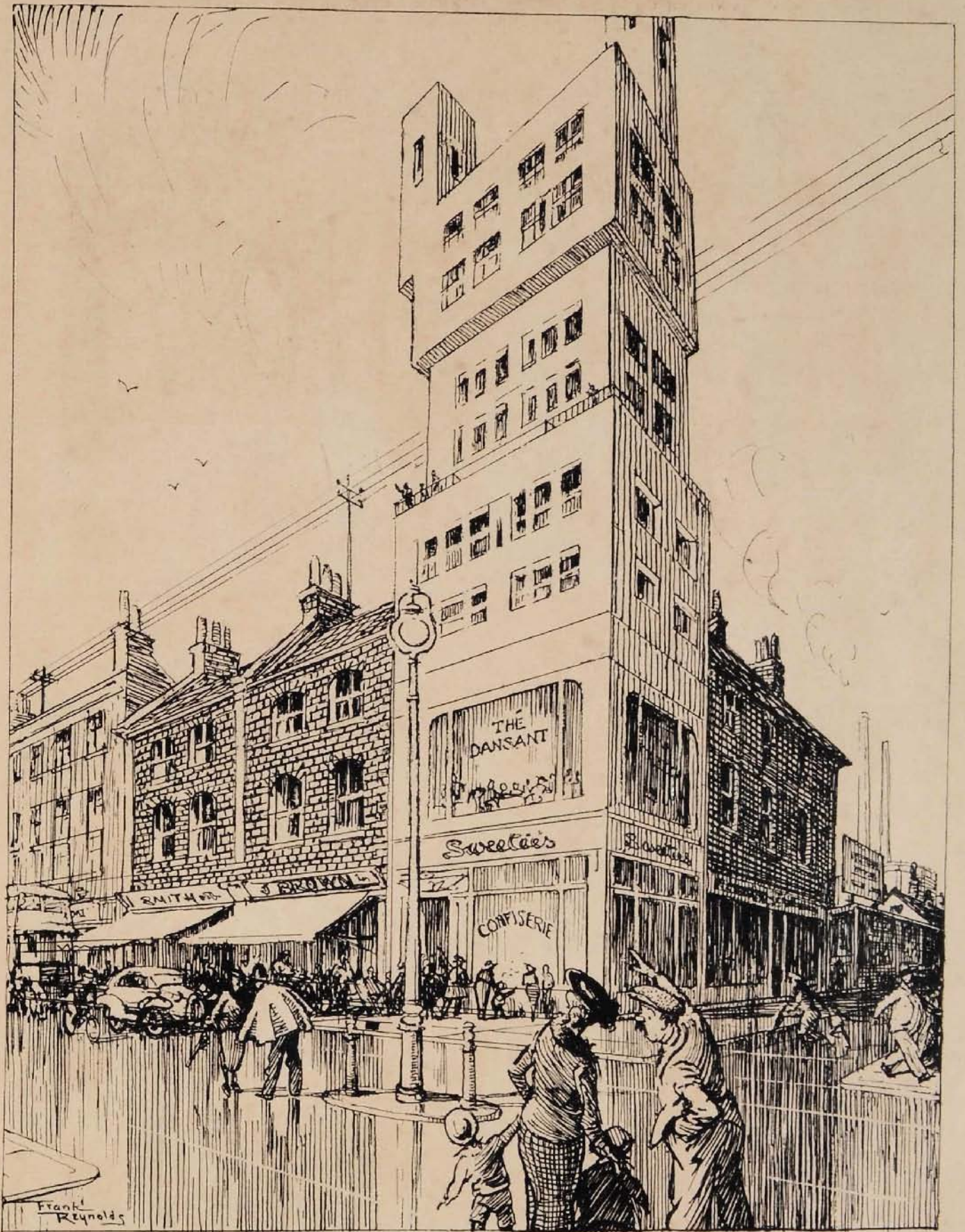
A SUB-MACHINE-GUN FOR YOUNG TOM



A STEEL HELMET FOR UNCLE DICK



THE LATEST THING IN GAS-MASKS FOR AUNTIE EILEEN



Former Resident. "STRUTH! THEY 'AVENT 'ALF REBUILT THE LITTLE SWEET-STUFF SHOP!"



THE SHY GUESTS WHO SHIED



THE BLIND MAN'S DOG

A LESSON IN EXPRESSION



THE TRY-OUT

Very Hard-boiled Manager. "LEFT 'AND'S DOIN' NOWT!"

THE ACTOR WHO GOT INTO A RUT



HE MADE SUCH A SUCCESS AS THE HIND-LEGS OF A HORSE—



THAT HE WAS EVER AFTERWARDS—



IN CONSTANT DEMAND—



FOR THE IMPERSONATION—



OF ANIMALS—



WHILE ALL THE TIME HIS REAL AMBITION WAS TO DO THIS KIND OF THING.

Working in the Dark

(The story of a true Englishman and how he held the whole alphabet at bay)

"Did you ever hear how I once let down the British Empire?" asked Big Bill Strangerson with a yawn.

We were discussing a bottle of exquisite pimento wine in Guffy Thompson's rooms at the time (a grateful President of Guadeloupe had bestowed it upon him at the time of the Ratterson business), and the talk had turned naturally upon the queer places we had seen and the queerer things some of us had done in remote outposts of the Empire.

"You're joking of course," observed Fletcher of Barts, deftly twisting his long black cigar (Collinsons of the Haymarket used to get them over specially for him from

almost silently. "We can't let it rest at that, you know"—and I think we all felt—I know I did—that he was only putting into words what was already in the mind of each one of us.

Bill looked slowly round at our intent faces with an expression I couldn't fathom—not then, anyhow. It was not quite a grin and yet it was not quite anything else. Have you ever seen the look on the face of an Annamite *klong* priest when he is just about to offer himself to Buthnu? Well, it was that sort of look.

"I'd better tell you the whole story," he said.



"WE WERE DISCUSSING A BOTTLE OF EXQUISITE PIMENTO WINE."

Cochin-China) in those strong supple fingers of his that could isolate a man's lobelium or trisect a malignant clavicle as easily as you or I could saw a plank in half.

"I'm perfectly serious," replied Strangerson quietly (he was not called "Big Bill" for nothing).

There was a moment of absolute silence. To say that we were shocked at hearing such a confession from a man with Strangerson's record gives no inkling of the electric atmosphere that seemed suddenly to fill the room. We were all old friends of Bill's and we should hardly have been human had we not been profoundly moved. Sir Egerton Crumb (he refused the K.C.B. offered him for his share in the Bramahputra affair) paused with a match halfway to his unlighted cigarette; Davies, the eminent K.C., began feverishly to polish his spectacles, and even General Post, who had faced CETEWAYO'S *impis* without a tremor, raised his great tangled eyebrows for a moment.

"You'll have to explain yourself, old chap," he said

THE ENCOUNTER

"It was a good many years ago that the thing happened," began Bill Strangerson when he had got his pipe going to his satisfaction. "The actual year doesn't matter, but it was a fine November evening, I remember, when I turned into a little coffee-house off the Mile End Road where one can get the best *champignons aux fines herbes* in London—"

"Josef's?" suggested Davies.

"Ah! I wondered if any of you would know it. Well, I had given my order and was sipping a glass of Château de la Pomme de Terre '06, that noblest of red wines, when a fellow I didn't know from Adam came staggering across the room, gasped out something of which I could only catch the word 'Bokhara' repeated twice, and collapsed across the table. When I tried to lift him up I saw to my horror that a great crimson stain was spreading slowly

over the cloth. It was obvious that it was all up with the poor chap.

"Well, I've had a little experience of this sort of affair, as you know, and I don't suppose much more than an hour-and-a-quarter had passed before I was down at Croydon chartering a plane for Bokhara. I had left the Mile End Road by tram, changed my hat, coat and beard



"A FELLOW I DIDN'T KNOW CAME STAGGERING ACROSS THE ROOM."

in a taxi between Ludgate Circus and Euston, taken a roundabout route by train and completed my journey from Kingston to the aerodrome on a borrowed bicycle, so I had good hopes that even if I had been watched leaving Josef's I should have thrown my pursuers off the trail. I didn't know then, you see, what I was up against."

BOKHARA

Strangerson paused to relight his immense Siberian *narghile*.

"Any of you fellows know Bokhara?" he asked casually.

"I was out there for a few days in 'nineteen," said Thompson. "For the flamingo-shooting."

There was a shout of laughter.

"There aren't any flamingoes in Bokhara, my dear chap," said the General as soon as he could speak.

"The flamingo-shooting was a blind," said Thompson quietly. "I was there on pretty serious business really—something to do with the Russian scare. You see, I reasoned that Mushiloff and his thugs would never give a second thought to a man who was fool enough to go to Bokhara after flamingo. I was right too as it happened."

"You probably know Yussuf's then?" Bill asked.

Thompson nodded. "The best goat's-liver in Turkestan," he agreed.

"Well, I went along there the moment I landed. It's a dirty little wine-shop in a back-street behind the market—as good a place to get your throat cut as you could want—and I guessed I was as likely to find out what the game was there as anywhere. There were a couple of rough-looking Armenians at a table near mine who aroused my suspicions from the first. Sure enough after a while I heard one of them say to the other, 'Y bersovak na rumba?' ('At half-past nine, then?') I pulled out my gold repeater (a memento from the President of a small South American republic for whom I once did some slight service) and saw that I had less than two hours in which to act. Next moment I felt

a sickening blow on the back of my head and knew no more. . . ."

In the silence that followed Strangerson slowly filled and lit his pipe.

"When I came to my senses," he went on as soon as his *narghile* was going to his satisfaction, "I found myself lying on a heap of garbage in a narrow alley being worried almost to death by hyenas. I drove the animals off and took stock of my position. My papers, including the cloakroom ticket for my hat at Josef's and an important letter from a stockbroker, were untouched, but my watch was gone. It was obvious that this business was a good deal more serious than I had expected."

He lit another pipe.

"Clearly the next thing to do was to decide what to do next. Suddenly I remembered that queer little dance-hall place—Maraschino's, isn't it?"

"The best nautch-girls in the Middle East," murmured the General dreamily.

. . . and it came to me in a flash that that must be the place of the rendezvous at half-past nine. Rapidly hooking on a large red beard and wrapping a bournous round my shoulders, I made my way to the dingy building, slipped past the gigantic Persian doorkeeper and walked boldly into the *dogri* or hall. There I had a bit of a shock. In my trade you have to learn to conceal your emotions, but I confess I nearly betrayed

myself by a start of surprise when the first person my eyes rested on was —, who had been a colleague of mine in the old Secret Service days. I can't tell you his name—"

"No. 4?" suggested Fletcher noiselessly. (He had been in the game himself until one of the Mad Wallah's elephants knelt on his head at Bolapore in '96 and forced him to settle down to surgery. Had the injury proved fatal Mysore might have been lost to the Empire—but that is another story.)

Bill struck a match.

"We will call him K if you don't mind. I mustn't



"I FOUND MYSELF LYING ON A HEAP OF GARBAGE."

mention even his number. Well, there was K sitting on a couch with a beautiful Circassian girl drinking *muk*; it was vital that I should let him know immediately who I was and how matters stood without betraying either myself or him to the enemy. Quick as thought I pushed over, as if by accident, a huge statue of Vishnu on to a group of villainous-looking Kurds, and under cover of the resulting confusion leaned over and whispered in K's ear, 'It is to be at half-past nine.'

"Hop it, Strangerson," he said.

"Baffled by his demeanour, I hurriedly wrote a shorthand account of the affair at Josef's on a palm-leaf and passed it over to him on the pretence of offering a match.

"Go to hell," he said; "I'm on holiday."

"At my wits' end, I seized a teaspoon and rapped out a description in Morse of the assault at Yussuf's. As the tale proceeded I saw a look of sudden resolution pass over his face. It was clear that he had decided to trust me. He bent towards his beautiful companion.

"Tamara," he said gently, "one of your shoulder-straps is showing."

"When the girl had retired in confusion and we were alone, K began to speak in crisp concise undertones. "You must go," he said rapidly, "to a place called Bhosh, a hundred and forty miles south-east-by-east from here, and ask for a man named Ghob. If he is not there, wait. If he fails to appear within ten days of your arrival, act on your own initiative. But you must start to-night."

"I looked up and saw that the villainous-looking Kurds were making their way towards our table.

"I will go at once," I said."

SOUTH-EAST-BY-EAST TO BHOSH

"I will not weary you with an account of my journey from Bokhara. Suffice it to say that, though mounted on an excellent camel, it was nearly a week before I caught sight of the huddle of low stone huts which constitute the village of Bhosh, so many were the perils and difficulties I encountered on the way. Tired and hungry, I crawled into the nearest hut and found myself, so soon as my eyes became accustomed to the gloom, in a chamber some ten feet square with a ceiling not more than four feet from the ground. At the far end sat an old man milking a goat.

"Greetings!" I said, addressing him in Tamil. "I seek one styling himself Ghob."

"He is not here," answered the old man in fluent Pushtu.



"BE OFF, OR I'LL SET THE GOAT ON YOU!"

"After how many revolutions of the sun do you look to see him return?"

"We in Bhosh know of no such person," he returned.

"Come!" I said sternly. "Are you not Ghob yourself?"

"A most extraordinary change seemed to come over the old man.

"Be off, you English dog," he cried wildly, waving his arms, "or I'll set the goat on you!"

"I have never, as you know, been the man to submit readily to insult, and at his words I sprang to my feet in momentary forgetfulness of my surroundings. I felt a dull blow on the top of my head and knew no more. . . .

"When I came to my senses and found myself stretched on the floor of the hut, alone save for the goat, I began to take stock of my position. It was not a pleasant one. If



"ONE OF THE WAITERS IMMEDIATELY STEPPED FORWARD."

it was true, as the old man had said, that there was no Ghob in Bhosh, why had K sent me out here? Surely not merely to get rid of me? Or—wait a minute. Was it not possible that the man I had spoken with at Maraschino's was not K at all but one of the gang cleverly made up to resemble him? Yes, yes, that must be it. The more I thought over the curious behaviour of the man I had thought to be K the more convinced I became that he was not K but an impostor, whom we will call Z. It had been Z's job to get me away from Bokhara. But in that case why send me here? Why not back to England? And then in a flash I saw it all. Not only was Z an impostor, *the man in Josef's was in it too.* He (W, let us say) had played his part well. He knew that, with my training, it was only necessary for me to hear the word 'Bokhara' from the lips of a dying man to be off for the East at once. It was easy now, looking back, to realise that the stain on the tablecloth was not blood but claret from my glass, upset deliberately to deceive me. From first to last the operations of the gang had been directed towards the sole purpose of getting me out of England and keeping me out, while they carried through their devilish scheme, whatever it might be. And I had been fooled—fooled to the top of my bent. With a strangled oath I beat my fists impotently against the ground. Then, realising that there was not a moment to be lost, sprang madly to my feet—and knew no more.

THE RECKONING

"A fortnight later I was in London, making my way hot-foot to Josef's, which must obviously be the starting-point of my investigations. There I assembled Josef himself, the four waiters, the chef, two under-chefs, three scullery-boys and a doorman.

"Is there somewhere," I asked, "where we can be alone?"

"Josef led us down to the boiler-house and shut the door.

"You may speak quite freely here, Monsieur," he said.

"Briefly I described what had occurred on my last visit to the restaurant. 'Do any of you,' I asked, 'know anything of the man who collapsed across my table?'"

"One of the waiters immediately stepped forward. 'He is here to-night, Monsieur,' he said. 'At Table No. 4.'"

Strangerson paused uncertainly for a moment, and Fletcher looked up at him.

"That was an indiscretion, Bill," he said quietly. "Call it Table B."

"We're all friends here," put in Sir Egerton. "Go on, Bill."

"Well, as you can imagine, I was at the door the instant I heard that this man—W—was in the place. 'Not a word of this to anyone!' I cautioned them and leapt up the stairs."

"The waiter was perfectly correct. There in an alcove sat the man I had come to hate above all other men in the world. I was on fire with excitement but my mind

was perfectly calm. I decided to play upon him the trick he had played upon me; to see whether, by using the element of surprise, I could force an admission from his lips.

"In three strides I was across the room.

"'Bokhara!' I cried, and swept his wineglass to the floor.

"Next instant I felt a sickening blow on my nose and knew no more. . . ."

"And that," said Bill Strangerson slowly, lighting pipe after pipe, "is really the end of my story. I never saw Z or W or the old man with the goat again."

There was a long silence.

"But the Empire," said General Post at last. "How

exactly did you let the Empire down?"

Bill knocked his pipe out against the fender.

"Oh, that," he said—"that's another story."

We knocked him out against the mantelpiece. H. F. E.

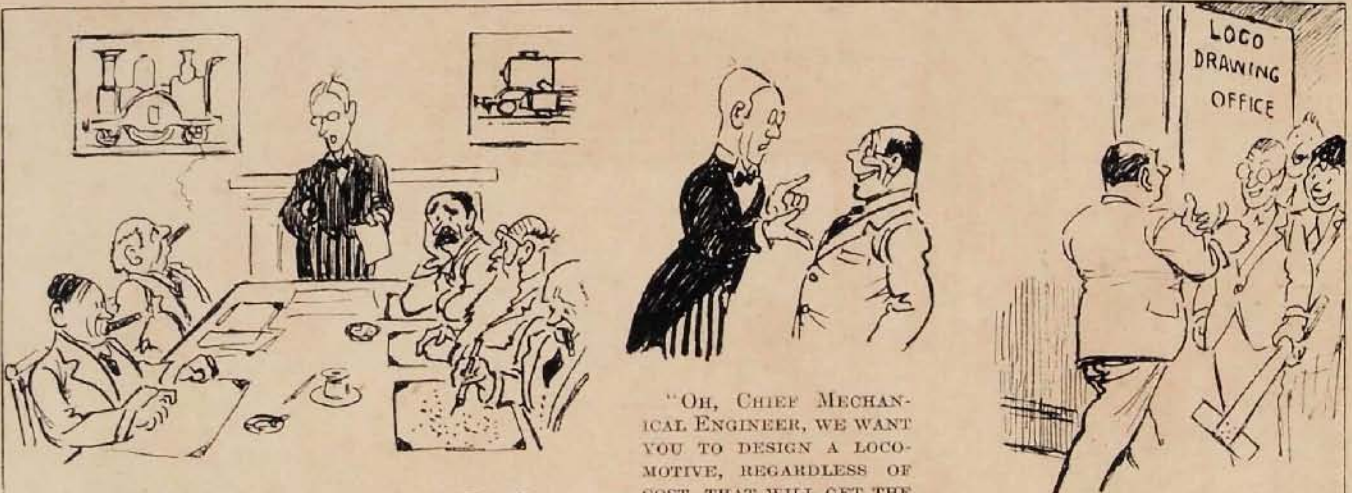


"I . . . KNEW NO MORE."



"NOW, MIND YER TEMPO, ALF!"

THE SAVED FIFTEEN MINUTES



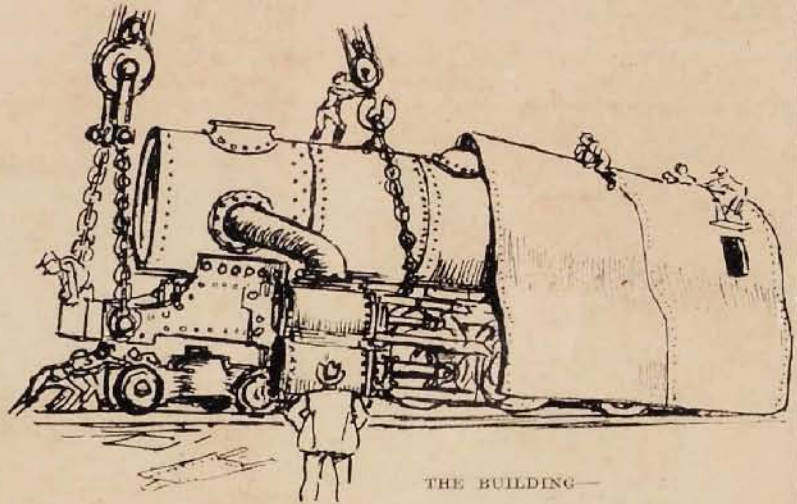
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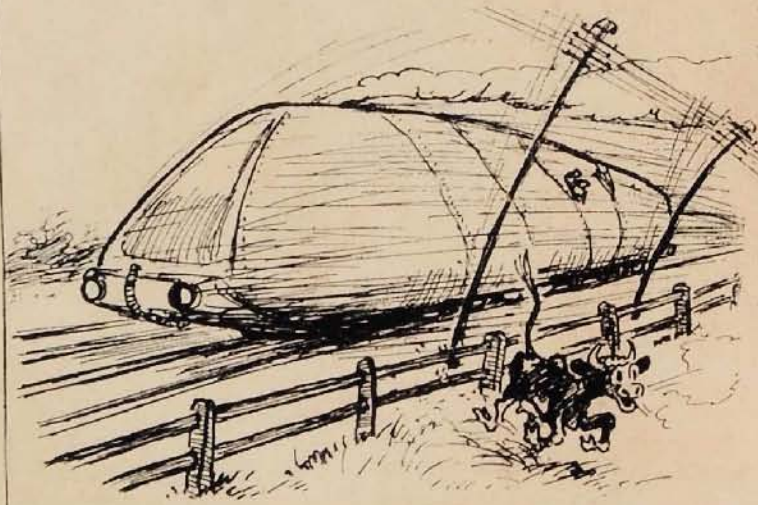
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"BANG ON THE NEW TIME. THAT EXTRA QUARTER OF AN HOUR IS GOING TO BE ENORMOUSLY USEFUL TO BUSY PEOPLE."



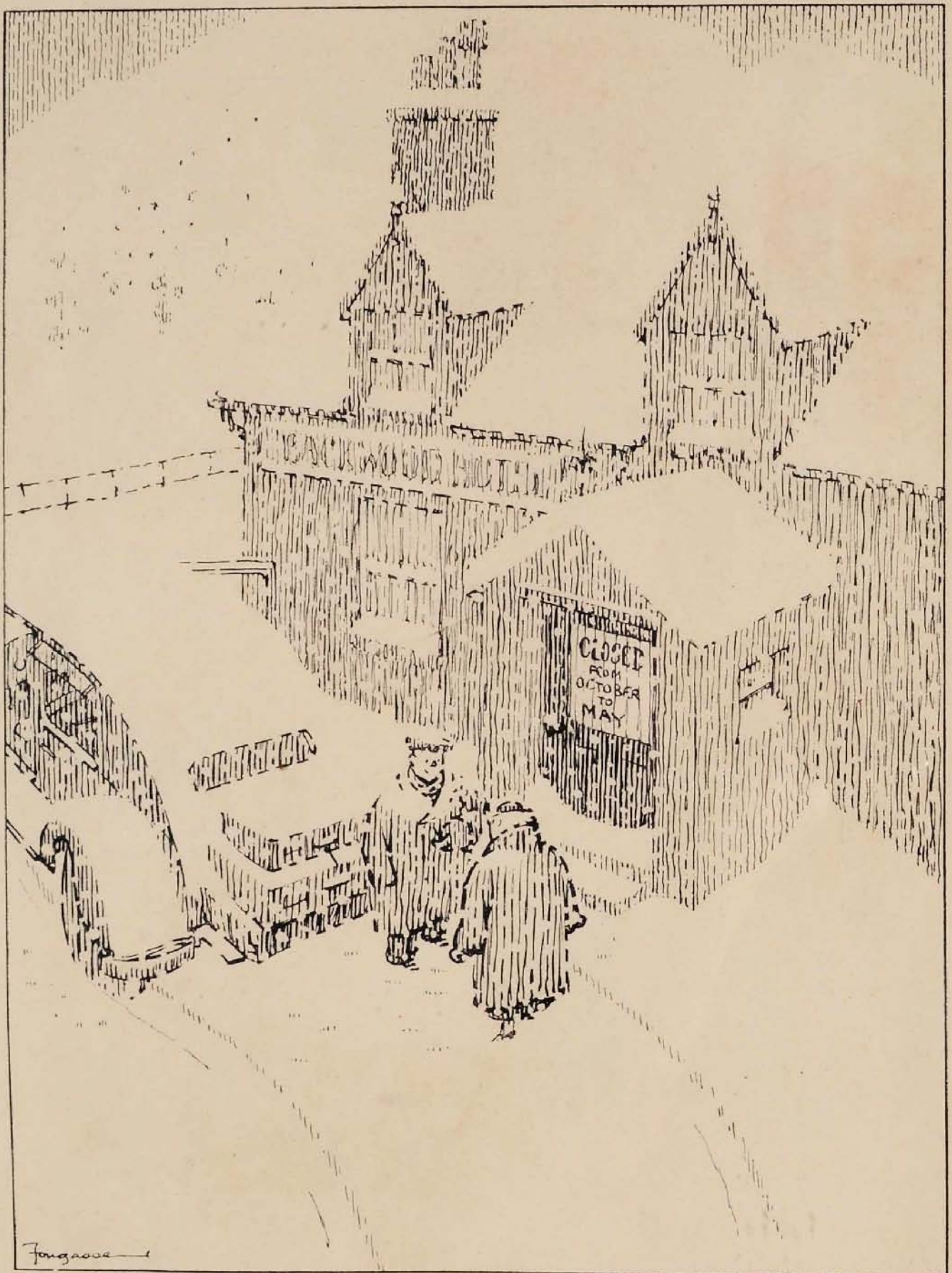
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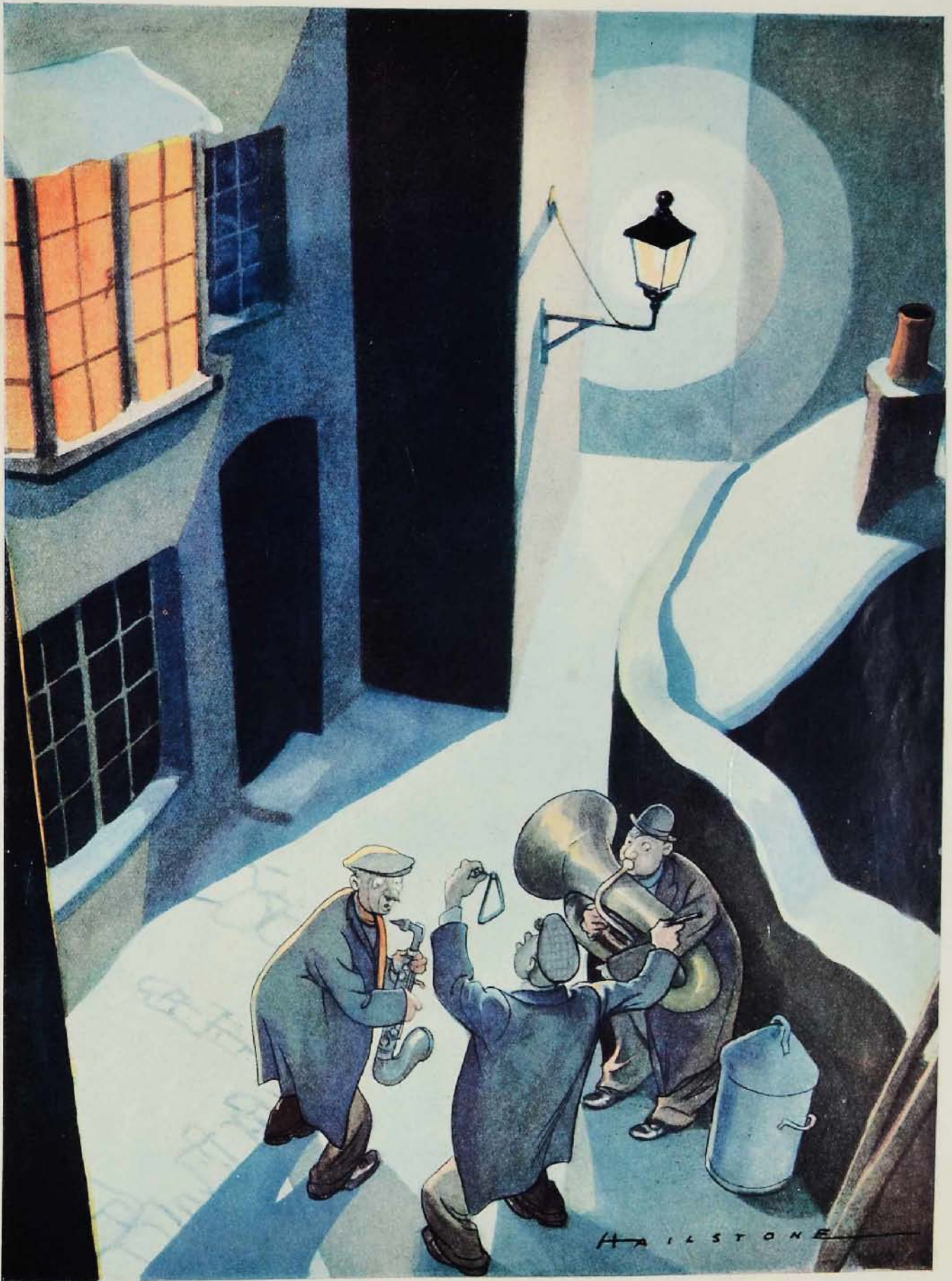
"WELL, WHAT IS IT?"



"GOOD MORNING, OLD MAN. YES, RATHER, THE SAME TRAIN NEXT THURSDAY."



"ANYWAY, THAT MAKES IT ALL QUITE CLEAR—IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE HÔTEL MAGNIFIQUE AT BRIGHTON THAT THE SMITHS ADVISED FOR CHRISTMAS, AND THIS ONE FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER."



"ERE—A BIT MORE PIANOISSIMO ON THAT BLOOMIN' TRIANGLE, BERT; WE DON'T WANT TO FRIGHTEN 'EM!"

THE PROGRESS OF CHIVALRY.



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Ernest H. Shepherd

SINGULAR PHENOMENON IN THE HUNTING-FIELD



WHY IS IT THE JOY OF FOLLOWING HOUNDS



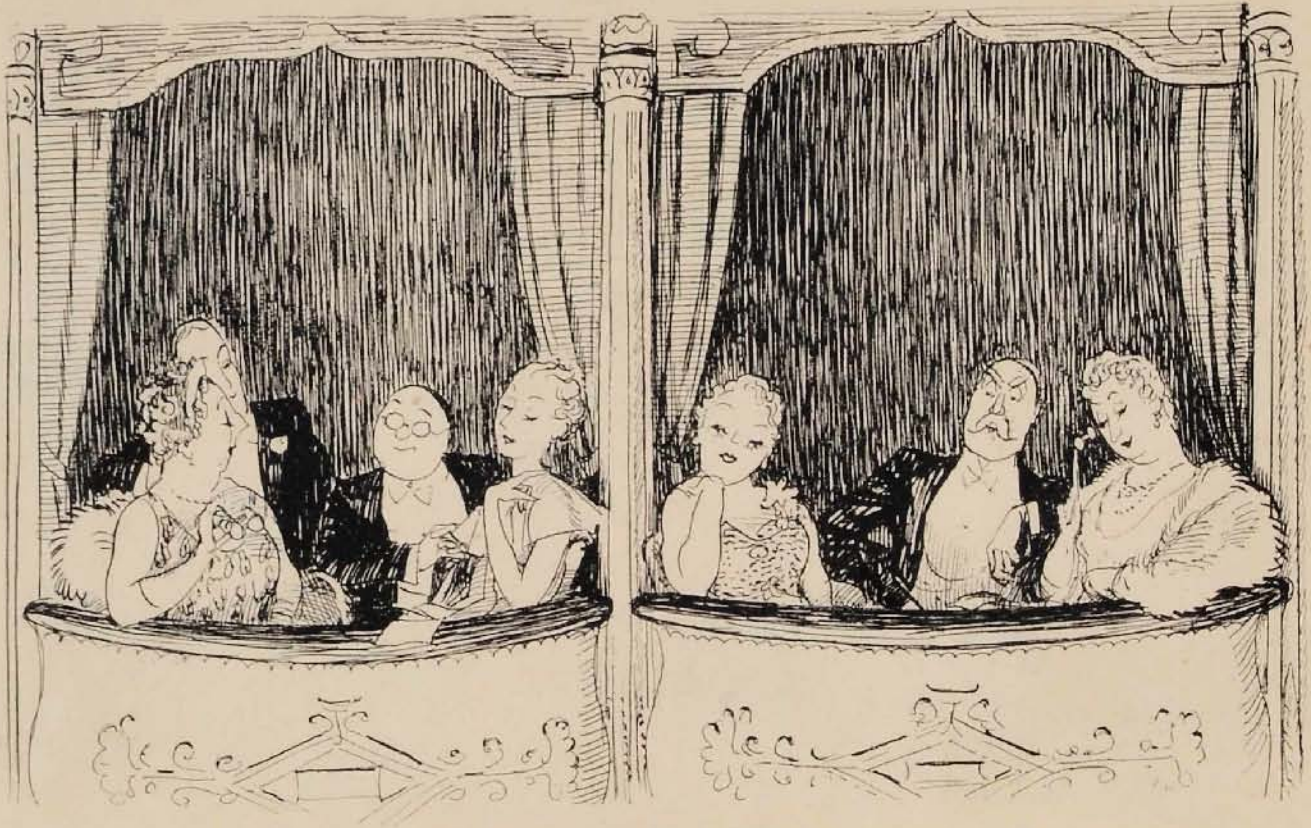
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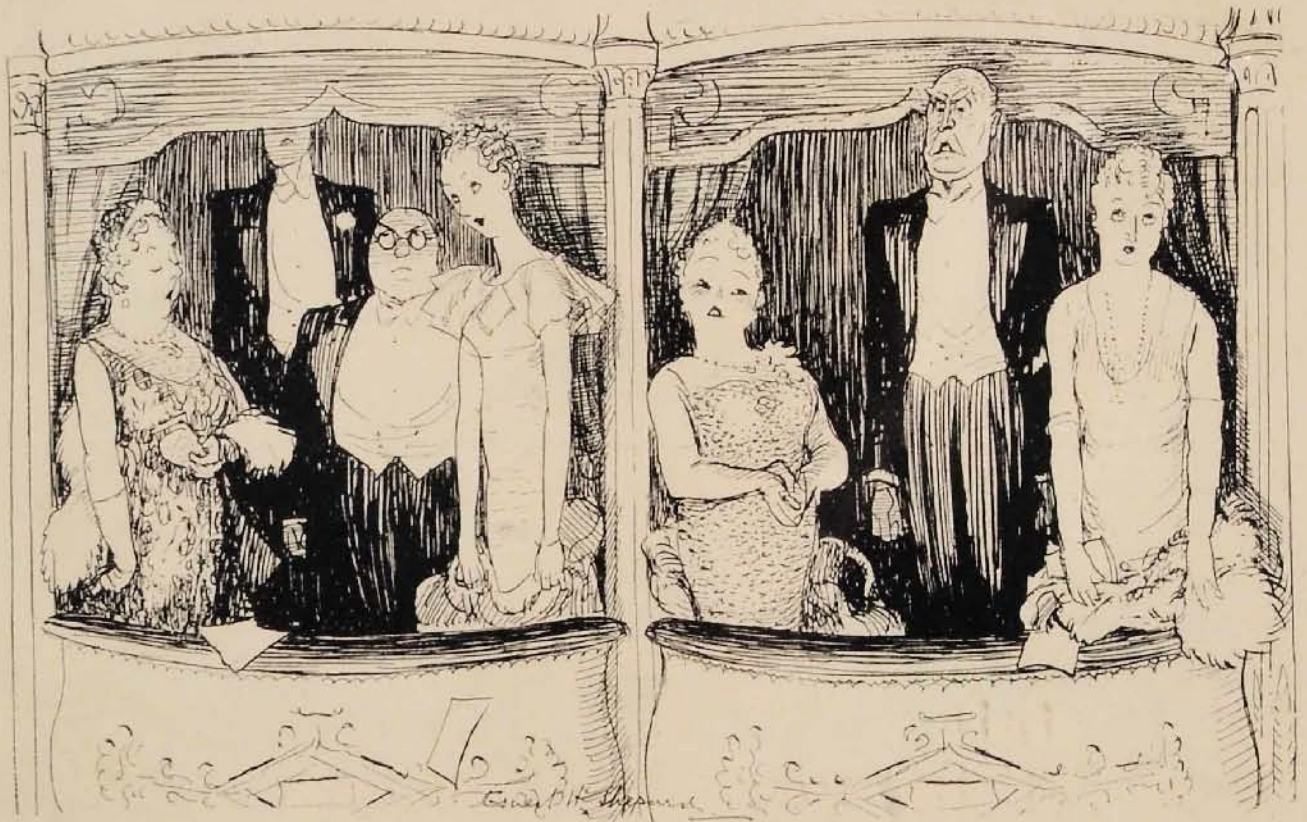
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TO THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE PARTICIPANT IN THE HUNT?



BOXES ALWAYS GIVE YOU SUCH AN AIR OF DIGNITY AND POISE—



UNTIL YOU STAND UP FOR "GOD SAVE THE KING."

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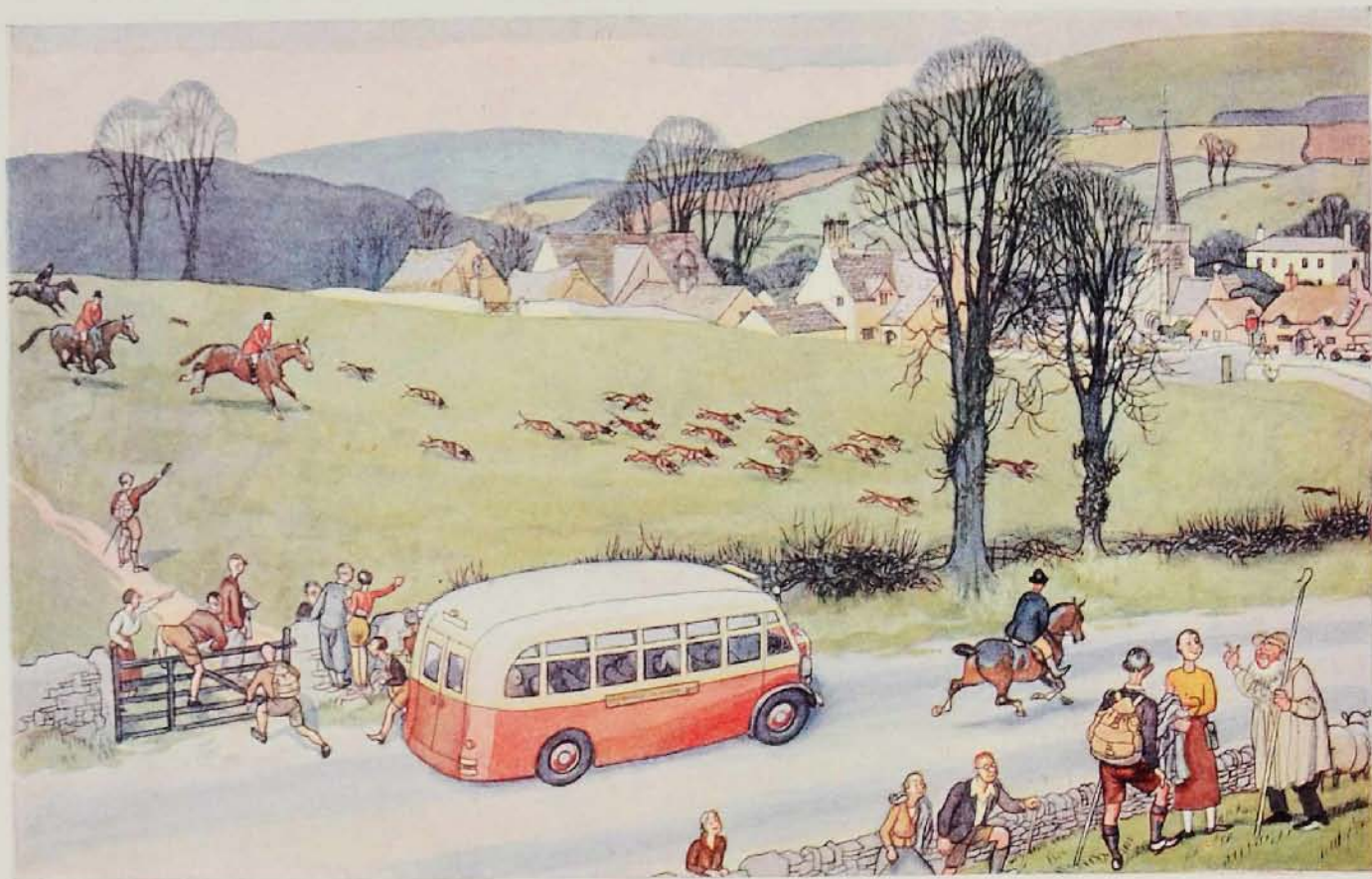


IT COULD CONTAIN CONSIDERABLY MORE VARIETY



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AS IT WAS IN GREAT-GRANDMAMA'S TIME YOU WERE EITHER A BLONDE OR A BRUNETTE
AND YOU LEFT IT AT THAT.

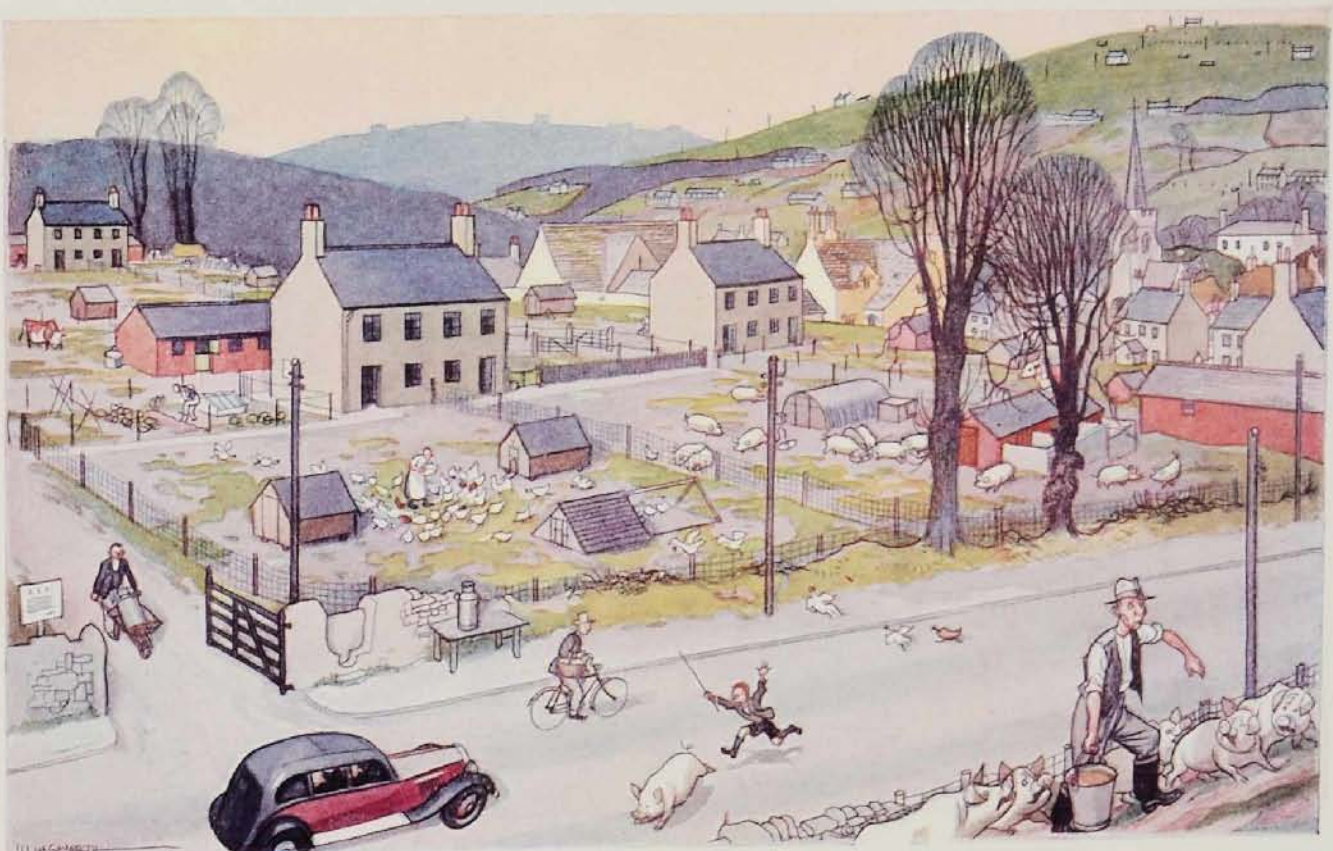


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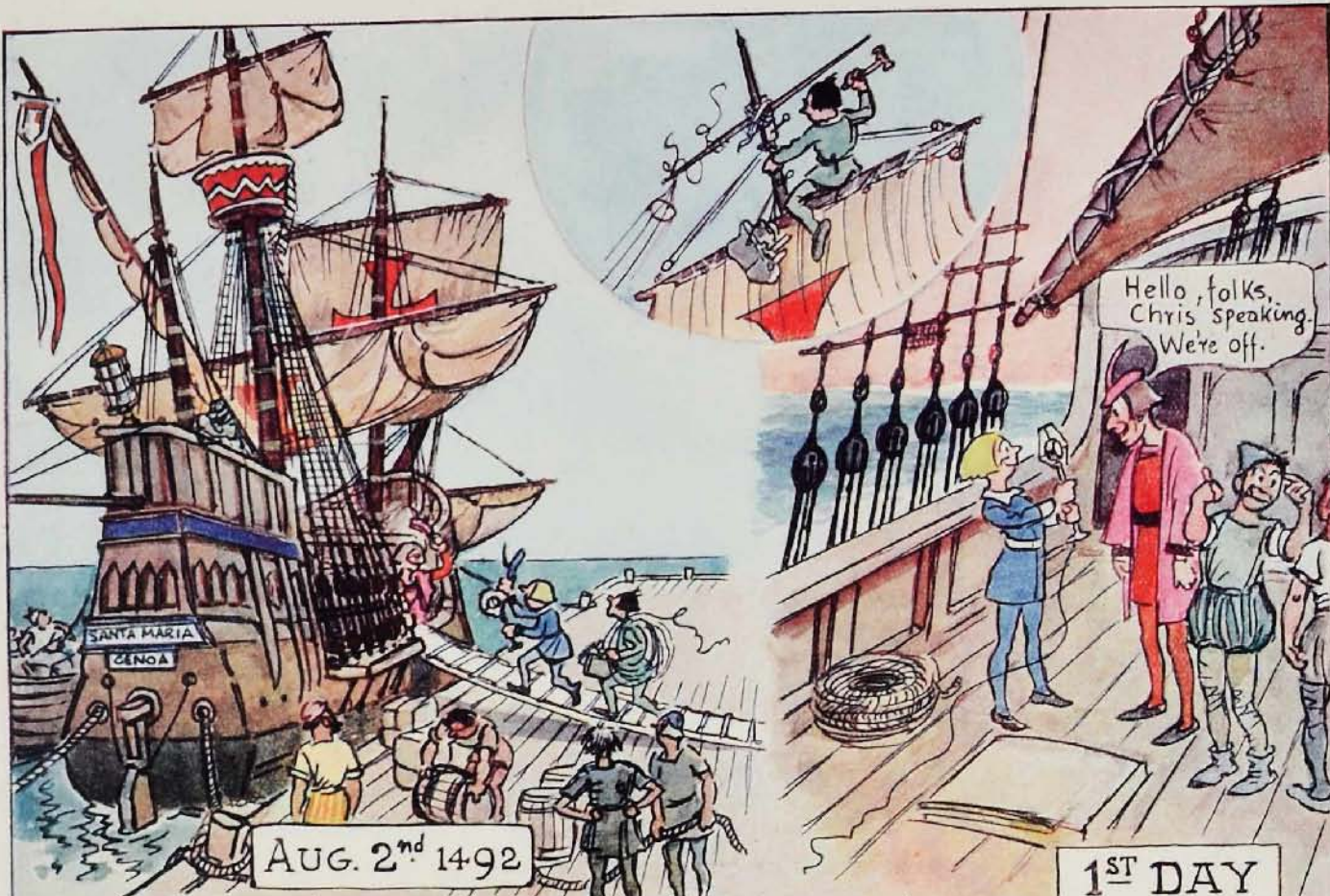


THE VISION OF THE SPECULATIVE BUILDER.



THE COUNTY COUNCIL SCHEME.

THE BROADCAST THAT DIDN'T QUITE COME OFF.

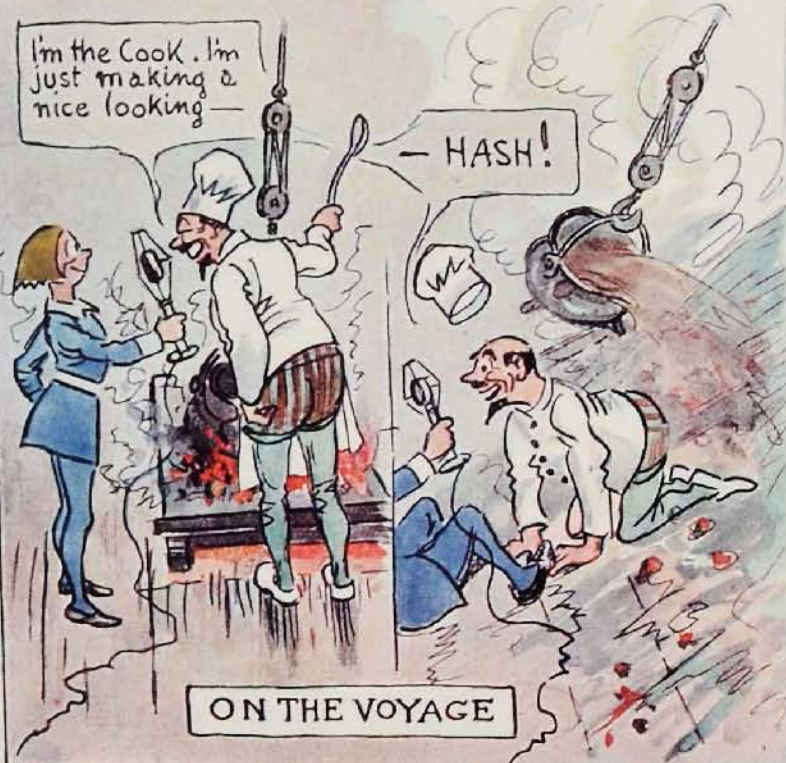


AUG. 2nd 1492

1ST DAY

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to fix microphones, aevials, and gadgets generally.



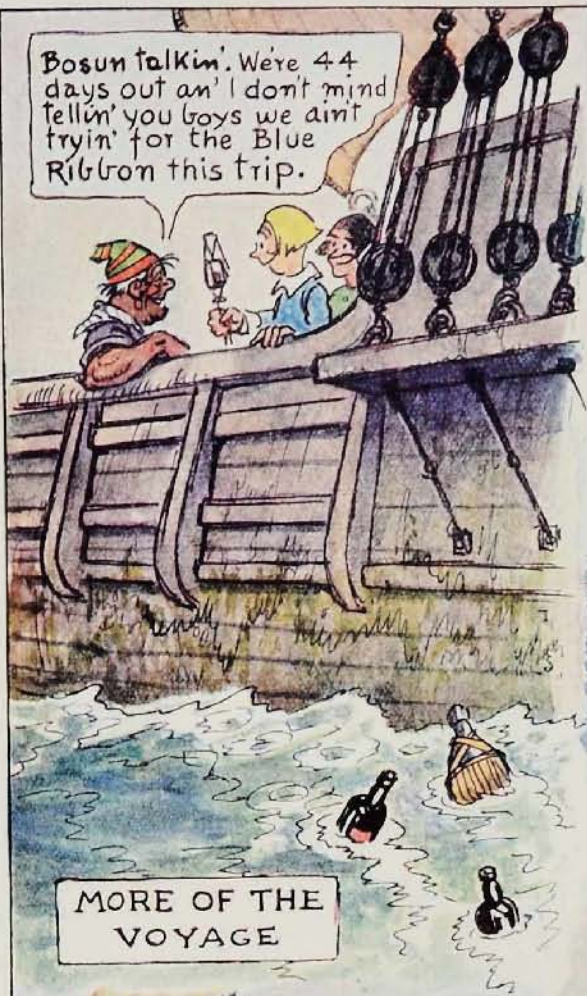
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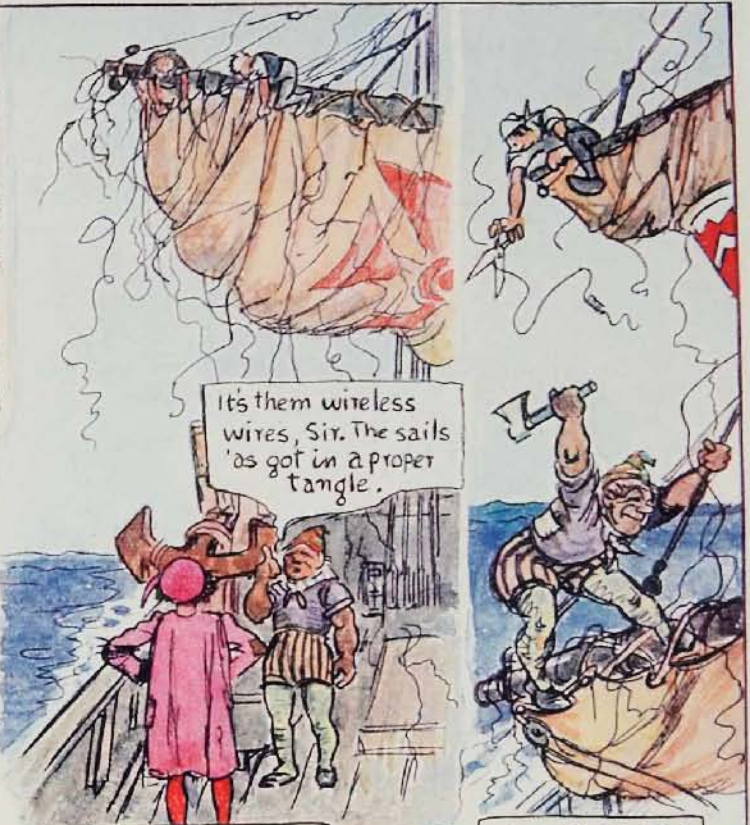
STILL THE VOYAGE

THE BROADCAST THAT DIDN'T QUITE COME OFF.

Bosun talkin'. We're 44 days out an' I don't mind tellin' you boys we ain't tryin' for the Blue Ribbon this trip.



MORE OF THE VOYAGE



It's them wireless wires, Sir. The sails 'as got in a proper tangle.

67th DAY

SAME DAY



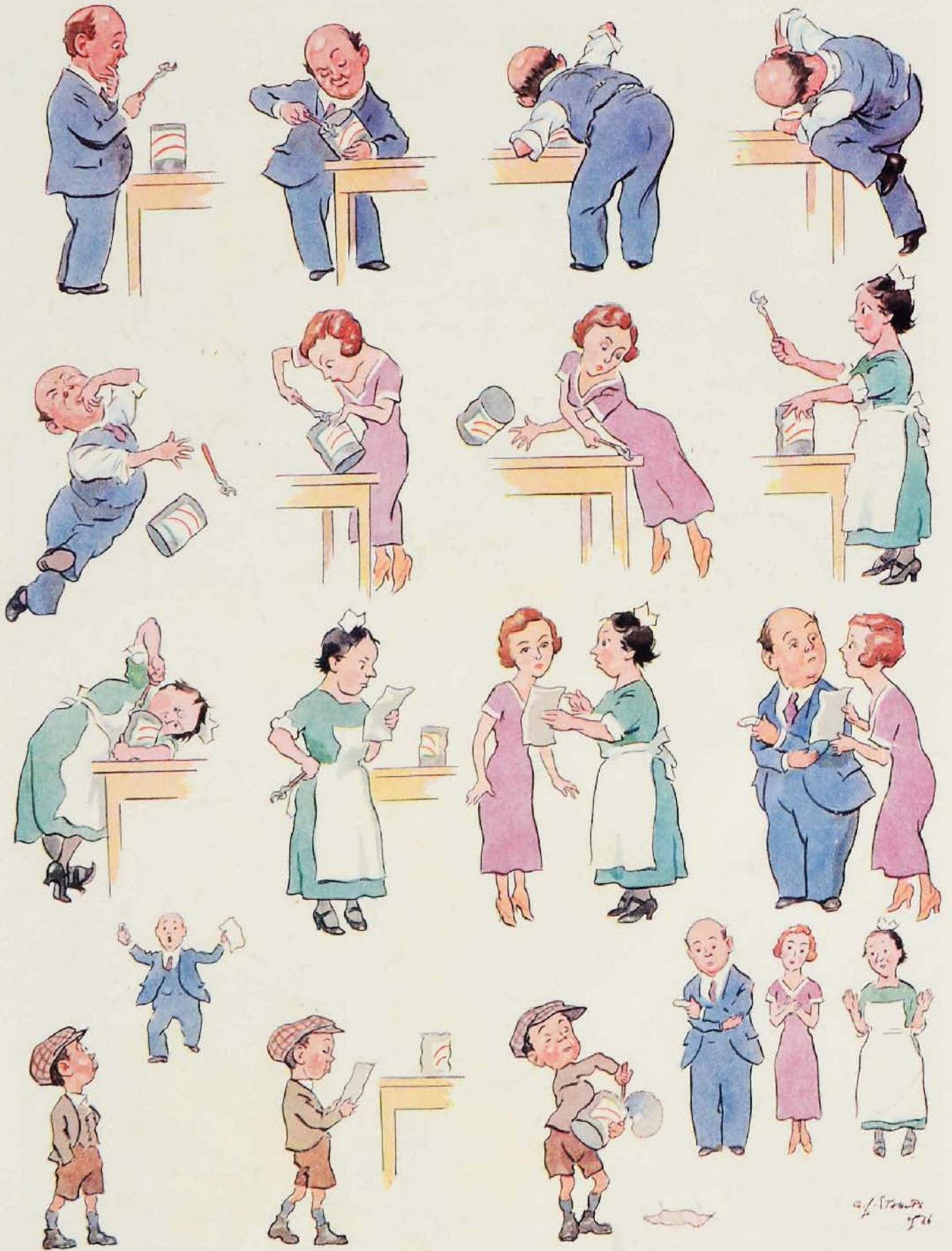
Now we can get on with it.

SAME DAY



LAND HO!!

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"CAN I GET UP NOW, MUMMY? IT'S SO *TIRING* RESTING."

The Hunt is Over

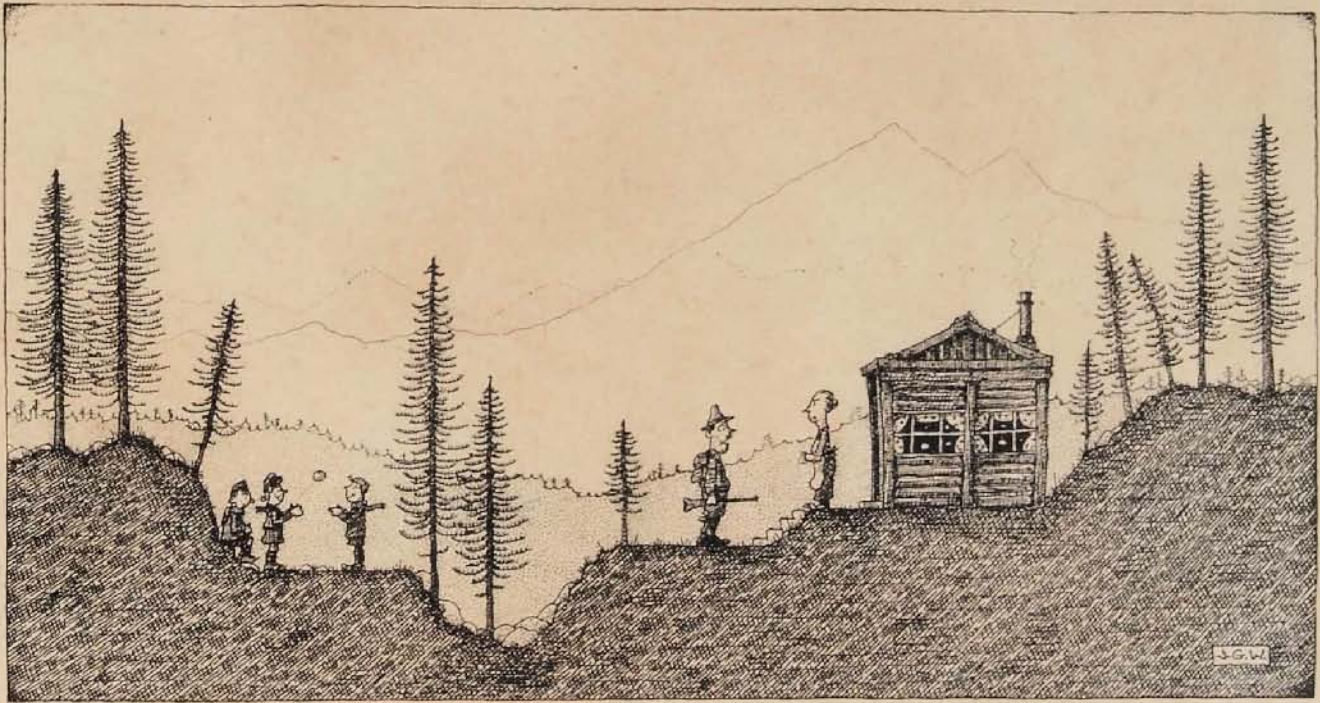
FROM the sweep of the Down they have gone,
 Not an echo remains,
 Not a trace to be seen
 Save where the well-bred neat little hoofs
 Have trodden the velvet turf, and there
 A fence smashed in by a clumsy horse
 Or a rider who paused, lost his nerve
 And failed to give the encouraging touch of his heel
 That had carried them clear.
 Raise your head, old fellow, and snuff the breeze!
 Which way have they gone?
 Do your sharp ears, pricked to the lift of the hills,
 Catch the sound of the distant horn?
 "Gone away, gone away, gone awa-ay!"
 But the silence reigns supreme,
 Only the weary breath of the wind
 Sighs over the slope and goes softly on.
 And the dusk is stealing down. Turn your head for
 home—
 One more gallop while yet we can see the way;
 Thunder over the track as old as the Downs them-
 selves
 As the light fades from the clouds.

It was dusk on the hill, in the valley the dark has
 come—
 Some thing of the night moves swift in the rustling
 leaves.
 Steady! no need to jump yards to one side
 For a furry thing that a touch of your foot would kill.
 Deep in the wood a rabbit cries
 At the grip of the merciless steel, while over the
 shadowy trees
 The quiet line of the hills lies across the darkening sky.
 Your feet touch on the road. Trot on.
 What a noise it makes, wounding the peace of the
 night!
 You tread on a flint and the crackling sparks fly.
 Ahead shine the lights of home; in their welcoming
 beams
 Your breath rises misty white on the frosty air.
 Stand, slither down—a pat, and they lead you
 away—
 Me for the fire and you for the fragrant hay.
 Good-night, old fellow; good huntin' to your
 dreams;
 Another day we'll not lose hounds.

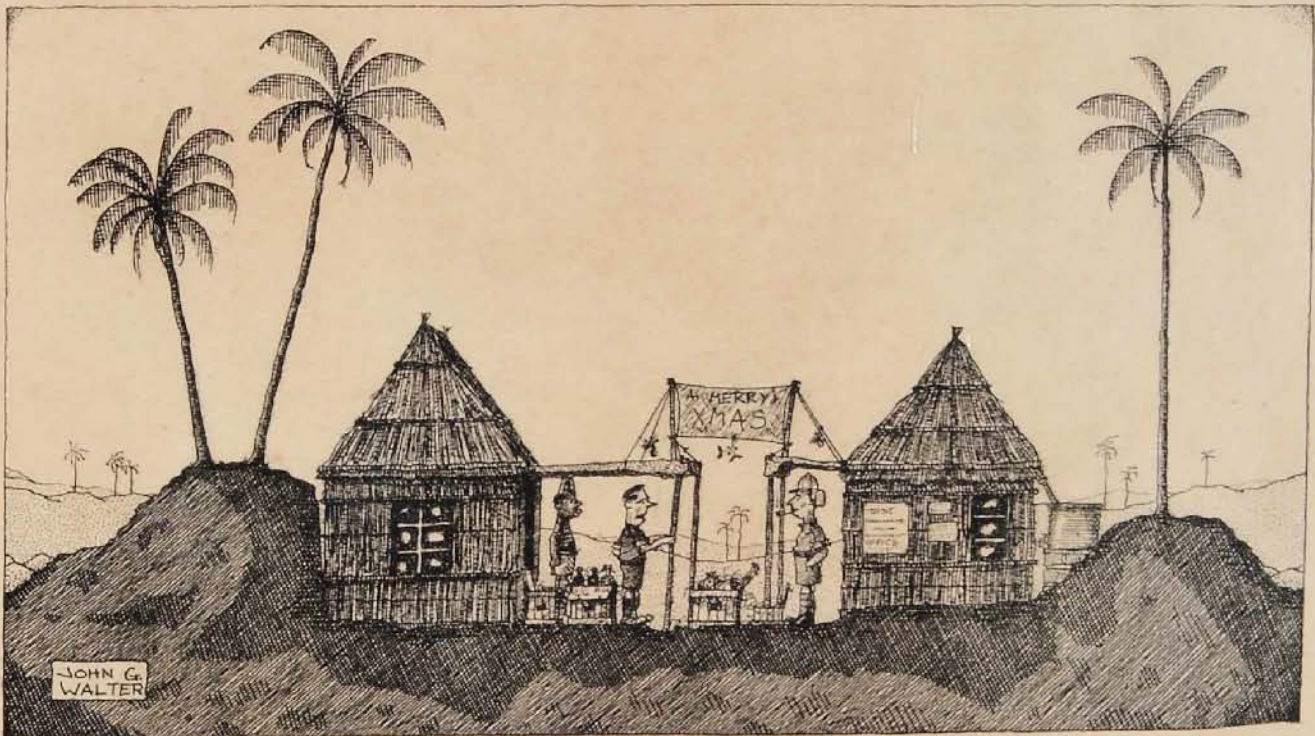


THE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY ACQUIRES A NEW SPECIMEN

TWO MINOR CHRISTMAS TRAGEDIES



"THE CHILDREN WILL JUST HAVE TO BE CONTENT WITH MY DRESSING UP AS SANTA CLAUS, ELSIE, I COULDN'T CATCH A SINGLE REINDEER."



"BY GAD, MAJOR! IT'S A BIT THICK, THEY'VE FORGOTTEN TO SEND US ANY CRACKERS."



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"OH, CAN'T I?"

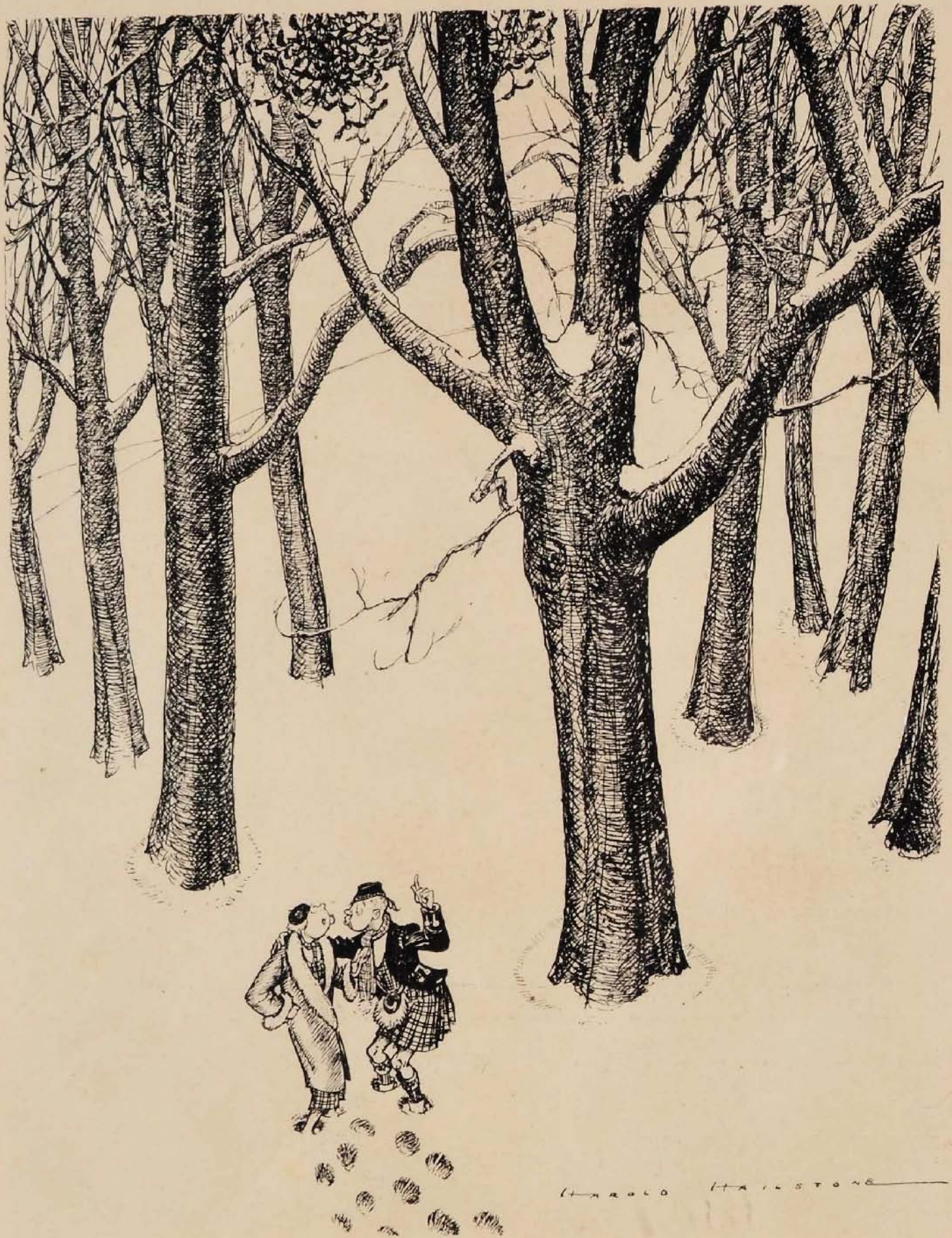


Voice from the grave. "GO HOME AND POWDER YER NOSE!"

PONT.



"YOU MIGHT JUST HAVE ANOTHER LOOK, WILL YOU, NURSE? I MOST DISTINCTLY MENTIONED A BAG OF ORANGES IN MY LETTER TO FATHER CHRISTMAS."



"BUT, ANGUS DEAR, ARE YE QUITE SURE YON'S REAL MISTLETOE?"



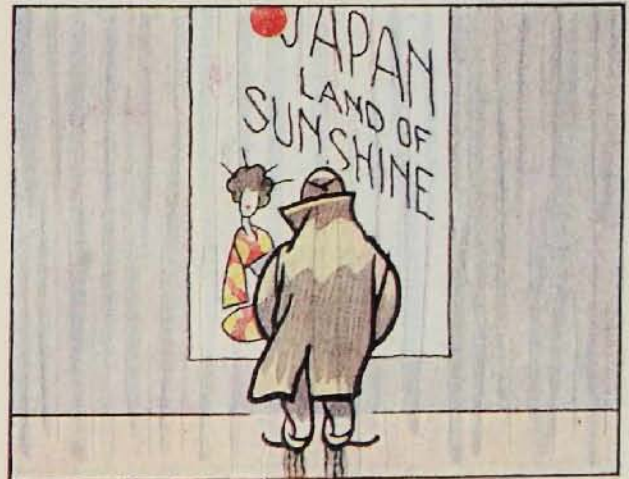
YES, IT'S CERTAINLY HARD TO BE STUCK IN LONDON WISHING YOU WERE IN MONTE CARLO—



BUT IT WOULD BE WORSE TO BE STUCK IN MONTE CARLO WISHING YOU WERE IN EGYPT—



OR IN EGYPT WISHING YOU WERE IN INDIA—



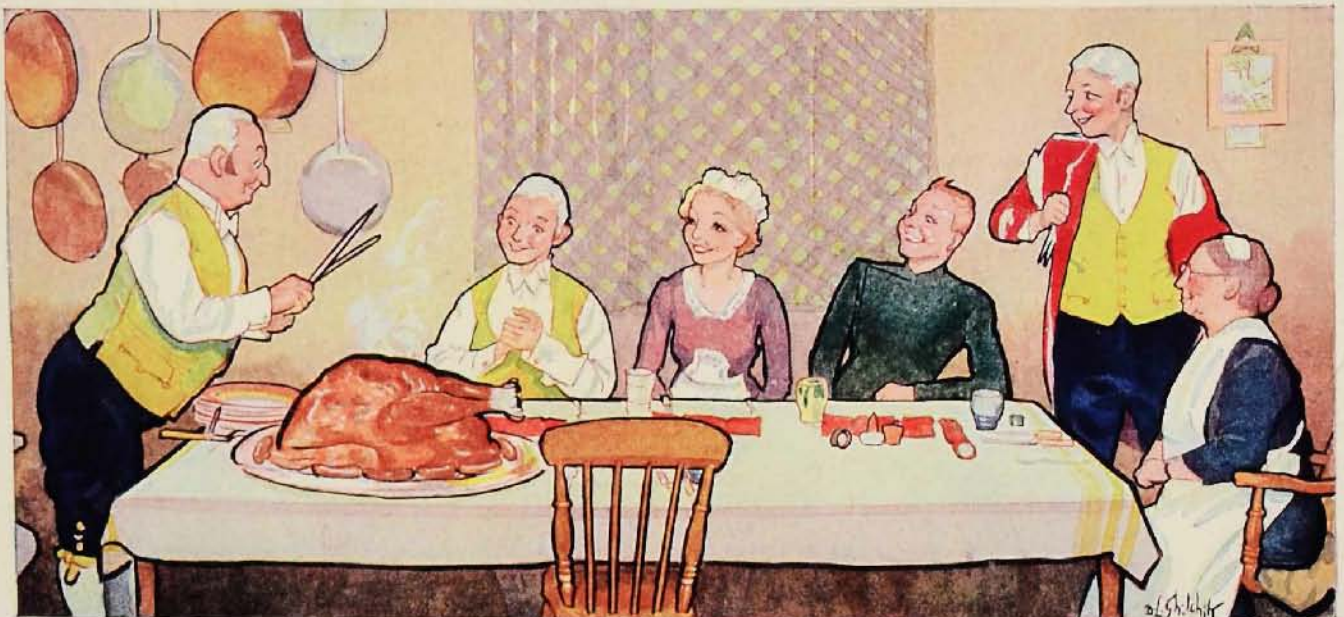
OR IN INDIA WISHING YOU WERE IN JAPAN—



OR IN JAPAN WISHING YOU WERE IN HONOLULU—



OR EVEN IN HONOLULU WISHING YOU WERE BACK IN LONDON.



THE SHARE-OUT.



TRAVELLERS REST

BUT **SHELL** DOES THE WORK



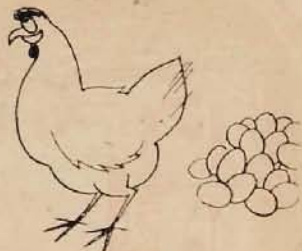
YOU CAN BE SURE OF SHELL

Do you know?

ANSWERS ON PAGE lxvi

1 WHAT IS "INTEGUMENT"?

- Burial?
- Hair root?
- The skin?
- Honesty?



2 WHAT IS "HENLE'S LAYER"?

- A champion egg-layer belonging to Henle?
- The outermost sheath of a hair root?
- A region in the stratosphere?
- The under-layer of the skin?



3 WHAT DO YOU UNDERSTAND BY "STRATUM CORNEUM"?

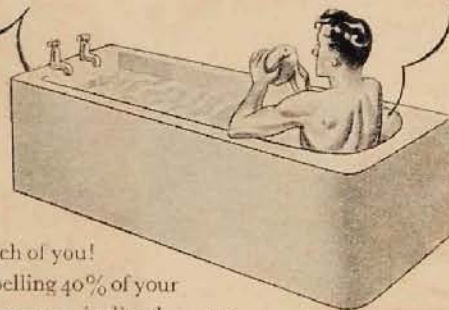
- The Channel between Cornwall and the Scillies?
- A narrow Roman bull?
- The horny surface of the skin?
- Hard skin on the soles?



4 WHAT IS DERMATOLOGY?

- Butterfly collecting?
- Study of the Hebrew prophets?
- Scientific study (a) of the skin? or (b) of the blood?

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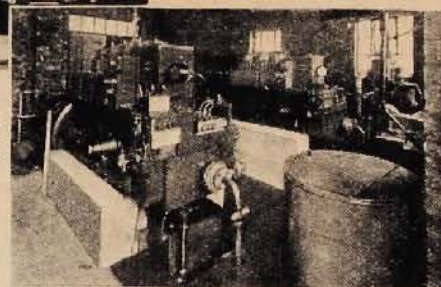
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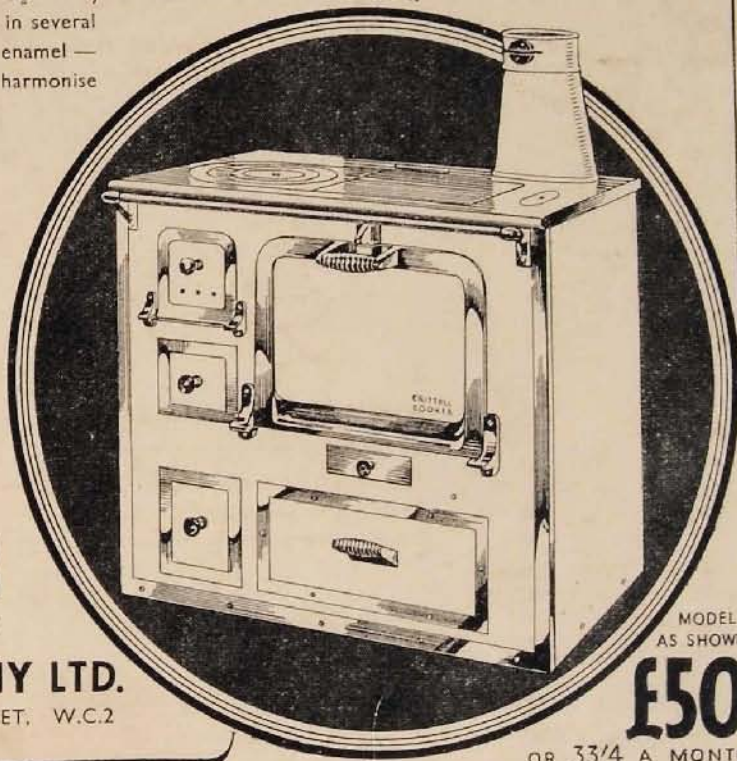
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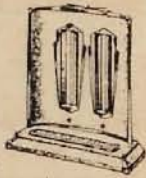


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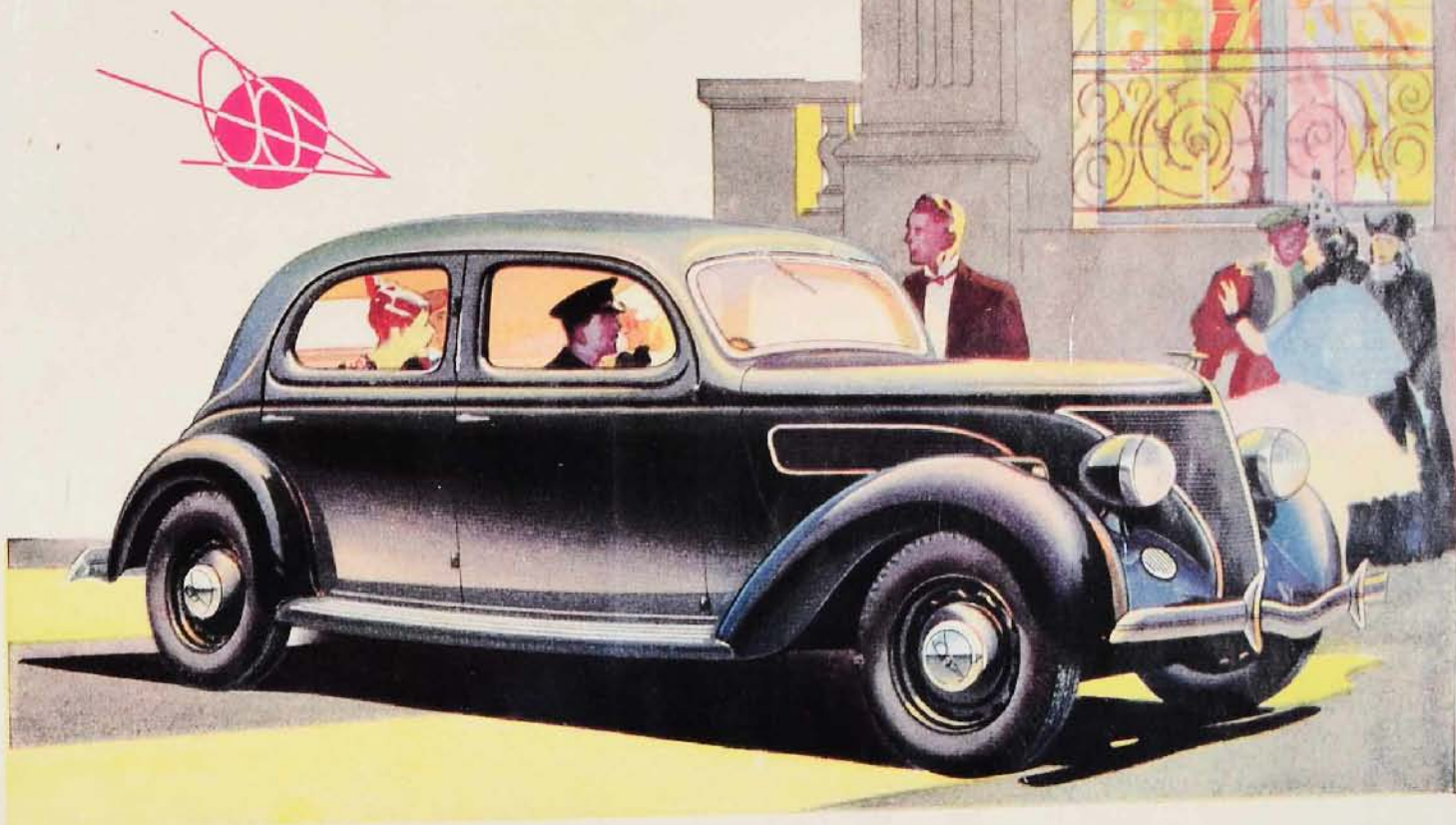
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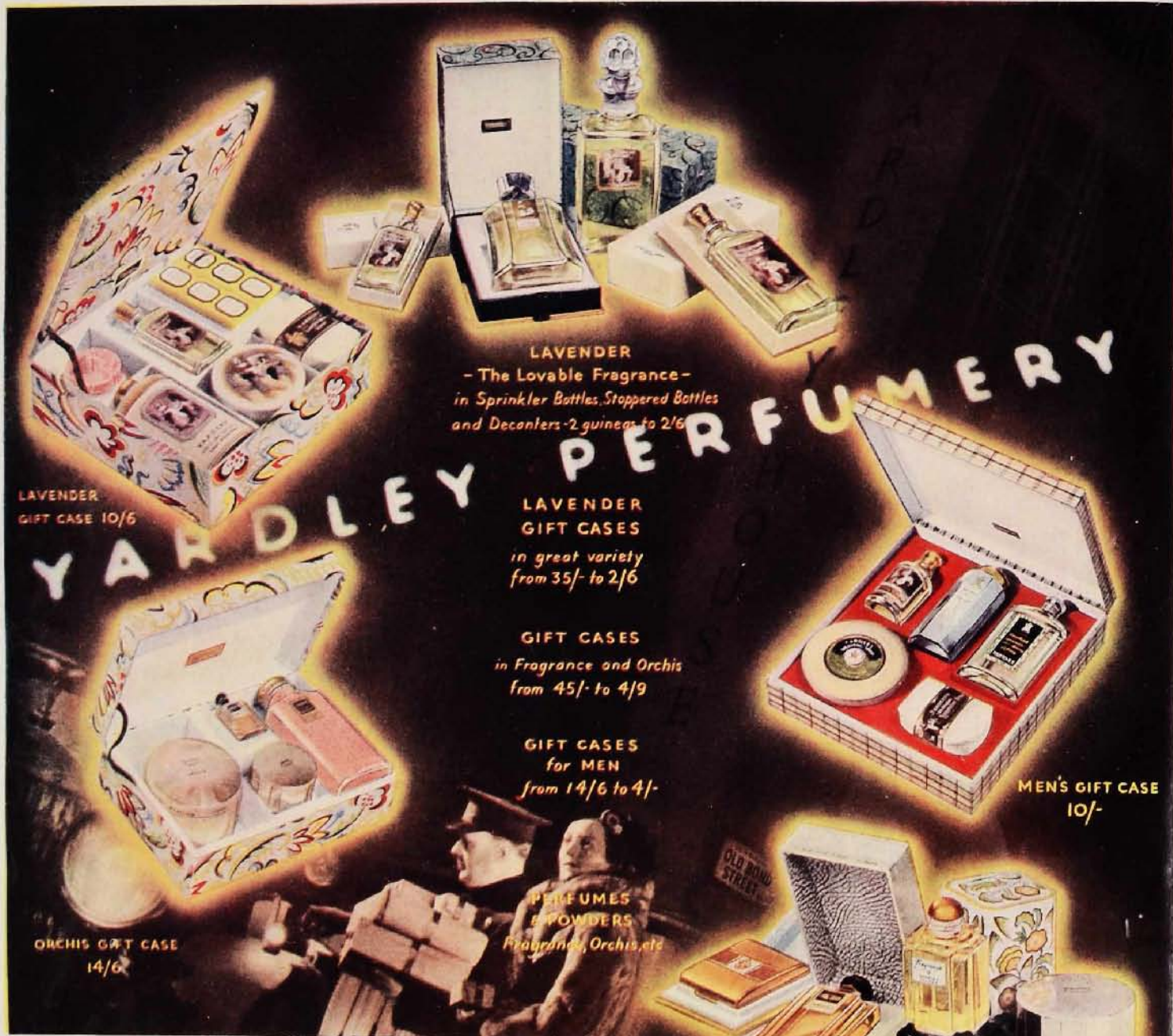


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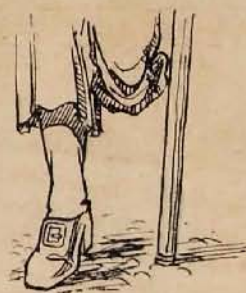
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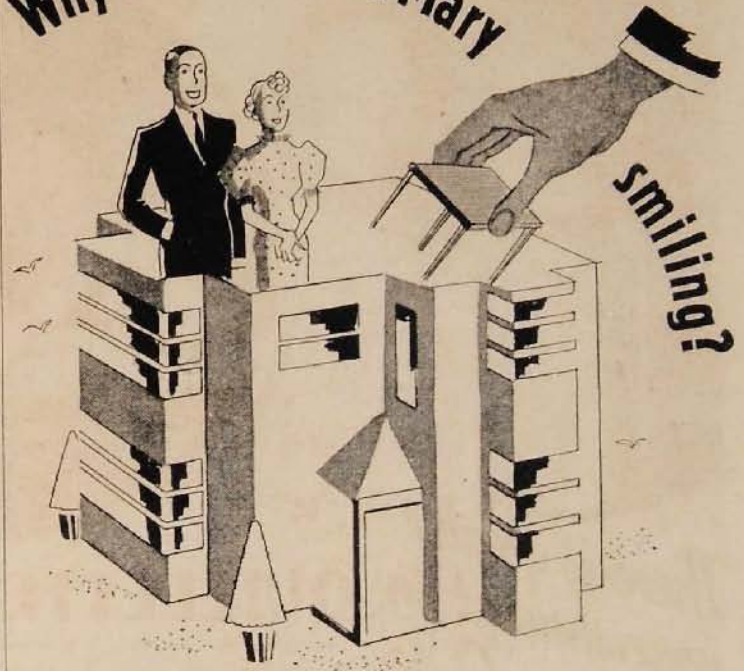


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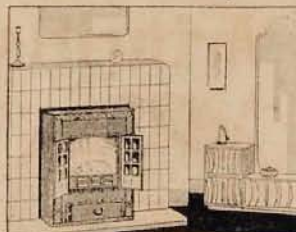
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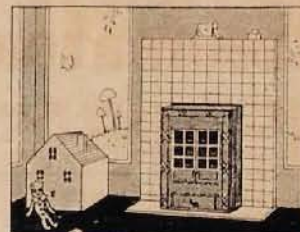
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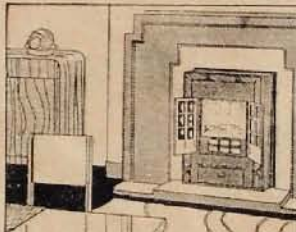
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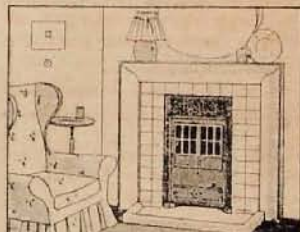
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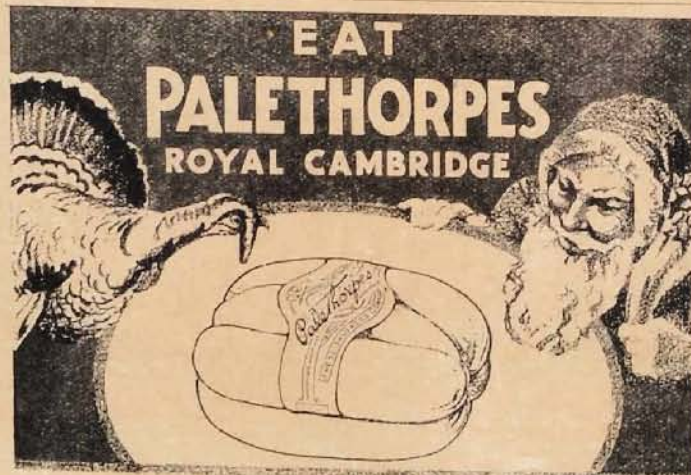
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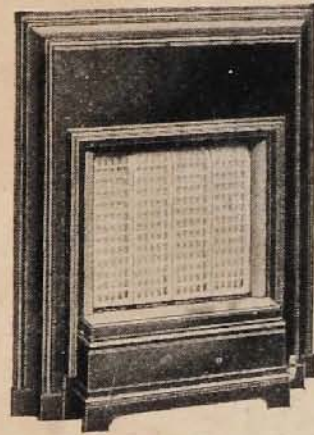
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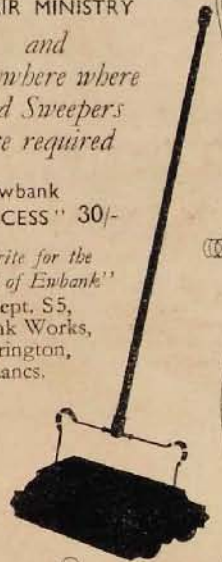
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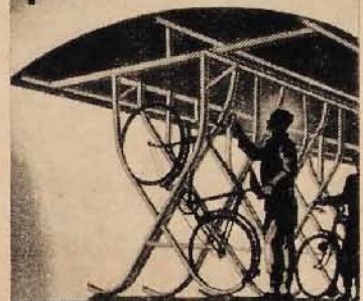
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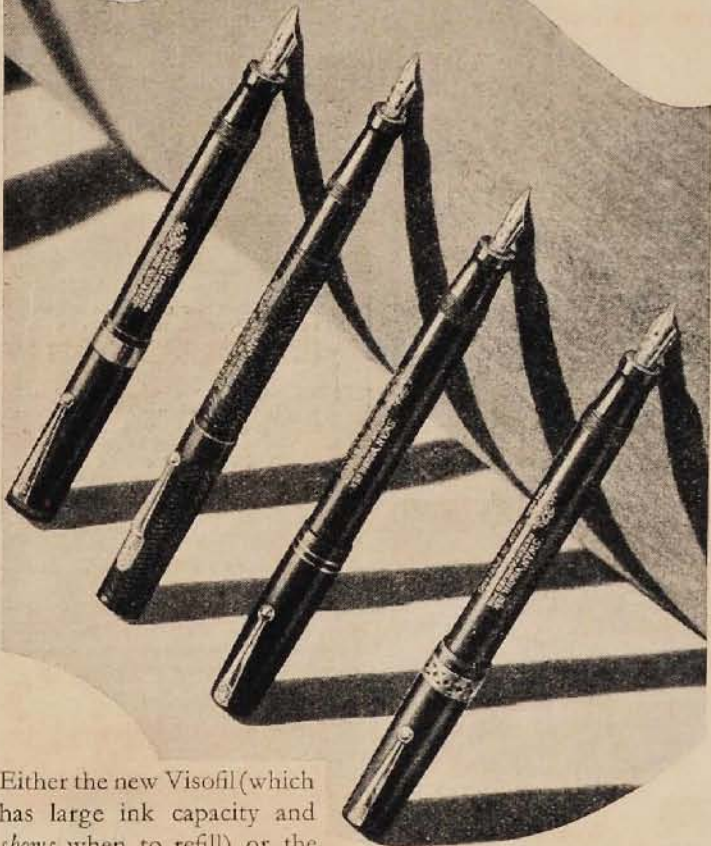


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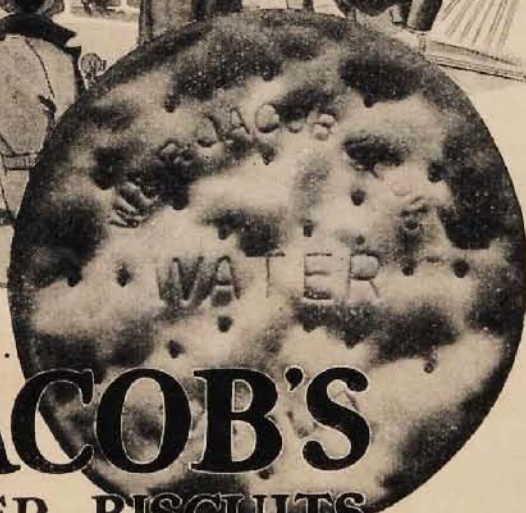


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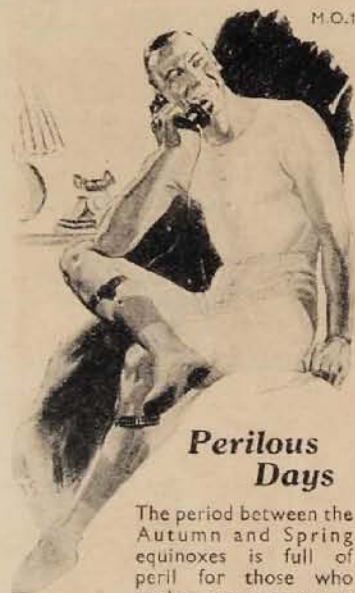
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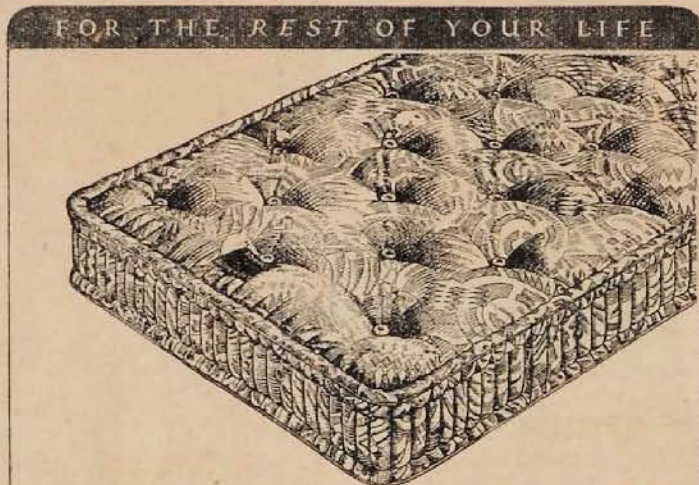
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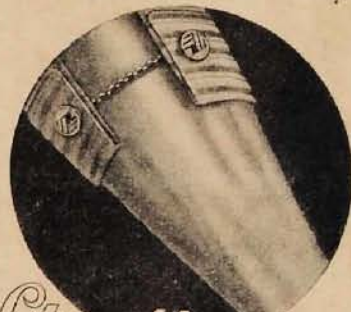
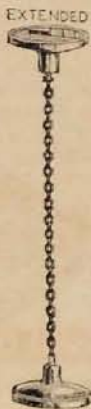
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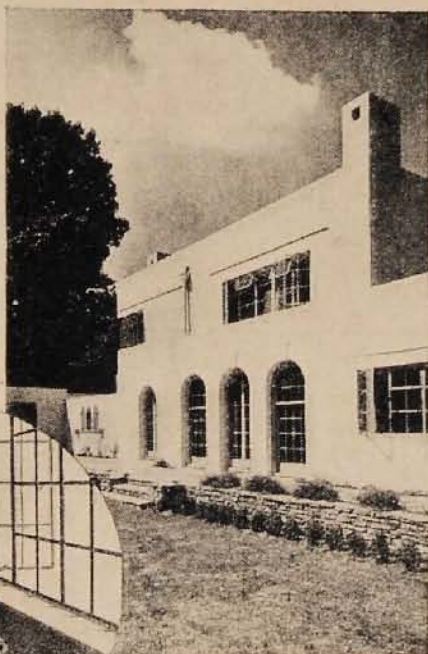
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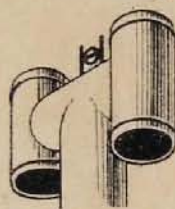
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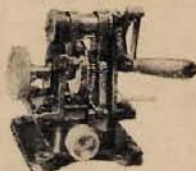
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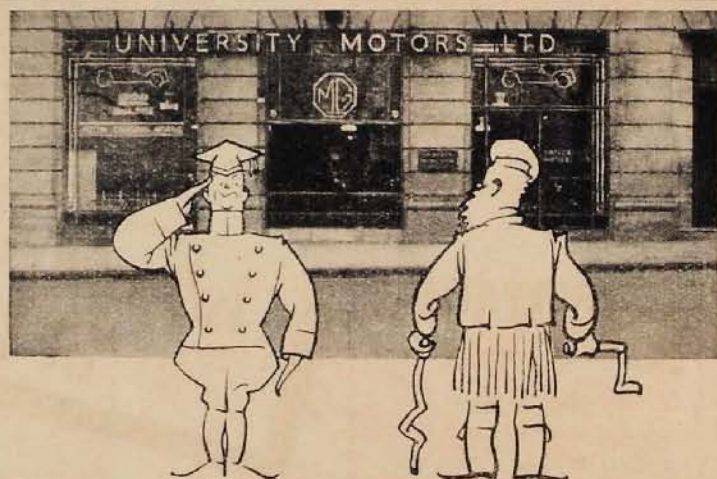
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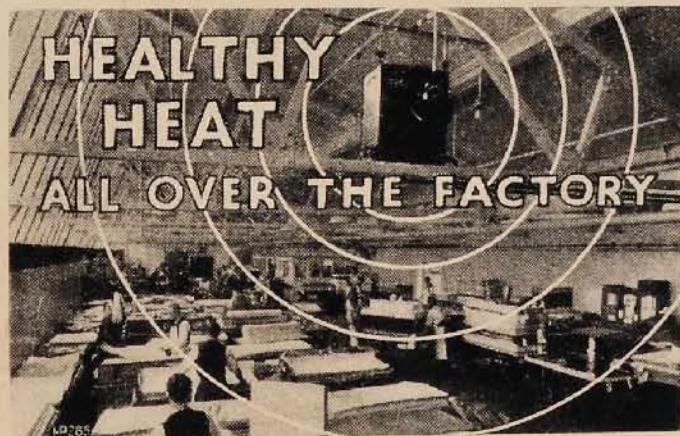
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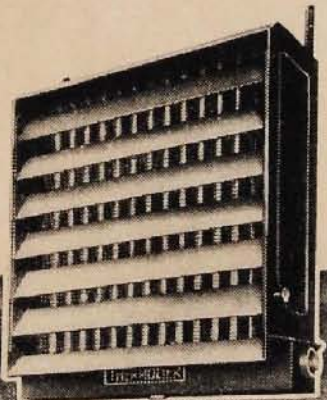
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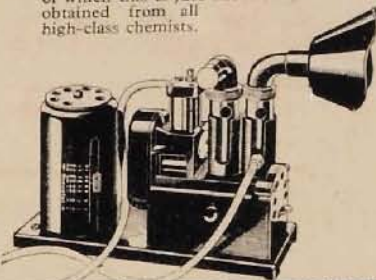
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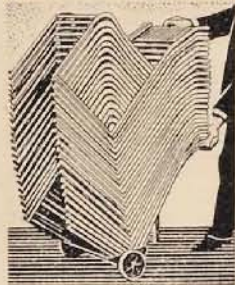
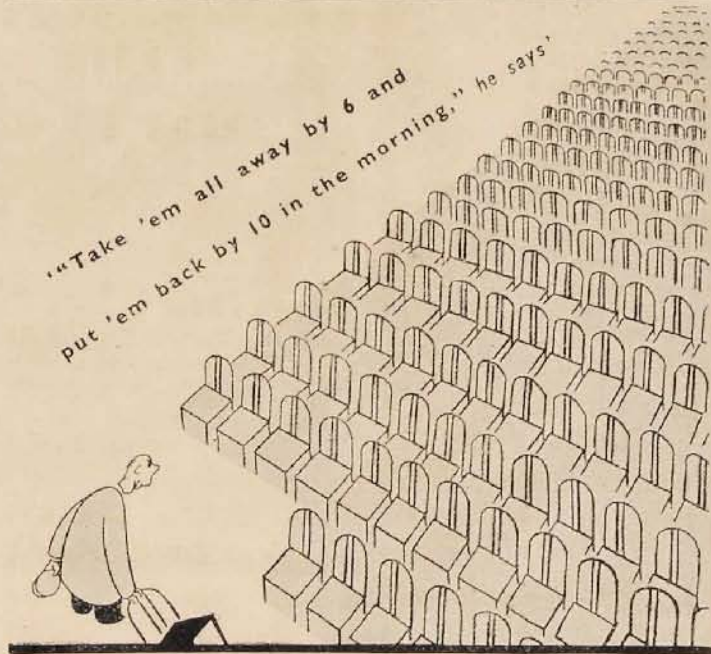
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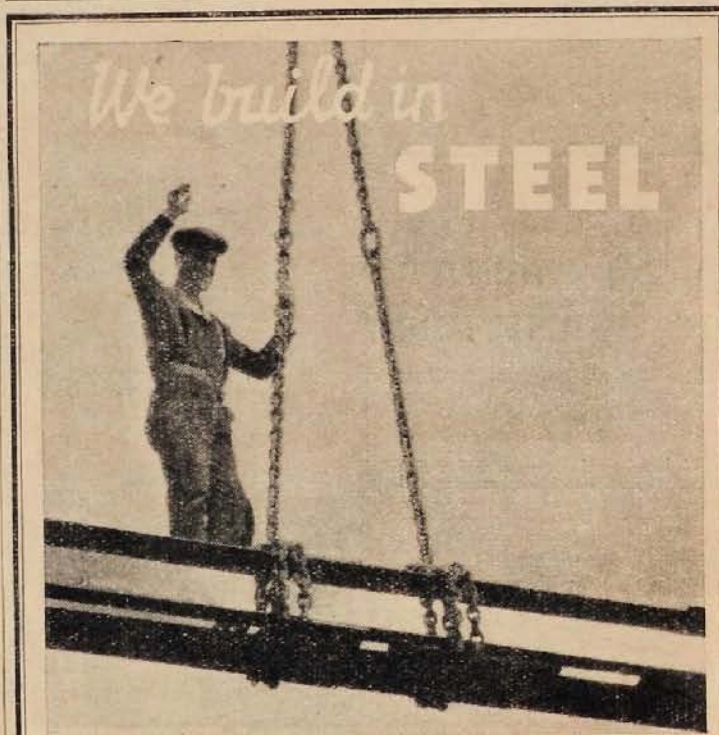
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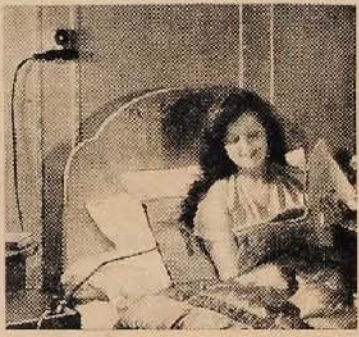
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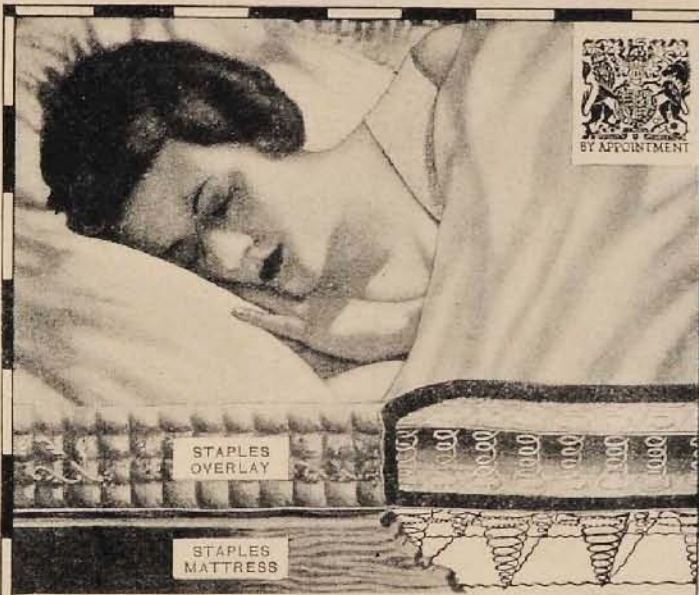
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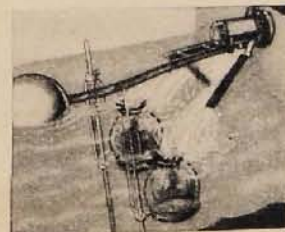
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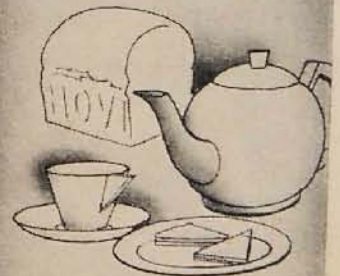
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