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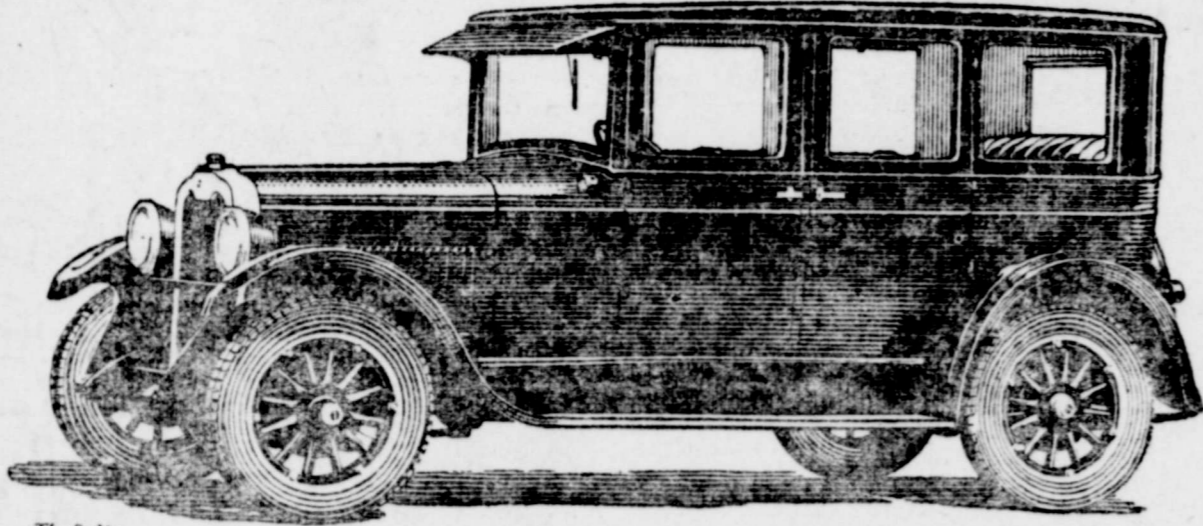
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Mr. Alvin E. Lay of Big Spring was the guest of Miss Hazel Bell Sunday.

Miss Hazel Bell returned last week from a visit with relatives in Eastland and Abilene.

**COMPERE ITEMS**  
By Alma Stout

The farmers are all busy planting their crops.

A large crowd attended preaching services at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening.

Bro. Bryant and Mr. Ocie Williams spent Saturday night with Mr. Edd Spurgin and family.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and Ella Hobbs spent Sunday with Miss Maggie Chancey of Salt Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Howard spent Sunday with the latter's mother, Mrs. Tarvin.

Rev. Bryant, Ocie Williams and Hail Hobbs took dinner with Mr. G. W. Stout and family Sunday.

School was out Friday. The children, teachers and some of the parents enjoyed a picnic with a trip to Bitter creek and dinner spread at the school house.

Mr. Johnnie Wheeler and Mr. Yates Brown from Merkel were visitors in this community Sunday.

A large crowd attended the party at Mrs. Ola Spurgin's Friday night. All reported a nice time.

Miss Floy McKinney spent Sunday with Miss Alice Allred.

Several from here attended the shows in Merkel last week.

Mrs. Ola Spurgin and son, Lawrence returned from a trip to Austin Thursday. They enjoyed many sights while there among which were the Colorado river and a trip through the state capitol.

Those visiting at Mrs. Stout's Sunday afternoon were Mr. J. H. Hobbs and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Spurgin, E. C. Tarvin and Mrs. Alta Howard.

A large crowd from here attended the program at Stith on Monday night.

Mrs. Evelyn Hulse left Saturday for her home in East Texas.

Those enjoying a fishing trip to the river Tuesday were Mr. G. W. Stout and family, Mr. J. H. Hobbs and family, Mrs. Ola Spurgin, Lawrence Spurgin, Louise Kemp and Clyde Chancey.

Mr. Jim Spurgin and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Spurgin.

Sunday night is singing night at the Presbyterian church. Every one come and help with the singing.

**CROSS ROADS ITEMS**

The farmers are all very busy planting.

The W.M.U. met with Mrs. Manton Ely Tuesday afternoon with nine members and two visitors present.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. West had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. George and Mrs. Herbert West.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Payne, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Tucker, and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. West visited Mr. and Mrs. Leon McMEn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Green visited Mr. and Mrs. L. W. York Sunday.

Mrs. Johnson visited Mrs. W. F. Joiner Sunday.

Mrs. Porter and son, Lacy, and daughter, Annie Mae, from Sweetwater, visited Mrs. Ruthie Bigham Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Will Toombs are the proud parents of a baby girl, born April the 25th.

Mrs. Bill McCartney visited Mrs. Dee Teaff Sunday.

Miss Eva Lee Bigham, who visited relatives in Sweetwater last week has returned home.

Mr. Pleasant rendered an extra fine B.Y.P.U. program at Cross Roads last Sunday afternoon which was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Hammond and son, George, from Caps, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hammond a while Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Toombs Sunday.

Ray King took supper with Elmer and Elgin Matengley Sunday. Bro. Sibley took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Holder Sunday, and supper with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason.

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made a trip to Brownwood Sunday to attend a funeral of one of their relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon McMEn visited Mr. and Mrs. Dale West last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair visited Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moore last Thursday night.

The W.M.U. will meet with

Mrs. Myrtle Pitts May 11th.

The intermediates of our Sunday school enjoyed a weeney roast last Wednesday night, given by their Sunday school teacher, Mrs. W. F. Joiner.

The adult Bible class put on a play entitled "Deacon Dubbs" last Friday night. There was a large crowd out and every one seemed to enjoy it.

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### A PARTNERSHIP OF THE READING TABLE

The home town paper and Holland's Magazine are, in a sense, partners. There they rest, congenially side by side on the cozy family reading table—the one paging crisp news of local import, the other carrying entertainment and helpfulness.

He have a high opinion of this first cousin of ours, the home-town paper. And we are proud of the involuntary partnership. Through the years we have had this partner many times to thank for cooperation in the doing of things worth while. It—like Holland's—is concerned mainly with the conservation of wholesome-old-fashioned, if you insist—ideals of right living.

It is reassuring that the closer the press approaches the people themselves, the cleaner and finer it becomes. Whatever is tawdry, trashy, neurotic, unclean, Godless must stay at a safe distance from the normal, average, reflective, mature American. The home-town press is not given to smutty "confessions," to the streamer headlining of crime, to the "playing up" of misadventuring morons. The poison of the news stands is, as a rule, an imported product, shipped in by express and surreptitiously; and because of this circumstance the

mixers of this poison—they are not editors—some times live to reform.

Whatever demurrers may be entered by certain dailies of our great alien metropolises, the fact remains that the home-town papers constitute the stabilizing element of the national press. That is because they are clean, constructive, responsible—and, in the strictest sense, more clearly newspapers.—Farm & Ranch.

### Anyway, She Thought She Got Fresh Air

"Speakin' of the weather 'minds me Doc Brady was tellin' the boys up to the store the other night 'bout that old couple that lives in that house over to North Danville that Elfram Pritchard owned before he moved up to Center. Doc says the old man won't have no window open at night time and the old woman's all for fresh air, and Doc says their hired gel told him that the other night the old folk were havin' it back and to after they were in bed 'bout the window not betn' open, and Doc says the hired gel said the old woman got so mad she jumped up and brog the glass with her fist, and it seems the next mornin' the hired gel heard the old man laughin' his head off. Doc said the gel was scared at first, she thought the old man was havin' a chokin' fit.

"It seems that when the old folks woke up they found the old woman had smashed the mirror instead of the window."—Beatrice Herford in Life.

### Appeals to Music Lovers

The royal Welsh Elsteddfod is a gathering of Welsh culture that goes back to the Twelfth century for its birthday, or even earlier. The chief choral prize is open to the world. It is an Olympic of song. If one wants to enjoy quaint costumes and scenic effects reminiscent of a thousand years of a small nation's art and music, then Elsteddfod, with its gowned druids, tall-hat women harpists, banners inscribed with mystic Celtic symbols, with its bards touching the ancient sword of peace or blowing Hira's horn, is said to be the festival for any summer visitor to old Wales.—Kansas City Star.

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### Music Shown to Have Odd Effect on Hair

If all the violinists in the world assembled together in one vast building, and they numbered, say, 100,000, it is probable that there would be but 100 among them with bald heads. But if the same number of brass instrument players were inspected, bald heads would be as common as flies in summer time!

If you doubt this, make a point of observing the heads of the orchestras in the cinemas or theaters you patronize.

Scientists declare that the playing of stringed instruments induces hair growth. A series of experiments on the partly bald has proved that stringed music has power to raise a hairy crop!

Cornet and horn players lose their hair early; theirs is the wrong sort of music from the hirsute point of view. The explanation advanced is that the physical strain of blowing affects the circulation and deprives the roots of the hair of their due supply of blood.

### From Pirate to King

The discovery of the Indians who speak Elizabethan English is one of the strangest travelers' stories ever heard in these days. It is not, however, quite unique, for the late Mr. Cecil Sharp found in the Alleghenies numerous communities of English folk whose language, appearance and customs dated from the end of the Seventeenth century, and who had preserved a large number of English folk-songs that are no longer to be heard in the mother country.

Nor were private communities of the kind set up by Benjamin Sharp and his crew altogether unique, for we possess records of the famous English pirate, John Plaintain, who, having begun his career of crime in the West Indies, founded a state on Madagascar of which he conquered a considerable part.

### Horses "Inside Out"

According to a French technical publication devoted to the horse breeding industry, a Chinese visitor was recently taking notes at a prize stock farm in France. When he reached the stable where 20 fine horses were standing in their stalls, the celestial turned to the owner.

"I cannot understand," said he, "why you Europeans always put your animals in their stalls inside out."

"Inside out!" exclaimed the breeder.

## New Fabrics For Summer

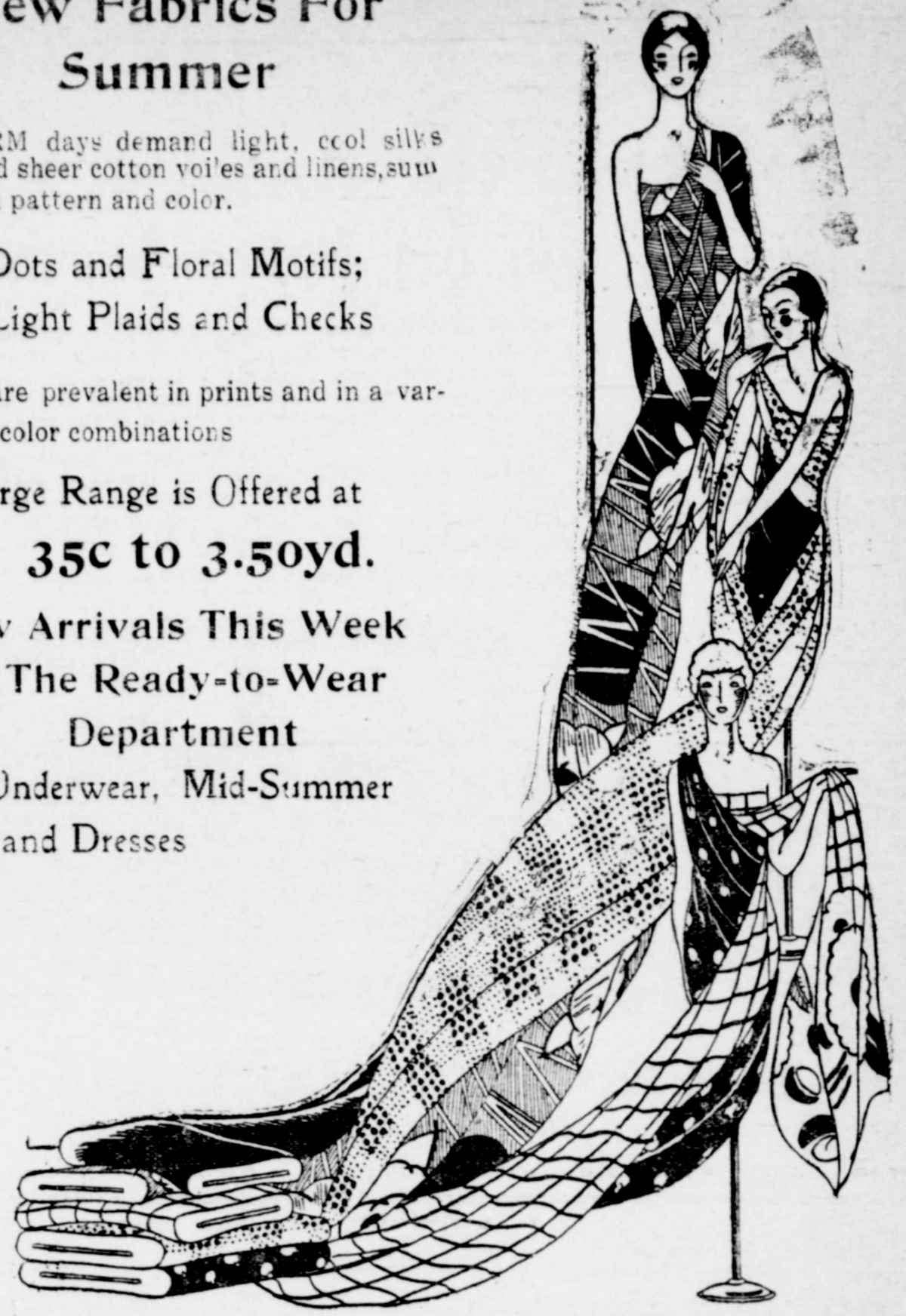
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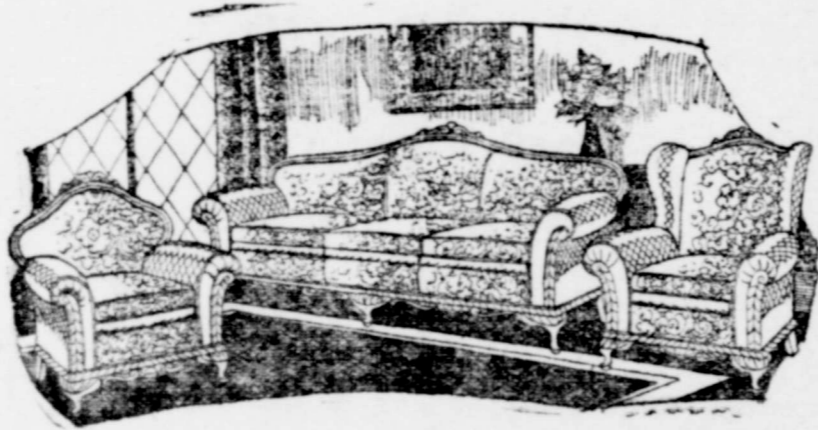
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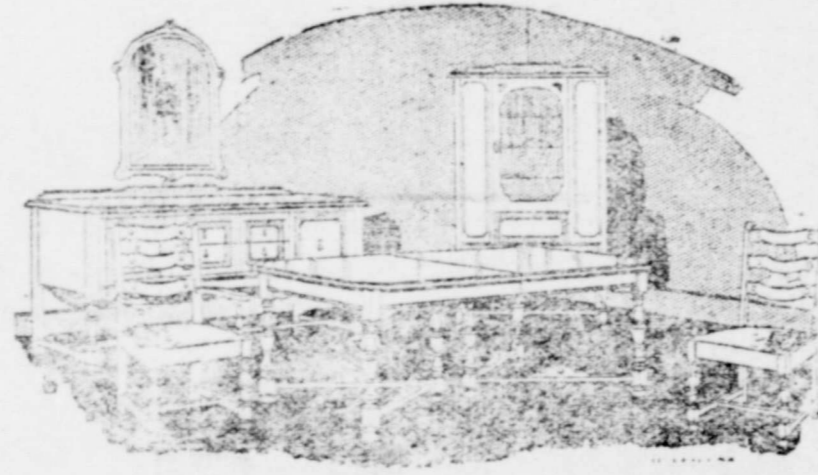


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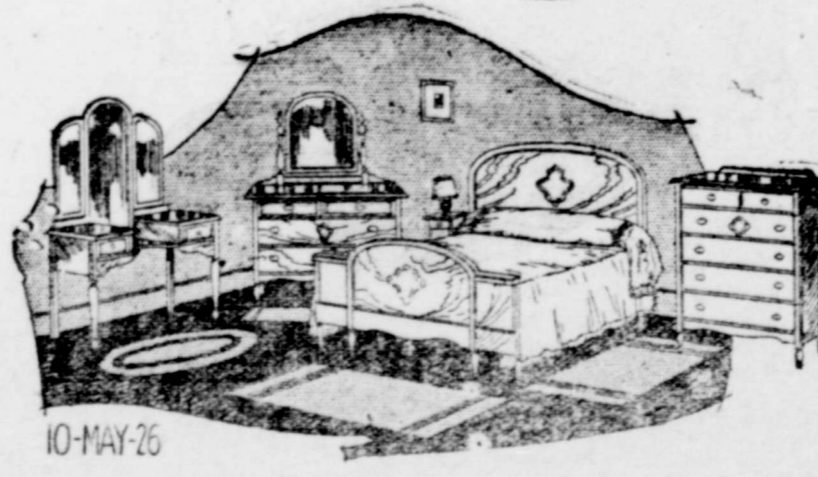
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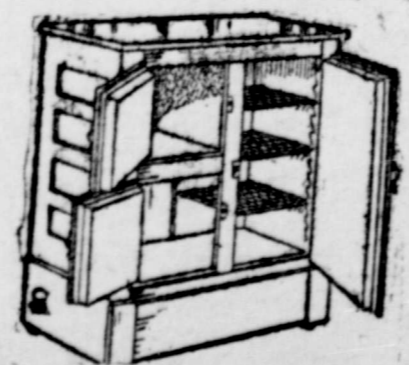
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### Night in Borneo Has Charm All Its Own

In all places there are lovely interesting things to listen to at night, if you are not sleeping, but the night noises in Borneo are different from those elsewhere. There are deep jungles of closely growing vines and ferns just off any road. The jungle climbs up and down very steep hills. There are great trees and small trees. Many have varieties of orchids and other air plants in them. And there are many monkeys. So there is the drip, drip of the gentle rain, and perhaps the roar of a little stream over full. Then a great chatter with rough shrieks drowning out every other noise for a while. Then as all the gentle noises begin broadcasting again, groan, swelling to a deafening crash. Other smaller groans and crashes follow. A great tree, not too well rooted, has gone down, taking all the tangled other trees along. As things quiet down, you will hear a few tentative bird calls and just as you begin to feel sleepy, the gun in the village is discharged. This means business and every one with work to do jumps out, for the time to get the work done when you live in Borneo is while the night's coolness lingers in the air.

### Churches in Business

An old Jewish synagogue in Maiden Lane, London, is now used as a theater for rehearsals, and a Methodist chapel in Southwark, where Wesley preached, is used as a paper warehouse.

The famous Surrey chapel, where Rowland Hill preached, is today the great boxing rendezvous known as the Ring. At Willesden an old chapel has been converted into a draper's establishment, the pulpit being used as the cash desk; another, in the Hampstead road, has been turned into a picture palace.

The Union Jack club, opposite Waterloo station, stands on the site of a Methodist chapel which had lost its worshippers, while St. Andrew's, Tavistock place, was once a fashionable church, but has been in turn a cycle store and a club.—London Answers.

### Grenade Duel Fails

In Germany two university students, each seeking the hand of a comely girl in marriage, decided they would have to fight it out in a duel. They chose hand grenades as weapons, paced off the required distance and when the referee dropped the handkerchief they each threw. The grenades went sailing through the air but nothing happened. Two other grenades were offered them and these exploded, but only splattered mud on the duelists. They then decided to allow the girl to choose.

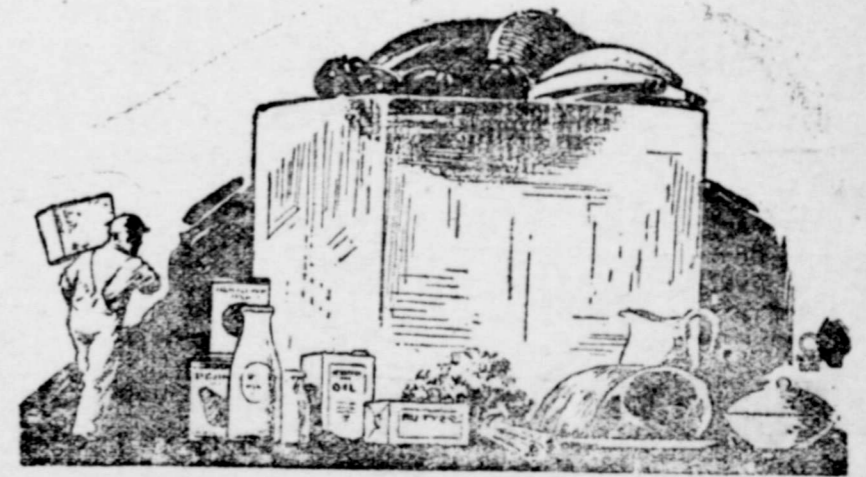
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