

anything with them. He was thinking of what he had read.

The young man wore a light derby hat. He pushed it on the back of his head to mop his heated forehead. As he did so, there was a little patter on the newspaper that lay in the lap of the man who was ruminating. The man who was ruminating looked down and saw that this patter had been caused by some tiny grains or rice. This discovery broke the chain of his reverie. He looked up again with a highly interested expression. He saw the young man half turn his head as if he had heard the patter on the paper. The girl was very pretty. She exchanged a glance with the young man that made the middle-aged observer have a warm feeling under the left-hand upper side of his vest front. Then she leaned over and whispered to the young man:

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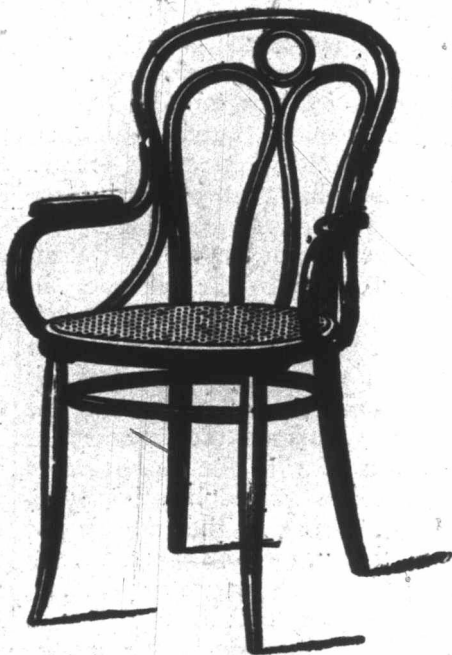
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