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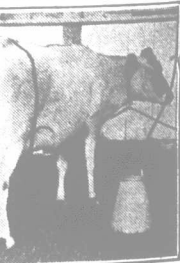
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A little apart, too, is the hospital, equipped with every necessity. But patients are not so many as in the old days, for the doctors are state paid, and part of their work is to give lectures to the people to teach them how they may keep well.

Needless to say, in this fair commonwealth things of the mind take their rightful place. To know and to be and to do, is considered greater than to own; and so everyone is interested in intellectual questions. The brilliant lecturer finds huge and sympathetic audiences; the great teacher finds pupils among old and young; the silly moving-picture play gives way before instructive moving-pictures showing great dramas and scenes in all parts of the world. Common vaudeville with its purposeless dancing and usually disgusting by-play is no more, for in its place have come artistic Greek dances and real humor. A similar fate, too, has met the ordinary cheap and unelevating play and opera, for the stage has become recognized as a great teacher, and only the best is tolerated. Everywhere the people have become educated to the enjoyment of really good drama and good music, and so such playwrights as Rann Kennedy, Jerome and Barrie have come into their own. Should a low play now attempt to appear above the footlights it would be hissed off the stage.

—Just a bit of the dream. You can add to it for yourselves. Perhaps you will be clever enough to carry it into the realms of government, into problems of labor and capital, into the regulation of the nations so that one shall not browbeat, shall not have the power to be unjust to, another.

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### "The Nurses."

Not long ago we were privileged to attend the graduating exercises of the class of nurses for 1915, who were leaving one of our large hospitals to start out on their career of mercy in the world.

The day was perfect, brilliant with sunshine, just cool enough to be pleasant, with snowy spiraea in full bloom massed about the great building in which the ceremony was to take place, and tulips blazing in yellow and red as though decked out in gala garb for the occasion.

Before we left the street-car, automobile after automobile, each filled with merry-faced, white-aproned, white-capped girls, whizzed by, and when we dismounted it was to find every walk and avenue thronged with people, "all in their Sunday best," all en route to the assembly hall to give the nurses the cheer of their presence.

The programme was short and absolutely devoid of frills—as befits one connected with young women who have for so long been facing the grim realities of life and death. A short address from a doctor who strove to impress upon the class a sense of their great re-

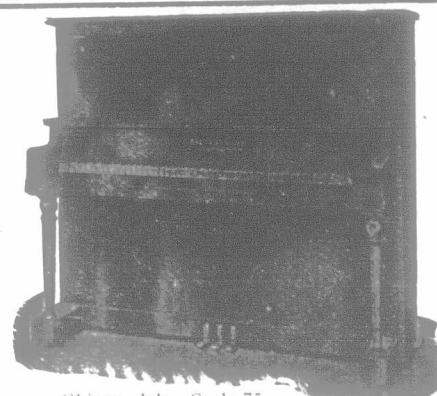
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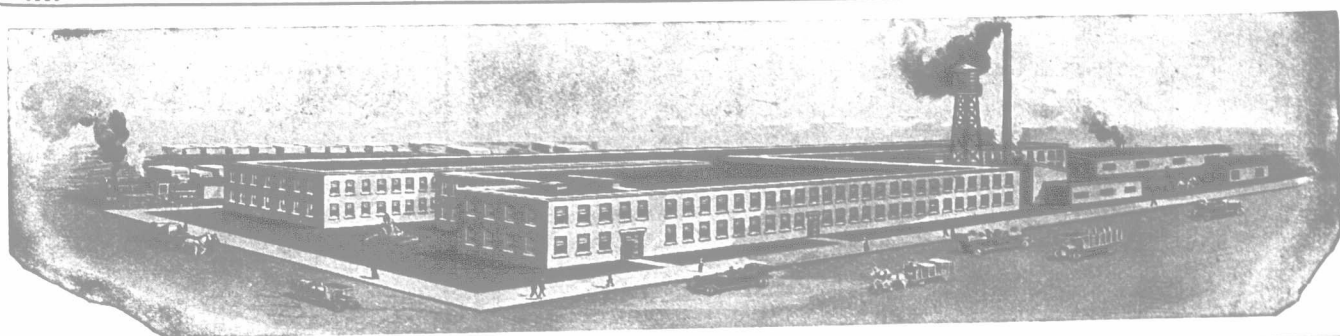
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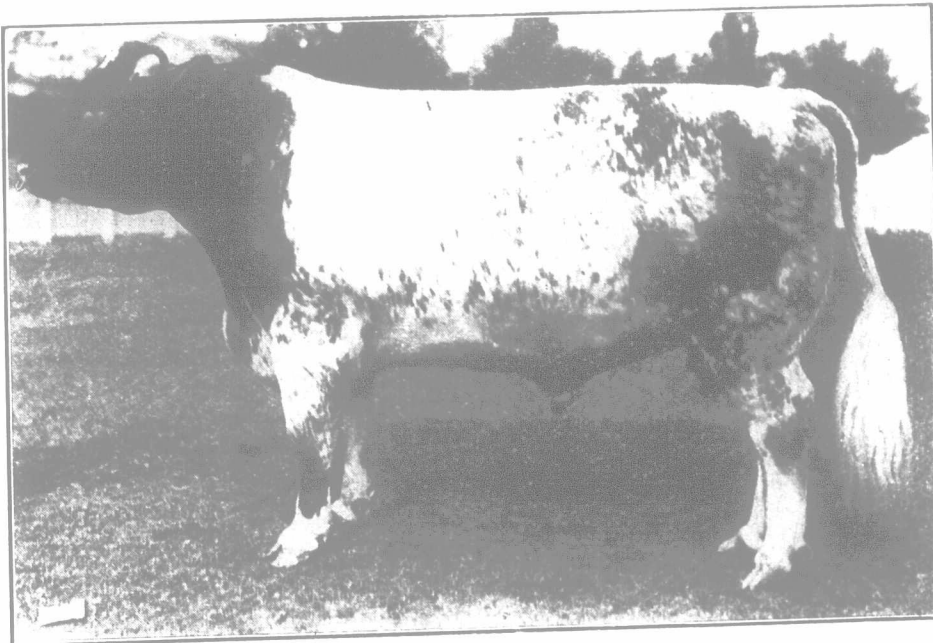
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sponsibility and need of efficiency and common-sense; another from a clergyman who dwelt upon their tremendous opportunity for social service; then the administering of the pledge, the playing of "God save the King," by the orchestra, and the scene was over, the hundreds of people who had filled the auditorium remaining out on the emerald lawn to congratulate the white-capped girls as they came, arms filled with flowers, down the steps.

Do you know the nurse's pledge,—the pledge laid down by Florence Nightingale for all nurses? If not, here it is: "I solemnly pledge myself, before God and in the presence of this assembly, to pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully. I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous, and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug."

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