

DR. PARKHURST SAYS NEW YORK CITY IS BECOMING BETTER

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TAMMANY UNCHANGED

Noted Minister Says Good-
bye to Democratic
Party.

New York, April 21.—Saturday was Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst's 78th birthday. A reporter who visited the clergyman's study in the Ansonia found him hardly conscious of the fact that his 80th milestone is only two steps away. He is in vigorous health and is engaged in his writing and in the preparation of sermons, for as pastor of large, now that the Madison Square Presbyterian Church has ceased to be, he continues to preach, accepting when he can some of the many invitations offered. He recently finished a series of four sermons in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn.

In the course of the conversation Dr. Parkhurst had occasion to reach into a drawer of his desk and refer to a page of typed manuscript. The visitor asked if he was writing an autobiography.

"Well," Dr. Parkhurst said, putting the manuscript away, "whatever it is I don't know that it will be for public reading."

He said he did not know Rev. Dr. John Roach Straton, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, who is visiting Broadway cabarets and reporting his findings from the pulpit and also to the grand jury, is emulating, in a rather mild way, the example set by Dr. Parkhurst in the early '90s. But he thought Dr. Straton was doing good work and had written him a note to that effect.

Dr. Parkhurst disagrees with gentlemen of the Criminal Courts Building who insist that New York, as regards protection of vice by the police, is worse than it was before the clean-up resulting from exposures by Dr. Parkhurst and the Lexow committee.

Not as Bad as in the Past.

"The city," he said, "has never gone back to the depravity of those days. It has not gone back even now. It is true there are some pretty bad spots now, but at that time it was all bad spots. We have only to recall that police captains used uniformly to pay \$15,000 for their appointments, and that every respectable house paid tribute to the police, to mention nothing else, to bring home the realization that we have improved greatly. I believe that the present mayor is really desirous of keeping the city decent. Very few girls are seen in the streets now. Some years back there were a great many."

"I cannot see, though, that Tammany has reformed. What virtue it has in the virtue of necessity. Tammany is not and has not been for many years a political organization. It has not changed. Repression has been exerted which makes the sources of its revenue less obvious, that is all."

The doctor confided that he had said good-bye to the Democratic party, for whose national ticket he had occasionally voted, and hoped that the Republicans would nominate and elect Leonard Wood.

"I supported Mr. Wilson," he said, "until he saw fit to reply to Germany's reply to his fourteen points. This partying finished with me so far as I was concerned. I do wish we could get rid of him. I hope the Republicans will nominate a man who comes as near as possible to the character of Theodore Roosevelt. Such a nomination, even in advance of the election, would do much to quiet our national restlessness. I should like to see Gen. Wood made president. That Wilson turned him down is no argument in Wood's favor, but his conduct after being turned down, the quietness of him, the way about the business Wilson set him to do, was admirable. A fine, straightforward man of straight principles is Wood. He is much like Roosevelt in Roosevelt's later life. I must say that the early Roosevelt, a whom I saw a good deal, was conceited, but eventually there was a marked change, and he gave himself wholly to the interest of his country."

Reference to Hoover.

Hoover seemed to Dr. Parkhurst to have sat too long on the fence politically, but he said he had had no opportunity for a close study of the man. On the Democratic side none of the candidates takes his fancy. Dr. Parkhurst said he had wondered a good deal if Bryan would emerge finally as the Democratic candidate, either as a result of a deadlock or of the prohibition fight within the Democratic party.

Dr. Parkhurst believes in the removal of strong drink and of the saloon, but says the expulsion of wines and beer was a sad mistake. In speaking of his own regimen he remarked that he had a glass of beer after his dinner every day.

"Real beer" the startled visitor exclaimed.

"Pretty real," Dr. Parkhurst admitted cheerfully.

He aims to walk two or three miles a day and sleep eight hours a night. He has never used tobacco. He has no frigid rules of diet, eating and enjoying whatever the table affords. He said he was doing as little preaching as possible.

"I preached for forty-five years, and now I want a chance to practice some," was his final observation.

VARNISHED BOARD IS EFFICIENT RAT TRAP

LONDON, April 21.—A varnished board as an effective rat trap is a method recommended recently by Dr. Howarth, medical officer of London. A strong lithographic varnish should be warmed in boiling water and spread one-sixteenth to one-eighth of an inch thick on strawboard or fairly thick cardboard. A bait is placed in the center of the board, and the rats in attempting to reach the bait are caught on the sticky surface in the same manner that flies are trapped on flypaper. The varnish should be effective for four days, when a fresh coat must be placed on the board.

The varnish is not poisonous, and a coroner's jury would probably ascribe death to natural causes following a shock, said Dr. Howarth. I think that the rats die of fright. Once their tails stick their doom is sealed. They never get near the bait. They get their feet in the varnish and the more they struggle the faster they stick.

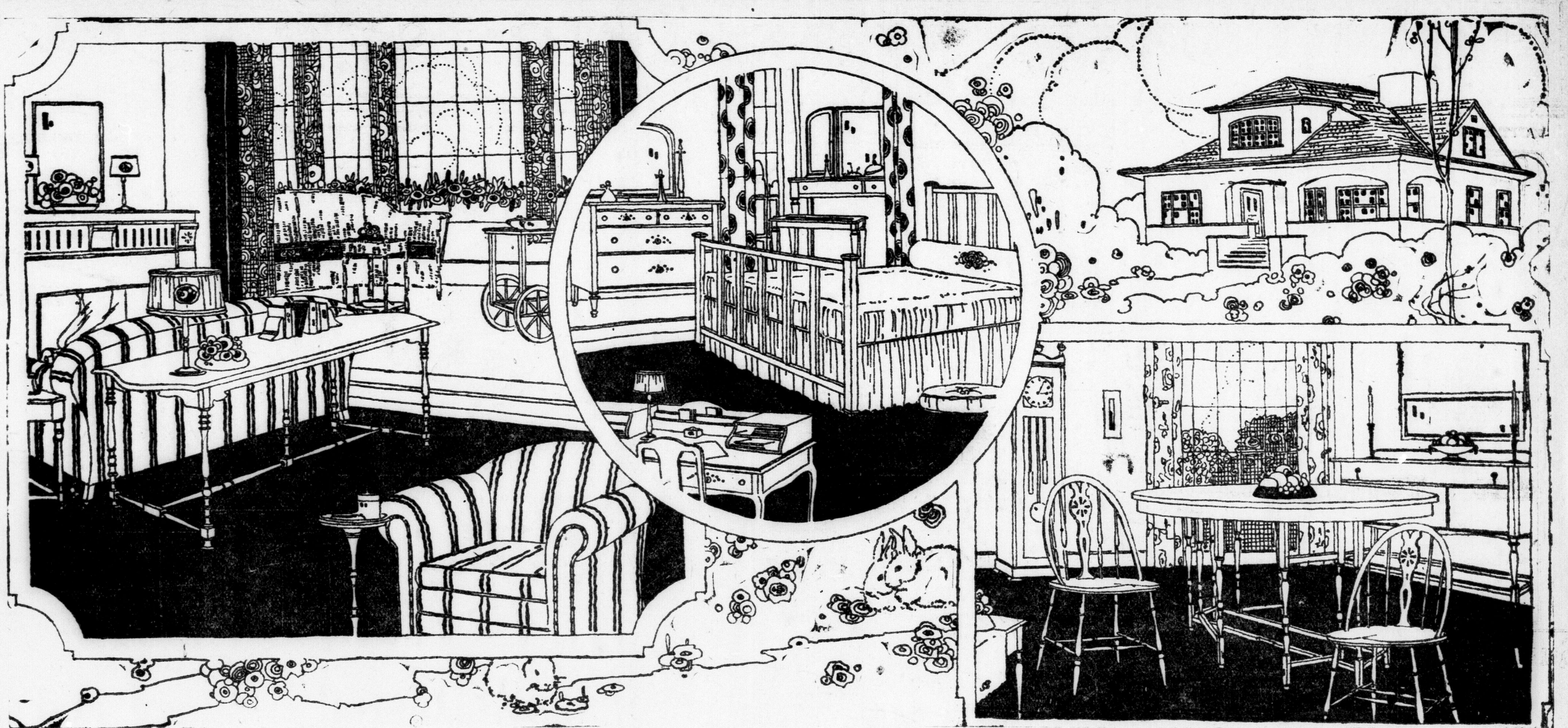
Rats caught during the night are always dead in the morning, and it is a very remarkable thing that if two rats get on the varnish together one of them kills the other. Evidently each thinks that the other is holding him. Then there is a battle royal and we find one with its neck bitten through. As to the cruelty of this method, we cannot afford to waste sentiment, and it is certainly not as cruel as phosphorus poison, which takes about four hours to kill.

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All Eyes Turn to Thomas' Wonderful Exhibition of Made-In-Canada Furniture

ELABORATE CHESTERFIELD SUITE AT \$1,000

In the window may be seen a very elaborate Chesterfield suite, consisting of three pieces, covered in rich blue silk mohair. The filling is down, and the design is most pleasing, being slightly oversize with one of the chairs following the fireside side style with winged side. Three pieces, \$1,000.

Of course there are many less pretentious Chesterfields at \$350 and \$425 and \$475, \$525 and \$580, in excellent tapestries of English manufacture. Marshall springs, cushion and outside or fireside backs provide comfort aplenty.

TIDY GREY BREAKFAST SUITE AT \$312

Grey enamel breakfast suites have ever been popular, and the one now on display is receiving commendation from all sides.

The design is attractive and the quaint fall leaf table is exceedingly pleasing. Of course the china cabinet is so constructed that it takes a corner beautifully. Carefully applied grey enamel is the background for tasteful blue stripes. The four diners are upholstered in blue leather, rounding out a suite that the more appreciative will be pleased to see.

ATTRACTIVE WALNUT SUITE AT \$296

There's not a couple starting up house who are not planning on at least one walnut bedroom suite.

Excellent value, with pleasing design, is embraced in a suite now on exhibition, consisting of five pieces. The dressing table is semi-vanity in character, the bed has cane fittingly applied to the head and foot boards. The five pieces are priced at \$296.

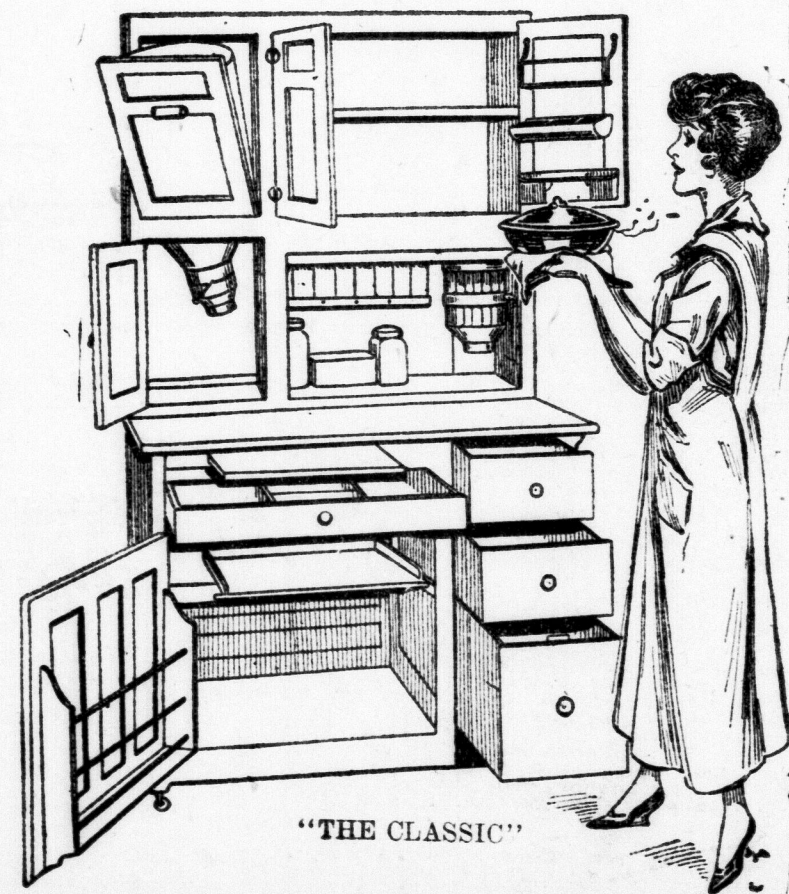
Many suites in mahogany, satin and polished walnut konyak, together with ivory-finished suites.

HAM & NOTT CABINETS MORE POPULAR THAN EVER

Every day so far in the week hundreds of interested ladies have inspected the display of Ham & Nott Brantford kitchen cabinets.

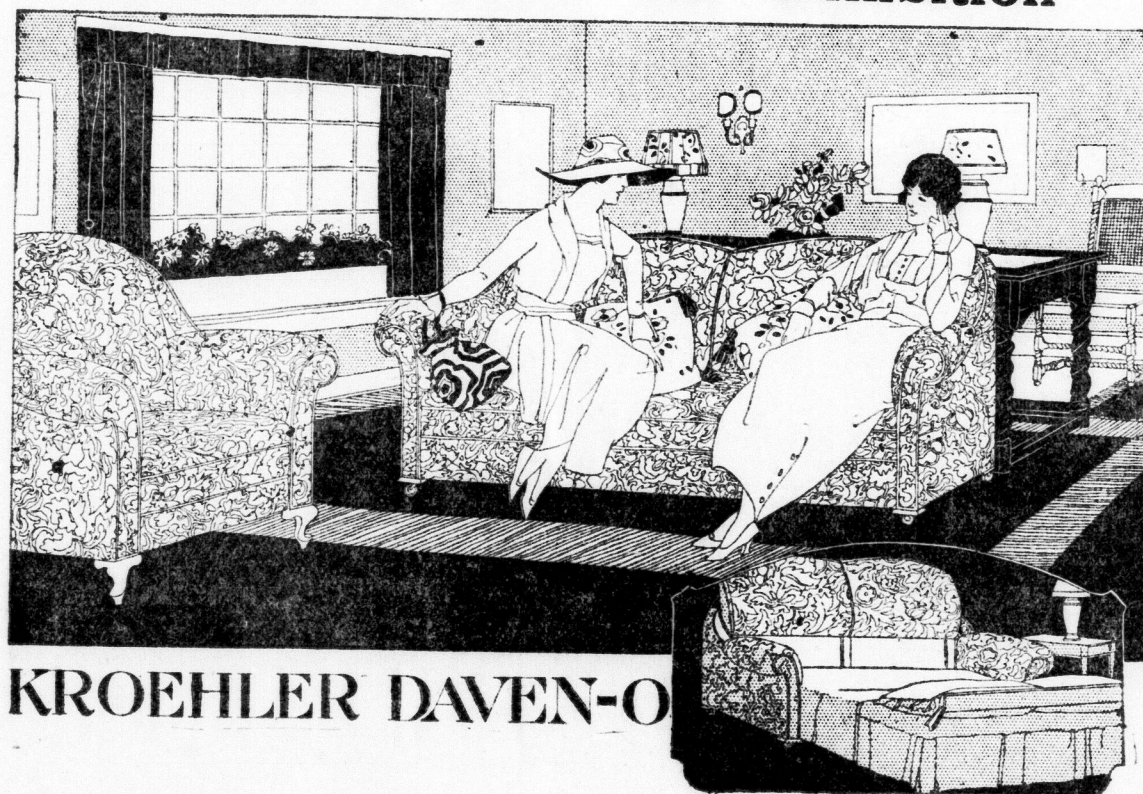
There are especially attractive club terms of only \$5 of an initial payment for the week.

There are no less than six popular designs, at \$38, \$54, \$57, \$73, \$74, \$75 and \$79.



The Made-in-Canada Week idea has caught on wonderfully well, and there is no store receiving more visitors than Thomas'. It's so handy to drop in to have a cup of real nice coffee and to see the manufacturers' exhibits ranged the entire length of the store.

25 New Designs of KROEHLER DAVENOS Now On Exhibition



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It's difficult to say whether the national advertising or the actual merit of Kroeher Davenos has popularized them to such a degree, but we do see a great number from week to week.

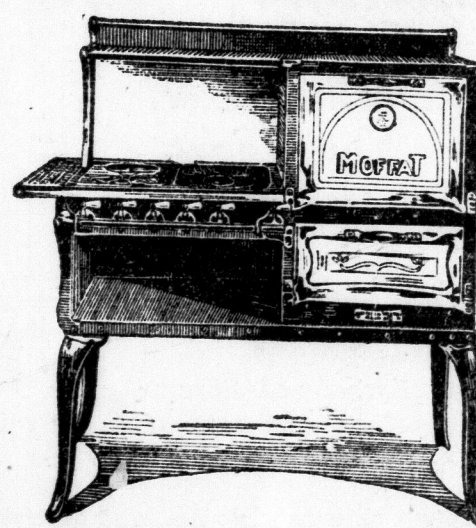
And they're not so expensive, either, when you consider they come complete with springs and mattresses. \$59, \$79.50, \$82, \$90, and up to \$166.

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Everybody likes "Sweetheart," but her toothsome cookery is mighty popular, too.

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WALNUT DINING SUITE AT \$1,500

Rich two-tone inlays, enhanced by delicate hand carvings, characterize the feature dining suite of the exhibition, consisting of nine pieces with oblong table, and high china cabinet, price \$1,500.

Like everything else, we are showing a full range from \$375 to the above mentioned for full suites.

Many desirable oak suites, starting right in at \$125.

SPINET DESKS, CONSOLE TABLES AND MIRRORS

Lovely console tables and mirrors in antique walnut with tasteful hand-carved decorations.

Also a number of high-back hall chairs with seat and back done in fine cane.

You'll find interest in the artful designs and moderate prices of these many rich pieces. While not finishing a room, one or two enhance to such an extent that it is a decided fallacy to overlook their importance.

CANE PANEL HALL AND LIVING-ROOM CHAIRS

Apart from the heavy stuff over chairs and rockers you'll find pleasure in viewing the new living-room chairs in antique oak, tapestry upholstered seats and cane.

BABY CARRIAGES AND STROLLERS

No. Not Baby has not been neglected nor his importance overlooked, for one entire section is given over to articles for the "Boss of the House." Comfortable strollers, roomy carriages, convenient kiddie-koo, comforters, cute little baths make up the display.

Folding strollers on sale at \$4.95.

MAXWELL'S WASHERS MAKE LOVELY DISPLAY

The third section is occupied by a model kitchen. Included is a "Maxwell" Washer of the "Home" type. Maxwells are made in St. Marys, and are selling a special washer at \$12.45.

