

# A Glance at Life in Great Britain---Happenings in England, Ireland and Scotland Briefly Chronicled

## ENGLAND

### SAVED BY DRILL

#### Some 400 Children Marched Safely Out of School When Alarm Sounded.

How valuable the fire drill in county council schools is was demonstrated on Wednesday at the school in Margaret street, Clerkenwell. A fire broke out under the flooring of a room. The teachers promptly marshaled the 39 children in the room for fire drill, and then the whole 400 in the building marched out into the playground without the slightest panic. The firemen soon put out the blaze. Speaking at a public meeting at Hammersmith town hall in connection with the forward movement of the Church of England Temperance Society, the lord chief justice (Lord Alverstone), said that from his 49 years' legal experience 90 per cent of the crimes committed in this country could be traced to over-indulgence in drink. He believed in the reduction of public-houses, and wanted to see the public-house made more of a refreshment-room to the temperate man than the drinking place of the drunken man.

Pleading guilty to charges of conveying, while assistant-warder at the Wormwood scrub prison, articles of food and letters in and out of prison contrary to regulations, Edward Francis Smith was at West London police court fined £19 and £5 5s costs.

A rough-legged buzzard has been found in an exhausted condition at Margaretting, near Chelmsford. A little owl, another very rare bird in England, has been killed at Hengsted, Essex.

Fire broke out in the Cripple Children's School at Glasgow. The teachers carried the disabled children from the fire danger, so that not one of them was injured.

The Rev. J. Sedzwick, rector, of Birbrook, Essex, for 23 years, died on Sunday, only surviving his wife 36 hours. He was 86 years of age and author of "Sedzwick's History of France."

Several casual paupers, given the usual allowance of skum to pick at Newbury, set fire to it because, as they said, they were so cold. Each was sentenced to seven days' hard labor.

"Come out, you beggars," shouted a man on seeing his reflection in a shop window in New Oxford street: "I'll give you what for!" and then, assuming a fighting attitude, he struck the glass. He was fined at Bow street police court.

In recognition of Sir Herbert Tree's work in arranging the Herbert performance at His Majesty's Theatre in the spring, the King of Italy has decided to confer upon him the order of the Crown of Italy.

When Arthur, 28, laborer, and Robert, 29, laborer, were charged with mandating at Kilsnoo charged with excessive their child. It was stated that the prisoners lived in a shed rudely constructed of sheep hurdles and straw.

### HOSPITAL DEBT PAID

#### Duke of Arundel Throws Castle Open For Institution's Benefit.

As a result of the Duke of Norfolk's throwing open Arundel Castle during the summer of 1908, £21,413 has been handed to the Arundel and District Nursing and Hospital Emergency Association, thus freeing the hospital from debt.

Alderman A. H. Worth, of Holbeach Burn, is building at his own expense a narrow-gauge railway, ten miles in length, which will convey the produce of his farms to Fleet Railway station, on the Midland and Great Northern Joint Railway. The cost will be \$50,000.

In aid of the funds of the Hammersmith Labor and Radical Association, Miss Violet Asquith, daughter of the Premier, opened a sale of work at the Broadway Hall, Hammersmith, and delivered an enthusiastic speech in favor of the Government.

The Bishop of Truro, at the prize distribution of Truro High School, said that the reference in the report to laundry work appealed to him, for his life and comfort as a bishop depended very much on the way that his collar was prepared, whether it was wrinkled or not.

A bridegroom of 69 has just led his bride to the altar at the old parish church of Llanfagan, near Carnarvon, where service is only held once a year. Not for 72 years has a marriage been solemnized at this church.

At the sale of the contents of Old Park, Enfield, 15s per ounce was realized for a Queen Anne plain silver two-handled cup and 80s per ounce for a chased and fluted porringer of the same period.

Mr. G. A. Duffield (Municipal Reformist), carrier, was elected mayor of Steppay.

Lord Exeter accepted the invitation of the Stamford town council to become the mayor for the ensuing year.

Messrs. L. and C. Hardman, the well-known pencil manufacturers, have decided to erect a building in Kingsway.

The Duke of Northumberland laid the foundation stone of the new Queen Elizabeth Grammar Schools at Hexham.

Ecceleshall guardians at Sheffield decided to lease a large tract of woodland and set the unemployed to reclaim it.

Incendiary fires at four farms have occurred at Moberrow, near Wisbech. Corn and hay stacks and buildings were destroyed.

Anna Taylor was stated at a Hackney inquest to have died from the effects of a broken ankle at the age of 61.

Blackfriars Bridge subway, by means of which one of London's dangerous crossings may be avoided, was opened Nov. 25.

The memorial to these Cornish statesmen—Eliot, Godolphin, and Molewark—was placed in position in the Cathedral church.

Dead at Merton, N. W., a peacock-pheasant has been sold for \$200 in a record price for the breed and in gold, heavier than the best itself.

### BOUQUET FOR KING

#### Work of a Girl Wins His Majesty's Graceful Thanks.

Miss Lillian Husk, aged 15, who made a basket of artificial Parma violets and roses as a birthday gift for the King, has received his majesty's thanks and some graceful remarks on her skill.

Mr. Bodkin, K.C., at the Middlesex Guildhall, recalled the roller-skating

crase of 1850, and said that the revival of this rumberg, rolling, rattling riot of little wheels would die out within one or two years at the very most.

A demonstration was given at Morton Hotel, Russell Square, of the aeroplane, a portable wireless telephone, invented by Mr. H. Grindell Matthews, by means of which the voice can be transmitted without wires, even if brick walls intervene.

The army council has decided that nurses employed in military families' hospitals may be permitted occasionally to attend operas, theatres, concerts and other places of amusement, by special authority of the head nurse but not balls or dances.

Sir Samuel Scott, M.P., has erected a working men's club in the main street of the village of Westbury. Sir Samuel said it was his wish that they should all live as one happy family in the village.

A Liverpool lady ordered some sacral coats to be sent up "on approval" one Saturday. She returned them on the Monday following as all unsuitable. The next morning she received back her prayer book, which had been found in the pocket of one of the coats!

Mr. Arthur Walsgrove, a commercial traveller of Coventry, on Monday received a telegram from the King congratulating him on his golden wedding and for having served 69 years in the employment of one firm.

Countess Crichton has appeared in the Cheshire hunting field for the first time since her accident last year. The countess was warmly welcomed at Wrenbury, where the hounds met.

A sum of nearly £150,000 was awarded by the West Kent compensation committee for the loss of 31 public-house and beer-house licenses in the western portion of the county.

Nine clergymen hold stage play licenses according to the list presented before the Middlesex licensing committee, and could, by presenting them at St. James's House, obtain liquor licenses.

Mr. G. H. Chapman, owner of the Draxton quarries, while excavating a trench in a quarry at the foot of the Mendips Hills, came upon a number of pieces of Roman-British pottery.

A fresh coat of Stilton. Hants, has just been sold for a set of harness and a sovereign. The purchaser offers to let it for a shilling a week.

### NEW THAMES BRIDGE

#### Between St. Paul's and Southwark—Cost Estimated at \$8,234,915.

The city corporation approved the construction of a new bridge between St. Paul's Cathedral and Southwark, at a cost of £1,648,983, and the reconstruction of Southwark Bridge to the width of Queen street, at a cost of £261,909. Mr. J. P. Algar said that before the building of Tower Bridge, three passed over London Bridge 22,000 vehicles a day. The daily number was now 27,000, and 44,000 passed over Tower Bridge in the same time.

The price of beer was reduced lately throughout London. This step was determined upon at a meeting of the committee of the Association of Brewers Trading in London, it being explained that Lord Lansdowne's amendment made it unlikely that the increased duties would come into force.

Mrs. Eliza Kelly, of Cheltenham, who lately completed her hundredth year, received a telegram of congratulation from the King. Mrs. Kelly is hale and vigorous and well, but quite blind.

It was found the other day that five missionary boxes in the school attached to St. Barnabas Church, Clapham Common, had been opened and their contents, amounting to about £3 stolen. A clock was also missing.

Though four persons slept on the roof of the church, the roof was not prepared for them. When they departed they left the front door open, and in this way the raid was discovered.

A lady while worshipping in Ilford Parish Church was injured by a pipe which fell from the organ. The force of the blow was minimized by the thick bonnet she was wearing.

A committee appointed by the Hull Chamber of Commerce and Shipping to consider the proposed working agreement between the North Eastern and the Hull and Barnsley Railways.

Nearly 150 boiler makers at shops of the railway works at Brighton Station have come out on strike. The dispute is understood to be caused by the introduction of gas-fired boilers.

The death is announced from Lowestoft of "Councillor R. B. Capps, J.P., aged 72. He was a prominent Liberal Nonconformist, and temperance advocate. He was also known as the fisherman's friend."

From the Salters' Company the trustees of the Middlesex Hospital Cancer Charity have received the annual grant of \$500 for the maintenance of the Salters' scholarship attached to the cancer research laboratories.

The lord mayor of Bristol reports that a fund, opened some time ago for the benefit of cab proprietors and drivers thrown out of employment by the introduction of taxicabs, has reached the sum of \$8,015.

### A NURSE'S BIG TASK.

#### Had Charge of Thirteen Wards in Workhouse With Ninety Patients.

In the Isle of Wight Workhouse it was proved that one night nurse had charge of thirteen wards containing 90 patients, male and female.

Arcadeon Baly, for many years captain at the church in Windsor Great Park, died at Bishopsgate, near Windsor, at the age of 84.

A proposal that the Socialist-Labor party shall adopt black on yellow as its colors will be made at the annual conference of the party in January.

The Royal Geographical Society will contribute \$2,500 towards Captain Scott's Antarctic expedition, and the Royal Society will contribute \$1,250.

Henry A. H. Starbuck has just entered on his 48th year as curate of St. Alban's, Holborn, a church which stands on the site of Dickens' thieves' kitchen.

Alderman William Fairbrother, who has resigned his seat on the Warwickshire county council, has hunted with the Warwickshire foxhounds for 661 seasons.

Captain Edward Rowe Fisher-Rowe, J.P., a deputy-lieutenant for the county of Surrey, recently died in London. He

married a daughter of the first Earl of Ravensworth.

Mr. William Creeve, of Teddington, near Tewkesbury, who celebrated his 89th birthday, is the only survivor of the twelve original members of the Y.M.C.A.

An anonymous offer of \$5,000 has been made towards the proposal for the creation of a separate diocese for Bucks, which now forms part of the diocese of Oxford.

For the purpose of providing work for the unemployed, the Bristol city council resolved to construct a lake and pleasure ground at Portishead, at a cost of \$22,000.

During the last financial year the profits of the Nottingham corporation electric undertaking amounted to \$2,325,563 on the tramways to \$258,825, and on the gas to \$536,725.

The South Wales miners withdrew their request for a 2½ per cent advance in wages and accepted the owners' suggestion to commence negotiations for a new agreement.

Devotion to her cat cost an old lady at Westminister her life. At the inquest it was stated that the woman, who suffered from rheumatism, "fell about" a good deal. A cat of which she was very fond, got out of the house and she went out for it. Stooping down to pick it up, her left leg buckled under her, and she sustained a fracture. Medical evidence showed that a blood clot caused by the fracture, became detached and went to the heart, causing death.

Sentence of fourteen days' hard labor was passed at the North London police court on Annie Winney, a married woman, residing in Shacklewell Row, Kingsland, for biting William Chandler, a child of 3 years, on the left hand. Mrs. Chandler said that the defendant bit the child on the left hand, and that she said that perhaps that would teach him not to bite others.

A young man who was charged at Bow street police court with drunkenness, told the magistrate that under the influence of a little drink he had a weakness for improvising well-known songs, such as "Sir Henry Irving in 'The Bells'" or "Sir Charles Warner in 'Drink'." His acting was so realistic that it made people think he was drunk. The police version of the matter was that the man was ejected from a public-house in Drury Lane, and made use of bad language.

Seven fishermen have had a narrow escape with their lives at Leith Ness, their fishing boat being totally burned while lying at the entrance to the Caledonian canal locks at Port Augustus. The boat was the joint property of Daniel and William Baker, who were on board along with five of a crew.

At a meeting of the lord provost's committee of the Edinburgh town council it was unanimously agreed to recommend the council to confer the freedom of the city on Mr. Asquith, Sir William Turner (principal of Edinburgh White, St. George's United Free Church).

Arbitration proceedings are going on before Sir Francis Hopwood, under secretary of state for Great Britain, at Edinburgh, in connection with questions concerning the conditions of employment of the goods guards, shunters, and locomotive men in the North British Railway Company's service. The company have argued a settlement with their men in all the other grades, but they were unable to come to terms upon the demands made by the men employed in the grades mentioned. The men asked for a ten-hour day for all railwaymen except drivers, firemen and shunters in busy yards, and signalmen in busy cabins, whose hours they asked should be eight. They also desired time and a half for Sunday work and a minimum wage of 21 shillings for all men who had reached the age of 21 years.

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The King has appointed the Earl

of Arran to be a knight of the Order of St. Patrick in place of the Earl of Curzon, deceased.

The underground system of telegraph is to be introduced between Dublin and Belfast by way of a beginning of the system in Ireland.

At the closing sitting of the General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church, the revision was completed of the draft book of orders.

A boy cycling out to deliver a telegraph message at Tongalee farm near Roscommon, was met by several persons and cautioned not to deliver his message. He persisted, however, in doing so. The matter was reported to the police.

A tree which a farmer named Geo. Hart, an aged man, was cutting down at Fannaghmore, fell more quickly than expected, and Hart was fatally injured.

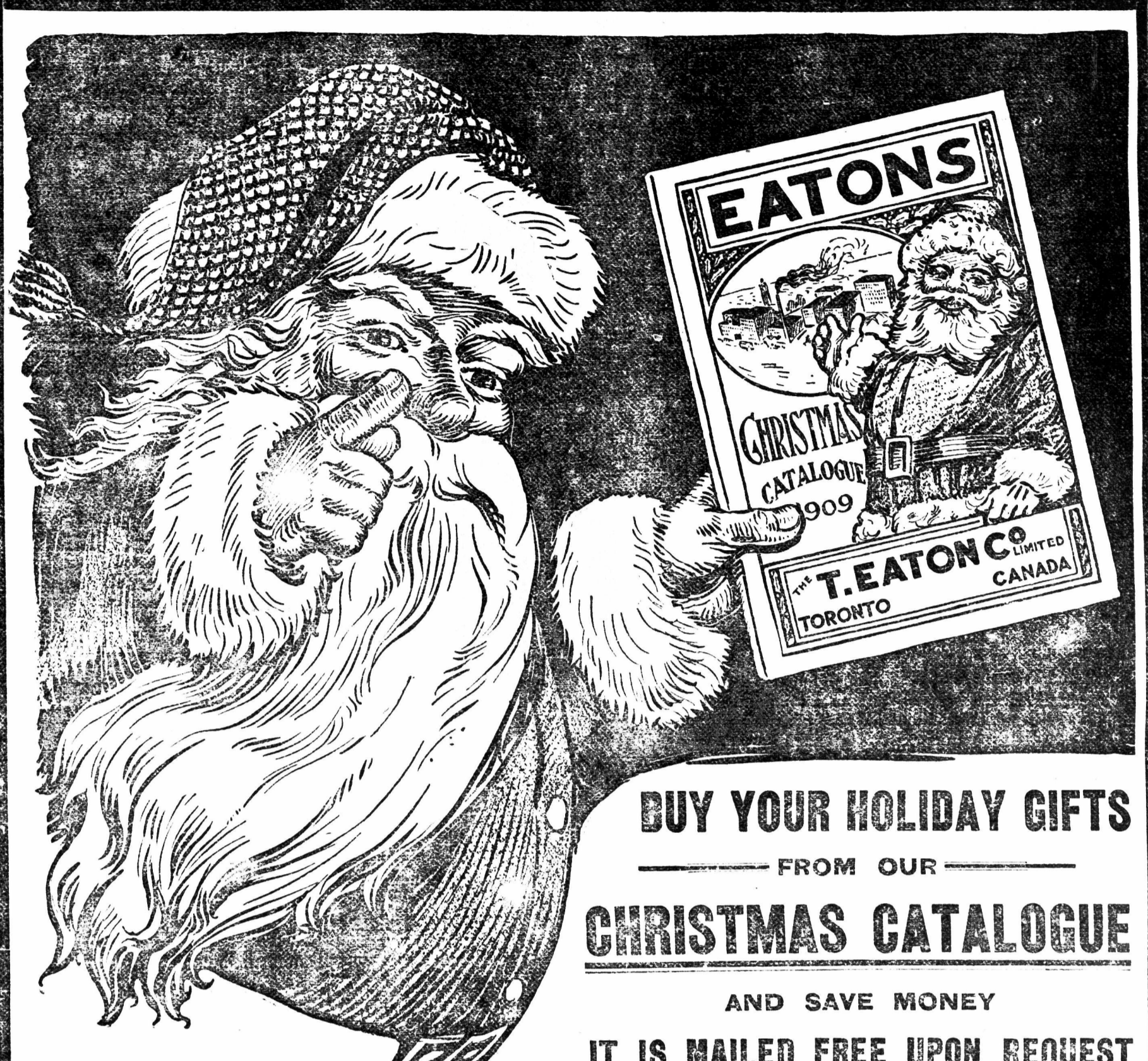
WONDERFUL NEW ZEALAND.

New Zealand's death rate is the lowest in the world. Her wealth, per capita, is the greatest in the world. Her wheat yield comes up to 60 bushels to the acre, and oats up to 50 bushels. She has exported over \$50,000,000 worth of gold. Her manufactures have reached an annual output above \$15,000,000. She has 4,000,000 horsepower readily available for generating electricity in natural water power.

She has four cities of from 50,000 to 80,000 each, and a lot of substantial provincial towns. Parenthetically, the cities are already beautiful garden cities, with parks and parkways, public buildings and private residences to teach older worlds suitable lessons. In the year ending with March, 1907, her exports amounted to \$109,000,000. Agricultural and pastoral products took the lead—\$25,000,000 gold, coal and other minerals, \$12,000,000 manufactures, \$5,000,000 timber and forest products, \$1,000,000 fisheries, etc., filling out the count. Her imports for the year amounted to \$23,000,000, the giving the commerce of \$123,000,000, of which America had but a miserable pittance and none of the transportation, owing largely to the energy with which our Government is concluding bit of statistics, the surplus in Government revenue over expenditures for the year 1906, was close to \$40,000,000, where we had a substantial deficit—Putnam's.

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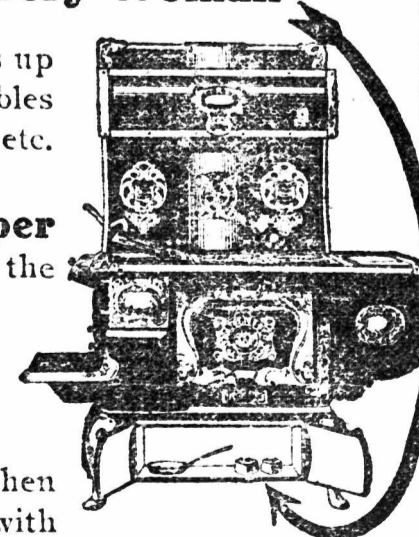
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