

FLUFFY RUFFLES

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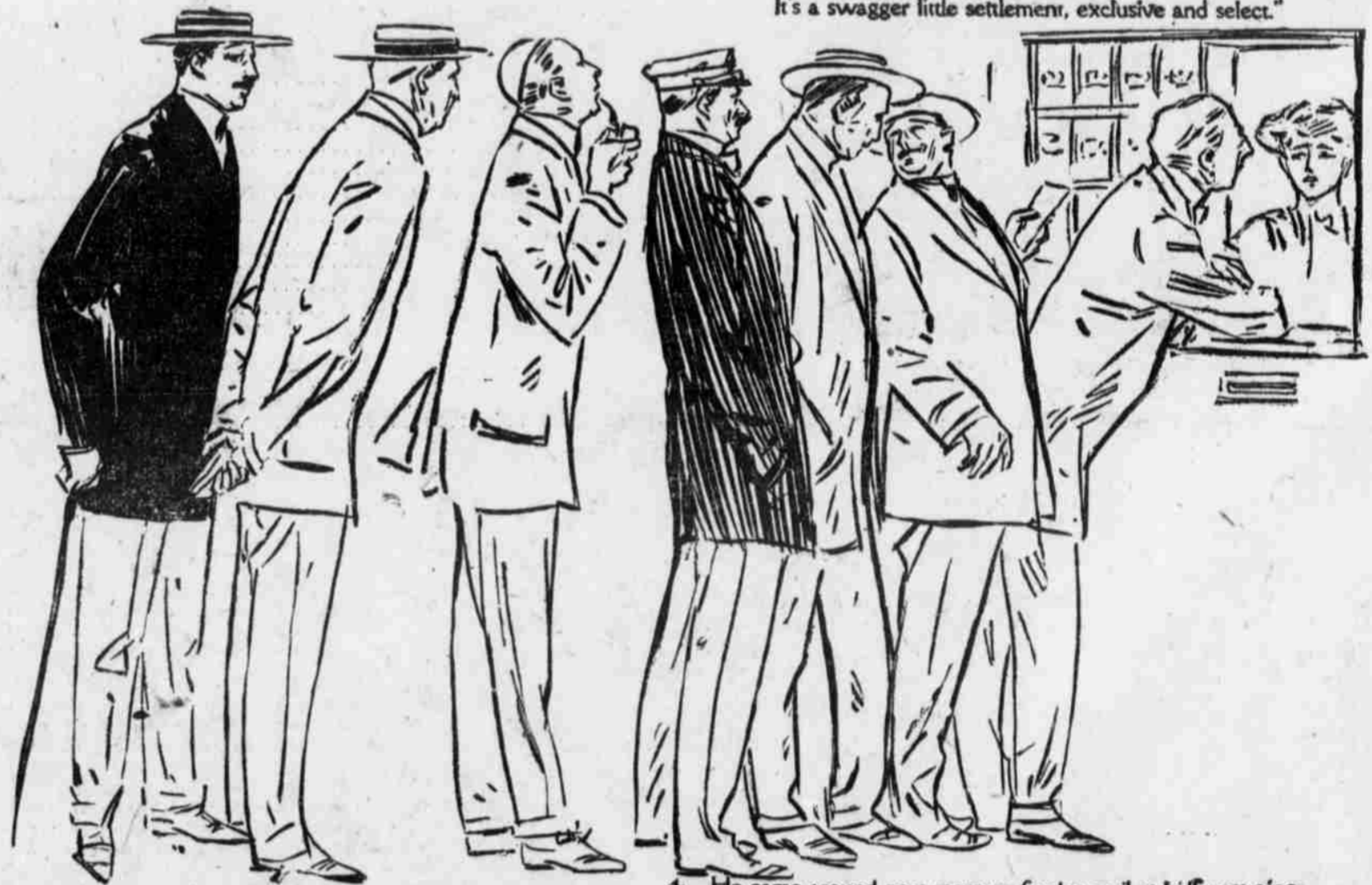
1. One day Miss Fluffy Ruffles had a letter in her mail:
She read it, and she thought, "Perhaps I may as well avail
Myself of this position; though the salary is small,
'Twill be a pleasant outing to go to Silver Fall."



2. "The duties of postmistress I can easily perform,
And the mountains will be pleasant, now the weather is so warm,
I'll take my summer frocks and hats—I'll need them, I expect;
It's a swaggy little settlement, exclusive and select."



3. So Fluffy went to Silver Fall, up in the mountains high;
At the station no one met her, and she felt alone and shy.
When a big young man stepped forward, "Can I help you, Miss?" said he,
She blushed and smiled and dimpled, "I'm the postmistress," said she.



4. He came around next morning for his mail at half past nine,
And found the Silver Fall young men all standing in a line!
Though Fluffy at the window tried to make them move ahead,
They dawdled round the office with their letters all unread.



5. Each day the same thing happened. All the men of Silver Fall
Filled the office, and the ladies couldn't get inside at all.
Poor Fluffy tried to stop it, but though she was not to blame,
One day a big official letter to Miss Ruffles came.



6. As Fluffy read it her sweet face grew very woebegone;
"Miss Fluffy Ruffles," it began, "Dear Madam," it went on,
"We are prepared your formal resignation to accept."
Fluffy wrote her resignation, then she went back home and wept.