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When the job apparently had been finished the leather merchant inspected it and found the whitewash suspiclously thin looking.

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She Was So Sure.

A woman who may be called Mrs. Smith placed her umbrella against the counter at which she was making some purchases in a department store the other day and when she finished picked it up and started away. At least that was the way it ran through her

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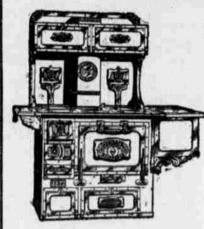


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