

### Engines in Repair Must Be Reduced, Say Rail Chiefs

#### Shortage Due, They Claim, to Too Many Locomotives Unfit at Same Time.

Efforts to reduce the percentage of locomotives out of service for repairs are being made by railway executives, who declare the car shortage is due to the fact that too many locomotives are unfit for service at the same time.

A bulletin issued under the authority of the Association of Railway Executives, to unify all forces in the effort to secure maximum service from existing transportation facilities shows that an early and substantial reduction in the number of locomotives now unfit for service must be made.

#### Big Per Cent in Shops.

On September 15, of all locomotives, 17.1 per cent were out of service for repairs requiring over 24 hours, and 6.4 per cent for repairs requiring less than 24 hours.

As a basis for comparison—although the statistics were kept on a different basis at that time—in September, 1917, 13.5 per cent of freight locomotives were in shops for repairs or awaiting repairs.

The number of locomotives out of service for repairs is said to be too many even if there were in service all the locomotives needed.

According to figures compiled by the Railway Age, the average number of locomotives provided annually by the railroads for eight years prior to the war was 2,970.

#### Plan Wholesale Purchase.

According to reports to the Interstate Commerce commission unofficially summarized on August 30, the railroads plan the purchase of 1,800 locomotives this year at a cost of more than \$100,000,000.

In the program for utilization of the \$300,000,000 revolving loan fund provided for in the transportation act, there are loans to some 32 companies amounting to \$29,000,000 to enable them to acquire 636 freight locomotives and 277 switching locomotives, having a total value of approximately \$58,000,000.

Even if this is a maximum possible program for increase of motive power at this time, pending the availability of new locomotives, the bulletin concludes by saying, there must be more service obtained from the locomotives on hand.

#### Negro Woman Patient Throws Radium Into Drain Pipe

Thomasville, Ga., Nov. 13.—There was consternation among the doctors of the Radium Institute here when it was found that \$7,000 worth of radium had been thrown into a sewer.

The radium was being used in treating a negro woman for cancer at the hospital and was left attached for a certain length of time. Deciding that she did not want the odor of radium and saw no good in a little thing like that, anyway, the woman, happening to be left alone, cut the string holding it and going to the bath room threw the costly remedy into the sewer.

The attending physicians returned and found the radium missing and learned of its disposition excitement reigned supreme.

Plumbers were hastily summoned, sewer pipe torn up and rigorous search made. After extended search the tiny tube, hardly larger than a needle, was found lodged against the sewer trap in the yard of the hospital. A young plumber named Sullivan received the \$100 reward offered for the recovery of the radium.

#### Little Girls Prove Fairies Exist by Photographing Them

London, Nov. 13.—There is nothing new in spirit photographs, but a photograph of fairies is something of a novelty.

Two girls, both very young, constantly told their fathers that at a certain spot in the country—doubtless a glade—they could always summon fairies.

The credulous father suggested that if they could summon them and play with them, why not take photographs of them. To which end he lent the children his camera.

They went to their meeting place and summoning their elfin friends promptly proceeded to snap them. Great was the surprise, the father said, when, upon developing the photographs he found the younger of the girls surrounded by fairies with pretty faces and gaudy wings while the eldest had a delightful chubby-faced little girl sitting on her knee.

Sir A. Conan Doyle, who has the photographs, has no doubt of their genuineness, and it is stated that he intends to publish them in a book.

#### Bootleggers Reap Big Harvest in Thirsty Boston

Boston, Nov. 13.—Bootleggers are coming money at the expense of Bostonians who insist on having their liquor in spite of prohibition.

### Homeliness Is No Bar To Girl Getting a Job



Mrs. Alice Barber, who believes that any girl can improve her personal appearance, and if she has efficiency and is bright she can get work.

New York, Nov. 6.—So ugly she can't get a job!

That is the wall of a homely woman who complains in a letter "To the Editor" that as soon as a prospective employer gets one look at her unlovely features he decides the "place is filled," and that she need not wait.

A mouth like a huge gash, complexion a pasty green, eyes like oysters, and a lumpy face with every known blemish—so the lady describes herself. She wishes some jealous woman who does not want a pretty girl in her husband's office would communicate with her.

While we all like comely people and attractive objects about us, yet it seems hard to believe that a capable though unsightly woman is unable to find work. Business efficiency experts have various ways of determining one's suitability for a task, and good looks (that is, positively handsome features) do not enter into consideration except in rare cases.

#### Rare Cases.

In the opinion of a woman expert the homely woman is equally as satisfactory as her pretty sister—often more so. Mrs. Alice Barber, who in her capacity as head of an industrial organization advises employers as to the fitness of men and women for jobs, says many plain women are by far most desirable in business.

#### Chance for Improvement.

"This woman must be awful if she looks like her description," smiled Mrs. Barber, who incidentally is most prepossessing herself.

"Bad as her appearance must be, if she is to be believed, she could improve it. If her hair is stringy let her get a permanent wave. If her complexion is green she can use harmless cosmetics to cover it up. Powder puffs accomplish wonders. It is ridiculous for a woman to complain in these days of personal improvement that she looks awful.

"Plainness does not mean unattractiveness. The neat, well-groomed business woman is always a pleasure to look at, and compares very well with the vain beauty who spends hours of her employer's time fussing about her looks.

#### Physician Explains Who Should Take Nuxated Iron

#### Practical Advice on How To Help Build Up Great Strength, Energy and Endurance.

"Lack of iron in the blood not only makes a man a physical and mental weakling, nervous, irritable, easily fatigued, but it utterly robs him of that vital force, that stamina and strength of will which are necessary to success and power in every walk of life," says Dr. James Francis Sullivan, formerly physician of Bellevue Hospital (Outdoor Dept.), New York, and the Westchester County Hospital. "It may also transform a beautiful, sweet-tempered woman into one who is cross, nervous and irritable. I have strongly emphasized the great necessity of physicians making blood examinations of their weak, anemic, run-down patients. Thousands of persons go on year after year suffering from physical weakness and a highly nervous condition due to lack of sufficient iron in their red blood corpuscles without ever realizing the real cause of their trouble. Without iron in your blood your food merely passes through the body something like corn through an old mill with rollers so wide apart that the mill can't grind."

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well as himself. But above all a man must have confidence to succeed.

"As for homeliness—why be homely?" Mrs. Barber wants to know.

**Views of Dr. Quackenbos.**

Another point of view on the question of homely candidates for work is that of a distinguished psychologist, Dr. John D. Quackenbos, who does not believe a homely woman in an office will necessarily free a business man's wife from the pangs of jealousy.

"For economic reasons a man might wish to hire a homely woman who wouldn't want as much salary with which to bedeck herself as a pretty and vain one. Otherwise I think men like to have not necessarily pretty women about them, but those that do not offend the eye, other things being equal.

"Hideously ugly women sometimes have peculiarities of attraction that will deflect a man from the path of righteousness. In my professional experience I know of many such cases where men have turned from their wives and families for some such ugly wretch.

"I knew of a case where a patient of my great uncle's, also a physician, married a very ugly woman. My relative predicted that the man would cut his throat in despair. The unhappy husband finally did this. He simply couldn't endure the sight of his wife.

**Beauty is Preferred.**

"Now, many business men do not necessarily aspire to have an office blooming with beauties, but realize that beauty does not necessarily mean badness where ugliness might. The average male, though, would like to have the woman who works for him at least somewhat comely, a nice looking stenographer, nurse, or office helper. A woman who is so homely or unkempt that she gets into a man's eye is a disturbing thing to have about, really annoying.

"It is also quite true that when a plain girl makes true mistakes than a pretty one, the fairer girl's lapses are more likely to be overlooked.

Unconscious favoritism may sometimes cause men to have good-looking girls to work for them.

"But they are safer than the ugly woman with a strong attraction or desire for attention. She is not to be resisted, and her lovely sister may be entirely lacking in these dangerous qualities. There are many love-loose men who cannot be trusted with any woman, but in my statements I am dealing with the average decent man and the unusual woman. The ugly female.

"The pretty girl, it seems, might be more worried about meeting her beau after work than flirting with men met in the course of business, whereas her ugly counterpart would be reduced to the pitiful necessity of trying her wiles on the nearest available man, since she realizes her shortcomings and cannot lose any precious moments.

At least Dr. Quackenbos' dictum about ugliness ought to be soothing to women who take seriously the cartoons and jokes about beautiful blonde stenographers.

#### Chinese God Is Stolen.

London, Nov. 13.—Police are faced with a rare mystery in the stealing from a dealer's shop of a Chinese god nearly 1,700 years old. It was valued at \$400. Much more valuable things were untouched. The thief is believed to have been a devotee of the ancient god.

#### Have You Joined?

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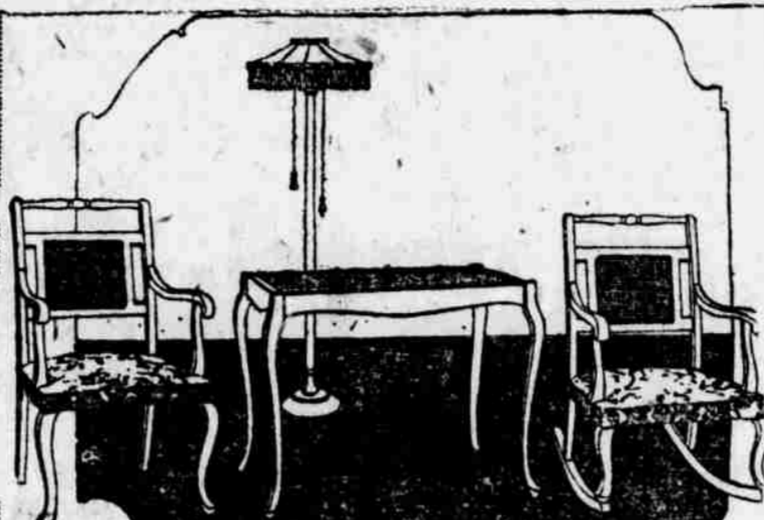
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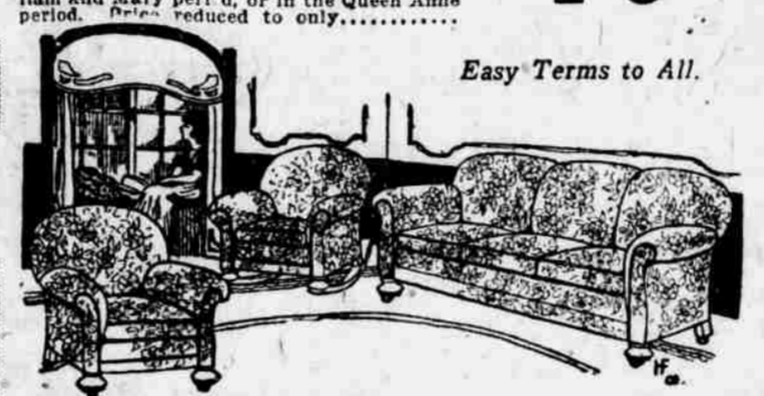
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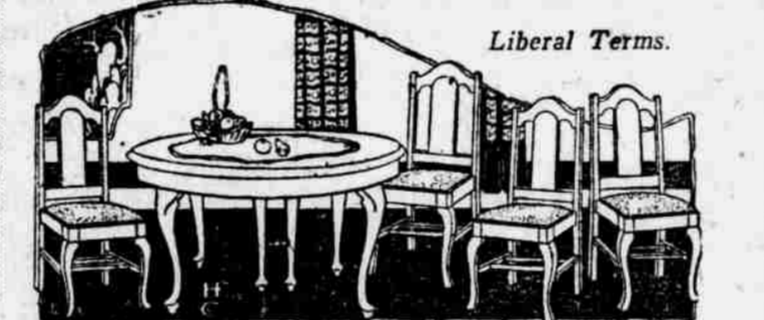
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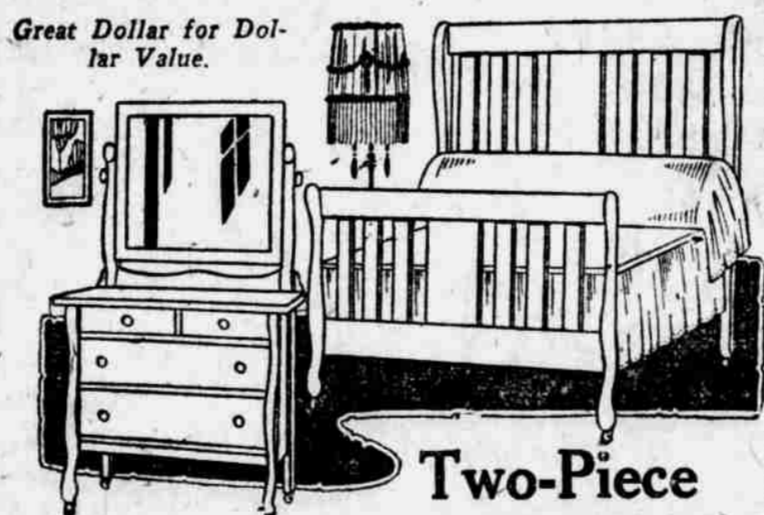
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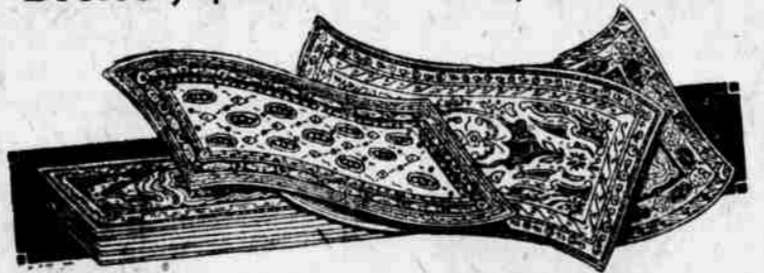
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### Two-Piece Suite—Walnut or Mahogany

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