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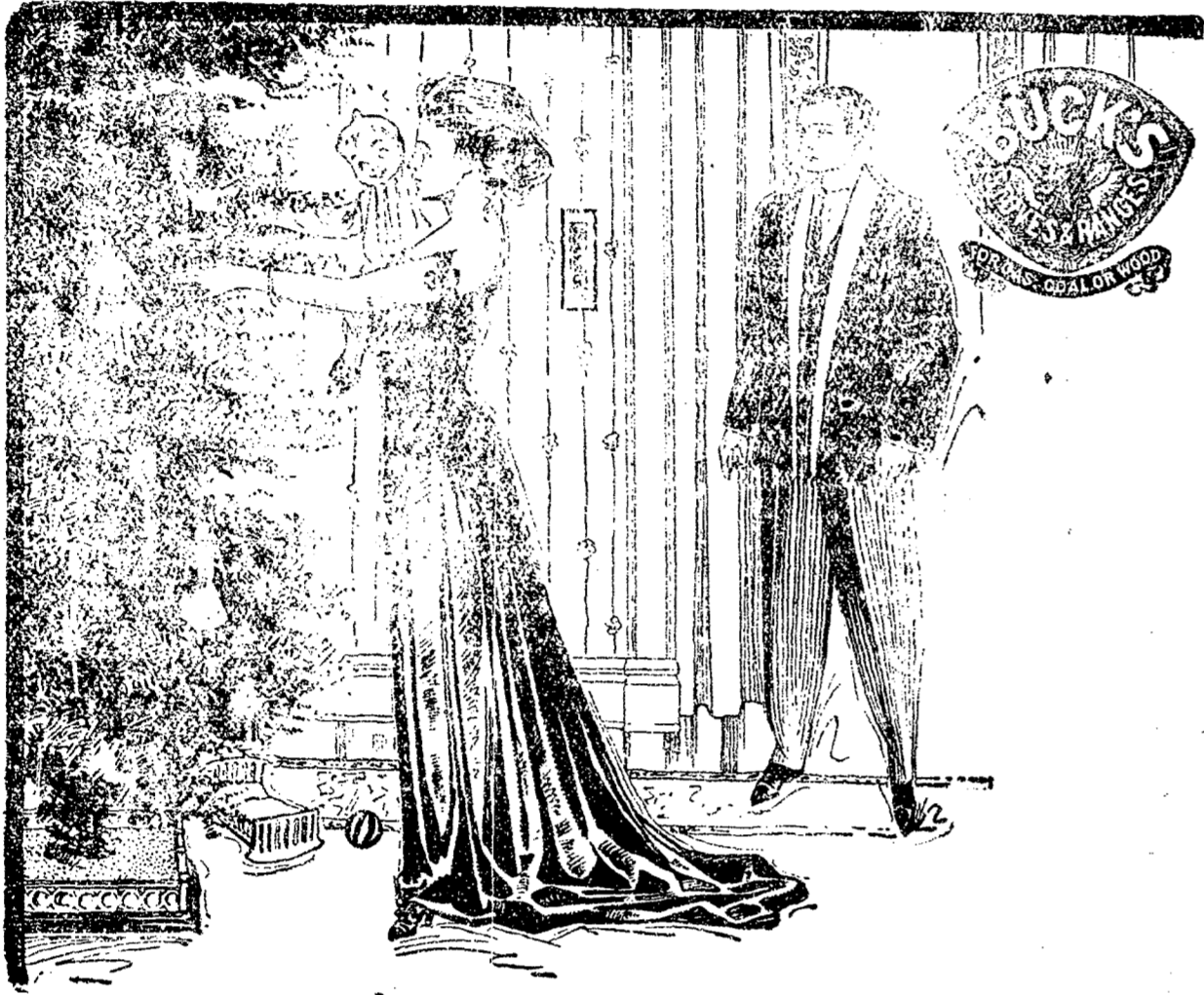
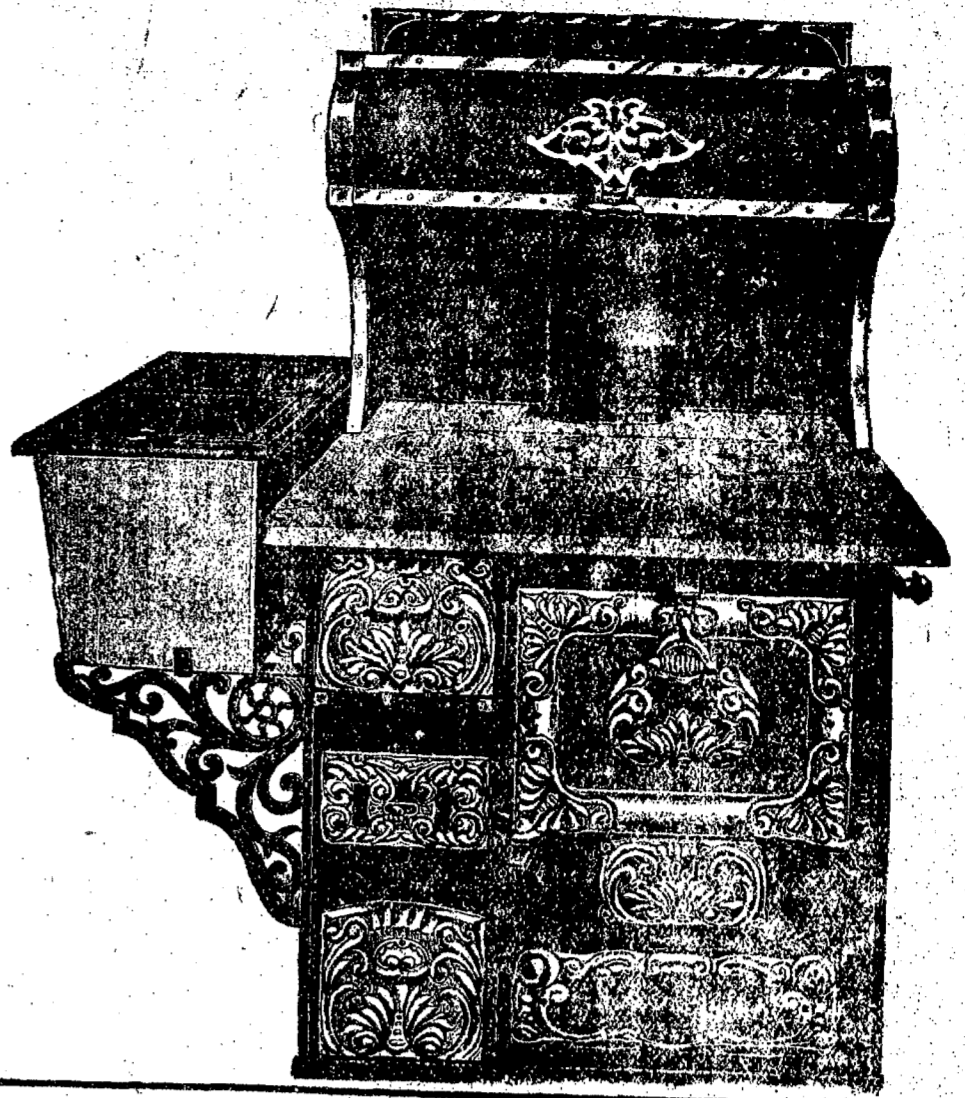
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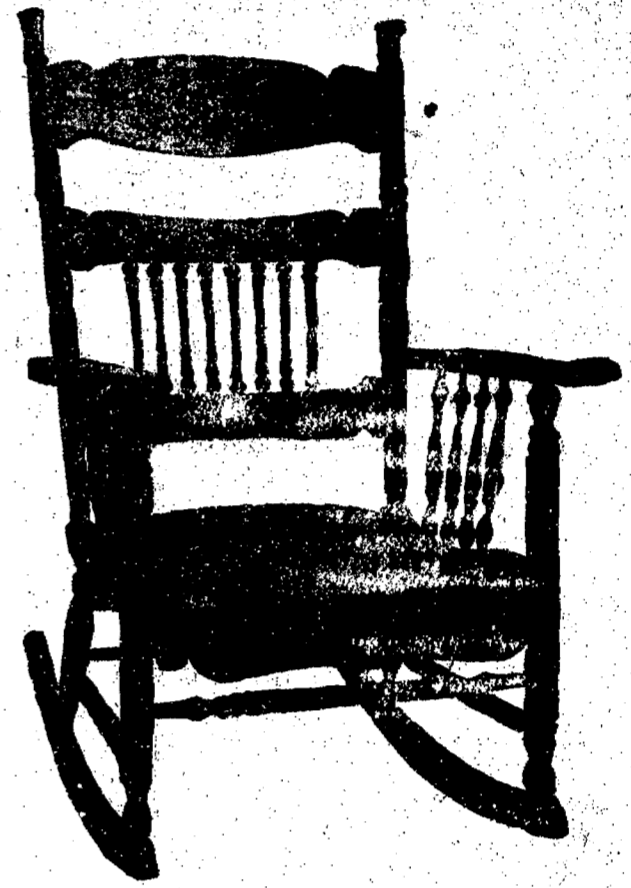
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Big Rascais, Little Fools.

Baltimore American.

One thing stands out strikingly in the remarkable story of whole sale swindling that has come to light through the efforts of Hitchcock and the men under him. It is the fact that big rascais thrive upon little fools. That a great confederacy of fraud should be concocted and send out its scoop nets through the United States and gather in the guillibies by multimillions is a curious commentary upon the caustic remark used by Carlyle with reference to the people of his own country—that they were mostly fools.

The same instincts of the weak and ignorant have been played upon that are always played upon men who seek wealth by ingenious fraud. Here is a chain of bogus corporations linked together and employed the services of persons to assist them in their fraud who were full of guilty knowledge of the real character of the concerns or who having such knowledge, became so involved in the operations as to make it hard for them to get out.

The multitude of investors in the engraved paper of the bogus concerns represent the host of weak boys who always come to light whenever there is a bursting of the inflated bubbles. The big boys plan the harvest and the little fools do the sowing. The big boys have the situation entirely in their hands, the others have as their asset their credulity. Some way they have the "suckers" dream in which their small funds are made to create vast revenues. The get-rich fever is in their blood and they remain awake all night to count their prospective gains.

Any kind of proposition serves to tell on those who, lacking the capability of earning money by application or being fortunate in the possession of easy wealth, seek to get ahead of their bank account by the alchemy of investments, the real nature of which they do not know. The only protection the United States can offer is to close the mails to such concerns after their real nature has been made known. In the meantime the mischief is done, and the "easy marks" have been separated from their money. Now that the Postoffice Depart-

ment has gotten upon the trail of the rascals and rounded them up it is to be hoped that it will not expend its energies upon the minor agents and employer, but land the leading rascals of the aggregation in jail. Yet all the government can do to punish the big rascals will not avail to more than check the depredations, for as long as men are born in folly the shrewd and unscrupulous will make such their prey.

The Chief Justiceship.

Washington Herald.

The report is gaining currency in well-informed circles of the administration that President Taft has at once decided to appoint Justice and ex-Governor Hughes chief justice to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Bench created by the death of Chief Justice Fuller. Action is expected by the President on his return from Hanama.

The country, no doubt, would applaud the elevation of Justice Hughes to the highest place which any jurist in the world can reach. In the very nature of the Supreme Court, that tribunal must assume and exercise powers which are semi-political. It is so vital a part of the federal government that it cannot escape coloring more or less the development of American politics and the trend of American national life.

It is vital, therefore, that this high tribunal should be in sympathy with the soundest and most advanced ideals of the American people. It is essential also that the court should have the respect and the confidence of the people as an agency for the interpretation of the Constitution and the shaping of legislation under the provisions of our organic law.

Justice Hughes has both the understanding of popular ideals and the esteem and trust of the public, which every justice needs to make his services as valuable as they ought to be.

"The Chicago Tribune and the New York Mail are seeking a definition of exactly what a 'man about town' is." Not infrequently he is a loafer whose room would be better than company.

Admires Pastor Russell's Book.

Atlanta Constitution.—Bill Arp, the "Southern Philosopher," wrote the following review of "The Divine Plan of the Ages" some time before he died:

"It is impossible to read this book without loving the writer and pondering his wonderful solution of the great mysteries that have troubled us all our lives. There is hardly a family to be found that has not lost some loved one who died outside the church—outside the plan of salvation, and, if Calvinism be true, outside of all hope and inside of eternal torment and despair. We smother our feelings and turn away from the horrible picture. We dare not deny the faith of our fathers, and yet can it be possible that the good mother and the wandering child are forever separated?—forever and forever?"

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Dr. Franklin H. Martin, of the Post-Graduate Hospital, Chicago admitting that corsets are a necessary evil nowadays, holds that they ought to be fitted on all women by physicians.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Kansas has made an appropriation to buy enough Bibles and hymn books to provide one of each for every sailor on the battleship Kansas.