

**DRESSMAKERS' BILLS
ARE TO BE LARGER**

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 15.—When Mr. Family Man figures up the H. C. I. for 1917 he will probably find from 15 to 20 per cent. tacked on the bills sent home by his wife's dressmaker. This is the prediction made by the members of the Designers' Association of Women's Clothes, who are gathering in Chicago today for their biennial convention.

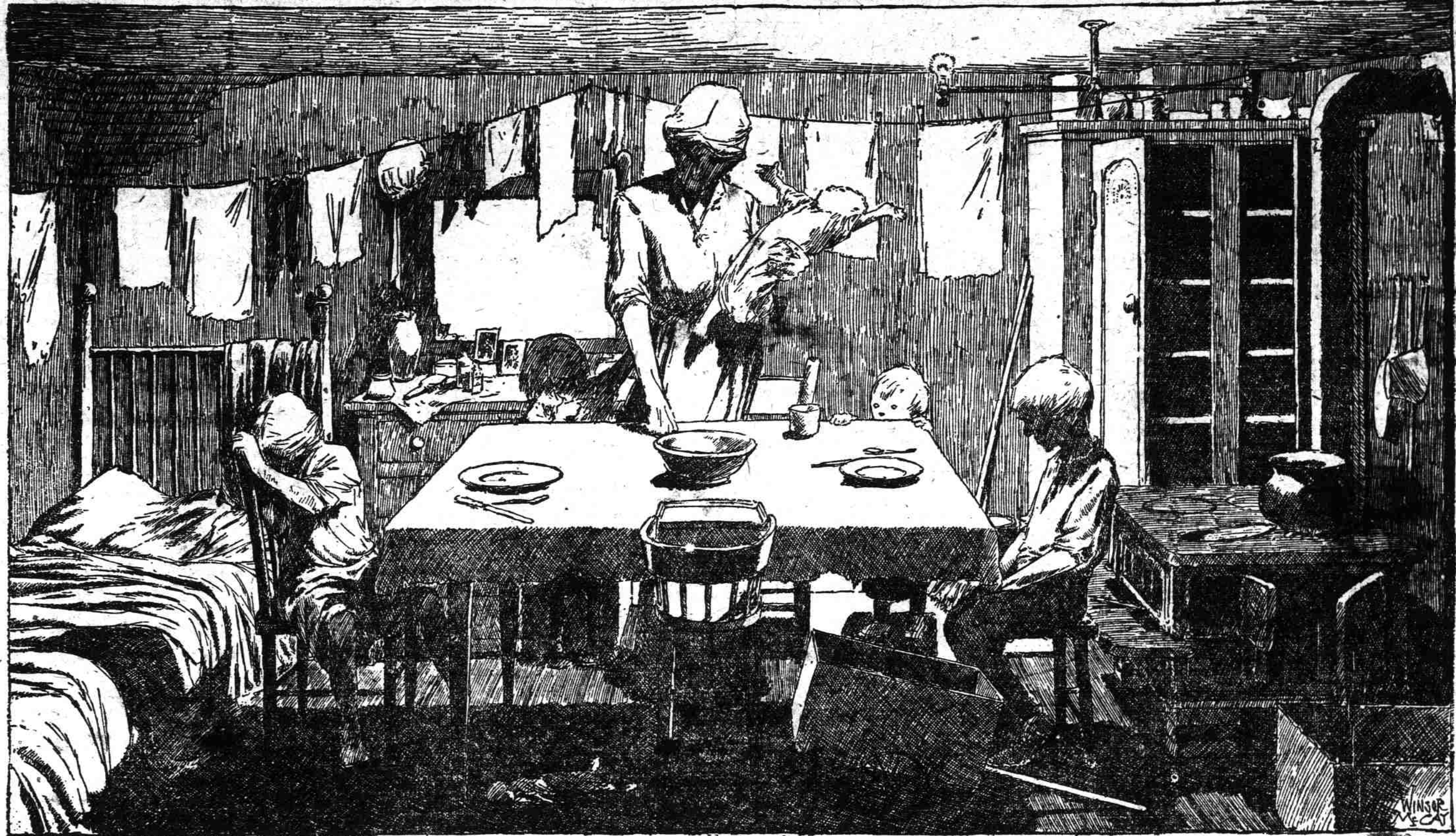
In addition to discussing cost and other trade problems the designers will consider the fashions in women's clothes for the coming year. Modesty is coming back into its own, according to the members of the association, who believe that lines, drapes and designs are more desirable than shocks. The short skirt must go. Also the flaring skirt. The clinging straight lined garment will be worn by women this Spring.

The regular sessions of the convention will begin at the Hotel LaSalle tomorrow. In connection there will be an exhibition of gowns designed by members of the association. Singing models will furnish a pleasing innovation of the exhibition. Fifty Chicago vocalist models have been engaged to sing as they appear in each new style in the convention hall.

**THE "DRYS" RELY
ON "BILLY" SUNDAY.**

Fitchburg, Mass., Dec. 15.—Encouraged by the swinging of Haverhill, Brockton and other Massachusetts into the dry column, in the election the past two weeks, the no-license workers of this city are working with might and main to swing Fitchburg dry when the question is voted on next Tuesday. The recent prohibition victories in the cities around Boston are attributed in large measure to the influence of the "Billy" Sunday campaign. Acting in this belief, the no-license workers have engaged the famous evangelist to come to Fitchburg tomorrow to deliver his celebrated sermon on "Booze," the same sermon that is said to have yielded eight million dollars a year off the revenues of a big St. Louis brewery. The drays have engaged the State armory for the Sunday address and are preparing to make the demonstration the biggest thing of its kind ever seen in this section of Massachusetts.

BE IT EVER SO HUMBLE



This is a pathetic and yet not an unusual scene. It is found in every town. It will be found in Wilmington, in many spots, this year, at this, the supposedly happiest season of all, unless the people of Wilmington rally and see that it does not happen. The Dispatch is anxious for the sunshine to stream into every home on Christmas Day, and so it makes an especial appeal to the people of Wilmington whose humble house—often a hovel—Santa Claus may miss. The Dispatch calls for contributions to an "empty stocking" fund. This fund will be turned over to Adjutant Yates, of the Salvation Army, who is arranging to present a big Christmas tree for the poor of Wilmington, so that each child may return home with Christmas presents and Christmas goodies.

The Dispatch this year has decided to turn over its fund to this good, well-known and greatly beloved man, who thoroughly understands the work. All names of children who need Santa Claus that are sent The Dispatch will be turned over to Adjutant Yates.

Now, let's start a fund, and keep it mounting, so that not a child in Wilmington will be missed. It is up to you to contribute something. By such a contribution you will have a happier feeling on Christmas Day.

The above picture, which is so true to life, is being used by the Atlanta Georgian in its "empty stocking" campaign in its city, and was generously loaned The Dispatch by that excellent publication.

**Health and
Hygiene**

**IREDELL WILL GET MOVING
HEALTH PICTURES.**

County Board of Education Provides Moving Health Pictures for the County's Rural Schools.

The moving picture health car of the State Board of Health left Raleigh yesterday for Statesville and Iredell county, where, probably for the next six weeks, Christmas week not included, moving health pictures will be shown the people. This feature of educational health work was arranged for the people of Iredell through the County Board of Education, primarily for the schools. Mr. R. M. Gray, county superintendent of education, and Miss Celeste Henkel, assistant superintendent, have arranged a schedule including twelve schools, where the pictures, lectures and free health literature will be given.

Iredell is the sixth county to have this educational health campaign, the other counties having been Johnston, Alamance, Union, Anson and Pitt. Mr. R. C. Tatum and Mr. H. E. Hamilton, of Raleigh, have the pictures in charge.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 15.—With reports of all the baseball clubs in the circuit present, the annual meeting of the Southern League began here today. While the gathering of the officials and club owners is primarily to wind up the affairs of the season recently closed, several other matters of more or less importance are expected to come up for discussion during the two days that the magnates will be in conclave. Rumors of a possible change in the head of the league have been heard around the circuit for several weeks, but so far there is no indication that any serious attempt will be made to displace President Baugh, whose direction of the affairs of the league seems to have the approval of the big majority of the club owners.

Don't you think they are two souls with but a single thought?

Well, I shouldn't wonder. They are both acting like perfect idiots.—Exchange.

**CONDENSED STATEMENT
AMERICAN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY**

Wilmington, N. C., on November 17th, 1916

Resources		Liabilities	
Loans and Discounts	\$1,852,662.33	Capital Stock	\$ 200,000.00
Overdrafts	3,529.38	Surplus Profits	30,121.37
Real Estate	31,406.12	Special Bond A-c	45,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	9,884.54	Acceptance A-c	9,300.00
Bonds and Securities	153,550.00	Dividends Unpaid	198.00
N. C. 4 per cent Bonds	45,000.00	Bills Payable	NONE
Acceptances	41,298.67	Rediscounts	NONE
CASH and Due from Banks	640,453.32	DEPOSITS Banks	\$1,127,433.27
		Individuals	1,365,731.72
Total	\$2,777,784.36	Total	\$2,777,784.36

Comparative Statement of Deposits

November 17, 1914, \$1,456,688.95 November 17th, 1915, \$1,515,906.49

November 17, 1916, \$2,493,164.99

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