

Elephant Has Marked Fondness for Water

Little boys do not like to have their ears washed, but elephants enjoy a good bath now and then, even if they are secured with a brick, says the Pathfinder Magazine. After a hard day's work in India Mr. Elephant, conditions permitting, is trotted down to a nearby stream. There he proceeds to enjoy himself while an attendant rubs him down with a piece of "Irish confetti." Often, in a spirit of fun, he will fill his trunk with water and squirt it, as a boy would a water pistol, at his attendants or another elephant. By the same method the elephant also can give himself a shower bath. He likes to roll over and over in shallow water. If the water is deep enough he has been known to hide in it with only the tip of his trunk sticking out to enable him to breathe.

When there is no water about nature enables this great beast to thrust the end of his trunk down into his gullet and from there draw from his stomach a stored supply of water with which to spray his parched limbs and body. Water kept this way is always clear and without odor, regardless of the time it has been in the animal's body.

Land of Mesopotamia of Amazing Fertility

Oldest and most renowned of all cities was Babylon on the plain of Shinar, in the amazingly fertile territory between the rivers Tigris and the Euphrates, known to us as Mesopotamia, or the land between the rivers.

Writers of antiquity agree that the natural richness of the soil there was most exceptional. Wheat grew naturally there, so did barley. The old Roman naturalist Pliny but repeated older accounts when he wrote that the wheat crop could be cut twice in the year, and then grow a third crop of good feed for cattle! All grains grew luxuriantly and with tropical rapidity. Fruits of most sorts were raised and immense groves of palm trees furnished vast supplies of dates, the chief food of the inhabitants.

Stature and Greatness

Lombroso, in his "Man of Genius," says that greatness and stature are rarely found together. In consulting biographies of a number of great men it has been found that this statement does not always apply. There have been on the whole more prominent men above middle height than below. Among the short men may be numbered John Quincy Adams, Admiral Farragut, John Paul Jones, Gen. Philip Sheridan, Stephen A. Douglas, William H. Seward and Martin Van Buren. On the other hand, it is found that Charles Sumner was 6 feet 4; Thomas Jefferson, 6 feet 2 1/2; Andrew Jackson, 6 feet 1; Samuel Adams, Salmon P. Chase and Jonathan Edwards, "over 6 feet"; James Monroe, "6 feet or more"; George Washington, 6 feet; Benjamin Franklin, slightly under 6 feet; Daniel Webster and Patrick Henry, about 5 feet 10.

The Bookshelves

It is a mistake to pack books too tightly on shelves. They should be loose enough to be withdrawn easily by placing a finger and thumb on either side.

Avoid dusting the tops of the books with a duster, which only rubs the dirt between the edges of the paper—especially if it happens to be a little rough. Take two books in your hands and gently clap them together so that the dust flies out. If the edges of the leaves become soiled the marks can be removed with a little putty powder. This plan should not be followed when a book has gilt edges. In such cases a slightly damp cloth may be used.

Causes of Thunder

It is not believed that thunder is caused by the rush of air into a vacuum, but by the violent heating and disintegration of the air along its path, which produces a sudden and great expansion of the same nature as an explosion. However, this does not explain the relatively long duration of the thunder; this duration is owing mainly to the facts (1) that the several parts of a streak of lightning are at different distances from the observer, and (2) that sound travels at the rate of about a mile in five seconds. The duration is also owing, in part, to sound reflections, or echoes.

Improving Artillery

A vacuum tube and a high-speed camera are being utilized by the United States bureau of standards experts to measure the vibration of a gun muzzle during its discharge. In experiments still continuing it was found that a light coating of oil in the gun barrel caused the gun to shoot high and that other things being equal, muzzle vibrations increase as the powder charge is made lighter. It is hoped to evolve a formula for bullets and barrels which will cut inaccuracy to the minimum.

Pumps for Poms

How the word "pump" came to be applied to slipper-like shoes is not known for certain. Webster was inclined toward the opinion that it is a corruption of "pomp," and that the shoes were so called because they were at first worn for pomp, a theory which is not very convincing in the absence of positive evidence.—Exchange.

Competition of Flame

A simple flame, as that of a candle, consists of a luminous envelope surrounding a body of unburned vapor and itself surrounded by an invisible layer of gases produced by the burning.

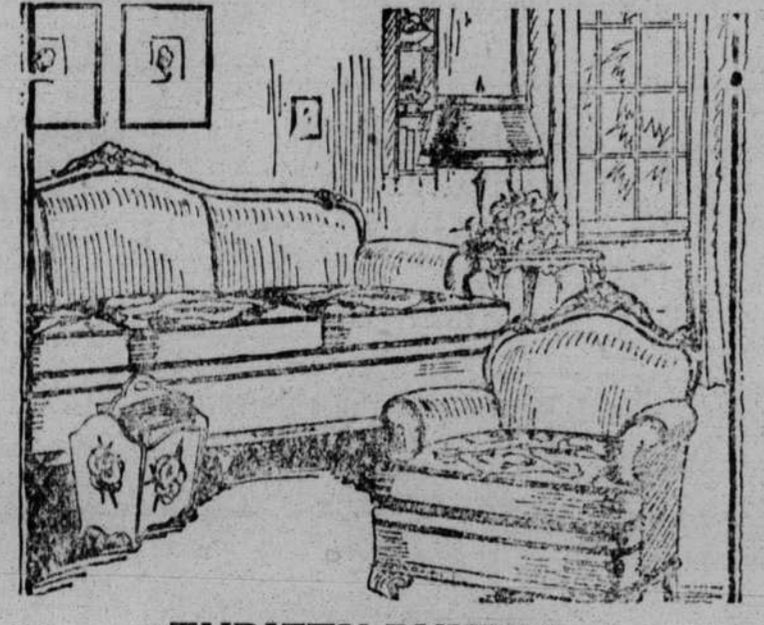
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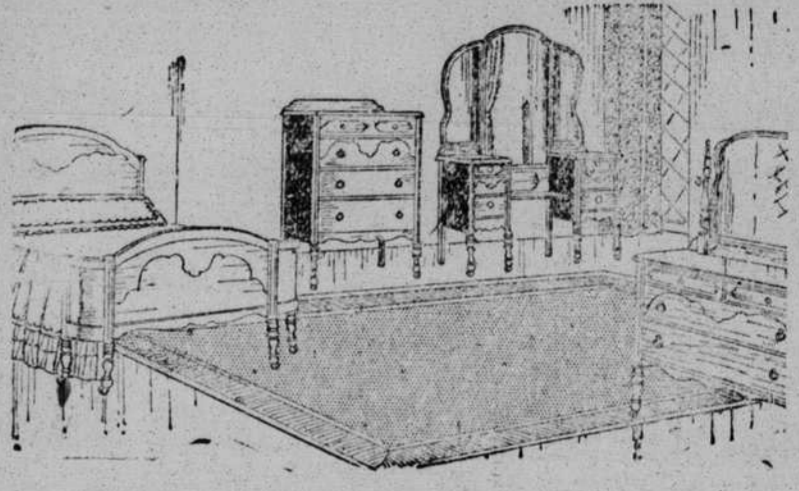
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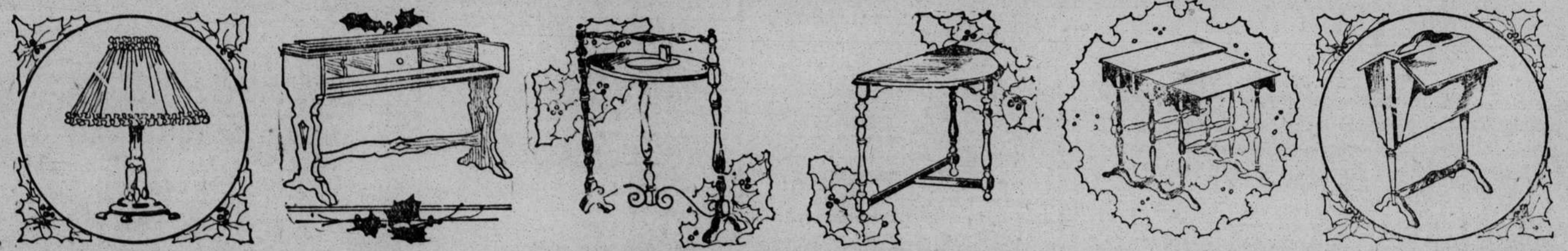


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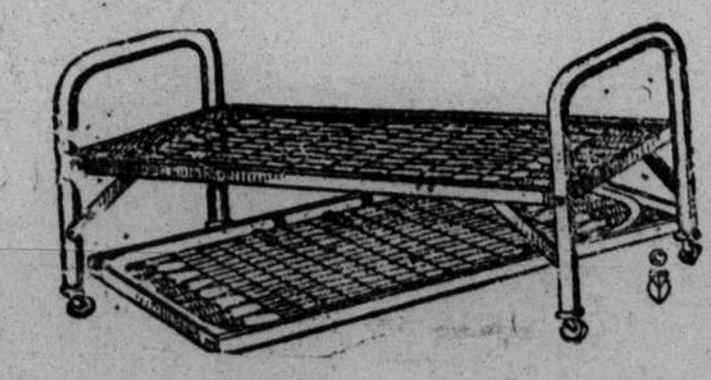
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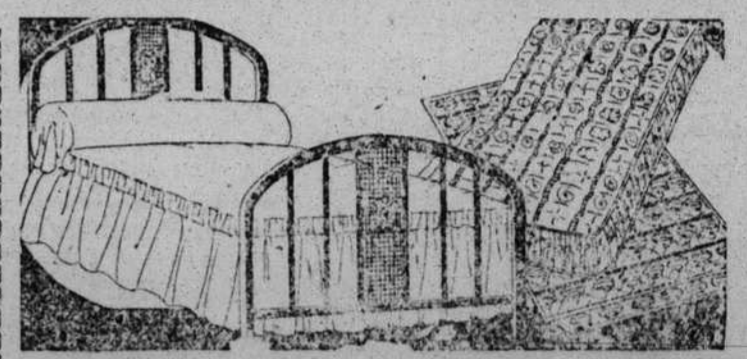


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