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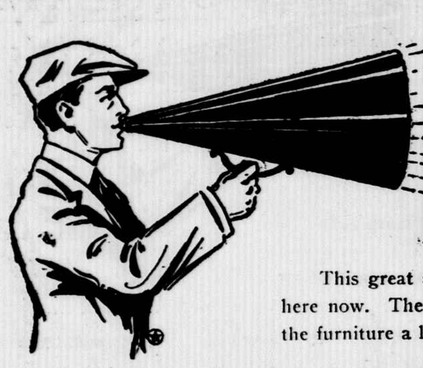

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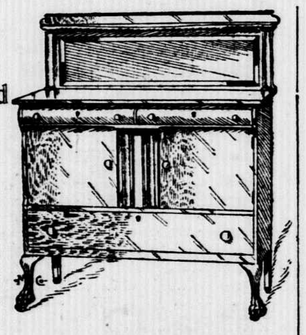
Buffets

This $45.00 Quartered Oak Buffet,

$37.75



Solid Quartered White Oak Buffet, just like the cut to the right. It has French plate glass mirror, lined drawer for silver, two other drawers, two cupboards, claw feet and is highly polished.

Dressers

This $32.00 Quartered Oak or Mahogany Dresser,

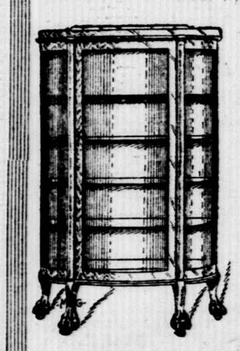
$27.50

Highly Polished Quarted Oak or Mahogany Dressers, like the cut to the right. They have French plate glass mirrors, full serpentine swell front, four drawers, wood trimmings, claw feet and are highly polished.

China Closets

This $42.50 Quartered Oak China Closet,

$34.75



Beautiful China Closet, like the cut to the left, perfectly matching the buffet above illustrated. It is made of fine quartered oak, with one mirror in back, bent glass door, bent glass ends, claw feet, four shelves, and is highly polished.

Chiffoniers

This $30.00 Mahogany or Bird's-eye Maple Chiffonier,

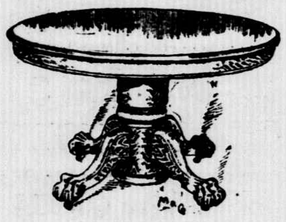
$24.75

Handsome Chiffonier, like the cut to the left, in polished mahogany or bird's-eye maple. Made with large oval-shaped French plate mirrors, full serpentine swell front, six deep drawers, wood trimmings, claw feet and excellently finished.

"Hastings" Dining Tables

This $33.50 Solid Quartered Oak "Hastings" Table,

$28.50



This "Hastings" Dining Table is not veneered, made throughout of solid quartered white oak. The top is 44 inches in diameter, supported by steel-bearing slides that will not warp or stick, and the top has the Tyden top lock and leaf lock. The top is also of the new Tyden removable pattern, and may be easily and quickly removed and replaced.

Princess Dressers

This $27.50 Quartered Oak Princess Dresser,

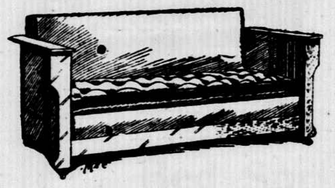
$22.50

Beautiful Princess Dresser, like the cut to the right, in highly polished quartered oak. Has large beveled French plate glass mirror, full serpentine swell front, three deep drawers, wood trimmings, claw feet and excellent finish.

Davenports

$58.00 Mission "Streit" Davenports,

$45.75



Massive Mission Design "Streit" Slumber Davenport, with dustproof wardrobe box under seat; posts 2½ inches square, arms 4 inches wide, extreme length 6 feet 10 inches; comfortable mattress for sleeping, and upholstered in dark maroon Spanish leather. Finish dark Early English mission color.

Dining Chairs

This $4.50 Genuine Leather Slip Seat Chair,

$3.48

Real Quartered Oak Slip Seat Dining Chairs, like the pattern to the left. Have wide panels in back, French legs, claw feet and slip seats of genuine hand-buffed black leather.

Bed Springs

This $4.50 All-metal "National Link" Spring

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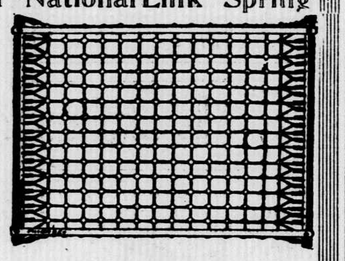

Heavy, Non-sagging National Link Bed Springs, like the cut to the right, in any size desired, for metal beds or wood beds. They have heavy metal frames, large coiled helical spring supports on each end, and bronzed finish. Special net price for this week, $2.98.

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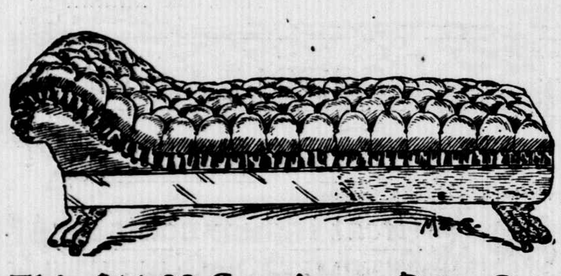
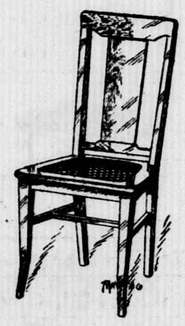


This $11.00 Genuine Quartered Oak Couch, **$7.95**

Attractive and Comfortable Couch, like the above illustration. The frame is of genuine quartered oak, attractively polished. It has good steel frame spring construction, is button tufted, and covered in heavy black imitation leather.



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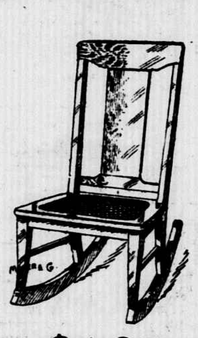

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IN COURT OF LOVE

Flitch of Bacon Prize for Strifeless Marriage Life.

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TESTIMONY HEARD BY JURY

Forty Claimant Couples at Opening of Trial—But Two Get the Reward.

Special Cablegram to The Star.

DUNMOW, England, September 2.—Another page has been added to the history of Dunmow—a page that is full of the quaint flavor of the ancient days when the court of love held its own and claimants came to ask for the Dunmow flitch of bacon as a reward for a strifeless married life.

This ceremony of the flitch has its roots in the historic past. So today we have made a merry festival, with morris dancers from Thaxted footing it with jingling anklets over the meadows, and pageantry that carried us back through the yeoman days of England to the far epoch of the twelfth century.

Though the whole thing is an amiable joke, carried through with a pleasant burlesque, it holds behind it something that touches human nature deeply. The court of love is the answer to the divorce commission.

Hither came couples who have lived together in years of wedded happiness, with never a cloud or a tear to shadow the perfection of their married lives. They came unashamed, proud to glory in the sugary felicity of their homes. Thus for the court there were forty claimant couples, but after weeks of patient inquiry the number was narrowed down to two.

Cupid's Courthouse Crowded.

The great white tent which served as Cupid's courthouse was crowded with people, who gladly paid their shillings and half crowns to hear the tale of faithful love. A wonderful and solemn place, this court of love. The public sat on wooden benches, with green turf for their carpet. A high platform faced them like a stage.

The air was odorous with the scent of bacon. A subtle, alluring aroma crept invitingly toward the noses of all. The people inhaled deep breaths of satisfaction and approval, and looked upward to where, on each side of the crimson draperies of the judge's seat, hung two golden-brown sides of bacon. These were the famous flitches—tone poems in russet and gold—such bacon as one seldom sees, whose rashers can only magnify the pleasure of the matrimonial breakfast. Red rosettes flamed on the flitches.

At last the solemn moment came. Six bashful maidens in white and six extremely self-conscious young men filed across the stage to the jury box. They were the spinsters and bachelors who, since they were heart-whole, could deliver their verdict without bias, though, to be sure, after the tales of love were told and the six white-robed lasses turned to the six lads to discuss the verdict one might have heard a sighing and seen a fluttering of eyelids that meant much to the keen observer.

The clerk of assizes, a gentle-faced man, took his seat in front of the judge's bench, where a shield flaunted a flitch of bacon rampant. Then the portly usher entered with "Silence for my lord the judge of this ancient and modern court."

A. E. Floyd, the judge, in his wig and crimson and fur robes, walked gravely to the dais, followed by counsel for the claimants, T. V. Mackenzie, and counsel for the flitch, T. Gibbons.

The clerk of assizes read out the charter of the court, and up jumped Mr. Harry Smith.

Claims the Bacon.

"On behalf of Derbyshire," he said in a loud voice, "I beg to make a claim for the bacon."

Mr. Mackenzie, as Cupid's counsel, opened the case for the Smiths. He spoke in tender, romantic accents of their blissful life, and all the time Mr. Smith, a jolly-faced north-countryman, sat by the side of his wife.

There was something very gentle and sweet about her expression. She knew it was all a joke, but it was a pretty sentimental joke that had something of sadness behind its laughter.

You felt that her heart would have been broken if they could not prove their claim to the flitch.

"A bare outline of this case would be an Ilian in a nutshell," shouted Mr. Mackenzie in fine frenzy; "an Ilian of faithful love.

"April 3, 1888, after two years of wooing, Mr. Smith seriously, yet joyously linked his name with that of the charming lady who is his wife. It was on one of those heavenly days that never die."

The jurywomen dropped their eyes sympathetically at the jurymen.

Mr. Mackenzie sketched the career of Mr. Smith from schoolmaster to a barber's shop, and finally to postmaster and town councilor.

"Mr. Smith," he said, with a dramatic gesture, "does not carry a latchkey; he always gives way to his wife; he goes to bazaars, committee meetings and smoking concerts, but always returns at 10 p.m."

The judge interposed: "May I ask whether that is turning-out time for the locality?"

Other Side Heard.

After eulogizing Mr. Smith's merits as a poet, a husband and a father, Mr. Mackenzie sat down. Mr. and Mrs. Smith held hands. The flitch, it seemed, was theirs, but with a fearful frown Mr. Gibbons rose, and in a sepulchral voice that rang out doom to perjurers he said: "I appear for the bacon."

Mr. Smith went into the witness box to face a terrible cross-examination.

"How do you account for Mrs. Smith's happiness?" he was asked. Mr. Smith drew himself up proudly.

"She's an optimist," he said. "When it's raining, and the sky's as black as thunder, she can always see the sun shining through."

"How sweet!" murmured the jurywomen. The judge made furious notes.

Mr. Smith admitted that he was passionately fond of smoking, and gave it up on his wedding day to please his wife.

"But you smoke now," said counsel for the bacon. "How do you account for it?"

"I started it to please my wife," said Mr. Smith. "Besides, I lost a leg, and it soothes my nerves." The claimant had an answer for everything.

"I undertstand Mrs. Smith doesn't allow you a latchkey," bellowed the counsel.

"You don't want a latchkey," he added, waving a threatening forefinger. "Confess it—you prefer to make Mrs. Smith sit up."

"She loves to sit up," the husband retorted. He admitted that he had to get up each morning at 4 o'clock to meet the mail cart.

"Not fe-male cart," observed the judge. Mr. Gibbons tactfully shrieked with laughter to get on the right side of the judge.

"Have you ever said at 4 a.m., 'Oh, bother the mail!' to Mrs. Smith?"

"Never," was the response.

"You think Mrs. Smith as captivating now as she was when you first saw her?"

"More," replied this ideal husband.

Mr. Smith admitted that last year he and his wife took their vacations separately, and counsel argued that this was an indication that the couple had enough of each other.

Shyly Says "Yes."

Mrs. Smith corroborated her husband's evidence with a shy, smiling "Yes," in everything. The secret of happiness, she said, was a large family. They had eight fine children. A testimonial was read from an ex-Mayor of Derby.

Finally Mr. Gibbons, on behalf of the bacon, derided the apparent happiness of the couple.

"I believe in pauca verba (few words)," he said, "in speaking of the bacon. Let us come from the myths of Homer to the home of the Smiths."

He tried to show years of patient waiting by Mrs. Smith for her husband to come home from his committee meetings, and drew a picture of Mr. Smith starting out night after night to smoking concerts. His vitriolic talk availed nothing; the jury took one last look at Mrs. Smith's gentle, smiling face, and returned a verdict for the claimants without leaving the box.

Equally successful was the claim of Mr. and Mrs. Butcher of Tilty, Essex, who have had no cross words in twenty years.

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1 Lavender Linen	$16.50	$4.95	38
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1 Lavender Satin Changeable	$18.50 to $6.75	36
2 Lavender and Blue Changeable	$30.00 to $6.75	36, 38
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1 Black Pongee Changeable	$25.00 to $6.75	34

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1 Green and Blue Changeable	$29.50 to $9.75	36
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There was something mysterious about the complete transformation of the man which his friends couldn't understand (this, by the way, is the crux of the story, and makes a dandy puzzle running all through it). Also, strangely, one of the first acts upon his return to the north was Waverton's sudden rescue of his own child from drowning. And then the husband of a woman with whom he had been unduly friendly was discovered poisoned in a derelict boat. This brought the detectives into the case with a vengeance—two as human, interesting and keen sleuths as ever graced the pages of fact or fiction. This tale will run through ten issues, accompanied by pictures from the brush of Howard Giles, one of the prominent American illustrators.

A Family Scrap.

From the Boston Transcript.

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Hub—Yes, but I didn't know that it was impossible for you to learn.

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