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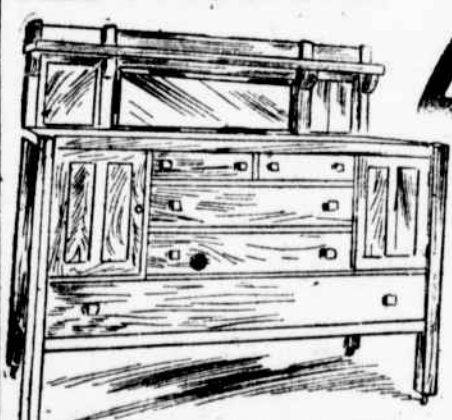
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URGES AID FOR PATENT OFFICE

Increase of Pay and Personnel Imperative, Says Curtis, Federal Expert.

Endorsement of the Nolan patent bill, providing for the increase of salaries of employees of the Patent Office, as well as enlarging the personnel, was voiced today by Edward G. Curtis, special assistant to the Attorney General, in charge of Government patent litigation.

"OUTRAGE," SAYS CURTIS.
"It is an outrage that Patent Office employees, who must of necessity be highly skillful, trained men, should be obliged to work for the absurdly inadequate pay they now receive," said Curtis.

He stated that he was unable to see how any thinking person could conscientiously oppose those sections of the bill which provide for the increase of the force and of salaries. He said that it was lamentable that these conditions had not been remedied before this, and that in his opinion the interests of the public would be immensely served by a prompt and considerable increase in salaries and equipment.

Curtis declared that he had always supported the Nolan bill insofar as he could consistently do so in view of his official position with the Department of Justice, but that he was opposed to section 9 of the measure, which provides that the Federal Trade Commission be empowered to accept inventions and patents of Government employees and to issue licenses.

OPPOSES SECTION.
"I regard this part of the measure as exceedingly unfortunate and capable of doing considerable harm," said Curtis. He declared that he had been consistently opposed to that section of the bill, and had, upon request of the chairman of the House and Senate conference committees, stated his views at Congressional hearings. He said he understood that a considerable number of industrial interests were now engaged in an effort to defeat the entire bill because of section 9. With this effort he said he was unable to agree, since, according to his understanding, the bill now having been reported out of conference, a successful effort to defeat one section of the bill would probably mean the defeat of the entire measure, including the provisions for the improvement of conditions at the Patent Office.

"I am inclined to believe that great public benefits would be brought about by the passage of those sections applying to the betterment of conditions in the Patent Office," Curtis said, "and the outweighing possible harm that might result from the passage of section 9."

He thought that as between killing the entire measure because of the undesirable section relating to the Federal Trade Commission, permitting the measure to pass, even with that section in it, for the benefit of the Patent Office, he believed the latter procedure was preferable.

CAREFUL STUDENT OF NEEDS.

Curtis, since assuming the defense of the United States in its extensive and complicated patent litigation, has made a careful study of the Government patent situation and needs, especially with a view to organizing the patent work in the various executive branches. As special assistant to the Attorney General, he has charge of the interests of the Government and all its departments in all patent suits brought against the United States, either directly against the Government in the Court of Claims, or indirectly through their representatives or constructors in outside courts. He also has the responsibility of preparing the official opinions of the Attorney General on questions relating to patents, and watches generally over the interests of the Government on all patent, trademark, and copyright matters.

Curtis declared that many of the leading patent attorneys of the country had expressed themselves to him in regard to the poor pay of Patent Office employees and the lack of personnel. He said that Frederick L. Emery, of Boston, head of the firm of Emery, Booth, Janney & Varney, who also heads a large patent firm in New York and Washington, declared himself very strongly about this matter when he was in the Capital recently. "The low salaries that these employees receive from the Government is absolutely shameful," Emery declared, "and the salaries as well as the Patent Office personnel should have been increased long ago."

BULLARD SAYS RUSSIAN TRADE IS AT LOW EBB

It will take many years for Russian trade to be rehabilitated, Arthur Bullard, chief foreign trade adviser of the State Department, yesterday told the House Foreign Affairs Committee. "During the war Germany absorbed the Russian trade," he said. In 1911 the Russian trade with the United States was but \$50,000,000. This dropped to \$37,000,000 in 1913. Last year Soviet Russia purchased about \$9,000,000 in this country. The Johnson-Endicott Shoe Company of the United States now has a contract with Soviet Russia, purchases to be paid in gold rubles. There is little business being done by the United States with Russia.

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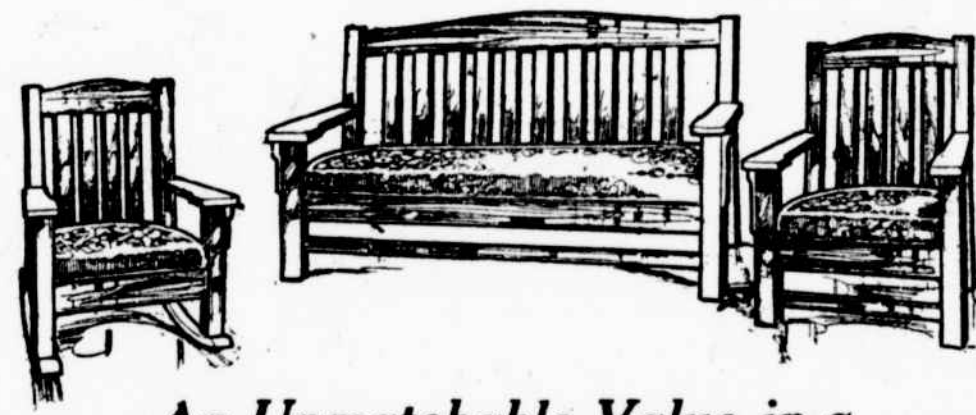


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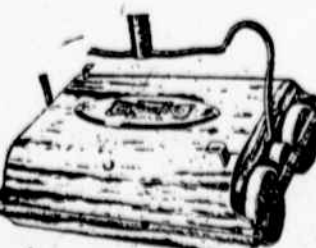
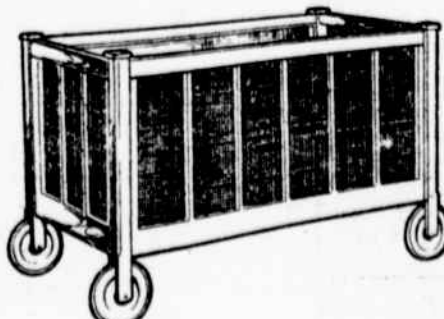
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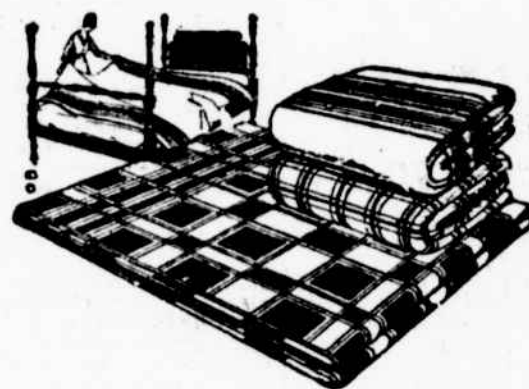
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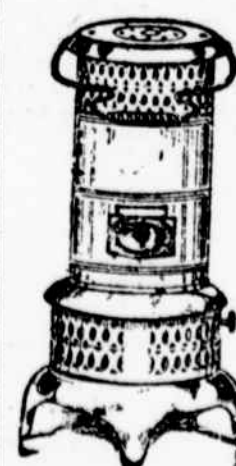
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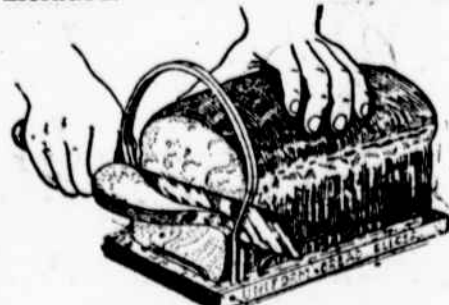
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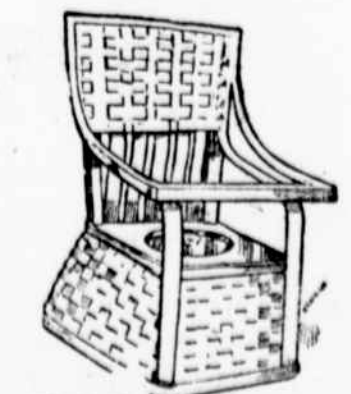
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