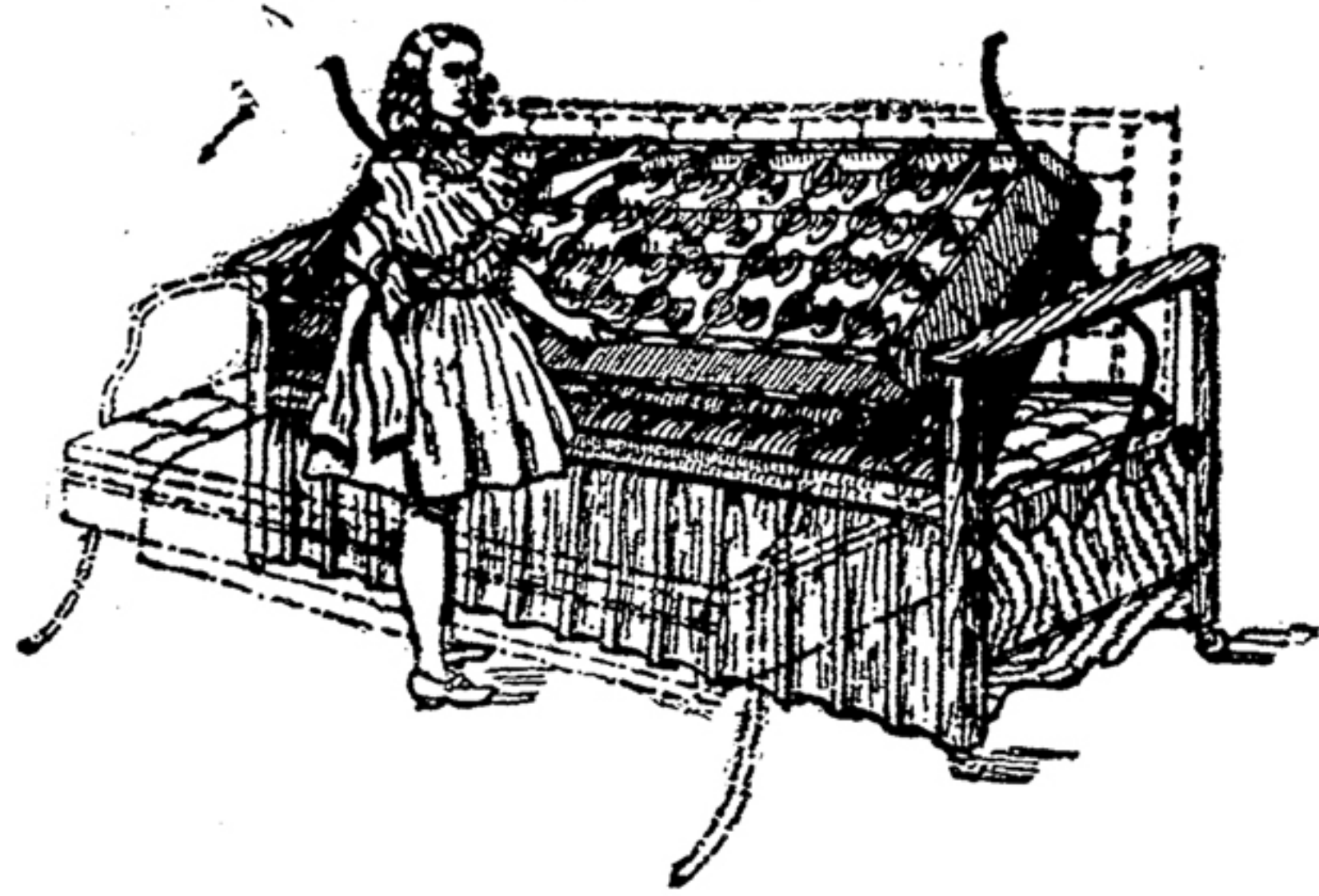


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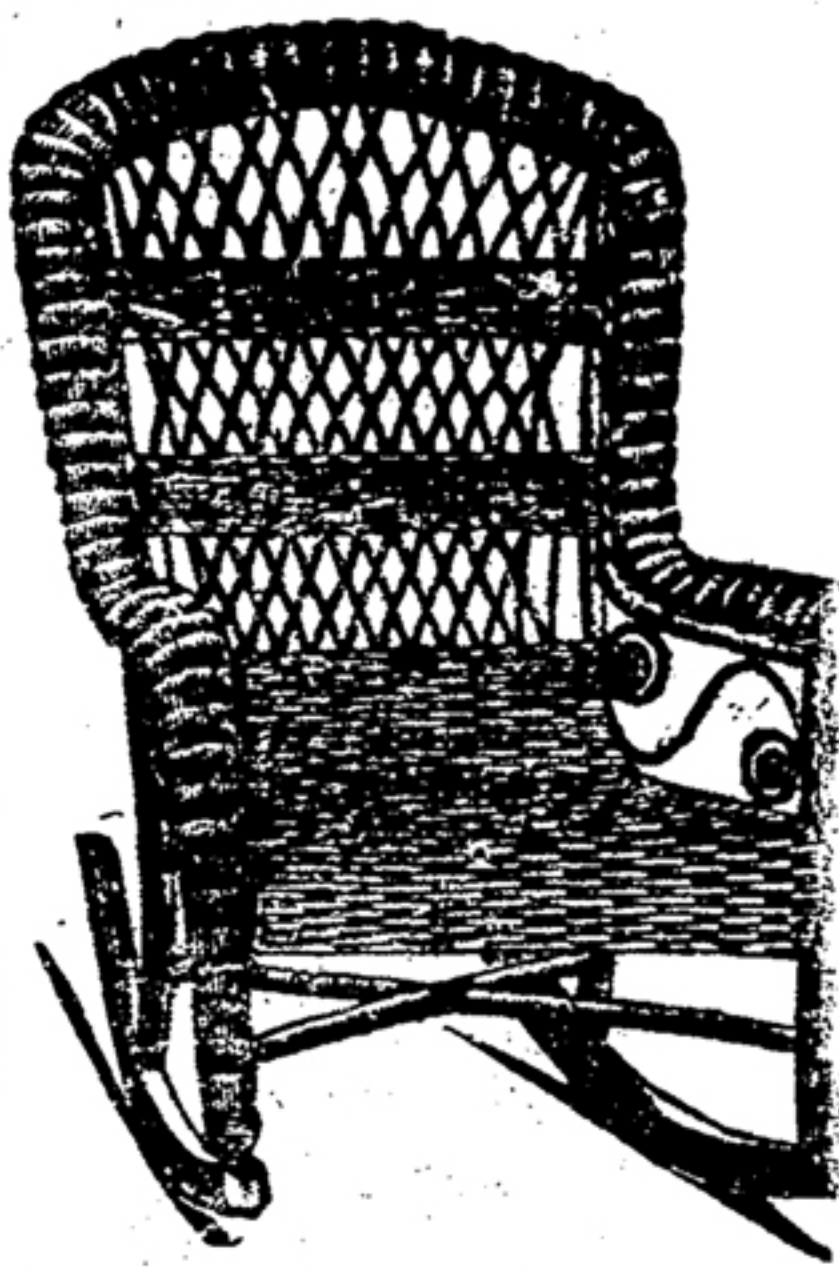
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grave and puzzled than any of us. Now he eyed the uncashier long and searchingly, gh trying to fit him into some u was not altogether convinc- at the end of his scrutiny he t of his pocket the missing bills d them on the blistered safe. have the notes, perhaps we had et this problem remain a prob- is possible under the influence to do strange things. Perhaps mishaw even dropped them and id the bell-boy—evidently not since he died that night, and companion at the time was a nan of whose honesty there can doubt—but some bell-boy, we mit, picked up the bills as Mr. aw dropped them. As to their into my possession, they were d under very peculiar circum- . They were on the table when . My door locks with a spring inside, and there are bars at dows. I could have sworn that ghier was the last person who that night. She read me to usual, and I know she closed s as she went out, for it was n the morning. My explanation the thief—well, not thief, I —was concealed in the clothes during the evening. That he ut very cautiously, for I am a eper, and departed by the same ss," broke in the cashier ssly, "your daughter put them

dear Mr. Grimshaw!" smiled sident coldly. The others broke shout of laughter at the sug- cience is a singular thing," red the president to an acquies- dience, when in their presence counted out the bills and found issing. He put them square s fat white fingers, bound them astics, and restored the pack- nis own pocket.

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HIS HOPES, WORK, IDEALS

"America, He says, 'May Show the Way' to Remedy the Social and Economic Evils

(By Bram Stoker in the New York World.)

LONDON, England, Oct. 5.—When, in furtherance of the wishes of the New York World, I wrote to Mr. Winston Churchill asking for an appointment to interview him he replied: "I would very much rather not; but if you wish it I cannot refuse you." When I met him in his library he explained more fully in words: "I hate being interviewed, and I have refused altogether to allow it. But I have to break the rule for you, for you were a friend of my father." Then he added gracefully another reason, personal to myself: "And because you are the author of 'Dracula.' " This latter was a vampire novel I wrote some years ago, which had appealed to his young imagination. He had him- self been an imaginative writer. The first thing of his which I remember reading was a powerful short story called, I think, "Man Overboard," a grim, striking story wherein he fol- lowed the last thoughts of a drown- ing man.

As he had already written, some ten years ago, Savrola, a political novel, I asked him if he intended or wished to write others. In case, of course, he should have time to do so through the revolutions of the political wheel. He answered thoughtfully: "No, I think not; not novels. I hope to write, and to write as much as public life will give me opportunity of doing. But I do not think it will be fiction."

Aims to Write History
"I would rather write something in the lighter forms of history—a sort of truthful story-telling. It seems to me that the whole tendency of modern historical research is to subdivide and prosecute investigation into each division or aspect of the matter sep- arately. It is all done by sections. The result is not satisfactory. We used to have less details but a general pic- ture, whereas now we get superabund- ant details but no general sketch, no picture or story. The work should neither be of too great length, nor should it be written for children. There is a growing opportunity for writers who will grip a subject as a whole and convey it intelligently to the plain man who wants to know but who hasn't got much time. The popularity of Fitchett's book of 'Deeds That Won the Empire' illustrates what I mean."

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war correspondent, from the prison at the Model School at Pretoria in De- cember, 1899.

Seven years later the Transvaal was a British colony, and the ex-prisoner, Churchill, was Under Secretary for the Colonies in the British government; an Under Secretary who manifestly had, and who was manifestly intended to have, an important share in the formation of the new constitution of the new British colony. "Thus," says Feste, the jester, "the whirligig of time brings in his revenges."

A Working Bachelor

I found Mr. Winston Churchill in his study at his pretty house in Bolton street, off Piccadilly. The Under Sec- retary for the Colonies is a working man and a bachelor; the whole of the first floor usually allotted domestically for a drawing room is here utilized as a study, two rooms having been thrown into one. The houses in this part of Bolton street are not large, and in them every inch of space is generally arranged by clever architects to prac- tical use. The color tone of the room is rich green, relieved, somewhat gloomily by the heavy mahogany pan- elling and the many bookcases of the same dark wood. Velvet pile carpet of green, green chairs and sofas.

The study table is a somewhat re- markable one. An immensely large and wide piece of Chippendale in mahogany with carved legs and bevelled edges richly carved; a table that seems as though it were made for the work

de luxe, showing the catholic taste of the Churchill family, for very many of these editions have the book plate of Lord Randolph Churchill. Here in addition in the heavier works of his- tory, philosophy and those bearing on politics and public life, are fine edi- tions handsomely bound of Edgar Al- len Poe, Carlyle, Richardson, Jane Austen, Dean Milman, George Grote, the Brontes, etc.

Of course there are not here the ac- cumulations of letters and papers; of blue books and files of documents which cumber up a statesman's office. All such are in his rooms at the Colonial Office and the House of Parlia- ment. Though a minister may—and does—do much of his work in his own home, the work of this class is select- ed, and only such papers and authori- ties as are required are brought to him.

Over the fireplace in the outer room is set in the panel a fine portrait by Romney of an officer, Captain Pele- tan, in uniform. The windows are double and the roar of traffic in the neighboring Piccadilly can be effect- ually kept out. On the wall of the in- ner room, set so as to face one, is a lifelike portrait of the Right Hon. Lord Randolph Churchill.

When I came to London to be Henry Irving's manager, my acquaintance with Lord Randolph Churchill, made in Ireland, continued. Our relation: were always most friendly. He often

One evening at the theatre—I think it was during the long run of "Faust"—when between the acts I was walk- ing in the passage. I heard his voice behind me:

"Oh, Bram Stoker. I want to intro- duce my boy to you." I turned, and the introduction was made. Young Winston was then about 13, a strongly built boy with red hair and very red cheeks. A bright looking boy, some- what on the sturdy side, and eminent- ly healthy. As we shook hands the fat- ter laid his hand affectionately on the boy's shoulder and patting it in a loving way, said:

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"Thy," I asked him, presently, "did you leave the army; you seem to have like soldiering and to have got on very well with it."

"I was very happy in the army. I did like soldiering. But the fact is that in peace time there is little if any scope in the army for a man who wants to be active. Of course, I mean very ac-

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tive and in different ways, for there is always plenty of routine work in military service. Anyhow, a man must choose his own way of life, and if it is only fighting that a man wants there is plenty of that in politics. It is only by following out one's own bent that there can be the really harmonious life."

Harmony When Work Is Play
"Won't you define," I asked, "what you mean exactly by that?" He smiled. I do not think that he cares much for definitions; he makes up his mind in his own way, a way to satisfy himself.

"Harmonious life. A life when a man's work is also his pleasure and vice versa. That conjunction, joined with a buoyant temperament, makes the best of worldly gifts."
"Why buoyant temperament? I merely ask for information."
"Simply because it implies a lot of other things: good health and strength for instance. The great ma-

jority of human beings have to work the greater part of the day and then amuse themselves afterward—if they are not too tired. But the lucky few derive their keenest interest and enjoyment not from any contrast between business and idle hours—but from the work itself. But certainly physical health has a good deal to do with it. Henry James speaks of a religion of healthy usefulness."

"I note, Mr. Churchill," I said, "that you use the words politics and politician where I mean statesmanship and statesman. May I take it that I am in accord with your ideas?" There was a smile on his face as he answered:

"Don't you think it would be at least unbecoming of a man to speak of himself as a statesman? Politics and politician seem to me to be very good and adequate words, quite equal to the purpose required of them. Politics are quite big enough, I assure you."
"What, in your opinion, is the modern tendency of politics?"
"All politics in this country, and I think all over the world, are becoming divided along social and economic lines of cleavage. The movement of the past have never so operated. The reformation secured, directly or indirectly, freedom of conscience. The English revolution and rebellion of the seventeenth century established parliamentary government. The French revolution achieved a very considerable measure of political equality—the idea of a national nation-citizens not separated by class prejudice; but there yet remains the greatest of all the anomalies, the social and economic injustices. All politics are focussing on this."

America May Blaze the Trail
"Perhaps it is for America to show the way. There is the naked issue between capital and labor. America's contribution to the movement for human progress will be some solution, necessarily complicated, of the economic problems which confront scientific civilization."

The smile was not existent at the end of this guess at the future. Instead, there was a look of concentrated gravity—of deep, earnest purpose, which showed something of the man within. Behind the face mask of boyhood there came something quite different—the something which revealed a passionate earnestness not to be suspected from his general appearance. The incipient wrinkles which only show occasionally on the smooth skin of his forehead seemed to deepen, the fine lines of the well-cut mouth to harden; the eyes to get a new and earnest look.

Winston Churchill is in his thirty-third year, with the record of four campaigns behind him and enough memories of personal adventures to equip a Ballantine or a Kingston. He has sat at parliament for years and always as one of the most strenuous and admiring of members. He has borne officially the heat of the day in the new parliament which came into the turmoil after a reign of twenty years by their political opponents. In the commons he has been the official mouthpiece of his party and cabinet in colonial matters and has held himself worthily against all odds. But in appearance he is still a boy. Let us see him as he leans against the mantelpiece in his study, seemingly gay and debonnaire.

Pen Picture of Churchill
Of medium height, looking rather slimmer than he is, for he is compactly built. The red hair of his boyhood has lost some of its fire, and seems now rather a reddish brown, than red. The eyes of light blue are large of pupil, having in them something of the free quality of the eyes of a bird. The mouth is an orator's mouth: clear cut, expressible and not small. The forehead is both broad and high, with a fairly deep vertical line above the nose; the chin strong and well formed. His hands are somewhat remarkable: a sort of index to his life as well as to his general character. They are distinctly strong hands. Broad in the palm, with that breadth which pinches take as showing honesty; fingers both long and fairly thick, but tapering; the thumb slightly bent backward at the top joint. The man with such a hand should go far.

When I asked him to enlighten me as to his change of party he smiled again, but with a different one this time. It was a somewhat inscrutable smile, old wisdom looking out of the youthful face of boyhood. He will I think take perennial delight in all that led up to that change and in the

doing of it. His words, together with the tone in which they were spoken and that enlightening something which is conveyed by appearance, expression and manner all in unison, seemed to satisfy one's intellect.

"When I was in the conservative party, to which I had been brought up, I was called a Tory democrat. Even then I belonged to the progressive wing of the party. I came into parliament after the Boer war, as a representative of the high water mark of Tory imperialism. But I was actually already in complete reaction against it. Indeed I may say that when my change of party came there was not far to go. I went into politics on the conservative side, just as a man might go to Oxford because his father had been there. My father was

a Tory democrat and I had been brought up in that atmosphere."

Exploited by Vested Interests
"What is Tory democracy?"
"The association of us all through the leadership of the past—that was what I thought it meant. It was only later on that I learned that its aspirations were exploited by the vested interests of conservatism, simply to win the votes and popularity of workmen."

As he spoke my mind went back to a passage of his speech before the National Liberal Federation in Manchester in 1904, which seemed to link his old political faith with his new.
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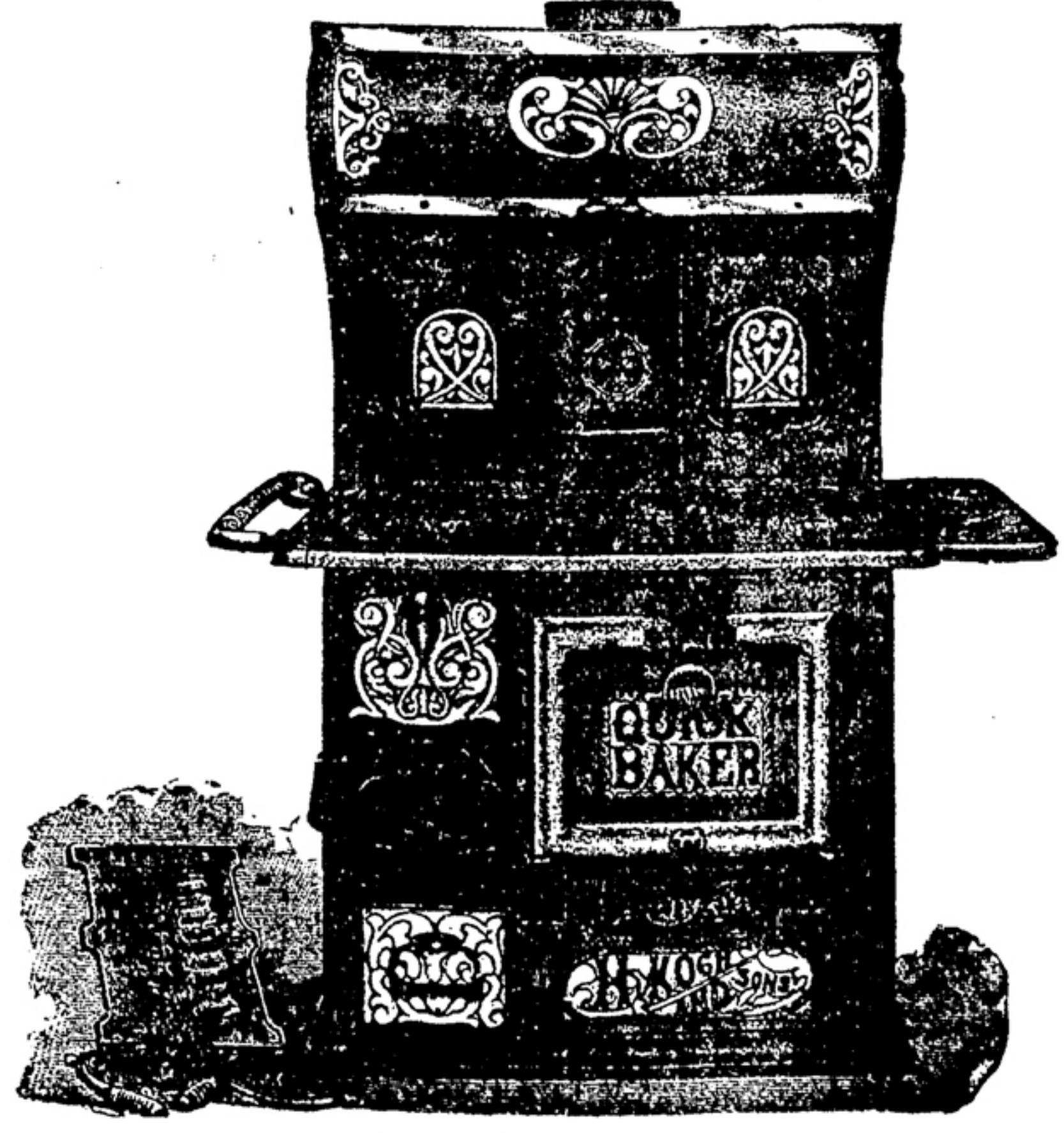
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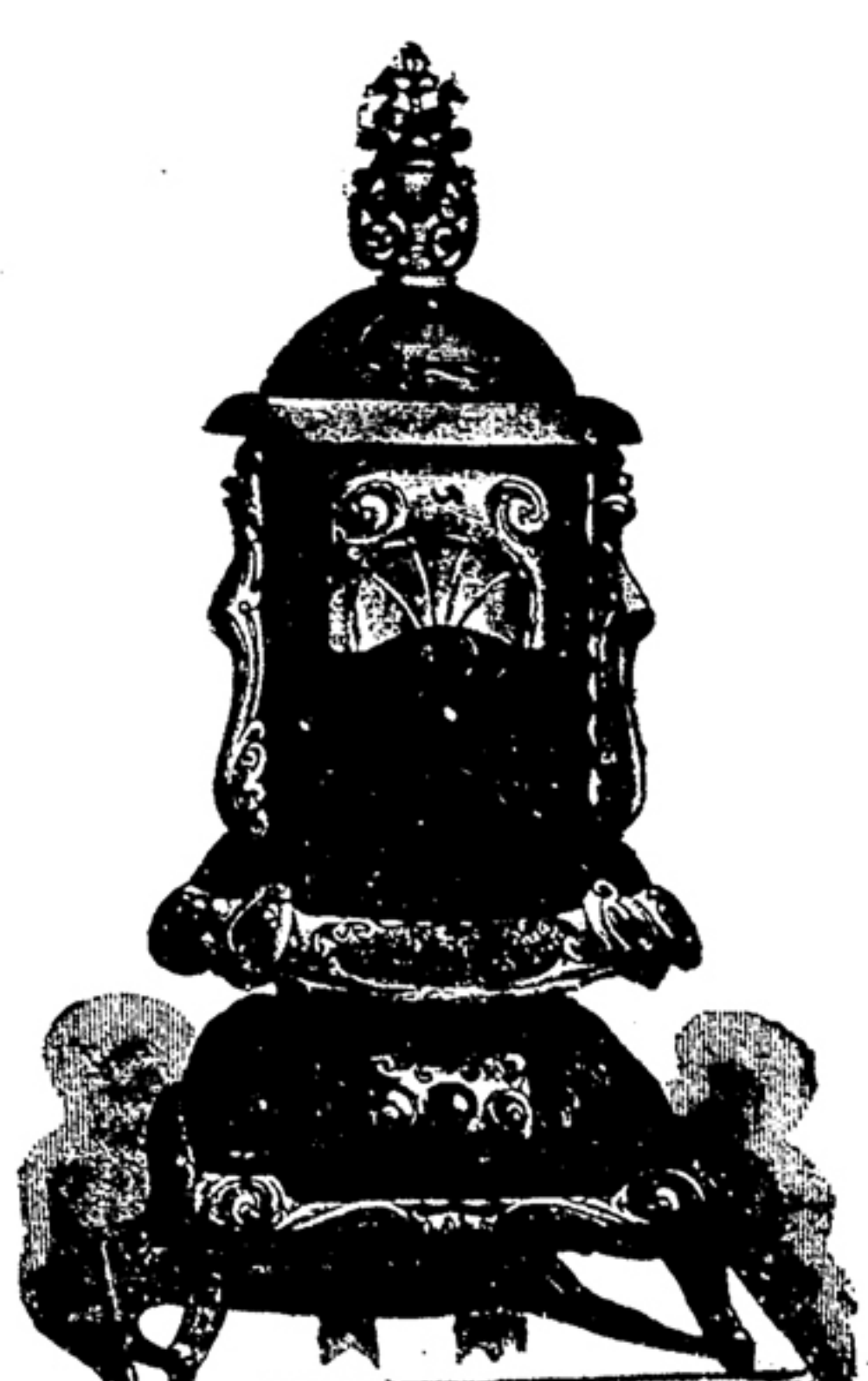
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