

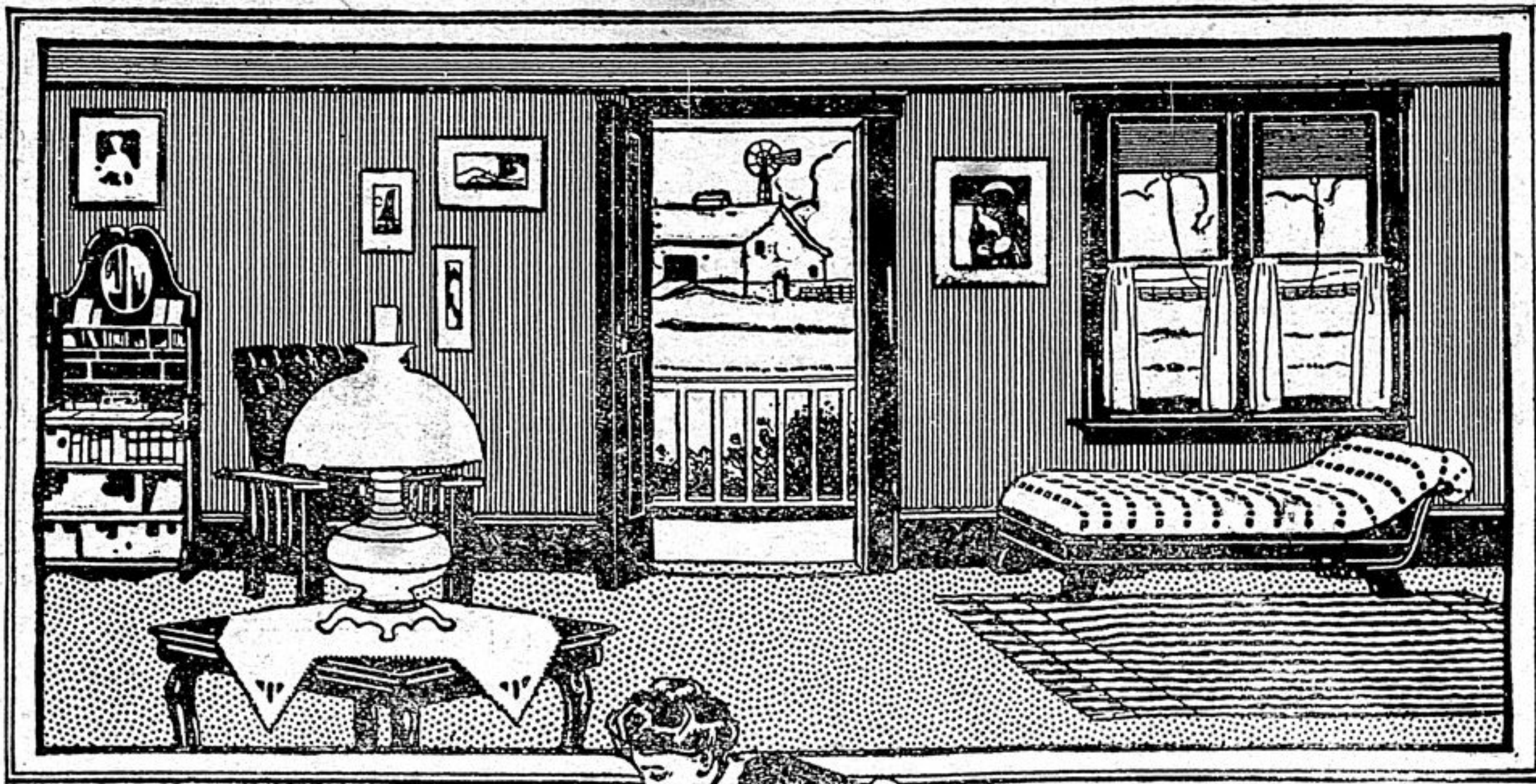
SPIRITUAL DESTITUTION MAKES LUXURY

Rev. Dr. Hincks Speaks on the Tendencies and Dangers of Luxury of Modern Days

"Luxury is a form of intemperance. It is a form of excess which becomes a morbidity, which becomes a morbid concentration on one's own private pleasure," said Rev. Dr. W. H. Hincks, Toronto, in a sermon on "Luxury; Its Tendencies and Dangers." Luxury, the preacher said, breaks down the moral fibre, and the man indulging in it goes to pieces from his own excesses. He claimed that that luxury of which they had forms in every city in the old and new worlds was the most insidious disease from which our modern civilization was suffering. He mentioned types of the luxury-loving classes of all ages, so that they might see what a selfish thing luxury became, what a heartless thing it might become, and the price those people were willing to pay solely for sensual pleasures. That was the particular curse of luxury. The whole western world was clamoring for more comfort to-day. The rule was that the average successful man degenerated through luxury. The first thing he did was to provide himself with a luxurious establishment, which took the place of a home, with luxuries of the table, which took the place of a simple diet, and with luxuries of clothing, locomotion and every form of comfort. It was more difficult now to get soldiers for national defence, or sailors to man our myriad ships, than ever before. Luxury was sapping the nerve of heroic enterprise; it was cutting out the Sabbath day as a day of rest and worship, "and when you weaken the Sabbath day, you can say in truth that you are laying the axe to the root of the commonwealth," said Dr. Hincks.

"And wherein lies the cure?" he asked. "It is only to be found in regeneration, in a revival of living. It will not be found in legislation. The parliament cannot do it. The Church alone can effect a cure; the Church alone can save us from the downward drift that follows living for the senses alone. Ministers have a great responsibility resting on them. They must make plain statements of how luxury is cutting out men's better lives," he said.

The luxury-loving classes, infinitely detestable, infinitely dangerous to the world's progress, were succeeding the older classes of landlords in the old country. "Please yourself; gratify your own desires," was their cry.



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will increase your individuality to do and to be good. Unless an increase of luxury increases your noble dreams do not indulge in it. Spiritual destitution is the mark of the luxury-loving classes, and that is the greatest destitution I know of."

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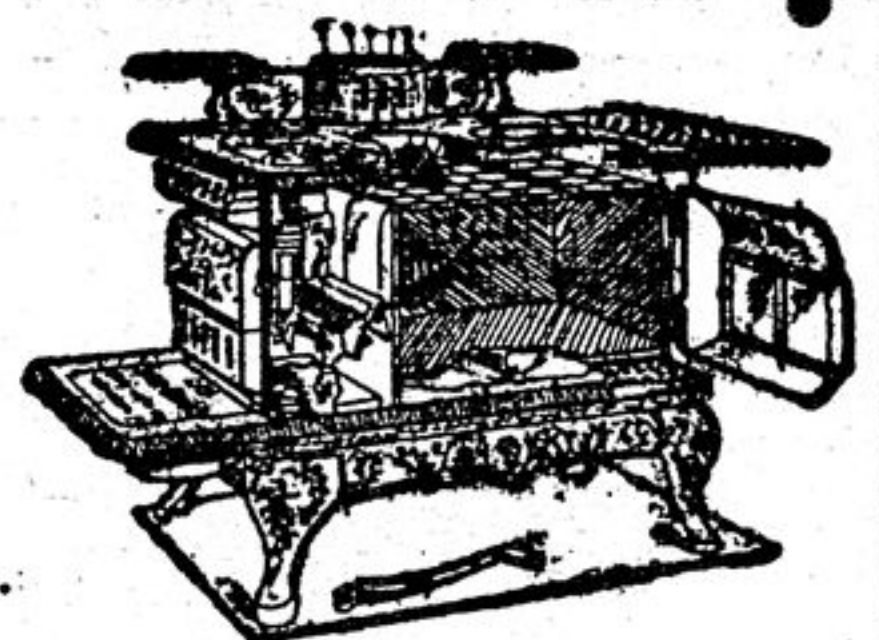
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