

DOINGS OF WOMEN

Staying Youthful.

Whatever your age may be, begin now to think of yourself as in the dawn of new developments. Say to yourself many times a day that you possess more vital power, more mental force, more magnetism and charm than ever before in your life. Say also that you are better loved and more fully appreciated for all your virtues and charms than ever before, and that your ability to give and receive happiness is unlimited. Then use moments which you have been accustomed to idle away or to employ in melancholy thoughts, in improving yourself. Let this improvement be three-fold, until body and mind and spirit all radiate new brilliancy.

Give your mind new thoughts. Give your spirit new aspirations, and feed your brain with some new purpose. Keep up whatever accomplishments you possess; cultivate new ones. Begin at forty, fifty or sixty, even, to study languages and music and art. And instead of continually thinking about advancing age, think about increasing qualities and charms; instead of worrying over added years, rejoice over added occupations and means of enjoyment. Encourage the young to seek your society. Amuse and interest them, and this can only be done by keeping in sympathy with their ideas.

If you find your thoughts running

sewed on that it seems as if every girl who likes pretty lingerie would mark it in this way.

Changeable tones in chiffon find way among the fall dress materials which look rich over solid silk or satin foundations. These patterns are trimmed with rich trimmings of gold and embroidery.

Old newspaper wrappers make excellent rollers for centerpieces. They can be covered with a piece of white paper, which is easily removed when soiled. To each end paste pieces of tape long enough to hold the covers in position when on.

Advantages of the Short Girl.
The tall girl may be more imposing in appearance, more of a power at social functions, but the short girl does deadlier execution among men. From the first day they are at ease with her, which means a great deal to the average man; in her presence he does not feel the drawbacks of early incessant cigarette smoking, and the degeneracy of his sex; she can coax and pout, and flounce into pretty little passions with greater grace than a "daughter of the gods"; she needs a protecting arm in a crowd, and she does not take up so much room in a railway car, or dwarf her partners in the ballroom or while out for a walk.

There never yet was a little woman

enough to yield to the young tyrant's demands in respect as to laying up for themselves a large share of wrath to come. Let him have it out. In protracted cases self-willed infants sometimes wake the echoes of a whole block for many hours, but the next time the struggle comes it won't last so long, and in time the child is trained to obedience in the matter of going to sleep. It takes strength of mind to follow this out at first, but it pays.

"Of course, the mother should always make sure when the child cries that there is really nothing the matter with him. If he stops crying as soon as picked up, it's a pretty good sign that he merely wants attention. Have no mercy in such a case, but leave him, in a separate room if possible, where he won't see any one moving about. He will soon learn what it means and will expect nothing different."

Position in Sweeping.

If a woman will stand up straight while she is sweeping it will prove the very best possible way of expanding her chest. But stooping over a broom is bad; the chest is contracted and the work made harder.

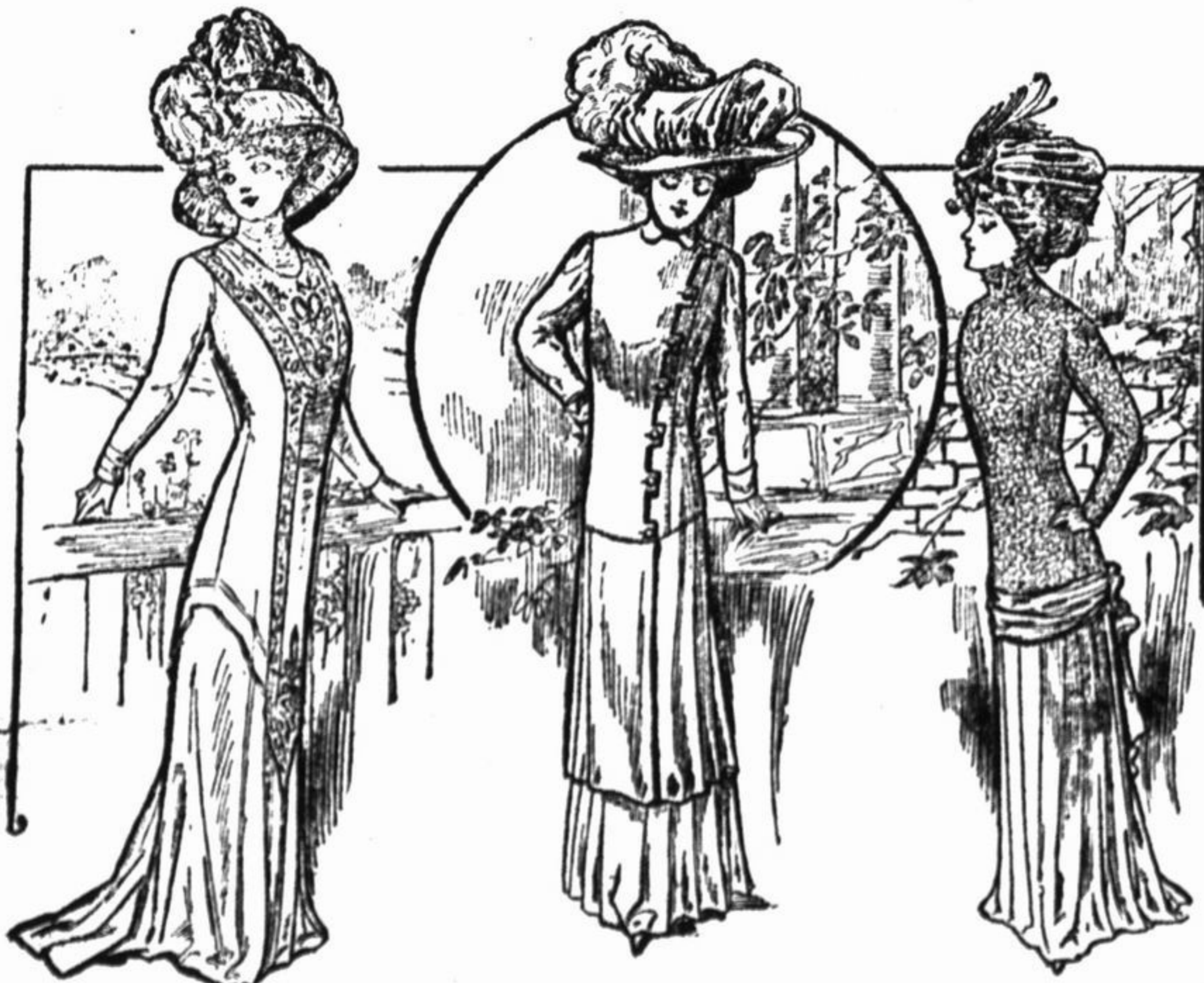
To sweep vigorously with head up and arms moving freely helps to give the shoulders a beautiful erectness and also pulls off superfluous flesh.

Especially where the arm is too fat directly below the shoulder this work helps. It takes off the extra flesh and rounds the arms splendidly. For this it is almost as good as using the washboard, and that is proverbial for improving the arms.

Mending Umbrellas.

Sometimes a person would like to change some expensive umbrella handle to another umbrella and fasten it on solid. This can be done by cleaning out the hole left in the

THREE STRIKING COSTUMES



Separate Apron Tunic.

Coat in Russian Smock Style.

Jersey Top Frock.

In many of the shops these graceful tunics may be bought, all ready to wear with any skirt that matches, sleeves and even stock and gimpes being supplied to match. In this case tunic and skirt have been built at the same time and the material is a pale biscuit shade of permo fabric, the soft silky combination of mohair and worsted threads which is fainter for such costumes than an all wool material. The braiding is done in the same shade of material and the little

yoke and stock are of dotted net in blue or old lace color.

The Paris fad for everything Russian has brought forward all sorts of Russian habiliments. Tolstoy's peasant smock is much used for coat models and such a smock is suggested here, though this coat has been adapted to meet the long-waisted lines of the season. The fastening, at one side, is very Russian in character, and the fronts are cut double-breasted fashion, closing snugly about the throat. This coat is matched by a

plaited skirt and both are of navy blue mohair.

The ultra expression of the moyen-age mode has been the jersey top dress, with a cuirass bodice reaching to the hip, and braided to imitate the ancient armor effect. This frock is of white silk cashmere, the bodice being of the supple woven silk fabric of which the embroidered silk gloves are fashioned. The braiding is done in white and the sash, which is tied around the hips, is of white satin mesaline.

along the line of criticism and disparaging comparisons of the young people of the day, with those of your own morning time, keep your ideas to yourself. Do not utter them.

Thumbcrows an Aid to Beauty.
In olden times thumbcrows were used to torture prisoners into confession, and thus gain from their secrets that only intense bodily pain would bring forth; but this, with many other fiendish means of torture, was left behind by advancing civilization. Now, however, it has made its appearance again, but as a means of self-inflicted torture, says Popular Mechanics. It is the newest aid-to-beauty fad of Europe, and its mission is to squeeze the tips of the fingers until they change from fat and pudgy to long and tapering.

Needlework Notes.
A sash of ciel blue satin would be neat on a girl's dress of ciel blue crepe de chine. Make the yoke and sleeves of tucked net.

Tinted embroidery can be cleaned by rubbing the surface with a piece of bread a day old. Use a small piece with the crust on and throw away as soon as covered.

Cushion covers for bedroom chairs are plain, just back and front, of one colored cretonne, and put together with a simulated hem all around the edge. No frills.

To prevent embroidery on sheer materials from puckering baste tissue paper under the part to be embroidered. It will easily pull away when the work is finished.

Never neglect to moisten the linen that is to be drawn, with a damp rag or small sponge. The threads pull more easily if the line to be pulled is rubbed with soap after being moistened.

It takes but a few moments to mark one's underclothing with embroidered initials, and these are always much prettier than anything that can be

who could not flirt more furiously than a tall one, and yet escape unfavorable notice. Her scratches all seem to be given in play. It is, of course, by comparison that everything is thus or thus, and so it is only when judged by the standard of some exceptionally tall sister that a short woman will permit herself to be so described. She will always indignantly disclaim a brevity of inches under any circumstances, though no woman ever yet objected to the epithet "little woman" as a term of affection.



"Too many fond parents give way to their impulse to pet the new baby," said a New York physician recently. "It is a mistake that often has fatal results and cannot be too strongly condemned. Of course, there is a reason for all things, and no physician would be so hard hearted as to deny to the parents all such expressions of affection, but handling of infants should nevertheless be sparingly indulged in. The child should be held gently and never jounced about or excited unduly."

"After feeding the little fellow should be laid on his right side or on his back. If laid on its left side the weight of the liver, which organ is proportionally very large in infants, rests on the stomach and sometimes distresses the child. Lay him down after his meal and do not disturb him, even if he cries to be petted. Indeed, parents weak minded

handle from the old red and filling the hole with powdered sulphur. Place the handle in a solid, upright position, and after heating the umbrella rod red hot push the rod down into the hole containing the sulphur. The hot rod fuses the sulphur, and when cold it will hold the rod solid. This method may be applied to fastening rods into stone, iron or wood.

Box for Bed Clothes.
Unused bed clothes should be carefully packed in dry goods boxes, but those boxes should be lined throughout with oilcloth, the right side of the oilcloth being tacked next to the wood. This keeps the box free from all dampness and bedding will always have a fresh, clean odor when not kept in a dusty box in which dust can collect. Dampness causes valuable pieces to become musty. If bedding is packed in a box lined with lavender leaves one will never hesitate to take out a comfort, blanket or quilt for the guest's bed.

Strength of Human Hair.
A human hair of average thickness can support a load of 6 1/2 ounces, and the average number of hairs on the head is about 30,000. A woman's long hair has a total tensile strength of more than five tons, and this strength can be increased one-third by twisting the hair. The ancients made practical use of the strength of human hair. The cords of the Roman catapults were made of the hair of slaves, and it is recorded that the free women of Carthage offered their luxuriant tresses for the same use when their city was besieged by the Romans.

Here's an Ideal Husband.
An engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad stopped his train to rescue a kitten that was asleep on the rails. If he isn't married we would recommend him unqualifiedly for a husband to the best sister we ever had.—Los Angeles Times.

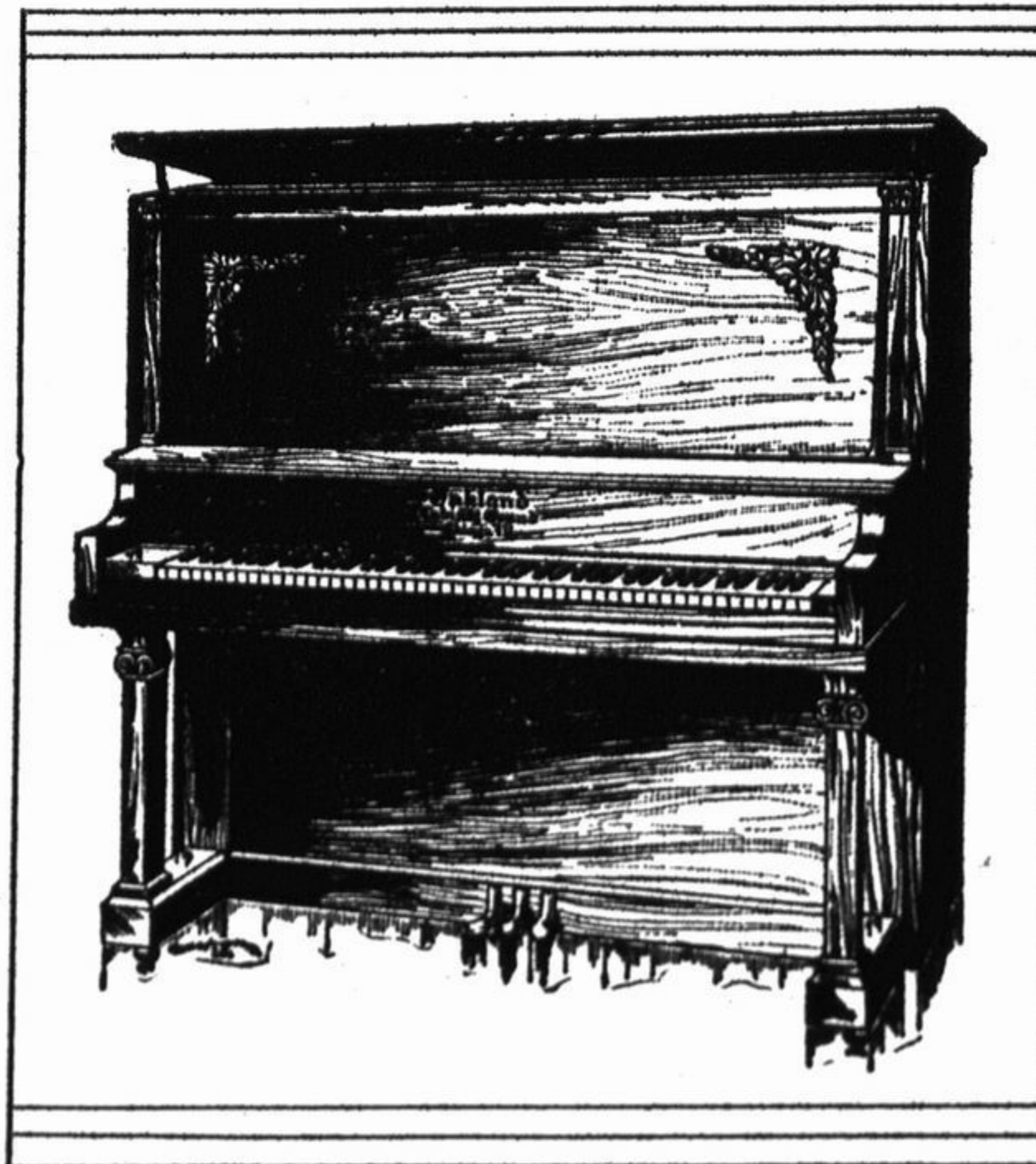
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Rules Governing Contest.

1. ANNOUNCEMENT—This Piano and Popular Ladies' Voting Contest will be conducted fairly and honestly on business principles strictly with justice and fairness to all concerned. With the above principles the contest will be an assured success.

2. PRIZES—The capital prize will be an Oakland Piano. Also other valuable premiums will be given to the amount of several hundred dollars, which are announced herewith.

3. CANDIDATES—Young ladies in this and adjoining counties are eligible to enter this contest, and the party receiving the largest number of votes shall receive the beautiful \$400.00 Oakland Piano, and other premiums will be distributed in accordance with contestants' standing at the final count.

4. TIE IN VOTES—Should any of the contestants tie in votes, the Publishers' Music Company will award a similar prize in accordance with standing and value at final count.

5. VOTES CLASSIFIED—Votes will be issued in the following denominations:
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Job printing 200 votes for 1.00
Twenty years' subscriptions 5,000 votes for 7.50
Ten years' subscriptions 12,500 votes for 15.00
Twenty years' subscriptions 30,000 votes for 30.00

6. INSTRUCTIONS—Results as to standing of votes will be issued after 30 days.

No votes will be accepted at less rate than the regular price of paper concerned in this contest. No one connected with this paper will be allowed to become a candidate in this contest or work for a contestant.

Votes after being voted cannot be transferred to another.

Be sure you know whom you are going to vote for before coming to ballot box, as the editor or any one will positively not give you any information on the subject.

The keys to government ballot box shall be in the possession of the awarding committee during contest.

For the first thirty days the paper will run a 25-vote coupon, which can be voted free for any lady contestant.

Contest to run not less than 90 days. Closing of contest will be announced 25 days in advance of closing. The right to postpone date of closing is reserved if sufficient cause should occur.

The contest shall close on a date which will be announced later in the columns of this paper. Ten days prior to closing contest, the judges will carefully lock or seal ballot box, and take the same to bank, where the same will be kept in a place where the voting can be done during business hours and locked in a vault at night until close of contest, when the judges will take charge and count same and announce the young ladies winning in their turn.

The last ten days all voting must be done in the sealed box at bank. If you do not wish anyone to know whom you vote for, place your cash for subscription together with other coupons in a sealed envelope which will be furnished you, and put same in ballot box. This will give everyone a fair and square deal.

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