

### GLEANINGS — WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Gwen—"Do you think you would love him if it wasn't for his money?" Grace—"I suppose so, but I wouldn't think of marrying him."

Braye—"When Mr. Casey died he left all he had to an orphan asylum." Binks—"Indeed! That was nice of him. What did he leave?" "Twelve children."

Bell—"I hear Miss Screecher is going abroad to complete her musical education. Is her father sending her?" Nell—"No; the neighbors!"

He—"Yes, my dog once saved me from starvation." She (gushingly)—"Oh, do tell me all about it." He—"Well, I was dead broke, and had nothing to eat, and I sold him for ten shillings."

"The evidence shows, prisoner, that you threw a stone at the constable." Female Prisoner—"It shows more than that, yer honor; it shows yer that Oi hit him."

"Have you an ear for music?" asked the society maid. "No," replied the matter-of-fact young man. "I use one of my ears for the telephone and the other for a pen-rack."

The gardener, who had been discharged for dishonesty, eyed his late master gloomily. "You'll miss me," he said, "afore I've bin gone 'arf an hour." "Well, Jackson," said the other, calmly, "I'll bear that with fortitude as long as I don't miss anything else."

"What is there about betting at horse races that is so bad for the health?" said young Mrs. Torkins. "I never heard of anything," answered the visitor. "Didn't you? Every time Charlie makes a bet he comes home and says there is something wrong with his system."

A Scotsman, who is not a member of a temperance society, being asked by a dealer to purchase some fine old Jamaica, dryly answered: "To tell you the truth, Mr.—, I canna say I'm very fond of rum, for if I tak mair than six tumblers it's very apt to gie me a headache."

Two artists were arguing about their ability in skill. "Oh," said one, "I once drew a shilling on the pavement so real that a man spent a half-hour to pick it up." "That's nothing," says the other. "I drew a leg of mutton on a wall so real that a dog ate half the wall before he saw his mistake."

In my babies' class last week the little ones were repeating the text, "Arise and take the young child and his mother and flee into Egypt." I showed them a picture representing the flight into Egypt, when they noticed the chief features. Then to one little boy there

arose a difficulty, so up went his hand, and he asked, "Please, teacher, where is the flea?"

A little north country lad, who shines shoes for a living, is a regular attendant at a mission Sunday school. He was keenly disappointed when, at Christmas-time, his gift from the tree turned out to be a copy of Browning's poems. The next Sunday, however, the superintendent announced that any child not pleased with his gift could have it exchanged. "Jimmie" marched boldly to the front with his. "What have you there, Jimmie?" "Browning." "And what do you want in exchange?" "Blacking!" was Jimmie's unabashed reply, amid great laughter.

Miss Smarte—"Well, I maintain that women can do anything that men can." Mr. Kewt—"Oh, no. The auctioneer's business is one a woman cannot go into." "Nonsense. She'd make every bit as good an auctioneer as a man." "Just imagine an unmarried lady getting up before a crowd, and exclaiming: 'Now, gentlemen, all I want is an offer!'"

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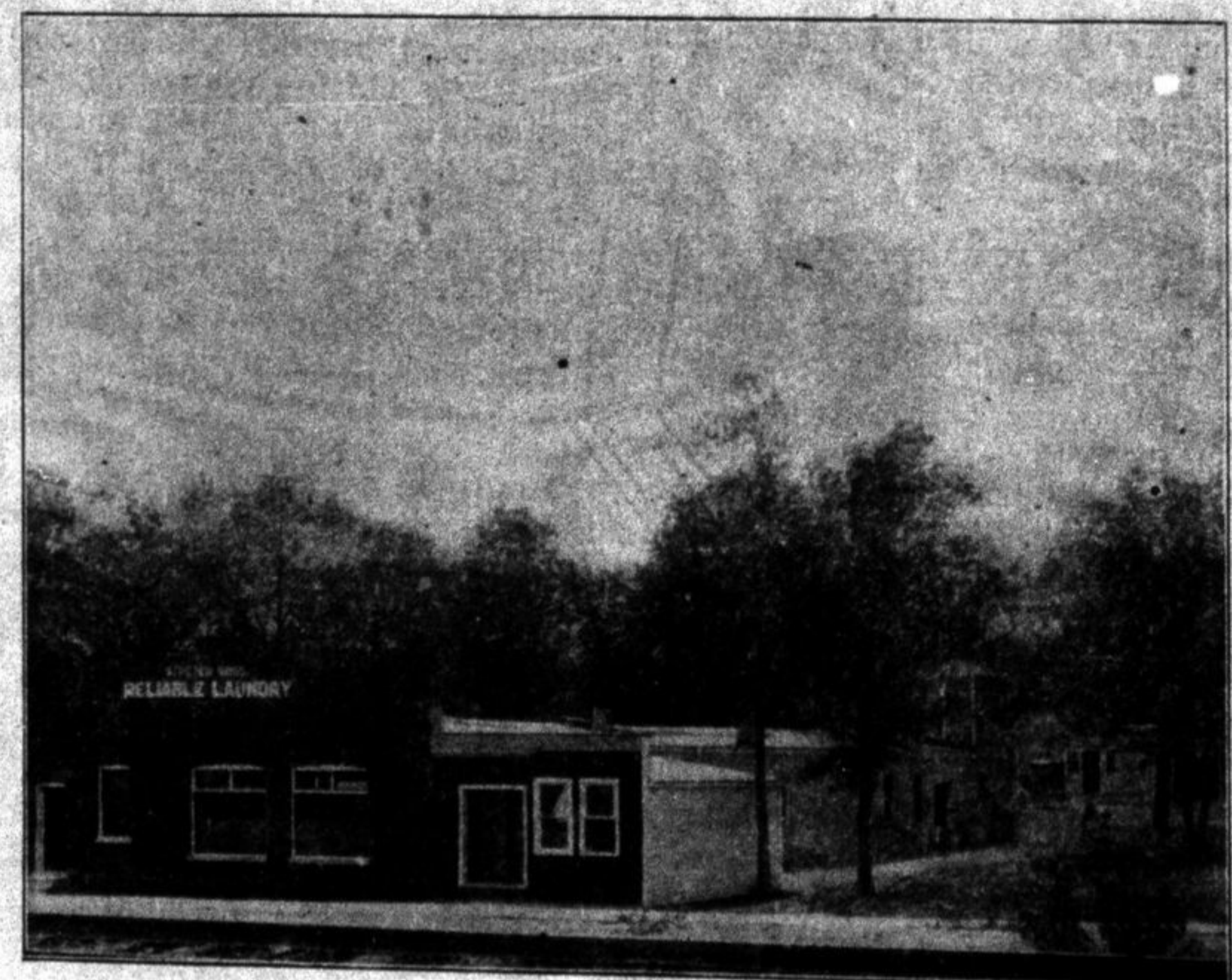
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