

GRANT PARK HAS GREAT FOUNTAIN

IS GIFT TO THE CITY

Memorial to Brother Is Being Erected By Miss Buckingham; Description of Its Beauties

The great fountain now being erected in Grant Park, to be given to the city of Chicago through the generosity of Miss Kate Buckingham in memory of her brother Clarence Buckingham, a former Trustee and Benefactor of the Art Institute, is well under way.

Owing to its immense size and the great amount of work yet to be accomplished, it probably will not be ready for many months. However, as it is rising steadily on the Lake Front and as many people are curious as to what is being built there, the construction architects and city planners, Bennett, Parsons and Frost of Chicago, who are doing the work, have supplied the following information: The fountain will be in a garden six hundred feet square, with four minor pools surrounding the central fountain.

Three Basins
Three fountain basins, one above the other, occupy the center of the main pool, which is about three hundred feet across. The three basins rise one above the other, the lower

basin one hundred feet in diameter, the middle basin sixty feet and the upper basin twenty-four feet. The height of the fountain will be about twenty-five feet above the level of the Park.

There will be seventy-two jets in the main fountain, the largest number of which will spurt from the outer basin into the middle basin and from thence to the top basin from which a great column of water will rise vertically into the air to a distance of seventy to ninety feet.

As the water descends it will flow into the lower basins in spectacular sheets forming a great dome-like structure of sparkling water. On the outer area there will be four enormous pairs of double sea-horses projecting water into the central basin. These are now being modelled and will be cast in Paris, by M. Loyau. When in full play the fountain will flow about 5,500 gallons per minute.

Illuminations
It will have a scheme of illumination at night with colored lights that will make it an object of wonderful beauty. It will be the largest fountain in the world of its type. Truly Chicago is entering into a period when it will be proclaimed as one of the world's most magnificent cities.

Curtains are pieces of cloth hung at the windows to keep the neighbors from knowing when you're watching them. — Akron Beacon Journal.

If a man can't get money for himself, the next best thing seems to be to see someone else lose it.

LIFE OF AVERAGE HOUSE ESTIMATED

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Dwelling houses may and do endure for hundreds of years, though their average life is much shorter and complete structural depreciation is usually accomplished within a century. So discovered engineers of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association when making an investigation to determine how long houses "live." Exceptional, of course, is the famous frame house at Dedham, Massachusetts, which was built in 1636, for most houses do not survive seventy years of service, a circumstance to indicate sympathetic relationship between houses and men in establishing belief in a traditional span of life.

To any one it must be plain that houses and men do have many qualities in common—they are susceptible to disease and suffer from neglect, and if subjected to a climate or to a use for which they were not intended, they disintegrate rapidly. For illustration, consider the ravages of dry rot. This disease of wood is estimated to cause a loss in our southern states of \$4,000,000 a year, and the aggregate loss for the nation the engineers say probably amounts to hundreds of millions of dollars.

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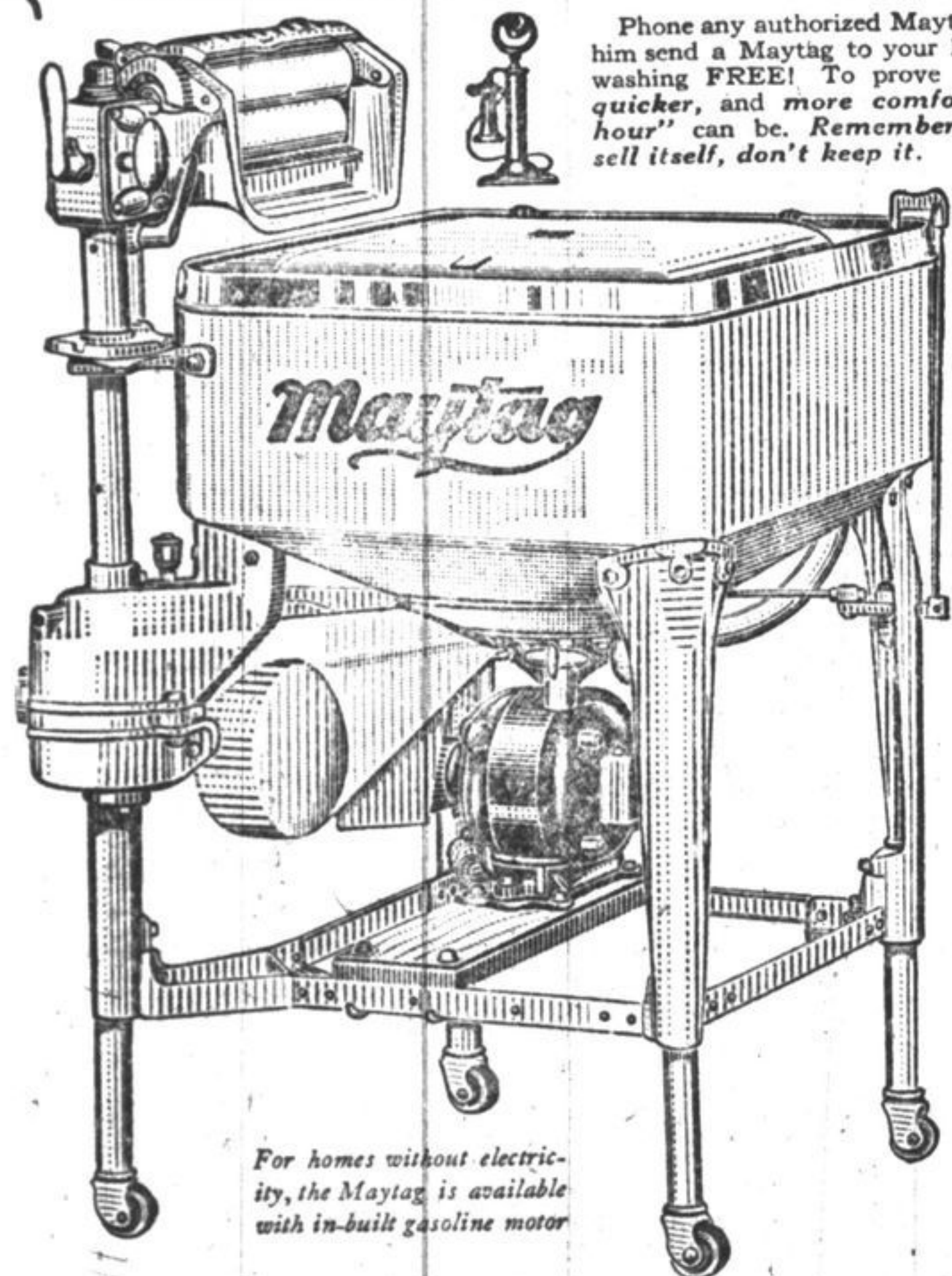
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