

# This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

## MAN DEFEATS NATURE CHAIN STORE GROWTH UP GOES WHEAT A BIRD BOOTLEGGER

Man consistently surpasses the performance of nature.

Locomotive and automobile outrun the deer. Airplanes already outfly any bird, and will do better when they stop imitating birds and create an entirely new plane.

Bulls of Bashan bellowed and were heard afar. The microphone talks around the world. Man's latest defeat of nature is the creation of an artificial ear "a thousand times more sensitive than the human ear, that picks up the faintest danger signals coming through the fog and tells the direction whence they come."

Anything that men can imagine they can do.

Forty-five chain store organizations, in June, did \$236,281,747 business, gaining 23 per cent in a year.

Sears, Roebuck stands first with June sales of \$25,747,979; Woolworth next, \$23,000,000; Montgomery Ward third, \$21,000,000.

Newspaper publishers are interested in the policy of General Wood, a West Pointer, now president of Sears, Roebuck. He is constantly building retail stores, promoting them with newspaper advertising.

Sears, Roebuck, it is said, plan several retail stores in all big cities, one in each smaller city.

While the government thinks about it, Mother Nature helps some farmers by injuring the wheat crop here and in the Canadian Northwest.

The price of wheat went up everywhere, Chicago, Winnipeg, London, Buenos Aires, touching \$1.36 a bushel. The price was 96 cents a few weeks ago.

It is not so pleasant for those farmers whose wheat is "irreparably ruined."

W. T. Logan, Christian missionary returning to Buffalo, from the headwaters of the Zambesi, tells of a little bird that makes a hole in the river bank clay, fills it with fruit, lets it ferment and develops alcohol.

At the proper time the bird returns to its little clay vat, takes a drink and will fight anything.

What could our prohibition forces do about that? Satan, of course, educated that bird, far back in the Garden of Eden, very likely.

"Face-lifting is not particularly painful," says a magazine writer. Tell that to the pugilist who has just received a vicious uppercut.—Boston Transcript.

## Example of Modern Art on View at Art Institute

Splendid opportunities to see and study up-to-date examples of modern art are now given in the numerous exhibitions current at the Art Institute. Fine canvases by artists whose work has been highly acclaimed in the present day movement may be seen in the Carter H. Harrison exhibition in the East Wing Galleries. Nearly all of these are French, which is eminently proper, for France is the place of origin of these "wild

men," as they originally were sarcastically named. In Mr. Harrison's exhibition we may see two exceedingly fine examples by Utrillo, the ne'er-do-well painter of Parisian boulevards, who painted pictures of his neighborhood streets and traded them in on his drink bills. There is an undeniable charm in much of his work, which charm lies principally in his handling of color. Also there is work in this exhibition by Capon, van Dongen, Edouard Goerg, Andre Lhote, Jules Pascin, Toulouse-Lautrec and Verge-Sarrat. Among the

Americans three artists are represented with typical examples—Jerome Blum, Frederick C. Frieseke and William P. Henderson.

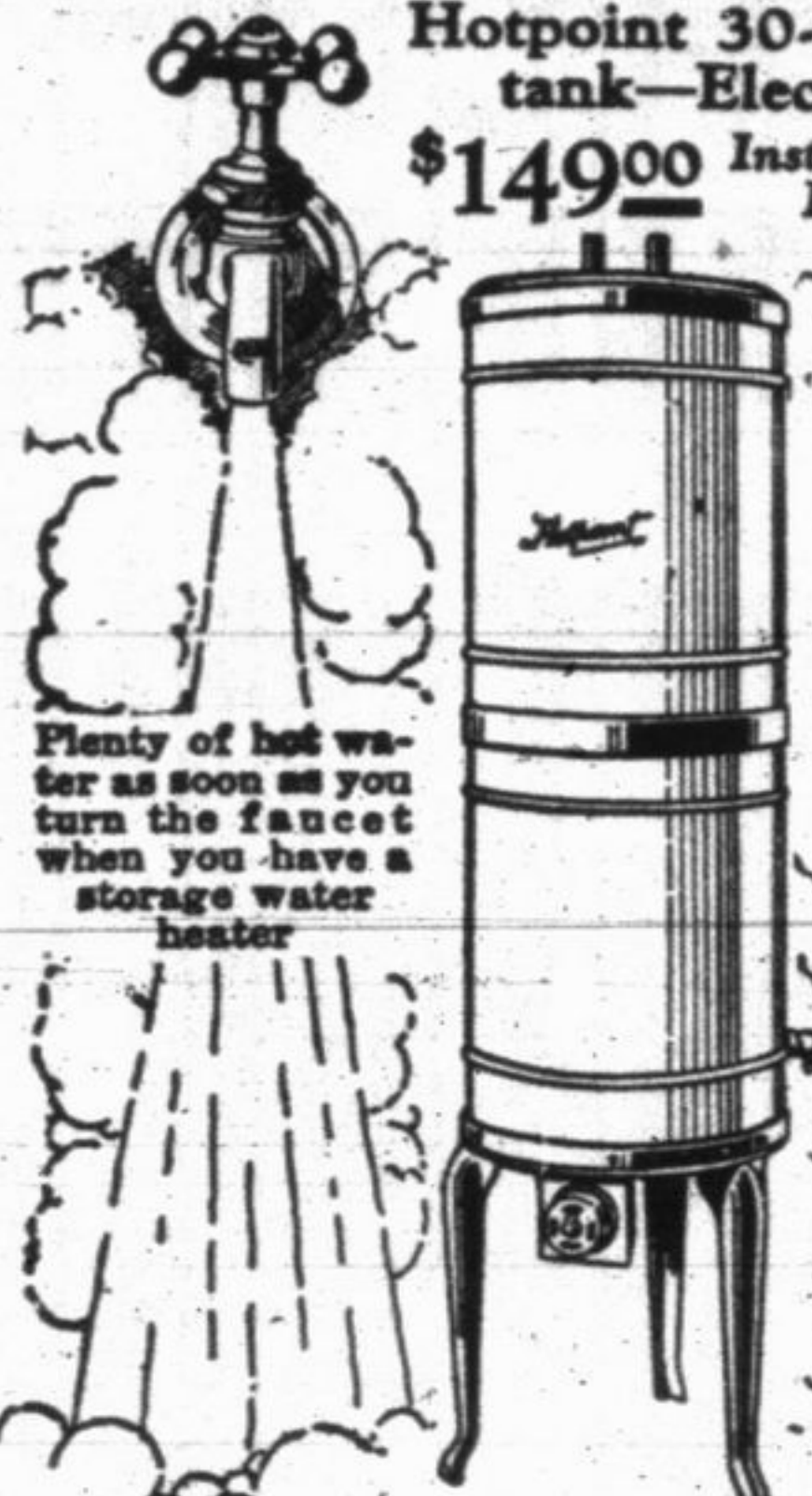
A physician who has been investigating says that since they became so athletic our modern girls "have much thicker wrists than formerly. If this is true it is a good thing for the erring husband that the rolling pin has gone out of fashion in the modern home."

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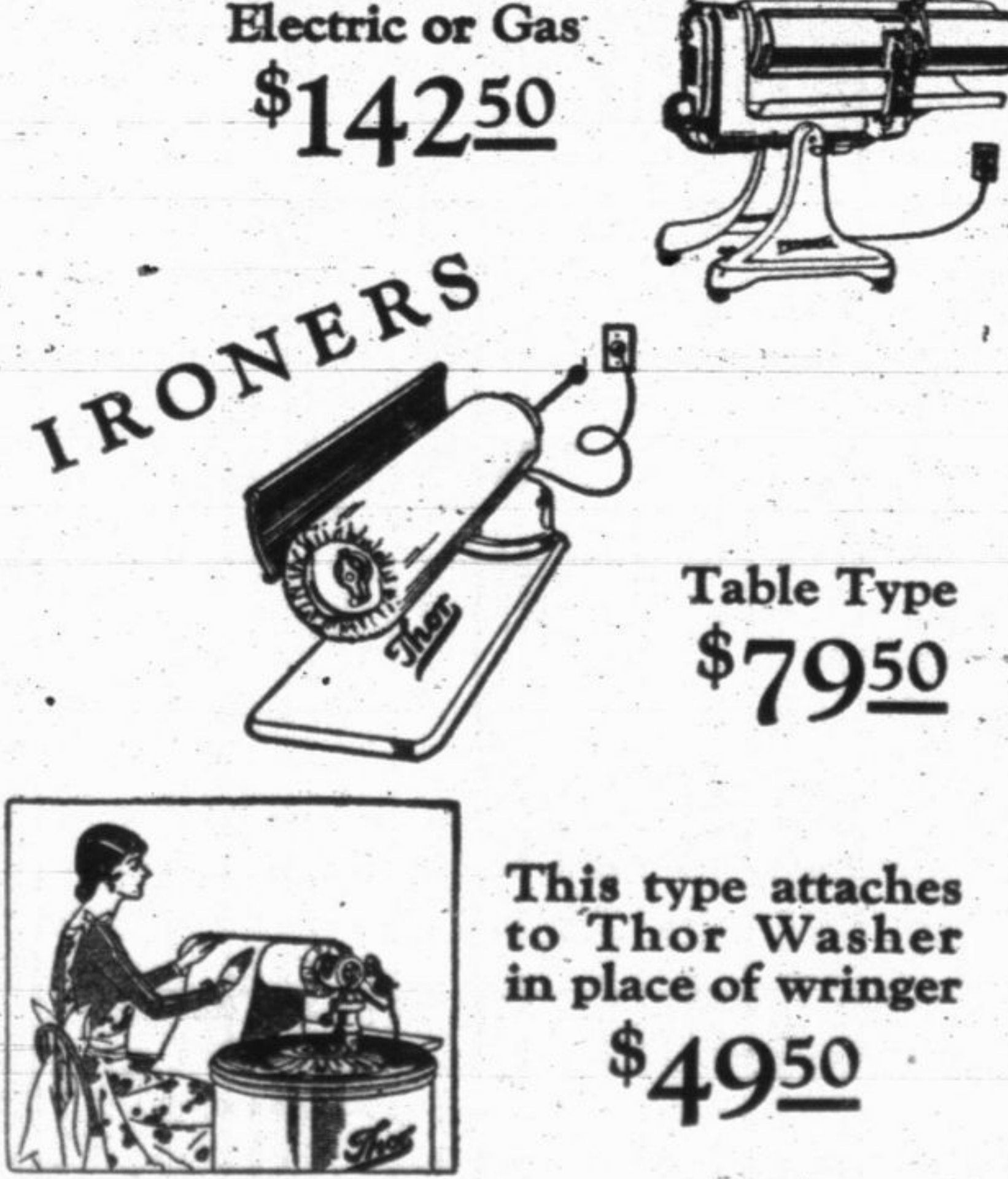


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