

SEEING THE WORLD ABOUT HOME FIRST

Good Way to Begin Learning How to Observe the Interesting Things About Us

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When people talk about "seeing the world" they are generally thinking about a more or less hurried trip to London, Paris and Vienna, or perhaps to Cairo, Mandalay and points east.

The season is approaching when those whose ordinary activities are not sufficiently varied and interesting to keep them from staleness (and that, unfortunately, means most of the population) will, if they have good sense, be planning how they will spend the customary period of respite from their vocations.

It is exceedingly well that one should gain as great familiarity as possible with the manners, customs, religion and way of life of other peoples. Such knowledge widens one's outlook and makes for tolerance, which is, perhaps, more necessary to wisdom than any other ingredient in human character.

But wherever one goes and whatever exotic scenes may be presented before one's eyes, seeing the world depends, not upon the spectacles which are available for one's consideration, but upon one's powers of perception.

Begin at Home

The city in which one lives, and the parks, fields and groves adjacent to it—even one's own backyard—are as much a part of "the world" as are Rome or Yokohama or the Grand Canyon. If we have not learned to see the things that are going on about us every day, our chances of having better success in foreign lands are meager.

What is the color of young oak leaves, when they first put forth, or of the blossoms of the maple trees? When does the first dandelion or violet or hepatica or bloodroot open its bloom of the sun? How does the song of the thrush differ from that of the robin? What are the nesting habits of the swallow? The catbird? The crow? At what hour does the great summer star, Arcturus, rise in mid-June?

Those who cannot answer such questions as these with reasonable accuracy have small chance of returning from a "sightseeing" trip with any but the haziest impressions of the panoramas which have unfolded before them.

Explore Neighborhood

Let those who are deterred by lack of time or cash, from availing themselves of the cultural and recreational possibilities of the Canadian Rockies, the Mediterranean or Peru, consider the idea of procuring a reasonably good camera and a field glass and setting out, afoot, to explore the (generally) unknown country which lies within a radius of five miles from their door-steps. If such a pilgrimage is entered upon after or interspersed with a reasonable amount of preparatory study, its potentialities for physical, intellectual and spiritual growth and development are enormous.

Let no one feel that, because of pecuniary embarrassment or press of duties, he is cut off from the pos-

sibility of "seeing the world." If God has vouchsafed him eyes and curiosity and will, there lies at his disposal a considerable section of the planet on which we live—enough, if properly studied, to enrich any life with the joy of knowledge and understanding.

Sidney Franklin, a matador hailing from Brooklyn, is in Spain and killed four bulls in an exhibition fight there the other day. Wonder if he is the guy who was operating in the stock market last October?

Dering Inheritance Tax Case Settled

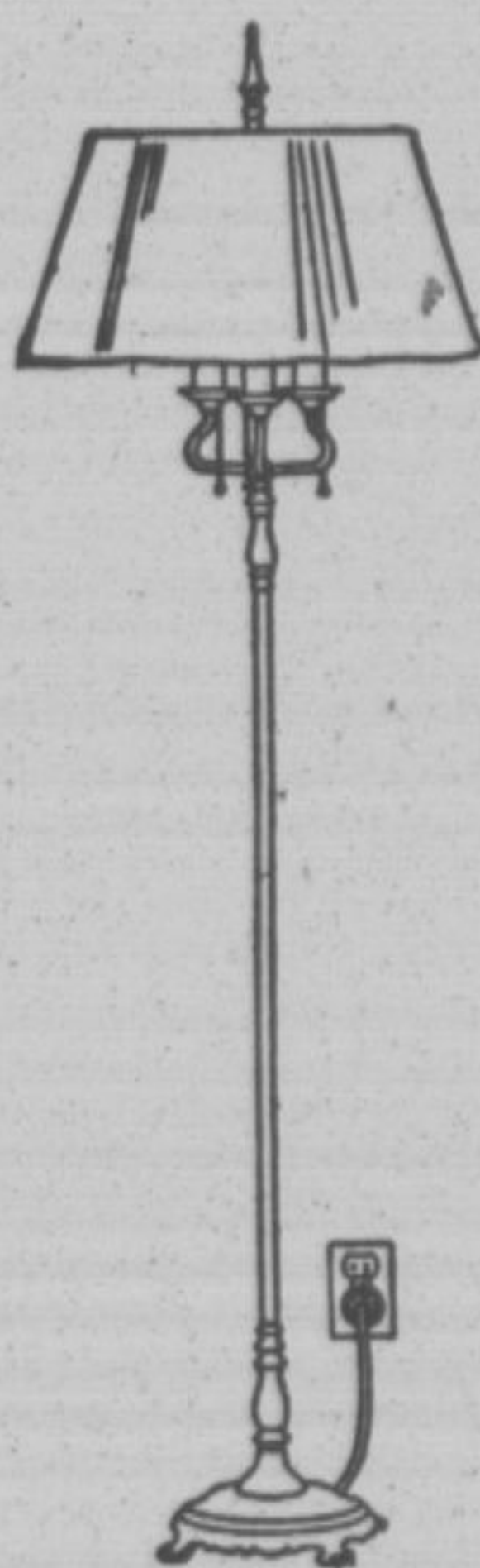
A six-year fight between the federal boards to the appeals and the estate of the late Jackson J. Dering, of Lake Villa and Chicago, was ended last week by Probate Judge Martin Decker when he gave permission to the executrix, Edith Dering, to pay the government \$62,000 inheritance tax on the \$1,874,455 estate. The

original assessment had fixed the tax at \$158,034.

Through an appeal made to the federal board of tax appeals the sum was reduced to \$117,770. Mrs. Dering was still not satisfied and continued her fight until the figure set by Judge Decker yesterday was attained.

Mr. Dering, who was the former president of the Jackson J. Dering Coal company, died at his Lake Villa estate in 1924.

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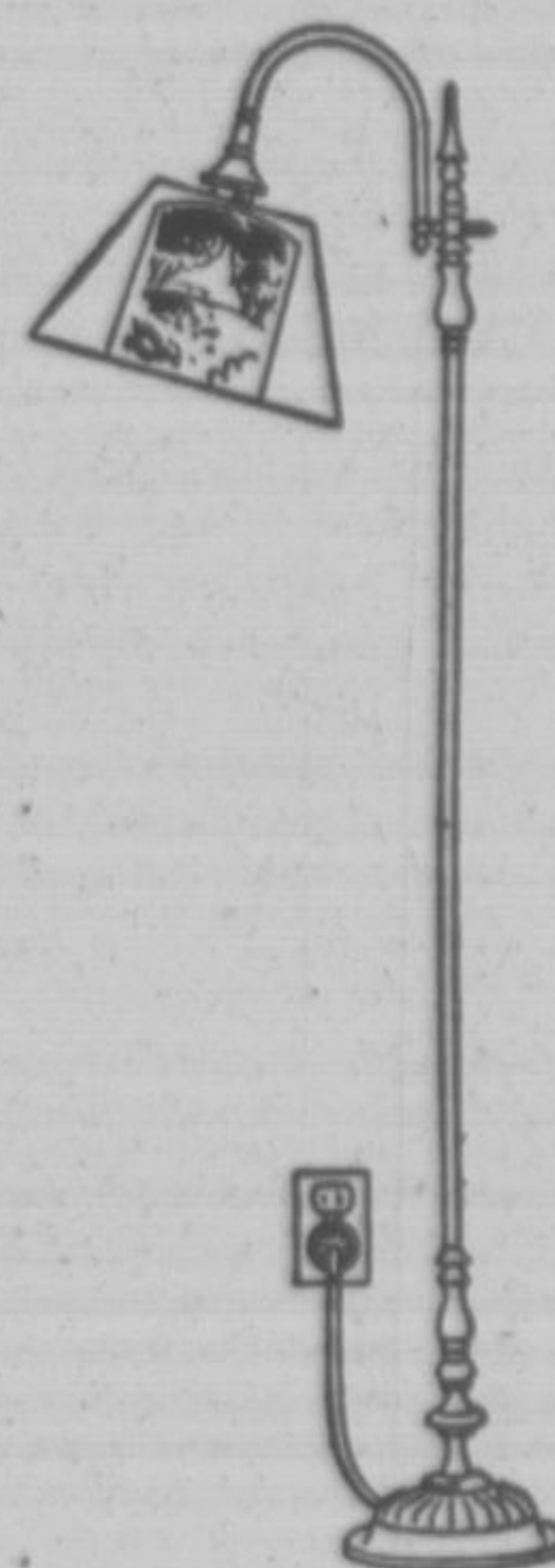
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