

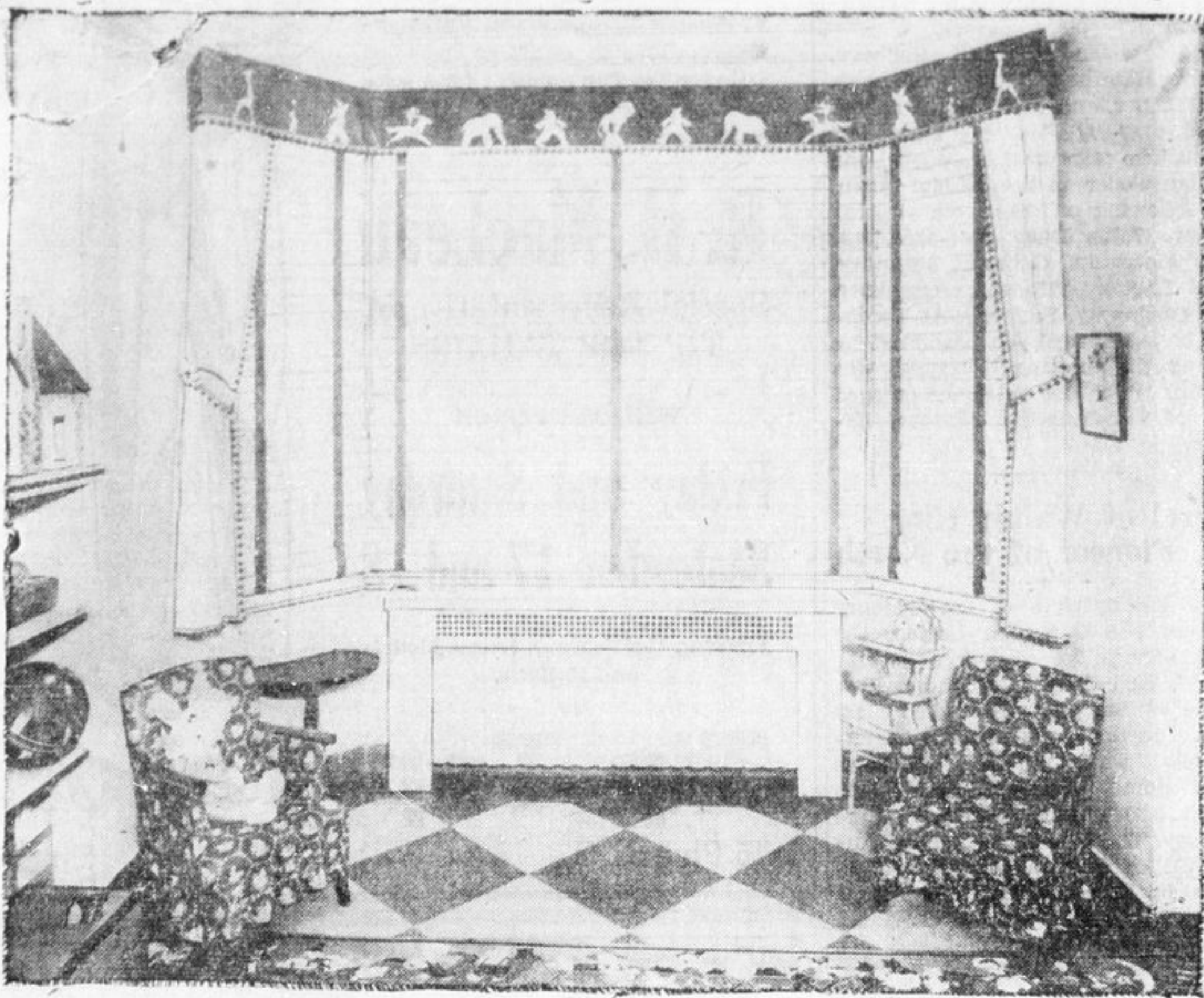


# PLEASANT HOMES

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## THE MODERN BABY NEEDS A MODERN NURSERY

Fashions for the Younger Set—Modern Provincial-Blond Wood for Baby—Nursery Rhymes Still Lead When All's Said and Done



A whole parade of little white circus figures cut out make a gay valance for this window in a nursery. Wi figures called Pasterette and Sidney Kelly decorated i of Permatex and rubber cemented on to red chintz nifred Wadsworth was the designer of the little circus room which is mostly in red and white.

Little Miss Muffet is quite particular about the tuffet she sits on, and Little Boy Blue prefers an innerspring haystack to fall fast asleep on. For the babies of this streamline age can't be just tucked in a corner or slushed in a cradle.

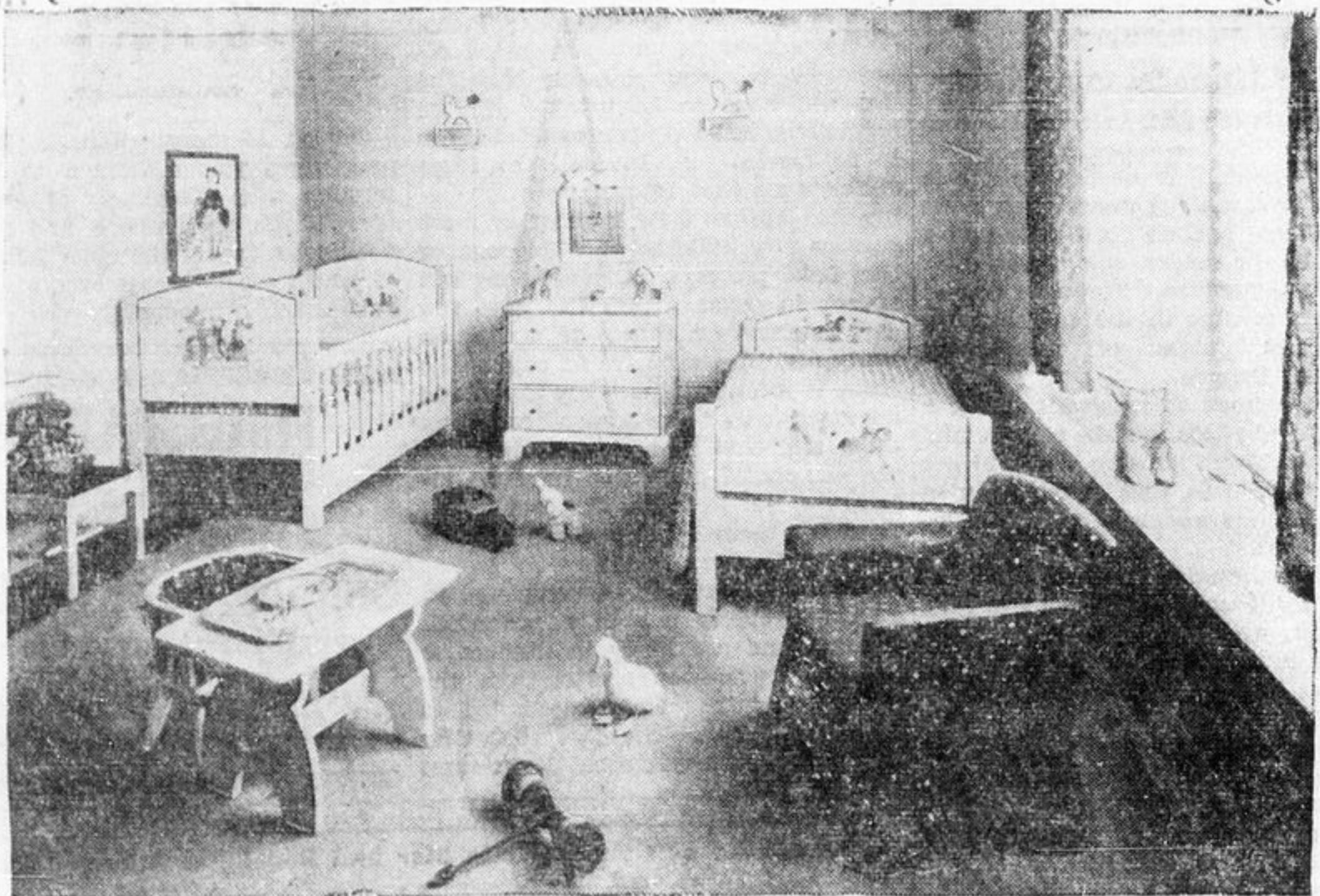
We've been scouting around the smart centres of babydom the last few days for fashion pointers in miniature interior decorations. The most interesting designer of juvenile furniture we found to be a daughter of a former president of the United States. At her

studio we were told that a modern version of peasant designs are highest ranking styles in children's furniture. These are very bright motifs and very contemporary looking, and children adore them, which belies the old contention that juvenile decorations had to be ultra realistic. As a rule these motifs are handpainted on a lovely soft white, specially created by this particular shop. The origins of the motifs largely are Swedish and Bavarian with a large seasoning of nursery rhymes brought up to date.

We've also seen some stunning baby furniture in blond wood which has a smart delicacy about it for nursery use. And a dramatic crib has huge wooden "counter" beads all across the ends. These are in brilliant colours just as are the small bead versions of counters that so often turn up on play pens and high chairs. In huge sizes they are strikingly decorative as well as fun for somebody very young.

### The Tin Soldier

A little tin soldier contributes decoration for another nursery ensemble—



This nursery in the home of Mrs. Ogden Hammond, Jr., was decorated by a daughter of President Cleveland. The furniture has brightly painted motifs in a modernized peasant style and the colours are mostly strawberry pink-reds and clear marine blues against a soft off-white. The practical point about the furniture is that the crib can be adjusted to make a mate to the single bed.

marches across the lower corner in military manner, while a diagonal stripe across each piece looks for all the world like the strap across a soldier's front, and the knobs of the chests are painted like bright buttons.

Maple furniture for baby's room is a pleasant variation from the usual enamel. The early American versions aren't new, though they're still agreeable to have and popular because they adapt themselves to other uses as the child grows older. Provincial maple is newer and smarter and more fun to decorate, too. The present vogue for Tyrolean motifs and the bright printed cotton fabrics that are available with their hearts and flower designs suggest many jaunty nurseries, and the coming Swedish provincial boom (yes, it's coming back, this time in a volume vogue) is even jollier to adapt for nursery decorations.

### With Real Lace

If you have the urge for lace and satin for your baby, better stay away from maple, though. Of course you can get something of the same effect with dotted swiss ruffles, or even filled or gandy, either of which can be used with maple. But real lace and satin ribbon belong to pink or blue enameled baby furniture, and preferable in the very pale shades. We saw a bassinet with a real Belgium lace flounce.

And another not so phitocratic but nearly as lovely with a pleated voile flounce with val lace insertion and edging. Pleated pastel linen for a bassinet flounce is terribly smart looking. When baby graduates to his crib but you're still wanting to hold on to these frout-rim details, a ruffle around the lower rim of the crib sides is a dainty touch. Arrange it so it ties on from

the outside. It will be easier to keep fresh.

While you can't still be pink and blue if you feel very traditional about your baby, yellow is a smarter colour just now for nurseries in the dainty manner. If you don't want to be pastel, then white or pale blue with bright red and deep blue is the thing... that's the colouring usually preferred in all the peasant nurseries. There's a coral colour that's new and very much in vogue in nursery decoration now. Clear light green and white is very clean and crisp looking... pale green walls, white dotted swiss curtains and bassinet, a deeper green linoleum, white enamel furniture, white bedding and covers and white slip covers for the chair and cot have extras for fresh frequent changes) gives a lovely effect.

### Ideas For Walls

If you have more ingenuity and energy than money to spend on making your day nursery fit for a king, then here are some suggestions we've seen worked out:

Chicken Little—Cream walls and cream enamel paint for old furniture commandeered for the purpose, light blue slip covers for chair and cot, white and blue bedding, chicken cut-outs for the walls... fluffy little yellow baby chicks, Rhode Island red roosters and all kinds of fat fine hens cut out of coloured paper and pasted in a procession around the walls. Cream curtains, of course, with applique chickens across the hems of them.

Funny Paper—Enlarge (by means of squared off paper) the comic characters in the cartoon strips. Then trace these enlargements all over the walls of the room. Add bright blue chintz curtains and a red linoleum floor. You might

trace one or two designs on the furniture fronts as well.

Birdie on the Window Sill—Collect all the pictures of various birds you can find (out of old books from second hand stores as well as from ten-cent picture books) and paper the nursery walls with these patch-work fashion. You'll have all varieties of birds on the walls... if you like you can shellac and paint the furniture in the room white. Letter a verse on each piece of furniture, that is, a chest can have one line of a jingle on each drawer.

### Nursery Rhymes

Mother Goose—Paper the walls with brightly illustrated pages from five and ten-cent store nursery rhyme books, shellac over them with clear shellac and paint the furniture in the room white. Letter a verse on each piece of furniture, that is, a chest can have one line of a jingle on each drawer.

Makeshift Furniture—A chest of drawers will serve for clothes and atop this a bookcase will hold a basket for bath things, bottles, medicines and oddments. Paint the insides of the shelves a contrasting colour to the rest of the piece. An open top chest is the best thing for toys. You can use a rough box with a hinged top. Cover it with padded oil cloth.

Don't skimp on the crib. A baby is active and will demolish a cheap crib before he's outgrown it if you don't watch out. Also be sure you have a comfortable chair to sit on that doesn't have arms too high for handling baby on your lap. A cot for nurse if you have one is necessary, and if you don't have a nurse you'll need the cot anyway when you sleep in with baby when he's sick.

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## Charges Rowe Knew Advts. Inaccurate

Premier Declares Agency Called Attention of Leader to Errors

Speaking at Peterborough Monday night, with the address being heard on the radio throughout the country, Premier Hepburn challenged the Conservative party leader, Hon. Earl Rowe, to deny the correctness of a story, "now common in Toronto," that Mr. Rowe ordered the publication of his party's recent paid advertising attack on the financial record of the Hepburn government after having been warned by the agency with which the advertising was placed that many of the statements and figures set forth therein were misleading and untrue.

"I am informed," said the premier, "that executives of this agency went to Mr. Rowe and pointed out the glaring mistakes that had been made in the advertising, but that Mr. Rowe sent the copy back to the agency and instructed them to send it out to the papers as it was."

"If that is true—and it is up to Mr. Rowe to say now whether it is true or not—it well indicates the campaign of misrepresentation to which a desperate man can lower himself in the hopes of winning a few votes."

The Prime Minister again scored the Conservative leader for his "weather-cock" stand on the issues of the day, charging that not only had the former liquor tollage operators of the Henry regime hauled him away from any possible acceptance of the recent government proposal to take liquor out of politics, but that now "the old gang that was mixed up in the succession duties business" was bringing pressure on him because of his stated intentions to recover all the duties owing to the province.

### Says Stand Charged

"A week ago," said the Premier, "Mr. Rowe waxed most indignant and demanded of me that I not only publish the names of all the estates which we have under investigation, but that we send to jail all millionaires who have defrauded Ontario out of its just dues. But now the picture has changed and Mr. Rowe, for some reason or other, is saying that he proposes to be a gentleman and that he does not intend to disclose the identities of the estates if and when he gets into office. It's just what I thought. Mr. Rowe's hands may be perfectly clean themselves, but he is so tied up with the old gang that they wouldn't let him carry on our succession duties drive even if he wanted to."

### Elliott Named

The Prime Minister spoke on behalf of the Peterboro' riding candidature of Alex Elliott to an amorous audience of 3000 or more. He was given an enthusiastic reception, although one small section of his audience indulged in some scattered booing. With the exception of the provincial income tax with which he said the obsolete and unworkable municipal income tax had been replaced, his government had imposed no new taxation since assuming office in 1934.

"And if Mr. Rowe doesn't agree with our provincial income tax," said he, "let him repeal it. I challenge him now to say whether he would repeal it, in the event of his election."

Rather than continue making "ambiguous and indefinite charges" about some toll being levied against the hotel-keepers of Ontario by the Liberal party, Mr. Rowe, said the premier, should "come right out in the open."

"Let him tell the world what he's got, if he's got anything," said the premier. "That's the way I like to see things done. I know no member of the Hotel-keepers' Association and I know nothing of which he complains."

## Unusual Ideas Obtaining in Quebec Police Plan

Montreal.—One of the most outstanding police units on the North American Continent is being organized under the jurisdiction of Premier Maurice Duplessis of the Province of Quebec. New ideas seldom if ever tried in a modern police force are being introduced.

All members of the force are to be of equal rank. Brief spells of authority will be bestowed on individual members when deemed the most suitable to handle any specific case. All will rank as detectives and will take orders from one of the force believed to be the most suitable man to be placed in charge of that case.

This is intended to do away with jealousy and interdepartmental politics. Salaries will be all the same. Later results will count, and increases in pay will be made accordingly, although there will be no promotion as regards rank. The detective with more ability than his brother detectives will receive more pay. All to-day are on probation, and those whose work is not satisfactory will be weeded out.

Applications are pouring in for this, perhaps the most unusual police force in the world. To date, few have been able to pass the physical and educational tests necessary for the Provincial Police of Quebec.

The force to-day is the youngest police department on the continent. The members are in their early twenties; the majority are university graduates and others have high school certificates.

A feature which is being installed for the force is a short wave broadcasting system through which headquarters can keep in touch with the men in all parts of the province. Automobiles used by members of the force will be equipped with receiving sets.

Division headquarters are to be established in strategic sections of the province, where several men will be kept on hand to cover any type of

trouble which might arise in their territory.

Three branches of the provincial police will be merged—the general office, the traffic bureau, and the liquor control police. With men trained to handle all types of crime and traffic or liquor law violations, time and money will be saved.

A statistical and identification bureau is being organized which will extend its work beyond ordinary information activities. It will contain information and descriptions of all known convicts.

The statistical department will operate a press service through which the newspapers may receive reports of accidents and criminal cases throughout the province. The provincial police department will also seek closer co-operation with police forces in all cities and towns of the province.

## Tim Buck Boulevard at Blairmore to Be Changed

"Tim Buck Boulevard" at Blairmore, Alberta, constructed in 1934, and made more or less famous since by the ironic references of The Blairmore Enterprise, will soon be no more than a more or less humorous memory. "Tim Buck Boulevard" was named after the Toronto communist leader. Judging from reports from Blairmore it was well named because so outstandingly ambitious and presumptuous in intention and so weak and ineffective in actuality.

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Tim Buck boulevard was built at Blairmore during the regime of Mayor William Knight and his Left Wing Council, the boulevard's fancy trimmings will be dismantled. Once again it will become Victoria avenue.

Mayor Enoch Williams, who succeeded Knight this year, has decided the boulevard is a needless expense with its huge electric signs with large and red letters reading, Tim Buck Boulevard, and its flowerless rockeries and special water-sprinkling system.

It was never a success. Grass refused to grow; flowers failed to bloom and

the sprinkling system created pot holes in the roadway, a menace to motorists.

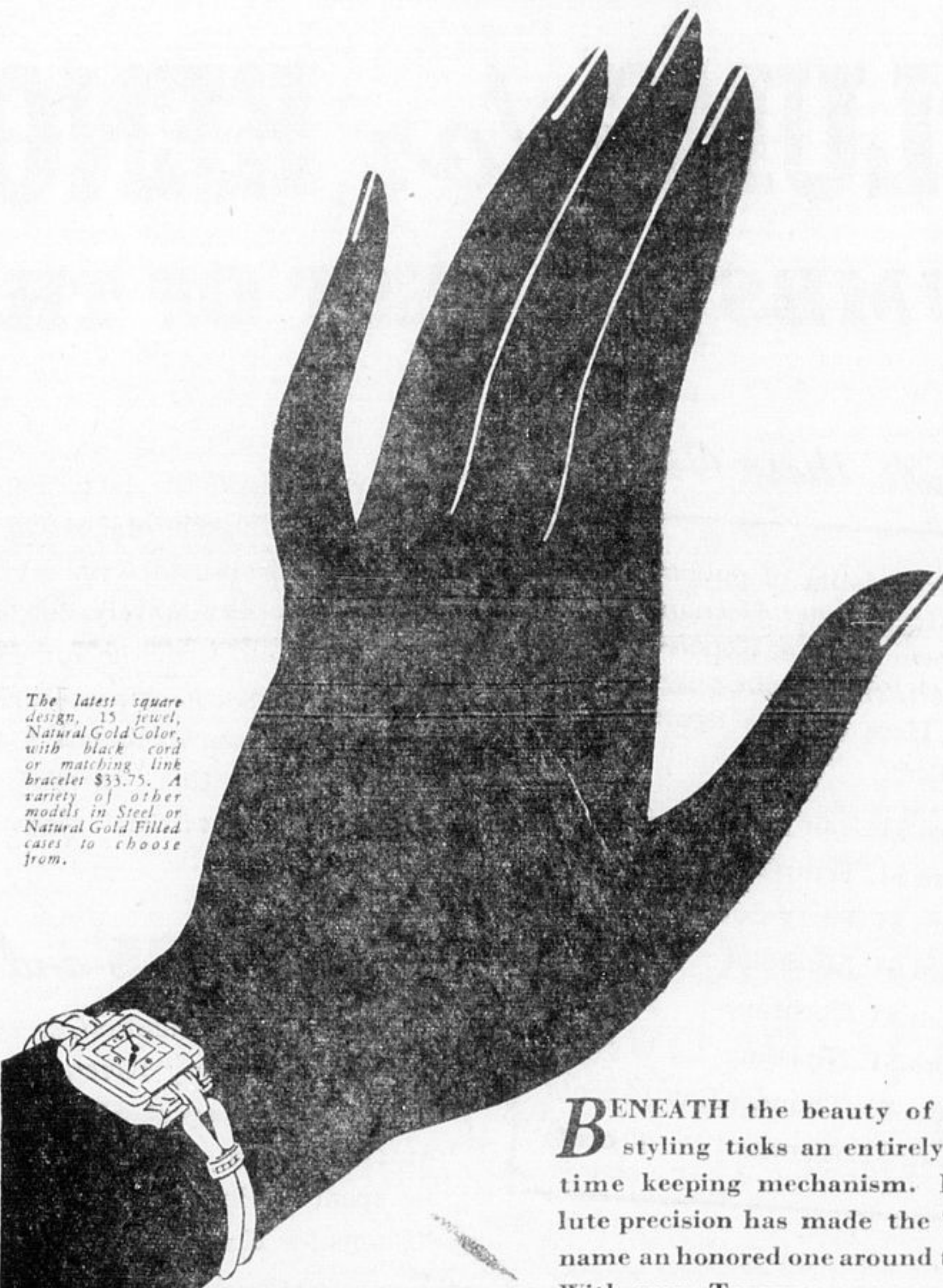
Tim Buck of Toronto, head of the Communist Party in Canada, did not attend the dedication ceremony three years ago. His place was taken by Rev. A. E. Smith, then General Secretary of the Party. A year later, however, Buck came to Blairmore and a civic holiday was proclaimed in his honour.

Blairmore is a mining centre in the Crow's Nest Pass, about seventy-five miles southwest of Calgary.

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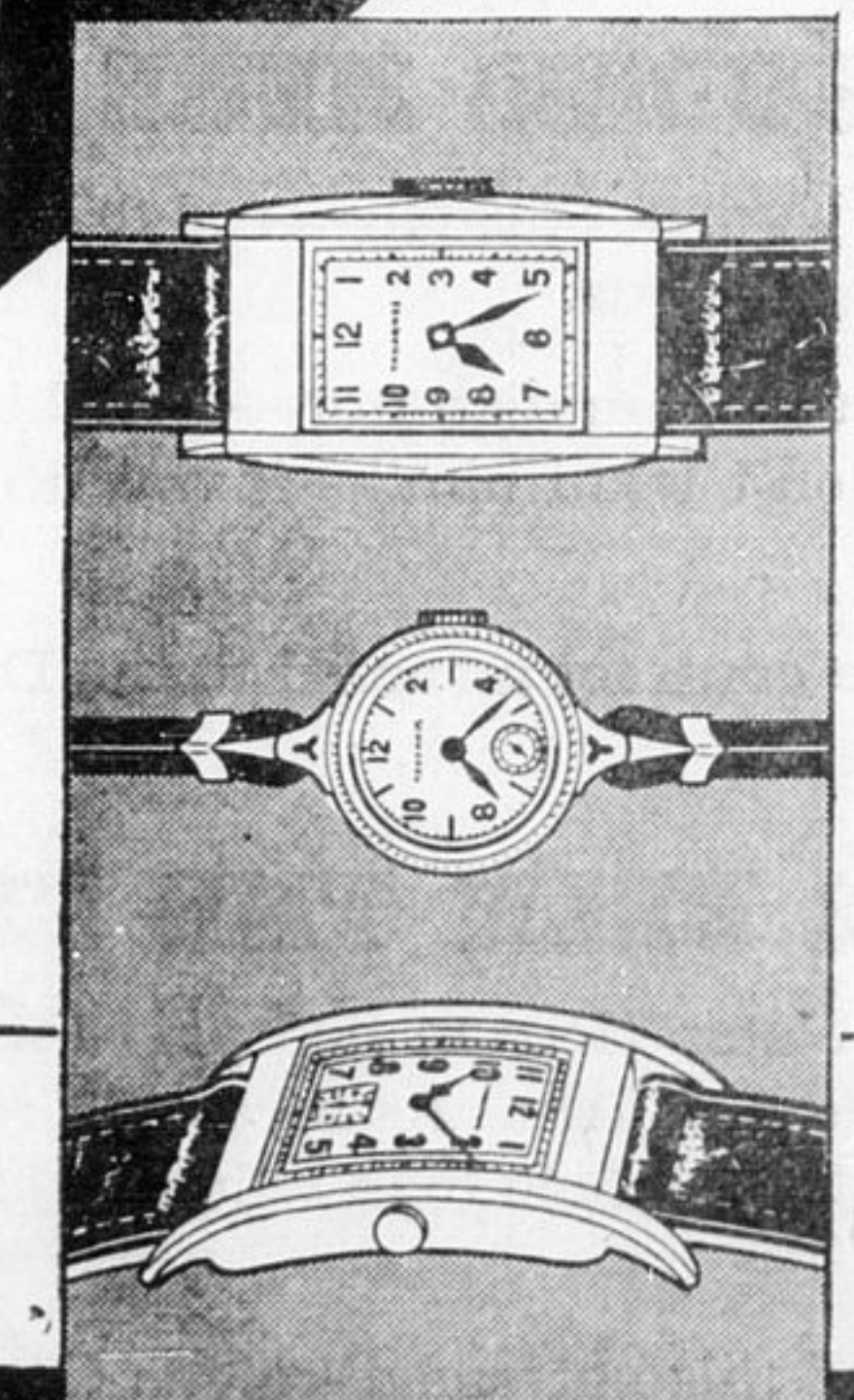
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