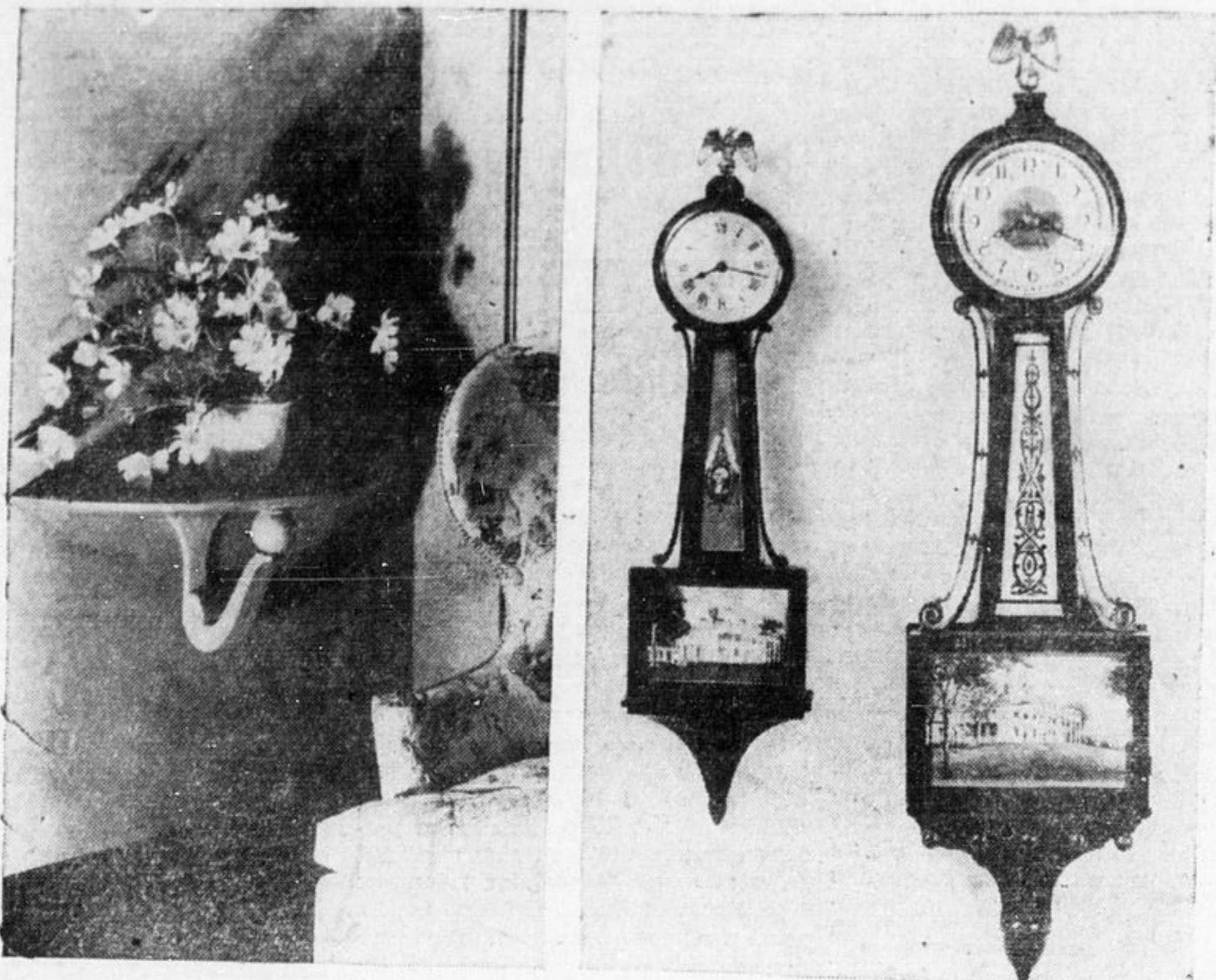


PLEASANT HOMES

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GIFTS FOR BRIDES PAST AND PRESENT
Traditional Gifts for Each Anniversary—They Will Please Brides of This June as Well as Brides of Other Junes.



LEFT—a small wall bracket like this one, or a pair of them, would find a welcome in any new home. RIGHT—a banjo clock of historic design is another certain-to-please gift for a June bride.

Don't ever say that we're trying to steal thunder of this year's pretty crop of brides. We give them all the glory and plenty of presents. But for all of that, there are those brides of other Junes who have anniversaries coming up... you'll find that they're wistfully sentimental about their particular day, and so they'll bless you affectionately for remembering.

Today then we're going to talk about gifts for all the brides that have gone to the altar these many Junes from 1889 right down to 1939. Any of the gifts listed here would be appropriate for current brides who are starting new homes. But for brides of other years, remember that each anniversary has its own special meaning.

Glamorous
Paper For the First Year — That would mean lovely individual household stationery with their address engraved or printed interestingly. Or a handsome guest book, or an album made

staunchly to pass down to their children's children. Or glamorous lamp shades in metallic paper. Or a screen covered in marbled book lining paper.

Cotton For the Second—What about shaggy string bath mats that have such a smart look. Or big bath towels with tall monograms in the right colors for her. Or a bolt of chintz or fine white voile for the curtains she covets. Or lustrous percale sheets in the big size. Or a quilt of flowered chintz to match her bedroom curtains—line it with bright taffeta. Or a set of starched crochet table doilies.

Leather For the Third—They're even making furniture of leather these days—table-tops, chest-fronts. Trays of a specially processed leather are practical and sophisticated looking, and accessories, such as lamps, cigarette boxes, ash trays are as smart as tomorrow. Leather desk sets, telephone book covers, picture frames, book ends, waste baskets, screens, bridge sets... all ideas you'll be blessed for.

Stretch a Point
Flowers or Fruit for the Fourth—would mean, for us, lovely porcelain or crystal flowers or fruit... exquisite decorative things that she isn't likely to buy for herself, the kind that bloom the year around. You'll find conventional fruit and flowers in wood and modern metals too. We'd probably stretch a point and include flower containers and holders, as well, for making interesting arrangements. A good pair of clipping shears wouldn't be amiss here either. If your bride is a gardener, here's your chance to give her something special in a plant or a shrub to set out—or an espalier fruit tree.

Wood for the Fifth—That's where all those clever informal hostess things come in—salad bowls and servers, jaun-

ty wooden trays, wooden plates, lamps, smoking sets. Not to mention furniture! Occasional tables, chairs, chests, desks—whatever you happen to know she wants—would be appropriate and appreciated.

Iron for the Sixth—Here's your chance to delight her with something grand in garden furniture. The wrought iron and plate glass kind that she hasn't felt she could quite afford. Your gift can be anything from a small table to an impressive outdoor dining table with chairs to match. Or a chaise longue on wheels, or a noble chair. Or one of those little cast iron scetches with flowers and fruit rambling all over it.

Don't Forget Rugs
Wool for the Seventh—Blankets of course, lovely big soft ones with wide satin bindings and in colors you know will please her. Or a lambs wool comforter will not be snubbed. A gift of wool might also be a rug, don't forget—a little lovely one for some certain spot. Or if you can splurge, nothing ever could be nicer than a gift of a big room-size rug. But please, pass let her in on the selection, unless you just want to be mean.

Bronze for the Eighth—This would be lamps on the dignified side, fine sculptured figures or groups, desk accessories, smoking things. We'd probably cheat a bit here and substitute copper if our bride could use it better. That would include any interesting accessories we could dig up.

A Brave Abundant Tureen
Pottery for the Ninth—The casual gay things for informal entertaining—buffet supper sets, odd plates, extra sets of cups, amusing coffee pots, a big chop plate or platter, a brave abundant soup tureen, an amusing centerpiece of pottery figures, a pair of distinctive vases or bowls. Remember that pottery can be modern or provincial, but just in case you're thinking only of Italian ware, we'd better remind you that French, Swedish, Mexican, English or American pottery is equally interesting.

Tin for the Tenth—Of course all sorts of kitchen ware comes to mind, and far be it from us to discourage you on that because there are so many alluring kitchen things in tin—molds, unusual pots and pans and so on. But tin also includes some pretty whacking new accessories, especially Mexican things. And you don't have to

split a point to put pewter in this category. Pewter means Swedish modern as well as New England colonial; and you'll find it in both formal and informal versions. Don't forget the new alloys that have been developed since this traditional list of what-for-when was first thought up—these include aluminum, kensington, chromium, and the sky is the limit as far as variety there is concerned.

Go To Town
Steel for the Eleventh—The first thing that comes up are stainless steel knives and cutlery that any fastidious housewife would appreciate. If you want to really go to town, get a set of those bone handled steel steak knives. Or else an impressive carving set with fine steel blades. If she's one of those brides who has everything, make it a special game carving set. Don't forget the variety of shears and scissors that come in very handy in a well ordered household. Stainless steel for cooking pots and pans is something to remember you by too. So are the infinite varieties of gadgets that do things better and faster around the kitchen.

Linen for the Twelfth—This is where you really spread yourself because the bride never lived who had all the lovely linens she wanted. Do a bit of snooping here and find out what she lacks. Here are the things she should have in the linen—yard square damask dinner napkins, loads of small embroidered linen tea napkins for parties, stacks of scrappy little beverage napkins for pick-spur of the moment entertaining, linen sheets and pillow cases for the very best, hemstitched linen hand towels for all the time, fancy little linen guest towels that can be gay as a garden, big generous pure linen kitchen towels.

On the Elegant Side
Lace for the Thirteenth—There's your chance to do something on the elegant side. If you're plutocratic, make it a huge all-over lace tablecloth as fine as you can afford. If you're not quite up to that, then nice lace doilies or place mats will be quite something. If she's the kind of a lady who has small smart tea parties, give her a beautiful lace tea cloth. Napkins with lace all around them or with lace insets are handsome. A blanket cover that is very dainty and very lace will please her femininity. So will chaise lounge things such as a spread with a lace flounce or a lady little cushion. As far as that goes, if she's short on curtains, lace curtains are back in style and available in just about as many designs as anybody could wish.

Ivory for the Fourteenth—Beautiful objects d'art are the thing to consider first for the ivory anniversary. Small fine hand carved figurines, birds and other treasured small bits will be connoisseur's gifts for this occasion. If you want to be more practical than that of course there are still very nice ivory dressing sets and accessories.

Crystal for the Fifteenth—Another chance to go nobly by someone you like. Crystal goblets, tall and imposing, are the first choice if she doesn't have them—be sure they have a musical ring when you strike them lightly. A beautiful crystal pitcher with lead tea glasses is another safe choice. So are dessert dishes, crystal plates in various sizes and the more unusual things such as grapefruit ice bowls, special fruit glasses in ice cups and all types of beverage sets. Don't forget that large crystal jars, bowls and rectangular containers are the grandest things of all for flowers and that these must be enormous in size to be in this year's style. Big flower containers, incidentally, will always be useful since many flowers will always be big.

Concentrate
China for the Twentieth—Do yourself proud on this occasion with china that has a name that she will respect and enjoy. If she already has a start with some special ware, you might simply add to it. Or select some contrasting pattern that will be more interesting than a dead match. This gift will want to be very very nice so rather than get a lot of something ordinary, concentrate on one beautiful small piece if your budget is limited. If possible try to find out which type of piece she doesn't have and fill in there. Otherwise make it tea cups and you'll be sure to be giving something that she'll find useful.

Silver for the Twenty-Fifth—Sterling if you can make it of course, but good silver plate is a fine and respected possession. She probably has the utilities by now, so concentrate on the beautiful things she's probably always had a yearning for. A great and

Every Garden Should Have Some Sweet Peas

No Flower Superior to Sweet Peas, Beautiful in Garden, Fragrant in the Home, and Admirably Adapted for Cutting. Some Helpful Hints in Regard to Aphides.

(By the Timmins Horticultural Society)
There is probably no flower so universally admired as the Sweet Pea; to be sure there is no flower more deserving of cultivation. Sweet Peas are beautiful in the garden, fragrant in the house and admirably adapted for cutting. In every garden there should be at least one row of good varieties, or there may be a set of clumps along the border. Clumps may be arranged by sowing the seed in a circle and arranging the sticks to support them after the fashion of an Indian tepee, binding the sticks together at the top. No plant will return you greater dividends. Cutting is good for the plant in itself, apart from providing a steady supply of bloom for the house. Cutting helps the plants to flower continuously, especially if it is done systematically before the flowers fade, as then there is no possibility of seed production. Early seeding is the worst cause of stem-shortening because it imposes a severe strain upon the plant. If there are several plants of different varieties growing together each should be stripped of its flowers in turn, in preference to picking a few blooms from each plant simultaneously. There is no appreciable loss of collectible beauty and the complete rest that each plant gets in its turn benefits and enables it to push forward a good, fresh crop. If possible the picking should be arranged, so that each plant is stripped every two or three weeks.

There is, however, the problem of raising a plant strong enough to yield many gatherings of long-stemmed flowers without too elaborate treatment. It is taken for granted that the ground

has been well manured before seeding. Pinch off the tops of the plants when they are about four inches tall. The pinching will result in the development of a series of basal shoots, generally three in number, which should be allowed to extend up the sticks. Side shoots will show in due time, but these may be pinched out while small so that the three leading growths have nothing to carry but their own leaves and the flower stems. Supported by deeply worked, rich soil these will produce a useful supply of cutting material.

Aphides, or plant lice, are familiar to all gardeners and no time should be lost in attacking them directly they are seen. If aphides are allowed to multiply they speedily increase to such an extent as to all but smother the plants that they infest. Aphides exist by sucking the juices of a plant and cannot be controlled by applying an insecticide to the foliage. They do not eat the foliage and the only method of exterminating them in a garden is by means of a contact spray.

The best known type of aphid is the green aphid and they are mainly found on Sweet Peas, Roses, broad beans, etc. There are numerous proprietary mixtures advertised in seedsmen's catalogues to combat aphides. The most effective, at least it is the best known and most widely used of any, is a nicotine sulphate spray. One half-teaspoonful of nicotine sulphate mixed in a quart of water with a few flakes of castile or other mild soap makes a very effective spray. A dilute solution of oil of eucalyptus used instead of soap makes a good spreading medium for nicotine sulphate and is said to be an excellent repellent in itself.

It must be remembered that all mixtures applied in the open are designed to destroy aphides by direct contact with their soft, unprotected bodies. If the foliage is being eaten by leaf-eating insects a small quantity of lead arsenate, pyrethrum, or any other standard insecticide should be added.

Gold for the Fiftieth—The really great occasion for any bride. Among the golden gifts are gold encrusted china which may be anything from a whole handsome dinner set to a single coffee cup or incidental little serving dish. If you want to be technical, you can make your gift a golden coffee spoon or a set of them. For a very grand gift, a golden dressing table set would be the thing, or, if your good wishes must be more simply said, a gold thimble is a gift to treasure.

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In greenhouses aphides may be easily controlled by fumigation.

When growing Sweet Peas for exhibition disbudding should be severe. The plant is rarely allowed to develop more than two stems, side shoots being removed early. Thus treated the shoots carry very long stems, each with four flowers.

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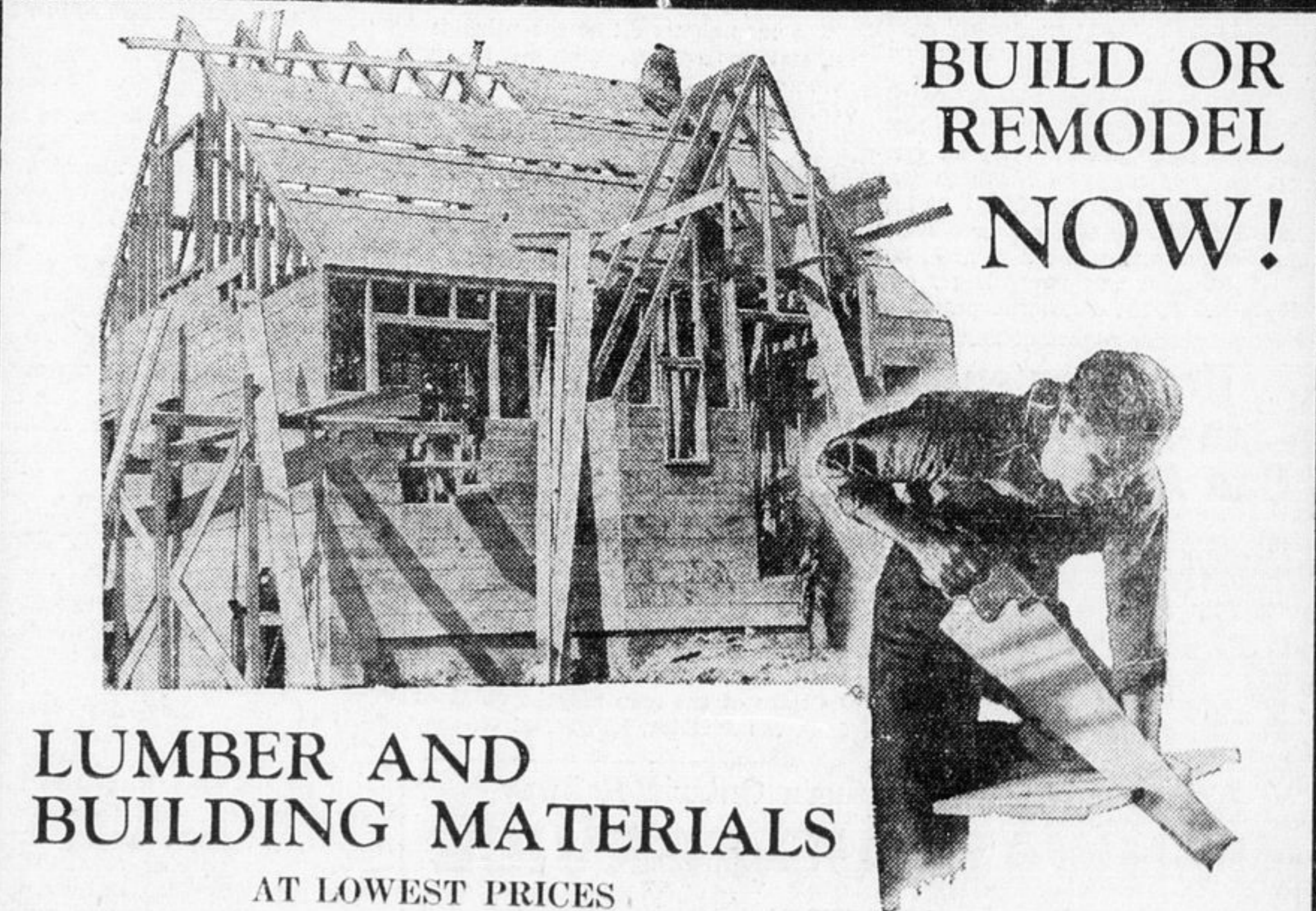
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