

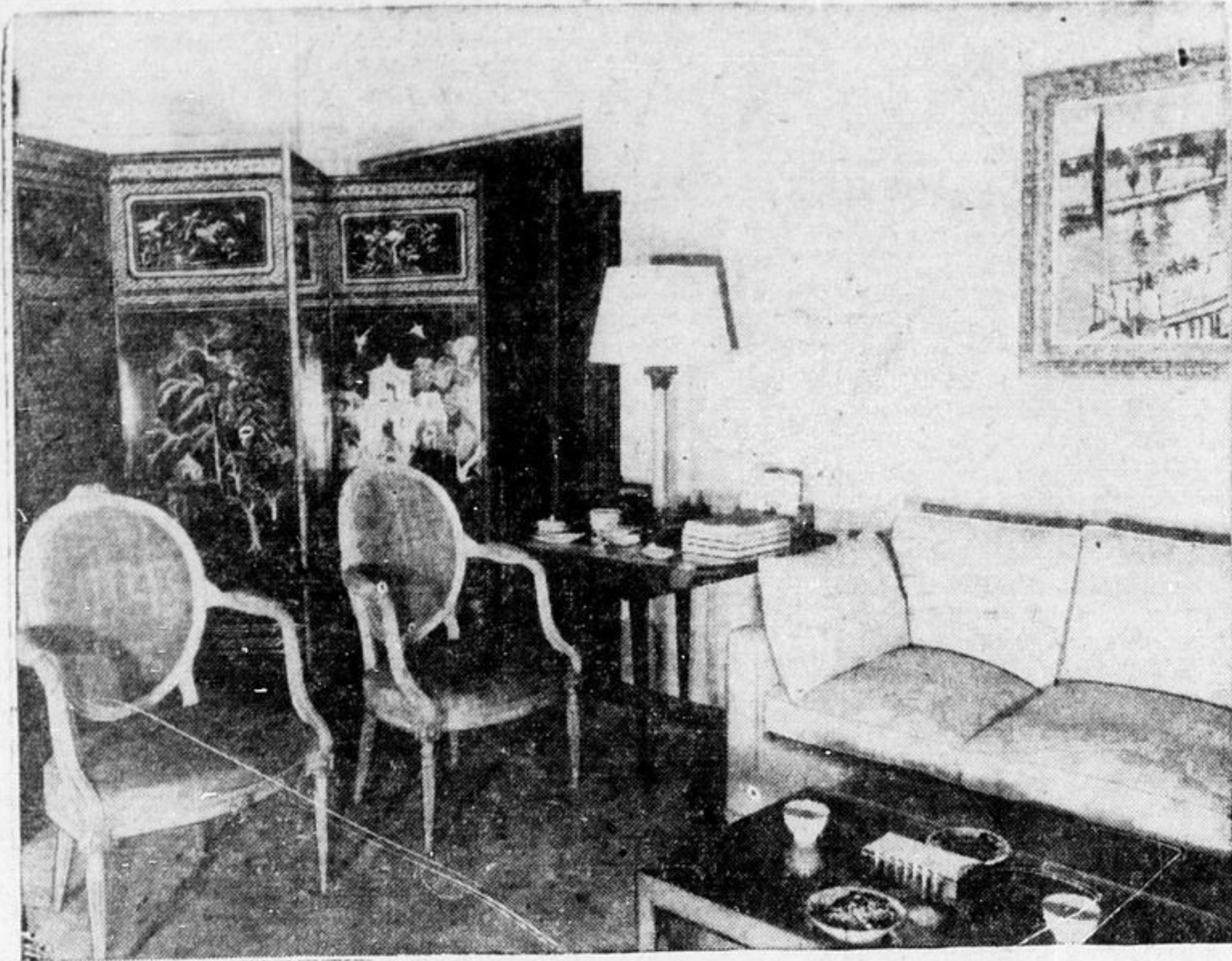


PLEASANT HOMES

by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin

THIS IS WHERE THE JOHN JACOB ASTORS LIVE

Interesting Colors and Rare Furniture Distinguish the Young Astors' Home — A Tranquil Atmosphere Pervades It.



French chairs against an old Chinese screen, are arresting details in the living room of Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astors' home.

The young John Jacob Astors live with graciousness rather than grandeur. Their apartment on upper Fifth Avenue in New York City has both youth and dignity, often a difficult combination, and it has that most illusive quality in decorating, a restrained, an almost casual elegance. And it is a becoming background for these two attractive young people and their golden haired little boy.

French and English

The entrance hall is very spacious with white walls and a pale beige carpet, (almost an oyster white), brilliant scarlet velvet draperies, French chairs with palest yellow damask upholstery. Leading off through wide doors is the living room, again with white walls and oyster white carpet, a poised and charming room all in oyster whites with delicate accents in

apple green. The walls, the carpet, the draperies and most of the upholstery are off white, with a pair of white and gold French chairs in light green damask and a pair of small arm chairs in green velvet. A Chinese lacquered coffee table in dull old red, a black and gold Chinese screen, occasional tables that are mahogany and English point up the pattern of the room. In shelves on either side of the white marble mantel there is a collection of china with a flower medallion design and deep borders of light green.

A smaller oval parlor repeats the same whites in walls, carpet and upholstery with the additional accent of a red thread in the fringe trimming. Draperies here are oyster white satin splashed with a red and green printed pattern. A pair of floor lamps have table bases in black and gold lacquer and there's an antique desk in dull Chinese red lacquer and an old backgammon table.

Chinese Silver Paper

The dining room opens off this oval parlor. The walls here are papered in Chinese painted panels on silver leaf wall paper with a dull green carpet and chair seats in this same color. Draperies in pale yellow damask are chrysanthemum patterned. The furniture is 18th century mahogany and there is a marble mantel here too.

Mrs. Astor's bedroom has pale robin's egg blue walls and draperies, an oyster white carpet and French furniture. The bed is upholstered in a light blue faille with a duchess drapery of the same fabric. The spread is of hand-painted taffeta on a white ground with a blue faille overhang. A sofa in blue damask, the most exquisite of fine lace net curtains, deli-

cate bits of porcelain finish the room to a Dresden-like perfection.

Mr. Astor's room has a fine robust air about it with a red carpet and red fabric walls and red damask draperies. The bed is upholstered in a green and red damask as is an arm chair. Old French furniture, a particularly interesting French clock in red enamel and ormolu and a well-used look complete this room comfortably.

Altogether, perhaps it was the sophisticated simplicity of this home that interested us most. That and its detachment and serenity... something that it seems possible to achieve more completely in a great city than anywhere else in the world.

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Ring Racket Given as the Latest Game in Sudbury

An alleged racket to sell cheap rings to Sudbury residents as the real thing has been cut short by detectives of the city police, it was revealed in police court this week as six persons were arraigned before Magistrate J. S. McKessock.

One of the four men and two women held in connection with the racket, Patrick Leo, of 1218 St. Lawrence St., Montreal, faces a count of false pretences. The other five are charged with vagrancy, and all are being held in the district jail on a remand till July 25, while detectives make further investigations.

Crown Attorney E. D. Wilkins assured E. C. Paer, solicitor for the five, that he would let the defendants out on \$40 bail each, if the investigation was completed by July 22.

The case came to police attention when Leo was arrested July 17 on the complaint of Albert Keller, of Staughnessy street, Sudbury, that the ring which the man had sold to him was not a real diamond, as the salesman is said to have claimed, but a worthless imitation.

Detectives found that others were allegedly working with Leo in the racket, and E. Hier Gerard, Hector Senecal and Marie Lalonde were arrested in a Van Horne street boarding house. Two others, Narisse Tremblay, and Marie Lord, were picked up at "Casa Loma,"

Fall Fairs and Exhibitions This Year in Ontario

Several Interesting Fairs in the North Land.

Readers in The Advance will naturally be interested in the fall fairs and exhibitions held in the North Land this year, and accordingly the following list as complete as it is possible to secure is given of Northern fairs. It will be noted that some fairs, like that of Kapuskasing, held in ordinary years, is not listed here. It may be that on account of the war or for other causes, this particular fair, and others like New Liskeard, are not to be held this year. On the other hand, it may be that the dates for these fairs are not yet selected and so could not be included in the official list issued by the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

North Land Fairs

- Charlton Sept. 16th and 17th
- Clute Sept. 2nd and 3rd
- Cochrane Sept. 9th and 10th
- Englehart Sept. 19th and 20th
- Porquiss Junction Sept. 11th and 12th
- Powassan Sept. 16th and 17th
- Val Gagne Sept. 10th

Other Ontario Fairs

Readers may be interested in some of the other Ontario fairs, sometimes on general principles and other times because they might like to arrange to attend one or another of these fairs, because there is a fair at the old home town, or for other reasons. Here is a list of some of the most interesting Ontario fairs:—

- Acton Sept. 16th and 17th
- Arnprior Aug. 25th to 27th
- Barrie Sept. 15th to 17th
- Beachburg Sept. 23 and 24th
- Beaverville Oct. 3rd and 4th
- Beaverton Sept. 19th and 20th
- Bobraggon Sept. 25th and 27th
- Bonfield Sept. 24th
- Bracebridge Sept. 18th and 19th
- Bruce Mines Sept. 9th and 10th
- Burks Falls Sept. 18th and 19th
- Caledonia Oct. 2nd to 4th
- Chatsworth Oct. 9th and 10th
- Cobden Sept. 16th and 17th
- Coe Hill Sept. 17th and 18th
- Collingwood Sept. 25th to 27th
- Drayton Sept. 23rd and 24th
- Dresden Sept. 16th to 18th
- Drumbo Sept. 23rd and 24th
- Dryden Sept. 4th and 5th
- Dundalk Sept. 23rd and 24th
- Durham Sept. 4th and 5th
- Elmro Aug. 29th to Sept. 1st
- Fergus Sept. 11th and 12th
- Fevershaw Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st
- Florence Sept. 25th and 26th
- Forest Oct. 7th and 8th
- Galt Sept. 18th to 20th
- Georgetown Sept. 12th and 13th
- Gore Bay Sept. 23rd and 24th
- Gorrie Oct. 3rd and 4th
- Hanover Sept. 11th and 12th
- Hungate Oct. 10th and 11th
- Holstein Sept. 25th and 26th
- Huntsville Sept. 25th and 26th
- Kenora Aug. 14th and 15th
- Kincardine Sept. 18th and 19th
- Kingston Sept. 16th to 19th
- Kinnmount Sept. 12th and 13th
- Lakefield Sept. 16th and 17th
- Leamington Sept. 29th to Oct. 4th
- Lindsay Sept. 10th to 13th
- Lions Head Sept. 10th and 11th
- London Oct. 10th and 11th
- Madoc Oct. 7th and 8th
- Markham Oct. 2nd to 4th
- Meaford Oct. 2nd and 3rd
- Midland Sept. 11th to 13th
- Midway Sept. 16th and 17th
- Milverton Sept. 11th and 12th
- Moraviantown Oct. 16th and 17th
- Mount Forest Sept. 18th and 19th
- Oakwood Sept. 8th and 9th
- Orangeville Sept. 9th and 10th
- Orono Sept. 16th and 17th
- Oshawa Sept. 8th to 10th
- Ottawa Aug. 18th to 23rd
- Owen Sound Sept. 27th to 30th
- Paisley Sept. 22nd and 23rd

a well-known resort on the Long Lake road.

The original arrest of Leo was made by Detectives W. Leclair and Tommy Temple. Further investigation was done by Detectives Jack Anderson and Paul Tapper. Police say they have reliable information that all five persons allegedly were connected with disorderly houses in Montreal. They are believed to have arrived in Sudbury within the past two weeks.

- Paris Sept. 26th and 27th
- Packenham Sept. 19th to 20th
- Perth Sept. 5th and 6th
- Pictou Sept. 26th and 27th
- Port Hope Oct. 3rd and 4th
- Rainy River Aug. 28th to 30th
- Renfrew Sept. 9th to 12th
- Ridgetown Sept. 23rd to 25th
- Ripley Sept. 23rd and 24th
- Sault Ste. Marie Sept. 9th to 11th
- St. Mary's Sept. 30th, Oct. 1st
- Simcoe Oct. 6th to 9th
- Stratford Sept. 15th to 17th
- Strathroy Sept. 15th to 17th
- Toronto Aug. 22nd to Sept. 6th
- Thorold Sept. 16th to 17th
- Vankleek Hill Sept. 11th to 13th
- Warton Sept. 11th and 12th
- Wilwenmikon (Manitoulin) Sept. 9th to 11th
- Wallacetown Oct. 2nd and 3rd

Cooks in Retreat as Parry Sound Bears Raid Camp Kitchens

(By Percy Ghent)

Bears have complicated the labor shortage problem in the Parry Sound district. Not seriously, we hasten to assure those who might have visions of workers devoured in the bush. So far, in this section of the district, the bears have affected only three or four camp cooks and an unstated number of woodcutters. But since the wilds of Parry Sound embrace a vast territory of forest and marshland, with lumber camps dotting the landscape to the remotest reaches thereof, the number of cooks in panic and woodsmen in revolt may be more than the few we have heard about so far.

Few Berries, Bears Hungry

It appears that the blueberries and other berries of the marshes are not yet plentiful or ripe enough, and the bears are hungry. And while Bruin in an extremity will eat anything from decayed fish to pheasant eggs in any stage of incubation; and on occasion has been known to pursue fawns at a fast but clumsy gallop, with his tongue hanging out from the heat of the chase; such delicacies are not always at hand, and the problem of the evening dinner becomes acute. So what is more natural than a call at eventide to the camp cookhouse from whence the breeze waft such an alluring aroma?

Natural enough. And if the hungry old fellow would only drop around at the cookhouse door like a well-behaved dog and wait for a free meal, all would be well. But he doesn't. In one instance just reported to us, the bear reached camp at sundown and in the rays of the departing orb saw his reflection in the kitchen window. Either he did not think the portrait flattering enough, or suspected competition. Whatever the reason, the window frame and all, was shattered to bits by a single blow from a mighty paw. And that was merely his playful way of introducing himself.

Bruin Makes Blitzkrieg

He then crashed through the door, and apparently under the delusion that he was a Nazi raider, demolished everything within reach, including the flour barrel and the bean-bin. Then he pinched a side of bacon and toddled off home. 'Twas at this point that the cook emerged from hiding, whether in a tree-top or elsewhere, history recordeth not. He crept cautiously into his shattered domain. But it was only to pack a few trifles the bear had overlooked, in preparation for a long adieu to the woods. He was the third cook so to depart within a month.

And gone is the woodsman's joyous shout. As he speeds to the cookhouse door. For the bear dropped in and the cook ran out. And the bacon sizzled no more.

There, we submit, is a serious situation. Swinging the axe in the bush is toil indeed, and creates an appetite that has made the lumberjack famous. Hence, when the cook departs, most of the joy of living goes with him. Boys at the camp expressed their opinions of the cookhouse crisis in backwoods English that lacks nothing in the way of incisive eloquence. Something had to be done about it or the axes would swing no more.

Single Shot Did Trick

An old Sunlight friend of ours was the St. George who slew the cook-chasing dragon. He was sent for from the camp and sallied forth with his

trusty gun. He knew that the bear, having established a reputation with his wife and family for bringing home the bacon, would venture forth on exploits new. Two evenings later a second blitz was attempted. It failed dismally. By a single, perfect shot from the expert marksman, the marauder was slain the moment his snout appeared. He was a monster, estimated by our friend at every ounce of five hundred pounds. There is another cook hammering out the dints in the pots and pans at the camp now, and a feeling of confidence prevails that he will stay awhile.

Only the modesty of our valiant hunter forbids mention of his name. At sixteen, by a fabrication about his age, he was on the way to France to stalk Huns in the first World conflict. In 1918 he returned to his native Northland, and has spent most of his days and nights, amid the lakes and woods since then. Among endless adventures with the creatures of the wild—moose, wolves, bears—he confesses to but one occasion when he was frankly scared.

Hunter Rides "Befar-Back"

In a remote cabin one night, he was awakened by the crash and commotion in an adjoining tool-shed. Attired only in a brief shirt—he did not wait to don trousers—he grabbed a rifle and hurried to the shed. A bear rushed out as he went in. He laid a flashlight on the barrel of the rifle, sighted, and fired. Before he could investigate the result of his shot, there was an assault from the rear. A second bear with no thought but flight, charged between his bare legs. For a few tense seconds, the hunter was astride him, heading for the blackness of the bush. "There was no human being within ten miles or more," he said, "but I yelled for help at the top of my lungs. Then I was jolted from the bear's back and— I was laughing." At the end of a trail of gore and broken saplings he found the first bear, dead, by the light of dawn. No bear of the Ontario bush, he contends, will attack a man except under provocation.

From Pevensey, way a few miles east of here, came another report today, of bears raiding a camp kitchen; and of a vacancy for a good, plain cook. There, too, the men of the woods are hoping the hungry visitors will soon find nourishment enough in the blue-berry marshes—and save their bacon.

Russia's Problem To-day Is to Hold Its Army Intact

(From The Windsor Star)

The great problem for the Russians is not to retreat, but to hold the army together. If the Russian soldiers can keep their organization, communications and transport intact as they fall back they will still menace the Nazis, no matter how far the Germans may penetrate into the Soviet. The Russians could even fall back

behind Moscow and continue the war, if the army is not shattered and put to rout. As long as Stalin and his generals can retain control over the millions of fighting men under their command, the Germans will not have conquered Russia.

Hitler and his generals realize their problem. They are not so interested in advancing against their former ally as they are hoping to split the Russian divisions into small groups and forcing each to fight to the death or surrender. That is the goal that has been set before the Nazi High Command.

The goal that Stalin has before him is to hold his army together in some way. If he can do that, he can keep on fighting for months. If he can hold out for a few weeks, the rains may help him. It does not do to depend too much on the rains. That was done in Poland two years ago and the rains did not come.

But, if Stalin can keep his army intact until winter, Generals January and February will take up arms for Russia. Those are the two generals who defeated Napoleon. If the German advance can be stalled until winter, then Hitler will be sorry he ever double-crossed Uncle Joe in Moscow.

ANIMALS

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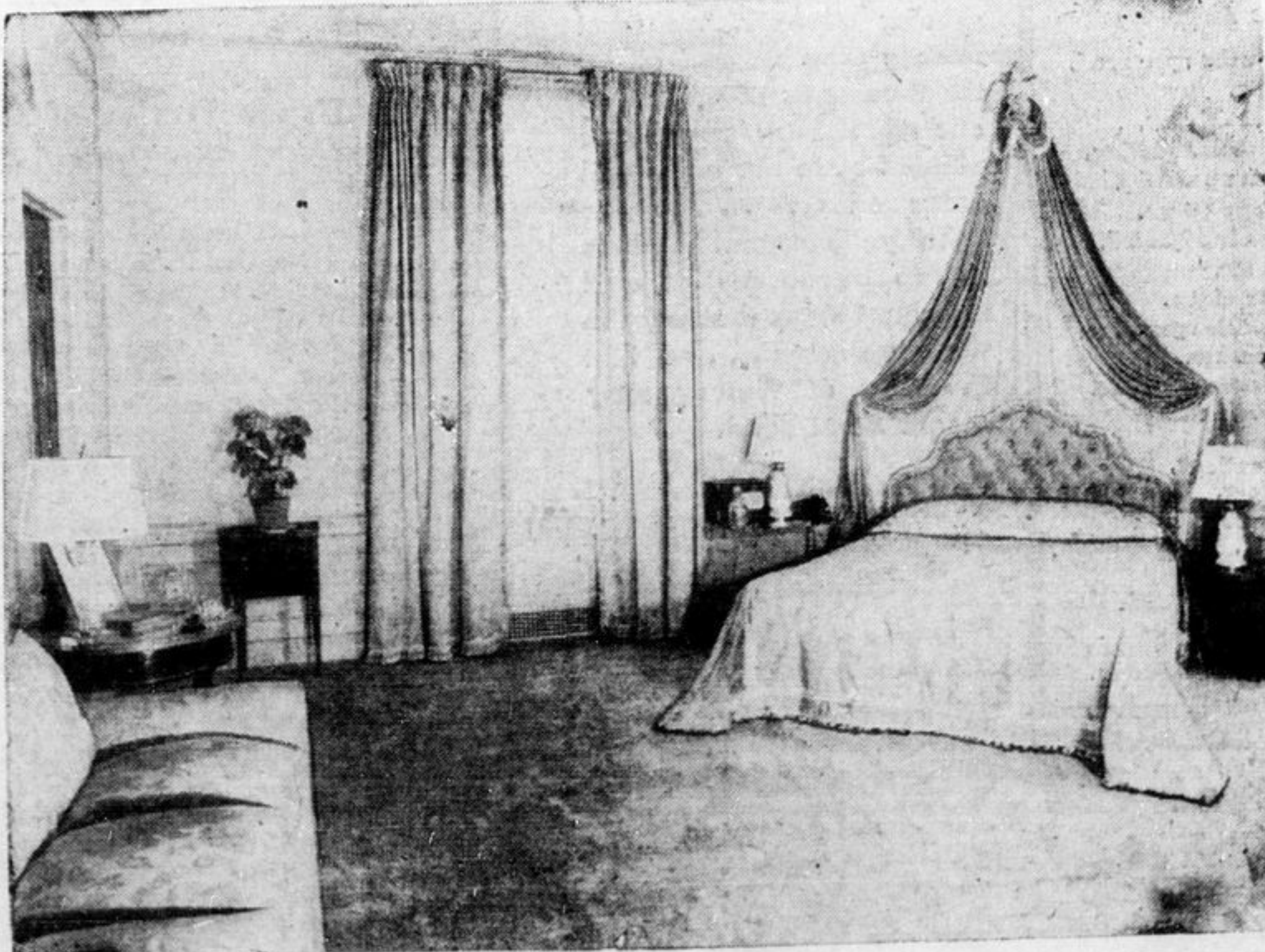


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Mrs. Astor's bedroom is all in palest blues with a flowered faille top to the bedspread. The furniture is French, the accents in white and crystal, the whole effect very feminine and delicate.