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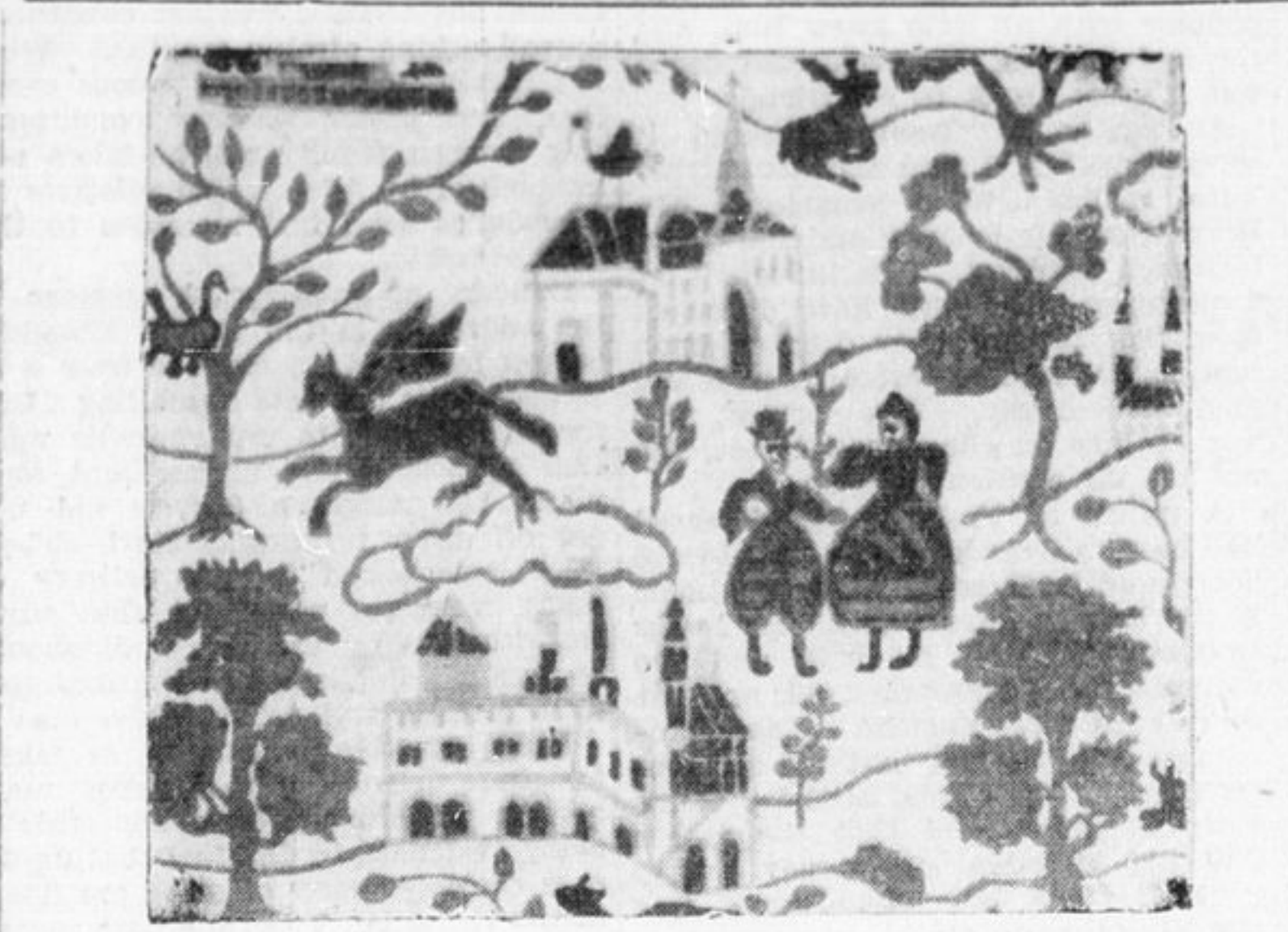
by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin

THERE'S THE DRAMA OF THE TIMES IN THIS YEAR'S FABRICS
 Buoyant Big Scale Prints—Designs with Motion—Architectural Motifs.

America is making tremendous and exciting progress in the manufacture of fabrics that once were regarded as the peculiar talent of Europe. Much of this business will never go back abroad, predicts a leading figure in the fabric world.

Replacing Imports
 We have long been successful in making perfectly lovely priced fabrics and at inexpensive prices. Prints that are for all practical purposes as good as the more expensive prints from abroad, especially considering the prices. For example, our dollar-a-yard roller prints aren't quite as fine as Europe's six-dollar-a-yard hand block prints. But our two-dollar-a-yard screen prints are almost as nice. For a long time now few women have felt that there was a four to five dollar a yard difference between our mass production products and Europe's hand-made.

In woven goods, we have done beautifully with the inexpensive practical types. But on the finer more expensive fabrics, requiring a lot of patient affection in the making, we didn't try to compete much. Now, though, with Europe cut off, we're learning just what we can do here. In the twenty to forty dollar a yard grades American-made broads are the equivalent of the same price grades that had formerly been made abroad. On practical counts, however, we can't go in for the sixty to a hundred dollar-a-yard goods. The kind of cut-velvets and broads that use a great many colors and much hand work in the making. But not many fabric houses are worrying too much about that kind of business. For American taste is democratic and runs toward simpler things anyway. Incidentally some of America's finest weaving is done in Paterson, New Jersey, where long ago a colony of French



Russian peasant embroideries inspired the design of this linen-weave cotton fabric that suggests itself for use in colonial or provincial rooms in spring refurbishing plans.

weavers settled—many of their descendants still work in this mill. In more modern types of woven goods, such as weavers as Dorothy Liebes in California and Franco Scalamandre in New York are doing very creative things—their fabrics are expensive provocative predictions of future styles.

No Promises
 A tour of our favorite fabric houses revealed a thrilling selection of beauty by the yard. Wondrous damasks and broads as well as blithe prints and staunch homespuns. As of today, there is no scarcity of beautiful materials for

the American home. . . . though most manufacturers made no promise for the future. They expect shortages of various fibres. . . . they are eager to cooperate with the government's program in every way and many are already busy on government orders for fabrics. But insofar as they can, they are trying to keep their plants and organizations busy with normal business.

On the other side of the fence are the customers. . . . the women with homes to maintain through the difficult days ahead. Their refurbishing will, it is predicted, largely be a matter of decorating with fabrics. Heavy goods will be scarce, and all furnishing programs will be somewhat curtailed. Slip covers, fresh curtains, new chair seats and spreads will be the only changes made in many homes during the war emergency. This sort of decorating will be popular because it's one thing women can do themselves, without depending on outside labor. . . . also because it's a fine way to give old things a new lease on life. Another slant on the fabric picture—a few yards of bright chintz costs little, yet we can't think of anything that will do so much for family morale for so little outlay of money.

Spectacular News

Exuberant overscale patterns are the most striking aspect about the new styles in decorative fabrics. Enormous camellias and violet bouquets a foot or more across splashed over white ground in a sort of wash and crayon technique, are spectacular news in taffetas. Feathers and swags waving in the wind and huge architectural motifs reflect distinctive hand of Scott Wilson, odd non-objective motifs and strange South American themes and brilliant stripes have the inimitable and exotic touch of Fahiman; delightful peasant prints are inspired by Russian and Czechoslovakian embroideries; imaginative florals of extravagant scale are purely American in all their abandon and abundance. Truly American also the Federal designs featured in a new group of fabrics presented by a leading manufacturer.

Altogether the stimulation of war activity is reflected in the new fabrics. There's rare buoyancy and drama in this year's crop. On the other hand, a day spent thumbing through so many lovely designs leaves one with a feeling that surely there can't be so much the matter with a world where there's so much beauty. Then of course the paper with its headlines recalls us from our world of make-believe beauty into the realities of war.

Brantford Expositor—The government of Canada already has its cue from Prime Minister Churchill, who said, in his speech at Ottawa: "The enemies ranged against us have asked for total war. Let us make sure they get it."

Twenty Years Ago

From the Porcupine Advance Files

There were 4500 or more spectators who enjoyed the Porcupine Dog Race and Carnival on Saturday, March 4th, 1922. It was a big event and successful in every way. A big feature was the choice of a carnival queen, the voting being done on the popularity principle, the votes coming from tags sold. Miss Mary Boyd won the honour of being the first carnival queen, having 1363 votes, being nearly 500 votes ahead of the nearest competitor. Others winning big votes and being awarded places in the carnival court of honour were—Miss Lillian McCarthy, Miss Jean Watt, Miss Margaret Boyle, Miss Mary Downie, Miss Jean Roberts, Miss Edith Greer and Miss Mary Watson. The I. O. D. E. won first for floats with the Hollinger Stores second and Marshall-Eccleston third. Lackie Dalton won the special for best comic. W. Martin won the Dr. McInnis Cup for the year and \$300.00 in cash for first place in the main dog race. C. E. Years got the \$100.00 for third place, also winning the hand-made whip for dogs in best condition. In the freight race H. Darling won first \$75.00; H. C. Hull, second, \$50.00; John Jones, third, \$25.00. In the boy's dog race, L. Rhude was first; Larvie, second; third, Daigneault. There were also many sports events, including ski races, snowshoe races, masquerade, and many other carnival features. W. Martin made the course in the main race in 1 hr. 33 minutes. The afternoon sports were held on Gillies Lake, with the evening event at the skating rink.

Twenty years ago The Advance had the following:—A luncheon was tendered by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on Friday afternoon at Government House, Toronto, to men from Northern Ontario. There was a large representative gathering, about 38 municipalities of the North being represented, including Timmins, South Porcupine, Englehart, Cochrane, Iroquois Falls, New Liskeard, Haliburton, Cobalt, North Bay, Sudbury, Sault Ste Marie, Port Arthur, Fort William, Fort Francis, Kenora, etc. On arrival of the guests they were received by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Cockshutt, with Col. Fraser in attendance. Among those present from Timmins were Dr. H. H. Moore, D. Ostrowski, T. F. King, W. S. Macpherson, Messrs. MacLain, M.P.P., and Tom Magladery, M.P.P. were also among the invited guests. The Advance said that Premier Drury, Hon. Beniah Bowman and Hon. Mr. Mills made brief after dinner speeches, the first-named with probably expected bad taste making a number of controversial statements regarding receipts and expenditures from the North Land. He was promptly called to time by Mr. Dan McEachren, of Cobalt, who pinned him to question whether or not he was quoting the capital expenditures as current spending. The premier hedged and as the luncheon was a social affair, the matter of course was promptly dropped. With the exception of the Premier's "break", the luncheon was a very delightful affair and the men from the North appreciated very much the hospitality of the Lieutenant-Governor.

The success of previous classes in prospecting held in Timmins under the auspices of the Ontario Department of Mines is indicated by the following paragraph from The Advance of March 8th 1922:—"Dr. Goodwin is in town conducting classes for prospectors under the auspices of the Ontario Department of Mines. So successful and pleasing were similar classes here last year that Dr. Goodwin this year has an unusually large attendance, including all classes of people interested in mining. Dr. Goodwin is also expected to favour the evening classes in mining at the public school with addresses during his stay here. His expert knowledge of mining matters and his ability to pass on his knowledge will undoubtedly be of great value to mining men in the district."

Under the heading: "Foreigner on Way From Timmins to Ottawa Killed". The Advance twenty years ago said:—"Some weeks ago Peter Supronovitch and Itellion Pazder met and formed a comradeship of sorts at Timmins, deciding eventually to go travelling together. According to an Ottawa newspaper they walked from Timmins to Chalk River, but if so it would likely be by the T. & N.O. The "walking" between Timmins and Chalk river isn't done in the best of families, except on the T. & N.O., especially in the winter time. "At that time there was no Ferguson highway." At Chalk river the two foreigners tried riding the bumpers on the C.P.R. When the train on which they were thus riding was about three

miles out of Pembroke, Pazder was thrown off by the jolting of the car and the rest of the cars passed over him, mangle his body very badly. Supronovitch is in the hospital suffering from exposure. Pazder was married and his two children survive him in Russia."

Output of Ontario Gold Mines Again Show Small Decrease

The Ontario Dept. of Mines Gold Bulletin just issued shows a slight decrease in gold production in Ontario for the month of January as compared with the previous month and a still larger decrease when compared with January of last year. The following is the official statement:— Ontario producing gold mines for the month of January follow:—

Porcupine (20) — Aunor, Bonelait, Broulan Porcupine, Buffalo Ankerite, Conaunum, Delnita, DeSantis, Dome, Faymar, Hallnor, Hollinger, Hoyle, McIntyre, Moneta, Nakhodas, Naybob, Paymaster, Preston East Dome, Ross (Hollinger).

Kirkland Lake (10) — Bidgood, Golden Gate, Kirkland Lake Gold, Lake Shore, Macassa, Sylvanite, Teek-Hughes, To-burn, Upper Canada, Wright-Hargreaves.

Larder Lake (4) — Chesterville, Kerr-Addison, Omega, Yanna.

Matachewan (3) — Matachewan Consolidated, Tyrantite, Young-Davidson.

Sudbury (1) — Jerome.

Algoma District (2) — Cline Lake, Regency Metals.

Thunder Bay District (9) — Bankfield, Hard Rock, Leitch, Little Long Lac, MacLead-Cockshutt, Magnet, Sand River, Sturgeon River, Tombill.

Patricia Portion (11) — Berens River, Central Patricia, Cochenour Willans, Hasaga, Jason, McKenzie Red Lake, McMarmac, Madsen Red Lake, Pickle Crow, Sachigo, River, Uchi.

Kenora and Rainy River Districts (1) — Wendigo.

Miscellaneous—includes Olive, etc.

Production of Ontario gold mines dropped again during the month of January according to the Gold Bulletin just issued by the Ontario Department of Mines.

January bullion shipments were valued at \$3,479,013 against \$3,055,274 for the previous month and \$10,059,417 for January 1941. The mines milled 897,763 tons of ore containing 219,764 ounces gold and 27,977 ounces silver during January 1942, as against 823,337 tons milled, 232,200 ounces gold and 44,796 ounces silver in December 1941. The drop in output affected all the larger camps.

Daily average statistics for the month of January were: tons milled, 28,961, ounces gold, 7,037, ounces silver \$23 and value of bullion \$273,517. Comparable figures for the month of December were: tons milled, 23,579, ounces gold 7,491, ounces silver 1,445, value of bullion \$223,330. Grade of ore during the month under review was 33.44.

No returns were received from Northern Empire, St. Anthony Howey and Goldwood, the latter being temporarily closed. All these mines are in Northwestern Ontario.

Monthly Output of Ontario Gold Mines 1941-42

	1941	1942
	Value \$	Value \$
Porcupine Belt		
January	4,639,787	4,567,994
Kirkland Lake-Larder Lake Belt		
January	3,094,439	1,823,404
Matachewan-Sudbury		
January	243,155	281,275
Northwestern Ontario (includes Algoma, Thunder Bay, Patricia and Kenora and Rainy River Districts)		
January	2,097,093	1,873,003
Miscellaneous		
January	2,023	3,332
Total for Ontario:	\$10,085,417	\$8,479,013

S. Porcupine Sailor is Mentioned in Despatches Recently

Five Members of Corvette Crew Decorated. Two Mentioned in Despatches.

The Navy Department at Ottawa last week announced the award of decorations to five members of the Royal Canadian Navy in connection with the successful encounter with a Nazi submarine by the Canadian corvette, Chamby last November.

Also mentioned in despatches were two of the crew, one of them from South Porcupine. This was A. F. Pickard whose address was given as South Porcupine and Halifax.

The decorations, approved by the King were: Distinguished Service Order—Acting Cmdr. J. D. Prentice, Halifax and Victoria.

Distinguished Service Cross—Lieut. Edward T. Simmons, Victoria, and Lieut. John R. Allen, Winnipeg.

Distinguished Service Medal—Chief Engineer Artificer W. Spence, Sarnia and London, Ont., and Signalman Hugh E. Tobin, Hamilton. Mentioned in despatches were: Mate A. F. Pickard, Halifax and South Porcupine, Ont., and Able Seaman L. P. Lehto, Sioux Lookout, Ont.

At the same time the Navy gave out additional details of the sinking of the German submarine U-501, which was forced to the surface by depth charges from the Chamby.

"While engaged in independent manoeuvres with another corvette (the Moosejaw) Cmdr. Prentice's vessel came upon the German U-501 lying in wait ahead of a heavily attacked convoy, carrying out the well-known wolf-pack tactics," said the navy.

Pursued Submarine
 "Depth charges forced the enemy to the surface and a running pursuit developed. Gunfire from the Canadian corvettes and the danger of torpedo discharges from the stern tubes of the fleeing German enlivened the chase."

"After some miles the German captain lost heart and surrendered his

4,760 Telephones in Timmins and Schumacher

At the recent annual meeting of the Northern Telephone Company held at New Liskeard there were many interesting facts quoted in the reports before the gathering:

Timmins and Schumacher, served by the same branch of the Northern Telephone Co., have a total of 4,760 telephones. This is the largest number in any of the centres served by the company. New Liskeard has 1,074 phones. Other places vary from thousands in Kirkland Lake to 3 each in Tyrantite and Villemontel. The total number of telephones on the system is 14,189, thus Timmins and Schumacher have practically a third of all in use on the system. The figure of 14,189 for the year just closed represents an increase of 633 over the previous year.

There are now 982 miles of pole line, an increase of 74 miles over the previous year, and 31,581 miles of single wire against 30,669.

Last year there were 35,255 long distance calls on company lines, a decrease of 13,771, and 218,915 long distance calls for connecting companies, against 221,458. Local calls from pay stations were 126,132, a decrease of 4173.

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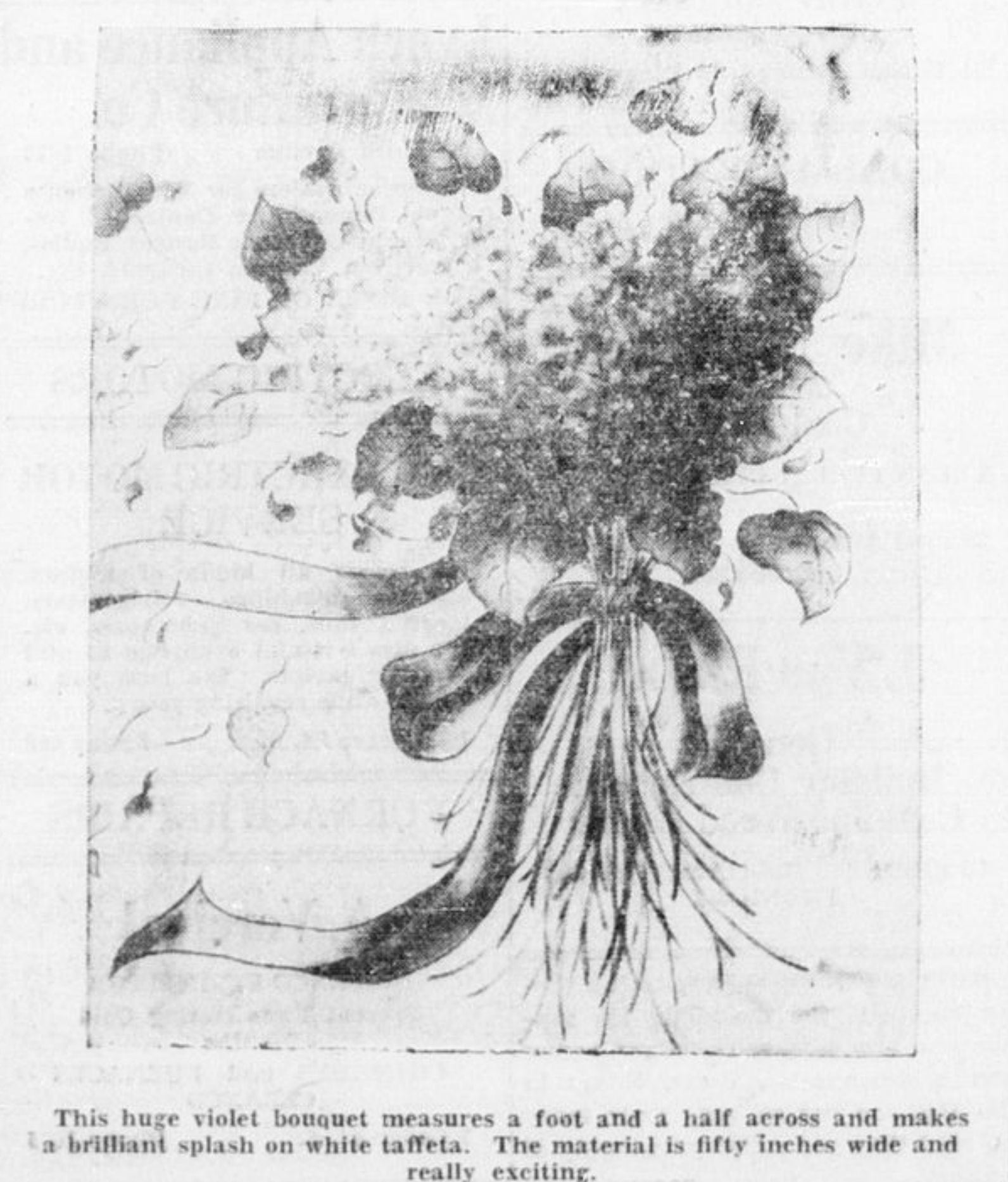
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