



PLEASANT HOMES

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THE ROCKING CHAIR COMES INTO STYLE AGAIN
The Rocker Has Great Comfort with Little Bulk. Different Styles for Different Rooms—American Origin

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America is taking to rocking again, and what a pleasant revival that is turning out to be. The old rocking chair had a lot of points in its favour, and we've long rued the day when it went out of style. So we're doubly glad to welcome it back "in".

Its come-back is due to the scarcity of materials that it takes to pad over-stuffed upholstered chairs. For to equal the comfort in the friendly arms of a small lightweight rocker, you have to go in for a very big and bulbous chair. For the small practical home of to-day, the rocking chair is an especially practical idea, for it doesn't take up so much space as a big upholstered chair, and it's so much easier to move about for cleaning.

Ben Franklin's Invention

Then too the rocking chair has another important qualification—it's a simonpure American—the notion of our own Benjamin Franklin who is credited with its invention. Of course there is a rocker in New England that's said to have come over on the Mayflower, but we've heard experts smile over that claim. For there's no record of any rocker in Europe before the one Franklin made—for that matter we've never run across a rocker in Europe since, and the Europeans have always regarded the rocking chair as just one more American peculiarity.

But no matter—it's a very nice peculiarity and we hope it doesn't go out of favour again. There are big rockers and little ones, plain rockers and patent ones. All types are turning up in the smartest shops. Particularly those graceful upholstered rockers of Victorian vintage, but also we're encountering Hitchcock rockers and Windsor rockers and many plain and forthright spindle-back rockers that grew like weeds over America at the turn of the century and have not the dignity of any formal name but which added so much genial charm and friendly comfort to the American scene of a generation ago.

Not for Formal Rooms

Of course there's no point in claiming for rockers a place in society that they don't aspire to anyway—they don't fit into formal rooms for the simple reason that they weren't made in formal designs. (Eighteenth century England and France knew nothing of the solace of rocking, so naturally they didn't leave any rocking chairs in their venacular.) But since most American homes are not formal anyway, and since most of them are furnished with colonial or Federal American styles, rockers are right at home with us.

Maple spindle rockers, Hitchcock rockers, patent rockers all fit gracefully with early American maple or pine furniture, and have just the right homey unpretentious way about them. For Federal American mahogany, Windsor type rockers are most suitable, though the gracefully curved frame upholstered rocker of the 19th century looks all right too, and so do some of the patent rockers. In Victorian rooms, the rocker lets down its hair and feels completely at ease, for it really blossomed during that period.

There have been some rockers manufactured of recent years, so you'll find a certain selection in the regular furniture department of the stores. But don't forget the attics and the junk store collections, as well as the swank antique departments in the big stores. These are the places you'll ferret out lots of nice old rockers that have plenty of good service left in them. The advantage of buying an old piece, like a rocker, in the antique department of a big store or in a swish antique shop is that the piece will be completely restored and ready for use when you get it. Whereas an old relic from attic or junk shop usually has a lot of work to be done on it before it's presentable again.



Those graceful rockers of 19th century vintage are being dragged down from attics and searched out of second hand stores to serve charming—and comfortable—roles in rooms of to-day.

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance files

The following was taken from The Advance of August 31st, 1933: "The Week of Wonders under the auspices of the Timmins branch of the Canadian Legion B. E. S. L., has become a notable event each year in the affairs presented in Timmins. Last week the regular Week of Wonders was held at the Timmins skating rink and proved a success, a fair amount being netted for the relief fund of the Legion. The Legion bugle band literally "drummed up" quite a lot of attendance for the event, by a parade around the town with bugles blowing, banners showing and drums sounding."

From indications presented Aug. 26, 1933, it appeared that the campaign for funds to carry on the excellent work of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind would net about \$1,000.00 in this district, including Timmins, Schumacher, South Porcupine and Dome. Despite the number of handicaps, the tag day held, netted a total amount of \$377 from the Porcupine.

Michael Dominen, aged 20 years, was accidentally drowned in the Mattagami river on Friday afternoon, Aug. 25th, 1933. He had gone in swimming and was apparently taken with cramps sinking in the waters before help could reach him. He had lived in Timmins two or three years preceding but returned to his home in Sudbury, and about four months before the fatal accident he left his father's farm to seek work in Timmins, but up to the time of the fatality he had not been successful in securing any permanent work. The provincial police investigated the drowning as did the coroner, but a jury inquest was not necessary as the facts seemed clear enough.

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Sometimes small children's rockers lend appealing and useful notes in the furnishings of bedrooms that double as sitting rooms.

Twenty Years Ago

From the Porcupine Advance files

On Saturday, August 25th, 1923, there was an important gathering at Timmins end district when ten special cars carrying the members and guests of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgy arrived at Timmins on their tour of Northern mining fields. They remained in the camp until Sunday afternoon. There were about 200 in the party, many ladies being included in the number. Practically every mining camp on the continent was represented, as well as a number of delegates from other points, among the latter being a mining engineer from the Philippines and one from Japan. Every state in the American union was represented as was almost every country in the world.

There was a fire at the Queen's hotel twenty years ago, the loss running over the thousand dollar mark. The cause of the fire was not known but it had considerable headway when discovered and the structure of the building was such as to make the danger of a serious fire very urgent. The fire brigade received a lot of praise for the good work done in saving the building from destruction and keeping the fire loss down as low as it was.

Twenty years ago there was a bad wreck on the T. & N. O. near Dane, when a head-on collision between two freighters resulted in the death of one engineer and two firemen.

The Advance twenty years ago noted the fact that W. Dalzell was in Toronto buying the stock for the new store he was opening in Sept. 1923. It was also noted that in the earlier days of the camp Mr. Dalzell was among the business men of the district and also well-known for his service to the public at Cobalt in the early days of that camp.

The following from The Advance of Aug. 29th, 1923, will be of general interest especially to golfers: "Friday and Saturday last week were red-letter days in Timmins for golf enthusiasts, and especially for the lady golfers of the town and district. During the week-end a visit was paid here by Miss Ada Mackenzie, of Toronto, Canadian Championship Lady Golfer, and runner-up in the American Ladies' Open Championship, accompanied by Mrs. Murray, of Toronto, President of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Association, and several other expert golfers. After the golf exhibited by these experts to the Ladies of the Timmins golf club, the visitors were entertained at tea, a very pleasing social time being enjoyed. Mrs. Murray gave a helpful address on golf, the other visiting experts also dealing in interesting and informative way with the fine points of golf. Saturday afternoon Miss Mackenzie played an exhibition game with Mr. J. W. Wray, holder of the Timmins Golf Club Open Championship. Miss Mackenzie won the contest, the score being 83 to 88. There was a very large attendance of ladies at the golf course both Friday and Saturday, while the gentlemen golfers also evidenced their interest in the event by being present in noteworthy numbers.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance twenty years ago were the following:—"Mr. J. S. McGuire left last week for a two weeks' holiday in the south. He will visit Toronto, Orangeville and other points, and of course he will take in the lacrosse matches, especially those in which his old home-town of Orangeville figures." "Mr. George Springham returned on Sunday from a trip to Sudbury." "Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Curtis returned on Sunday from a visit to the south." "Born: in Timmins, on Sunday, August 26th, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Cherry—a daughter." "Mr. W. Cooper, of the Dominion Bank staff, left last week for a couple of weeks' vacation in the south." "Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Richardson returned on Saturday last from an extended visit to Muskoka, Toronto, Ottawa and other points east and south."

"According to recent official figures, Ansonville has a population of 2,480. Of this number 409 are children. There are 516 dwelling houses." "The annual report of the Superintendent of the Kapuskasing Experimental Station, has just been issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture. It is a 92-page pamphlet containing much valuable information for farmers in Northern Ontario and copies may be obtained on application to the Department." "Mr. M. Wernick, of North Bay was a business visitor to the town this week. Mr. Wernick was recently appointed to a more important position with Canadian Toledo Scale Company, being given the district management of the whole area from Bracebridge to Winnipeg, with head office at Port Arthur. Mr. Wernick was one of the popular pioneers of this part of the North Land in the early days, and his hosts of friends here will be pleased to see that he is making more than good with the big concern he represents in this district."

Sudbury Firemen Not as Good as Timmins Brigade

Timmins fire fighters have a notable reputation for not only fighting fires, but also performing any and every other service that may come their way. They have rescued children who locked themselves in bathrooms. They have brought down pet kittens from power poles. They have rendered first aid to those in danger of drowning. They have attended to refrigerators that were leaking stifling gas. Only a week or so ago they had a call from a lady who couldn't hang out her washing because of a wasp's nest near the line. The firemen destroyed the wasp's nest and the lady was able to hang out her wash in safety. It may be that Sudbury thought the firemen there

"Mr. and Mrs. H. Travers and son, Leonard, returned on Tuesday evening from a holiday trip by motor to Toronto and other centres."

as competent and public-spirited as the brigade in Timmins. A call was received last week at the Sudbury fire hall that a small dog was in danger of drowning in the creek near Young and Cedar Streets. The Sudbury firemen dashed to the scene in fine shape. There they stopped and backed away. That kind of a dog could drown for all they would attempt to stop it. The "dog" was one of those striped animals belonging to the "Axis" family. In less fancy words it was a skunk. The Sudbury firemen did not recklessly rush into the creek to rescue the drowning animal. Instead, they stood as far away as practical, and yelled "Heil, Hitler!" Finally, the noise and excitement induced the skunk to leave the river. Perhaps, there should be no criticism of the Sudbury firemen because they wouldn't tackle the skunk. The hook and ladder men are quoted as saying:—"We'll fight fire, but skunks are another matter." Well, had that been the Timmins fire brigade they would have had the skunk out of the water, and likely fully deodorized before the last sound of the alarm bell had died away.

Fifteen Births Recorded in Timmins Last Week-end

Born—on August 5, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Bisson, Commercial Ave.—a son (Denis).
Born—on August 7th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Gibbons, Kirby Avenue—a son (Kenneth George).
Born—on August 12th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Real Racicot, Hollinger Ave.—a son (Joseph, Garfield, Willbrod).
Born—on August 18th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Walker, Birch St., at St. Mary's Hospital—a son (Brian Patrick).
Born—on August 16th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Graham, Delmitte Mine—a son (Gary Stewart).
Born—on Aug. 17th, 1943 to Mr. and

Mrs. David Krakana, Sixth avenue—a daughter—(Josephine).
Born—On August 21st, 1943 to Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Vallancourt, Wende avenue—twins (Evangeline and Albert).
Born—On August 21st, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Vianck, Birch street N.—a daughter (Rita).
Born—on August 13th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brennan, Toke St. at St. Mary's Hospital—a daughter (Margaret Catharine).
Born—On August 3rd, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brisette, Birch street N.—a son (Gilbert George).
Born—On August 11th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Philorum Jubinville, of Middleton Avenue at St. Mary's hospital—a daughter (Pauline).
Born—On August 17th, 1943, to Mr.

and Mrs. Raoul Labrosse, Pine street S.—a daughter (Diane Anita).
Born—On August 6th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ranger, Oak street—a daughter (Adelence, Marie Rejeanne).
Born—On July 28th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Thomas, Wilson avenue, at St. Mary's Hospital—a daughter (Claudia, Jean, Martha).
Born—On July 23rd, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Oslas Lauzon, Elm street S.—a daughter (Mary Pierrette Lucienne).

Globe and Mail: Another evidence of improved war conditions is that British mail now is reaching Canada in a few days. Speed the day when general ocean passenger service between the Old Country and Canada may resume its prewar regularity.

FOR ECONOMY... BAKE WITH MAGIC!

CAKES ARE LIGHT, FLUFFY... COST IS LESS THAN 1¢ PER AVERAGE BAKING!

MADE IN CANADA

Ottawa, September 1st, 1943.



EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2nd PRESERVES and SWEET SPREADS ARE RATIONED BY COUPON

The products affected include: Jams, Jellies, Marmalades, Extracted Honey, Comb Honey in Squares, Honey Butter, Maple Syrup, Maple Butter, Maple Sugar, Molasses, Corn Syrup, Cane Syrup, or any blended Table Syrup, Apple Butter or Canned Fruit.

On and after Thursday, September 2nd, 1943, it is unlawful for a consumer to purchase any of the above-listed products, except on the surrender of a valid ration coupon.

Coupons "D" in Ration Book 3 are to be used for this purpose. Coupon "D-1" becomes good September 2nd. Starting September 16th, two coupons become good every four weeks.

These products are being rationed so that there will be an equal sharing of the available supplies. Persons who do not use the coupons for these products may use them to acquire more sugar in addition to their regular sugar ration and canning sugar allowance.

ONE "D" COUPON IS GOOD FOR	
Not More Than	
Jams, Jellies, Marmalades, Extracted Honey, Apple Butter, Maple Butter or Honey Butter	6 FLUID OZS.
or	
Maple Sugar or Comb Honey (in Squares)	1/2 LB. NET
or	
Molasses or Maple Syrup	10 FLUID OZS.
or	
Corn Syrup, Cane Syrup, or any blended Table Syrup	12 FLUID OZS.
or	
Canned Fruit	10 FLUID OZS.
or	
Sugar	1/2 LB. NET

When purchasing goods in containers, it will not always be possible for the consumer to get the exact coupon value.

EXAMPLE: If you are buying jam in containers—

One "D" Coupon is good for one 4, 5 or 6 oz. container or two 3 oz. containers.

Two "D" Coupons are good for one 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12 oz. container, or two 5 oz. containers, or three 4 oz. containers.

or any combination adding up to not more than the total value of the coupons permitted.

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