

Thursday, March 15, 1923.

Problems of the Farm

Contributed by Grey County Department of Agriculture

Get Ready for Spring.

Farmers, are your implements ready for spring? How are your harrows? Are the teeth sharpened? Is the disc tightened? How about that loose plowshare? There is more in preparedness than in rush. Get your implements ready.

It has been proven at the O.A.C. that every day's delay in seeding after the land is ready means a loss of one bushel of oats per acre. Can the farmers afford that? You can avoid the loss by having everything in readiness.

Seed Grain Cleaned.

The past two months have offered several stormy days' opportunities to get your seed grain cleaned. How many are ready for Spring in this respect? It is well to clean it at once before the best of the grain is fed.

Some may feel that cleaning seed will waste a large amount of grain, as so much is blown over the back of the fanning-mill. Considerable is blown over but that can be saved and fed to the sheep, or, better still, buy a few bags of corn and mix it with the screenings. It will make good chop for the cattle. When the screenings are used thus, there is no waste, so open up the sides of the fanning-mill giving it a large volume of draft and blow all the dirt out of the seed. It will pay you. We want more "clean" seed sown in Grey County in 1923 than ever before.

Co-operative Wool Sales.

There has just come to the Department at Markdale a complete statement of the sale of wool which was consigned by Grey County farmers in 1922 to the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers. Altogether there were 260 farmers shipped their wool and they sent 38,633 pounds. The shipments varied in size from 20 pounds to 944 pounds from each farmer. The amount of money received by the farmers was \$6,447.13.

The prices received were as follows: Medium combing such as comes from good quality young Shropshires, 25 1/2 c. lb. Low Medium combing staple such as comes from young Oxfords of good breeding, 22c. Medium clothing, low medium clothing, and low clothing, such as comes from older Oxfords or well-bred young Leicesters or cross-breeds of the same, 20c and 18c., and coarse from old Leicesters, Lincolns and Cotswolds, 16c. Be it clearly understood, however, that while some sheep of the breeds mentioned run as indicated it is possible that their fleeces may be considerably coarser. Moreover, as the sheep become older, their wool becomes coarser and thinner. This fact is not generally understood by the average sheep raiser in the County. It is only by selling wool on the graded basis that these facts are brought to the attention of the individual farmer.

While it is too early to forecast the 1923 market indications would point to higher values. The wool surplus of the world is exhausted. Manufacturers must depend upon the present clip of wool to supply their wants. At the present time the market would warrant the following prices: Southdown wool, 33 to 35c.; medium combing, such as comes from the Shropshire, Hampshire, and Suffolk, 31 to 33c.; low medium combing from Oxford, 29 to 31c.; and low combing such as from Leicesters, Lincoln and Cotswold, 19 to 23c., according to quality. The prices were quoted by the representative of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers who accompanied the special train which visited Grey County recently. These prices are stiffening so they will undoubtedly go higher in the near future.

Mulock School Report.

- Sr. IV.—Pass—G. Twamley, L. Reay, M. Brown.
- Jr. IV.—Pass—M. McCallum, H. Torry, D. Hastie (abs.).
- Sr. III.—Pass—M. Bieman, C. Adlam, J. Aird, W. Vickers, T. Adlam, S. Adlam.
- Jr. III.—Pass—R. Adlam, F. Vickers, H. Dunn, Failed—L. Dunn, C. Brunt.
- Sr. II.—Pass—E. Bieman, I. Mighton, U. McDonald, H. Aird.
- I.—Honors—A. Adlam, H. Reay, Pass—L. Twamley, Brady Adlam, Bessie Adlam, R. Reay.
- Sr. Pr.—Pass—John McCallum.
- Jr. Pr.—Pass—E. Mighton, S. Dunn (abs.).
- B. Class.—A. Bieman, C. McDougall.

—E. V. Fiddis, Teacher.

You may break, you may shatter a jit if you will, but still it passes the big cars on a hill.

SPEED FIENDS IN JAIL?

Amid a host of minor items of legislation which were advanced a stage in the Legislature at Toronto Monday was Hon. F. C. Biggs' bill brought down from the special committee, governing the operation of motor vehicles on public highways. The measure was given second reading without debate after the minister's exposition.

The Minister of Highways, in reply to a question, made a vigorous pronouncement upon what he deemed to be the proper method of dealing with the speed fiends.

"If this province wishes to protect the pedestrians and the drivers of horse-drawn vehicles, motorists and school children," he said, "it is time we reached out and took the speed fiends and put them in jail."

The minister went on to deal with the damage caused to highways by speeding, declaring that five miles per hour over the legal highway rate of 25 miles per hour caused more damage than the wear and tear of a vehicle travelling 25 miles an hour.

The act, he said, did not materially change the law with regard to spot lights and glare lights. He thought the provision for a fixed spot light, throwing a beam to the rights ide of the car 75 feet ahead would eliminate the spot light nuisance.

Owing to the illness of Attorney-General Raney, second reading of the blue sky law, called on the orders in the Legislature for Monday night, was laid over indefinitely.

The House passed the Government notice of motion to pay out of consolidated funds \$197,000 to the town of Haileybury to meet debenture indebtedness as it fell due. It also advanced a stage Provincial Treasurer Smith's amendments to the Fire Marshal's Act to compel the furnishing of documents and to facilitate the collection of one per cent. tax of fire losses claimed, and gave second reading to a measure to give the provincial archivist the status of a deputy minister.

PAISLEY MAN HAD JAW BROKEN BY KICK FROM A HORSE

(Paisley Advocate.)

George Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas of Ebenezer, was the victim of a bad accident last Wednesday afternoon when he had his jaw bone broken and face badly cut by the kick of a horse. No one was present when the accident occurred and the victim hardly knows how it came about. He had hitched up the colt to break it in to harness and had taken it as far as the Ebenezer rink and returned home. There he unhitched the animal and drove it out as far as the gate. It was there that he received the kick that broke his jaw and split his chin. His lips and side of his face are badly torn and lacerated. It required ten stitches to close the wounds which are both outside on his face and inside his mouth. He was taken to the Owen Sound General Hospital where he is at present. The fracture is such a serious one that the doctors find difficulty in setting it properly.

Cain had one advantage. His father couldn't boast of how good he was as a little boy.

The difference between a clean tablecloth and a soiled one is that you never spill anything on a soiled one.

South Bentinck

(Our own correspondent.)

Mr. James Milligan and sister, Miss Effie spent an evening with their cousins, the McFaytien family of Edge Hill.

Mrs. T. Widmeyer and little son of Hampden visited a day or so with her parents here.

Miss Isabella Park spent an evening with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Park of Allan Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McLean visited friends in Hampden last week.

Mr. Alex. Grierson entertained a number of young folks recently.

Mr. James McDonald had a wood-see last week.

Mr. John Grierson shipped some fat cattle to Toronto Saturday last.

Rocky Saugeen

(Our own correspondent.)

Miss Helen Watson spent a few days with her brother Archie at Welbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark and family spent Sunday with Mrs. J.D. Clark of Aberdeen.

The monthly meeting of the W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. John Vessie. There were a number of interesting papers read. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Gillen Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Middleton of town spent Sunday with the McLean families.

Darkies' Corners

(Our own correspondent.)

Mr. Ed. Pratt is drilling a well for Nichol brothers. They went down 76 feet before reaching the rock.

Mr. James W. McGirr's sale last Friday was a success.

Mr. D. Hamilton is not as well as his friends would like.

Mr. and Mrs. James McGirr are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence at Hutton Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keller and baby Ross spent a day recently with Mr. and Mrs. S. Patterson.

Mr. Howard Lawrence spent last week with his sister, Mrs. McGirr.

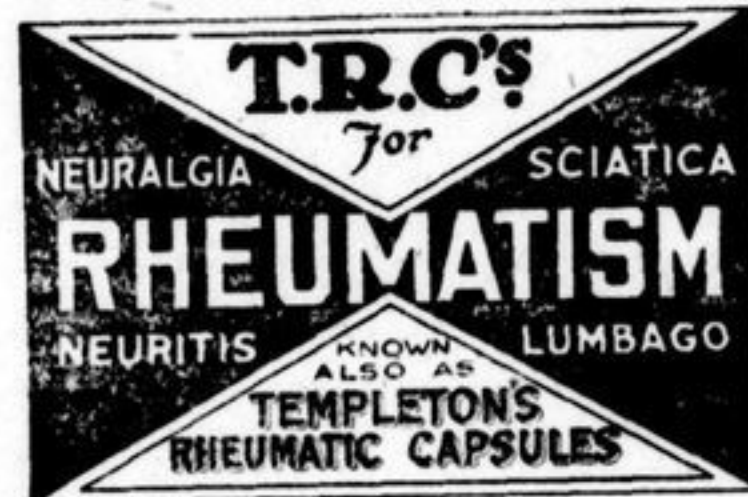
Mrs. Ross spent Friday of last week with her mother, Mrs. Sharpe.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Ritchie were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. Jacques.

Mr. A. Park and Miss Marietta spent Sunday with his daughter in Bentinck.

A writer says that half the boys of 1890 wished to be bandits. Well, well, so that accounts for so many garage men!

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DURHAM HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

The following is a report of the examinations in the High school for the months of January and February.

The names are in order of rank, with percentage given. In cases where the percentage is the same the student with the highest aggregate is placed first. Some are rated on a fewer number of subjects than would be otherwise on account of absence mainly through sickness.

The test examination preparatory to the June examinations will be held after Easter and these will give a truer rating than the present examinations have indicated.

Form I.

- M. Ritchie 85, S. McIlraith 82.2, Jean Ledingham 78, M. Pickering 75, B. Smith 74, R. Glass 72, W. Holmes 71, E. Falconer 70, E. Cameron 70, O. Moon 69, E. Cattoon 69, M. Lawrence 67, T. Wilson 65, M. Traynor 64, J. Harding 63, E. Pitkey 62, F. Kelsey 62, W. Hepburn 61, F. McCallum 61, M. Cameron 60, A. Smith 58, P. McCuaig 57, H. McFadden 54, K. McLean 52, E. Boyce 49, J. Ledingham 48, C. McLean 48, E. Kearney 47, B. Middleton 44, P. Willis 43, G. McCulloch 37, B. McFarlane 35.

Form II.

- J. McDonald 80, H. Beaton 73, L. Fairnie 73, K. McLean 73, G. Hay 73, E. McCombe 71, V. Ryan 70, M. Yiirs 70, A. Snell 70, C. McLean 68, E. Smith 66, I. McKechnie 65, E. Grant 65, D. Young 64, J. Stewart 64, R. Glencross 63, M. Anderson 60, K. Morrison 59, K. Milne 56, C. Greenwood 56, H. McLean 56, A. McLeod 55, A. Collinson 54, M. Brown 51, M. McDonald 46, C. Elvidge 45, J. Lawson 44, F. Hopkins 38, A. Lawson 34.

Form III. A.

- R. Morrison 90, E. Petty 75, H. Milligan 74, R. Barber 74, M. McQuarrie 69, E. Hunt 68, K. Firth 68, G. Lindsay 63, V. Mervyn 62, L. McClocklin 62, P. Young 61, J. Turnbull 60, M. Lauder 56, K. McMillan 55, M. Morrison 54, R. Levine 54, N. McGirr 51, E. McInnis 51, A. Graham 49, A. Blair 49, D. Graham 48, B. Traynor 48, B. Stoneouse 48, J. Bell 47, E. Boyce 44, A. Ritchie 39.

Form III. B.

- C. Wiggins 88, K. Kelsey 84, P. Mortley 76, R. Burnett 76, J. Twamley 74, O. Livingston 69, R. Bailey 68, R. Small 68, E. Burnett 65, I. Sharp 63, A. McAlister 61, E. Schutz 60, M.

Metcalfe 58, M. Bell 57, R. Blyth 57, W. Edwards 56, W. Vollett 56, B. Boyce 56, G. Riddell 56, H. Mountain 55, F. Kress 55, M. Riddell 53, H. Kress 53, W. Dunbar 50, D. Mather 46, G. Brunt 45.

BRITAIN NEEDS STORE CATTLE

A newspaper cable dispatch says that British farmers in many districts are very short of cattle just now and would welcome suitable supplies from anywhere. It is naturally hoped that Canada will be able to supply at least a large part of the deficiency, but to take full measure of the opportunity here offered, and to create something like a permanent impression, the cattle furnished, as the Dominion Live Stock Branch sets forth, must be of good type, well-fleshed, and with the breeding necessary to take on the proper finish. The animals should be under three years of age and weigh not less than 1,000 pounds.

In connection with the situation here outlined it is worth while repeating the six factors given by the Agricultural Department at Ottawa as a necessity in profitable beef-raising, namely: Use of pure bred bulls only; dehorning of the cattle; bringing to early maturity; selling as few cattle as possible in the fall;

FINAL TAX NOTICE

All 1922 Town Taxes yet unpaid must be paid in to either Bank before March 31. After this date a Collector will be appointed and costs of collection added to the penalty.—By Order.

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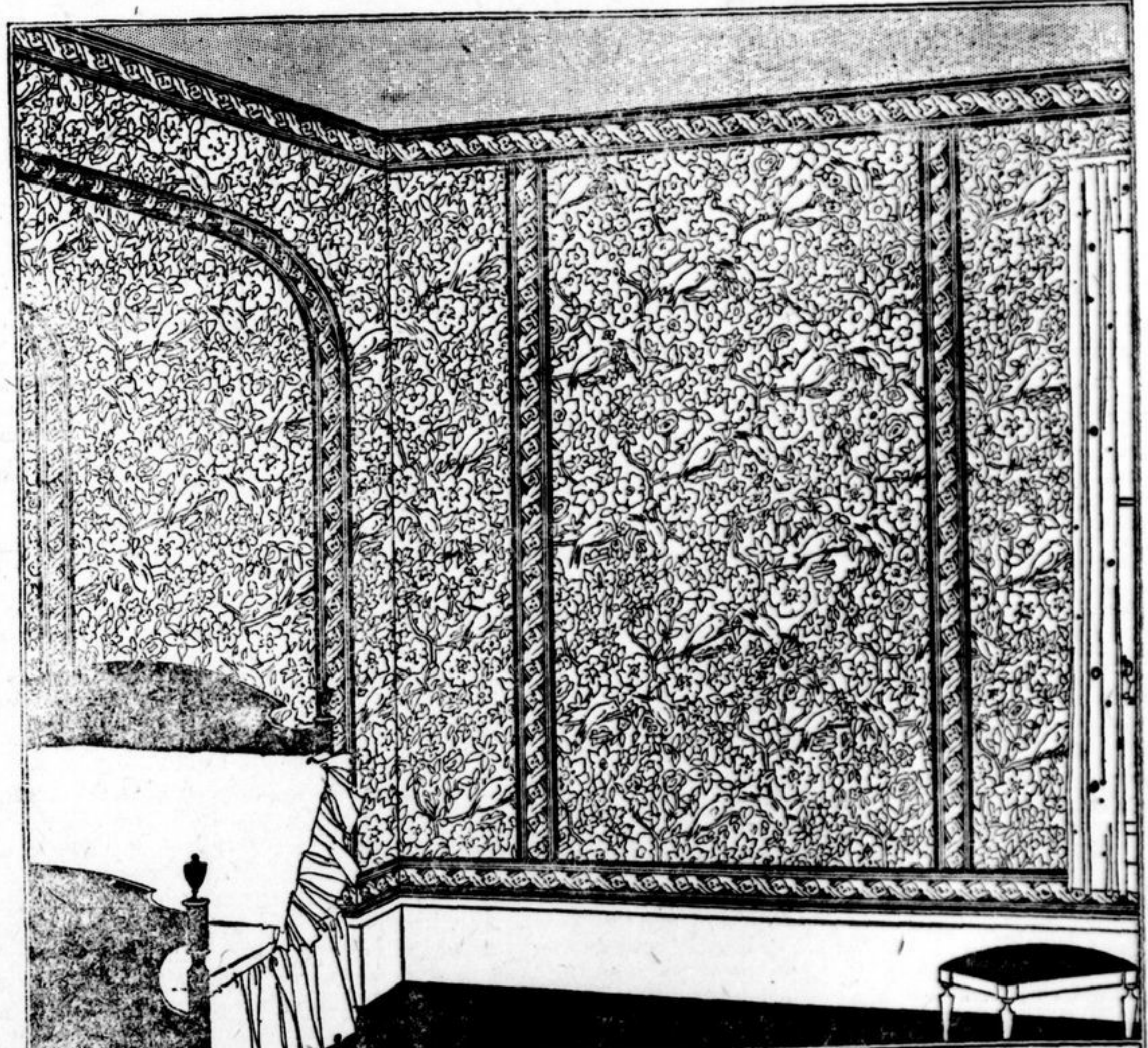
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