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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

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Formerly the business man worried at night for fear he wasn't making money; now he worries for fear he didn't lock the woodshed door where the potatoes are kept.

### Falsification.

"War Is Hell."

"A hell of hate, intolerance, high cost of living, war debts, misery and sorrow. We can protect our rights without going to war. We didn't fight Mexico. We created a joint high commission. And now the two countries are at peace and Mexico is gradually recovering herself."

Have you read the foregoing before? It is admitted war is hell. The worst kind of hell. A hell that this country has passed through several times. Once to gain the independence that is the pride of the native-born American. Again to maintain that independence against the aggression of Great Britain. Once more to impress upon a neighboring country that the United States could not be trampled upon with impunity. Again to give freedom to thousands of suffering humans. And again, that insult might be avenged and a cowed people freed from a tyrannical government. War is hell. Absolutely. But hell is preferable to enslavement.

Those who call themselves pacifists would keep the United States out of war. They issue appeals to the masses to prevent war. Likewise did the Tories of Revolutionary days plead for peace—in order that Great Britain might retain its strangle hold upon the American colonies. Like-

wise did the copperheads of 1861-65 plead for peace—in order that the few might wax opulent at the expense of the many. Today the pacifists plead for peace—in order that the United States may ultimately become the prey of a foreign power or from sincere motives actuated by the best welfare of the country?

Mexico and the United States are at peace. How long such a peace as exists will maintain is another question. Mexico but awaits the opportune moment to again heckle and worry the United States. Conscious of inferiority in strength and resources, the country beyond the southern border knows better than to attempt, alone, the administering of a whipping to Uncle Sam. As past masters of guerilla warfare, however, petty annoyances can, and undoubtedly will be, continued for an indefinite period of time. There will be no peace with Mexico until the long arm and the strong hand of the United States delivers to its bribe-polluted officials, actuated and influenced by foreign mercenaries, such a sound drubbing as will last for all time.

War is hell. Better a war of hell in the protection of right and justice than a peace of ignomy and infamy.

### SUBMARINE SLAMS

Torpedoes Topical and Typical Suggested by Periscope Observations Taken from Within the Editorial Conning Tower.

In promulgating your esoteric cogitations or articulating your superficial sentimentalities and amicable or philosophic observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity.

Let your conversational communications possess a clarified conciseness and a compacted comprehensiveness and cogency. Eschew all conglomerations of flatulent garrulity and affectations. Let your extemporaneous descantings and unpremeditated expatiations have intelligibility and veracious vivacity without bombast; sedulously avoid polysyllabic profundity, pompous prolixity, verbosity and vapidity.

In other words, talk plainly, briefly and naturally. Say what you mean, mean what you say, and don't use big words.

We have yet to meet the man who washes the dishes and will admit he really has to do it.

The popular idea of public improvement is for the village to spend a lot of money in front of your own home.

The men who call the militia forces tin soldiers are again thanking their stars that they had the foresight not to join.

After being fooled by his wife, one of our village residents remarked that April Fools' Day jokes are the resort of little minds.

Village youths afflicted with the telephone habit are advised to use soundproof booths in order to avoid the inflicting of silly gabble upon unwilling listeners.

The girl who buys all the extra brilliant color spring styles will probably be the same one who knocks because the horrid men on the street corner twist their necks to look at her.

When they get all rigged up with short skirts, white stockings and black boots, many of our modest and shrinking village girls come down town with calm confidence that no one is going to notice them.

From what we have seen of divers specimens of handwriting, the average local man needs a course in penmanship; but too many of them are perfectly self-satisfied so long as their marks pass muster as the signature of a check.

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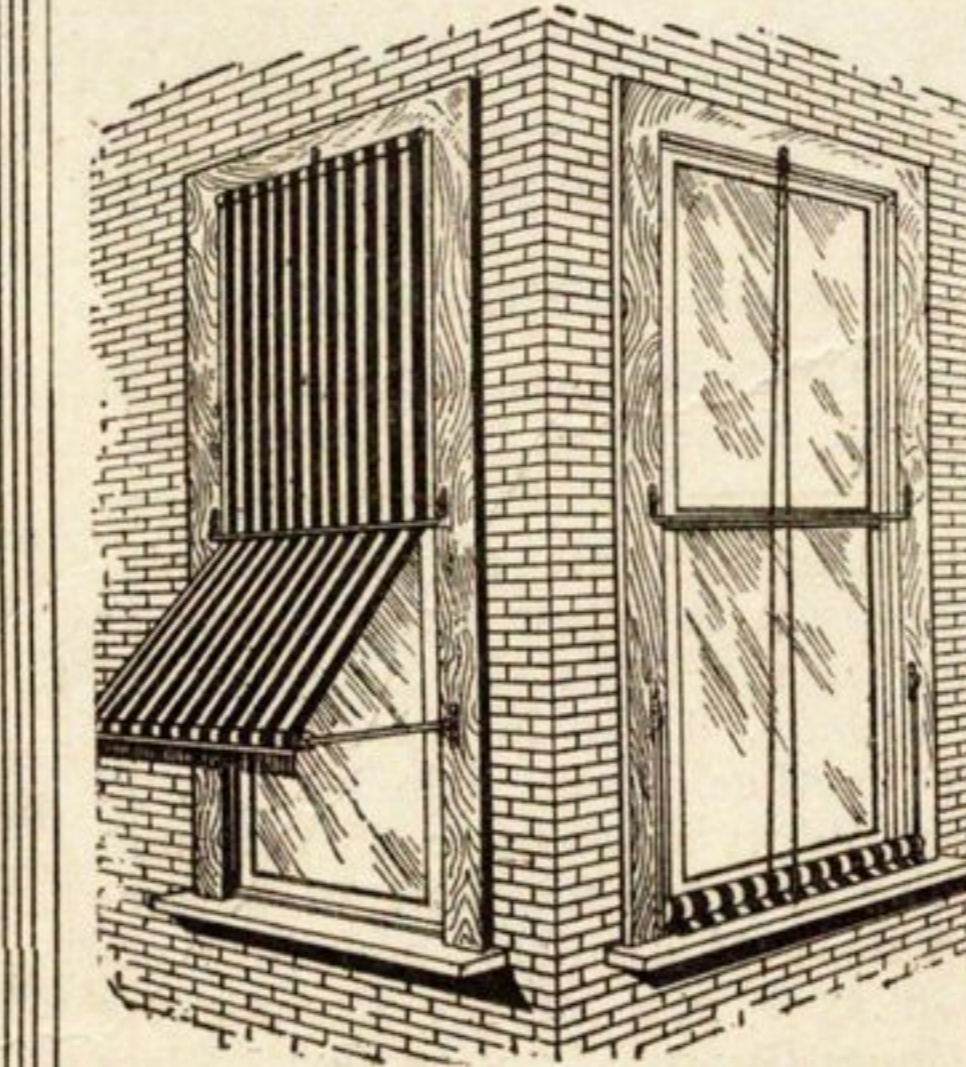
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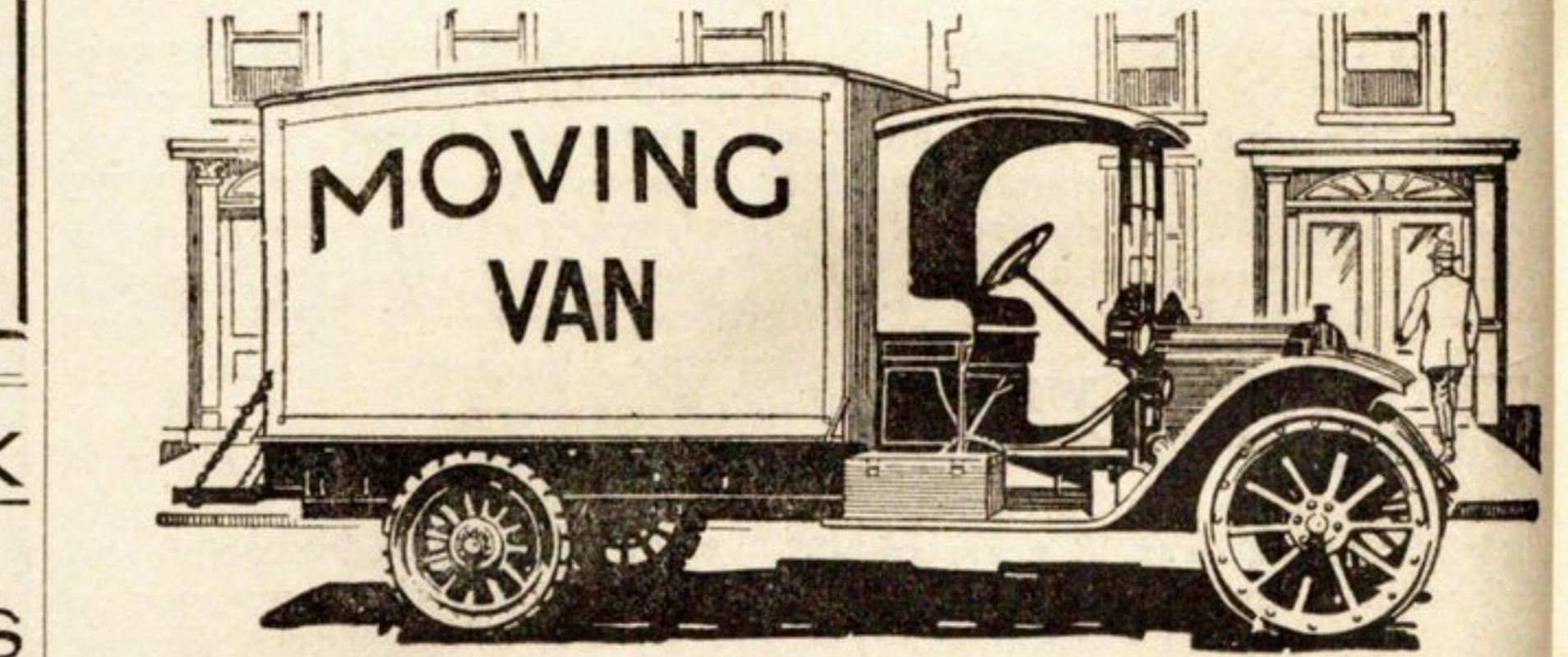
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