

Great Britain Has Many Child Slaves

The apparent scandal of child slavery in Great Britain, as unearthed by the National News, which has continued its investigation, reveals that 1,500,000 British children under sixteen years old are employed in and exploited by industry. Thousands of these child victims, who are stunted in body and mind and whose future is hopelessly handicapped, are but seven or eight years old and work for fifty hours a week for less than one dollar.

Employment of children is prevalent not only in the North of England, according to the National News,

but is general to the whole country. In Birmingham, for instance, there are 9,000 child wage victims; in Kent, where the beer hops grow, there are several thousands. During 1917 there were 14,000 children employed at night in munition shops.

The National News maintains that the children's work is unnecessary, that the monetary gain is far more than offset by the evil effects of child labor, and that the practice of employing child labor in dangerous and unnecessary tasks is widely prevalent and a national disgrace.

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children points out that the new educational acts forbid employment of any child under twelve years old, the various local authorities having power to set conditions fixing employment of child-

ren between twelve and fourteen years old.

As a striking commentary on the situation it should be pointed out that Lord Rothermere, brother of Lord Northcliffe and publisher of the Sunday Pictorial, with 3,000,000 circulation, has taken up the very cry for repeal of the education act for financial reasons. He thinks the nation can't afford it.

"I lay the chief blame on the parents of these child slaves," says Muriel Viscountess Helmsley. "The state of affairs is scandalous. It is terrible that parents should be so apathetic."

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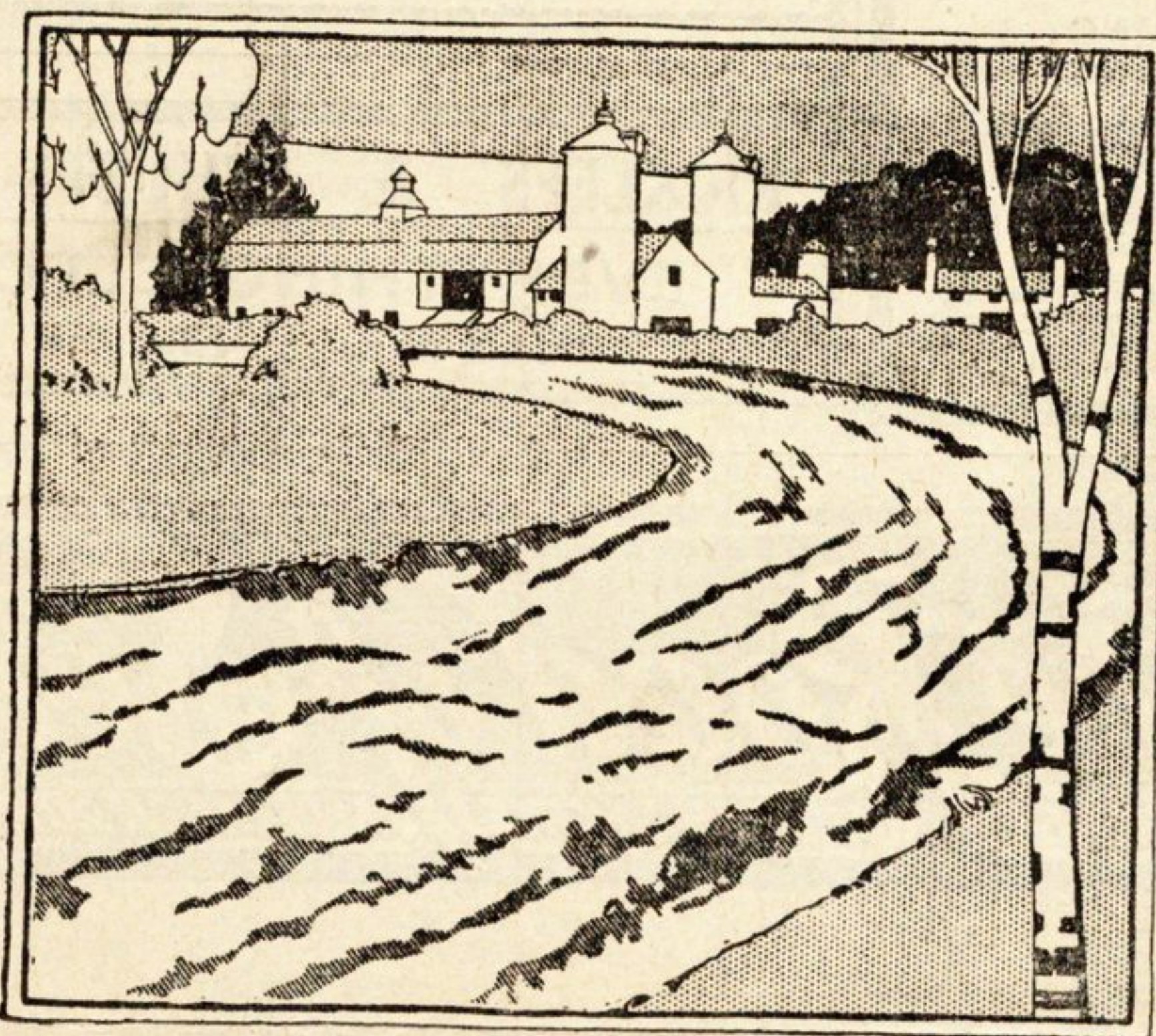
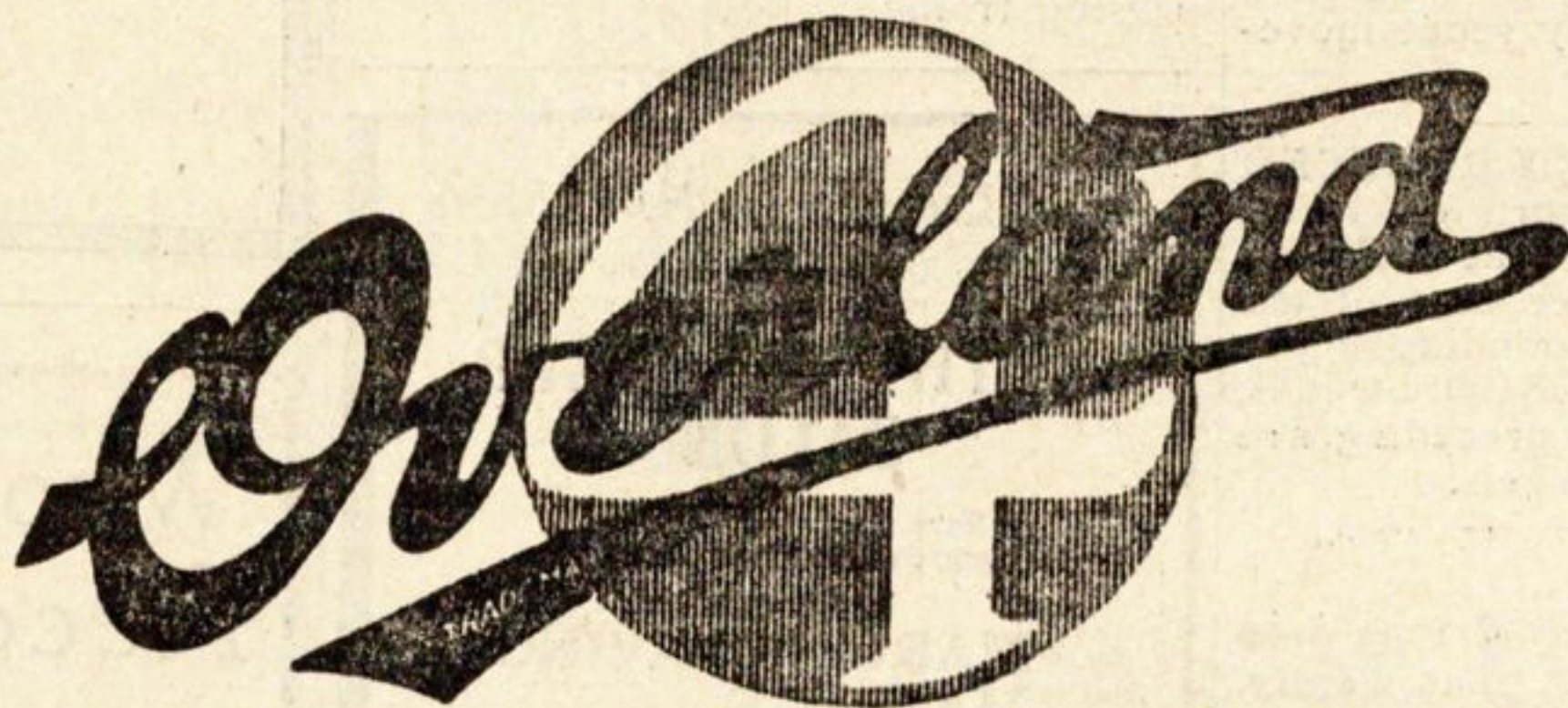
Gardeners who cannot raise sugar cane may be interested in the following description, which appears in Chambers' Journal, of the process of extracting sugar from beets. The amateur must exercise great care in harvesting the roots that the tender skin be not broken. The first operation is to remove all dirt by washing, after which the beets are boiled in water until the skin peels off easily. They are next cut into thin slices, placed in a pan, just covered with water, brought to a boil once more and then left to simmer for ten hours. The resulting pulp is put into a muslin bag and squeezed until all the juice is extracted. The juice is boiled down to a very thick syrup that makes a good substitute for

commercial sugar. As the syrup will not keep for more than a few weeks, it is advisable to make only a small supply at a time. The roots, however, can be stored for a long period without deteriorating if they are kept dry and free from frost.

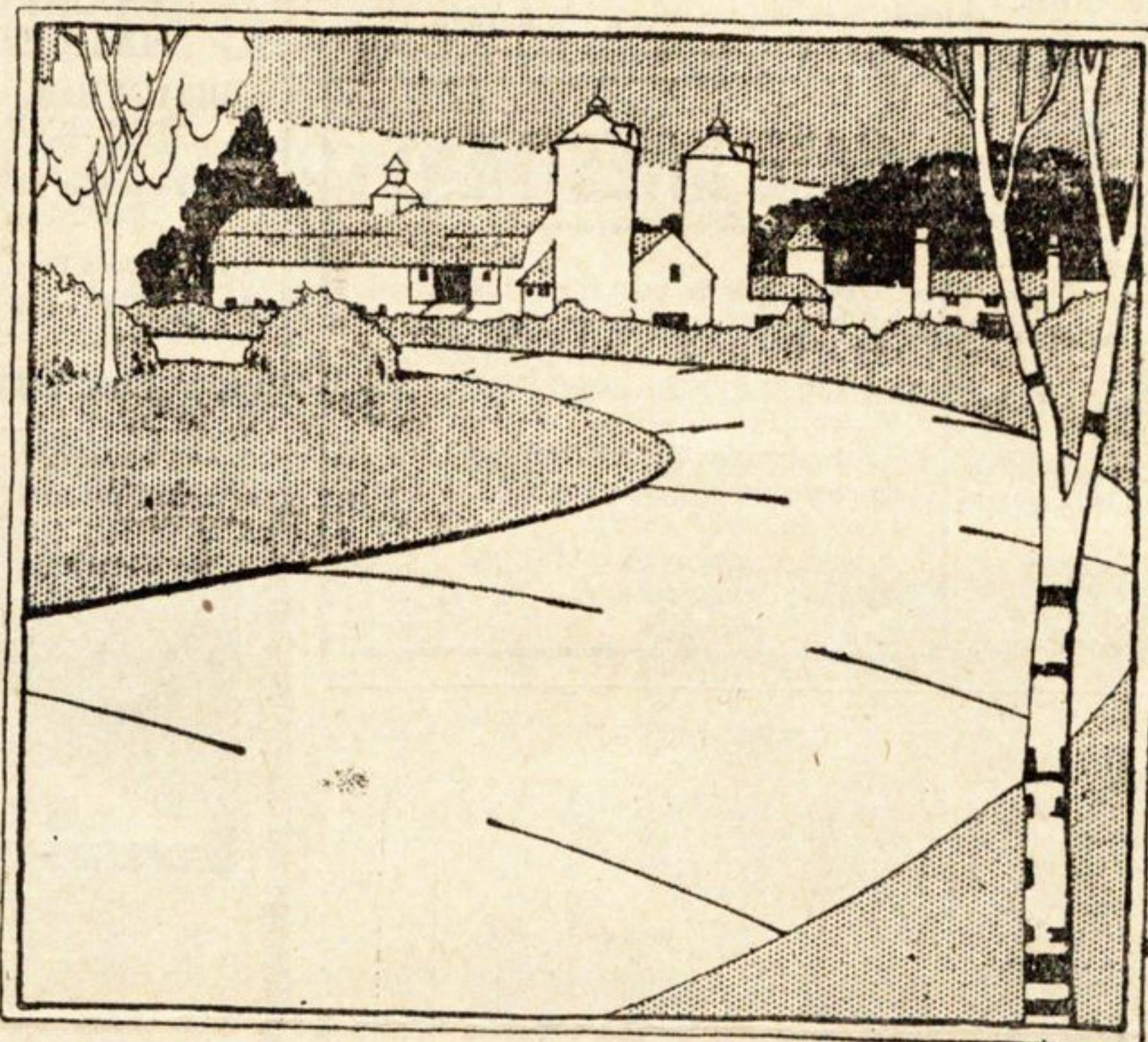
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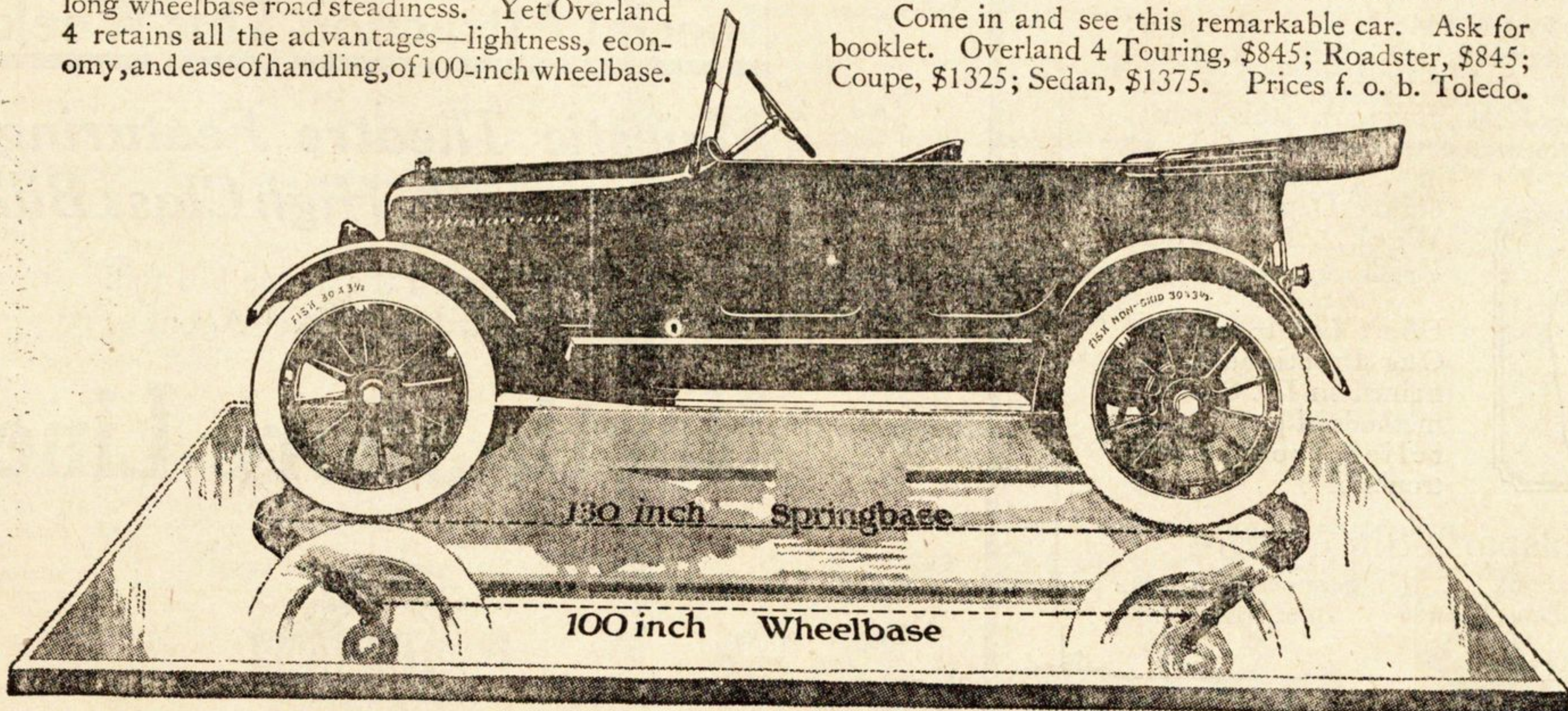
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