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THE CITIZEN AND THE VETERAN

There is no one worthy the title of American citizen who has a soul so dead that he can oppose anything that can add to the happiness and the comfort of those men of the fighting forces who suffered disability to such an extent that they are unable to care for themselves. The work of the Veteran Aid Bureau is the one branch of the government to whose purpose there can be no opposition, if only it is carried on in an honest, practical and efficient manner.

Whatever money is necessary to take proper care of the disabled ex-service men, that should be forthcoming, every well citizen contributing gladly his fair share of the cost, each looking upon the opportunity to help as a privilege of citizenship which he would reluctantly forego. The American civilian is not niggardly in his attitude of mind towards the men who fought in the late war. The American civilian is not unappreciative of the service that was rendered and of the quality of the patriotism that sent the men into the uniform of their country, even before the draft drew them there. The American civilian, the individual, wishes to see justice, and more than justice, done to those who suffered because of their service. The Veteran Aid Bureau represents this state of mind in the average citizen and should be aware of the consequent responsibility that rests upon it to perform the duties with which it is entrusted with the utmost in result.

HELPING RUSSIA

Russia is issuing an urgent invitation to American artisans and promoters to help in the re-establishment of the industries of the country, a call for help made necessary by the thoughtless destruction of those who happened to have been blessed with intellect a little above that of the untutored peasant and those who had enjoyed advantage of training in some profession or trade. Russia is finding out by the hard tuition of experience, that something more than brawn is necessary to build up business and to direct the development of industry.

Russia stands in its relation towards the other nations of the world much as a naughty child does towards its parents. Punishment there must be, but no holding of malice. The offenders have erred because of lack of understanding, rather than from real desire to do harm. Russia must be trained and helped in the way a prosperous nation must go if there is to be safety for the other nations of Europe. Somebody will arise to develop the resources of the country. Much better that that somebody be the governments of the nations for whom relations with Russia hold possibilities of mutual good.

PUTTING OFF DEATH

The doctor who has announced the discovery of a serum whereby age may be indefinitely postponed says that "we have only scratched the surface of the matter of rejuvenation." Death may be put off, he says, except in such cases

as it comes from other causes than the wearing out of the human machine. We may live in vigor and in full possession of our physical functions, missing the gradual encroachment of feebleness that marks man's progress towards the grave.

Few people really wish to die. Barring the visitation of tragedy there is nothing that quite reconciles us to the leaving of life, even when life is hard. But the indefinite extension of the lease on life may not be altogether a blessing, whether circumstances are fortunate or otherwise. There must be some means discovered by which one may keep step with the times, some discovery by which one generation may not differ quite so radically from another. Sympathy with those about us is all that makes life desirable. Long physical life without an equal extension of the gift of understanding would be only an affliction.

Health Commissioner Bundesen of Chicago has declared war on siren whistles on automobiles. "I firmly believe many who have died on the streets supposedly from heart disease really were victims of shock from sirens," he says. Rather an odd idea, but one which, coming from a learned medico, must carry weight.

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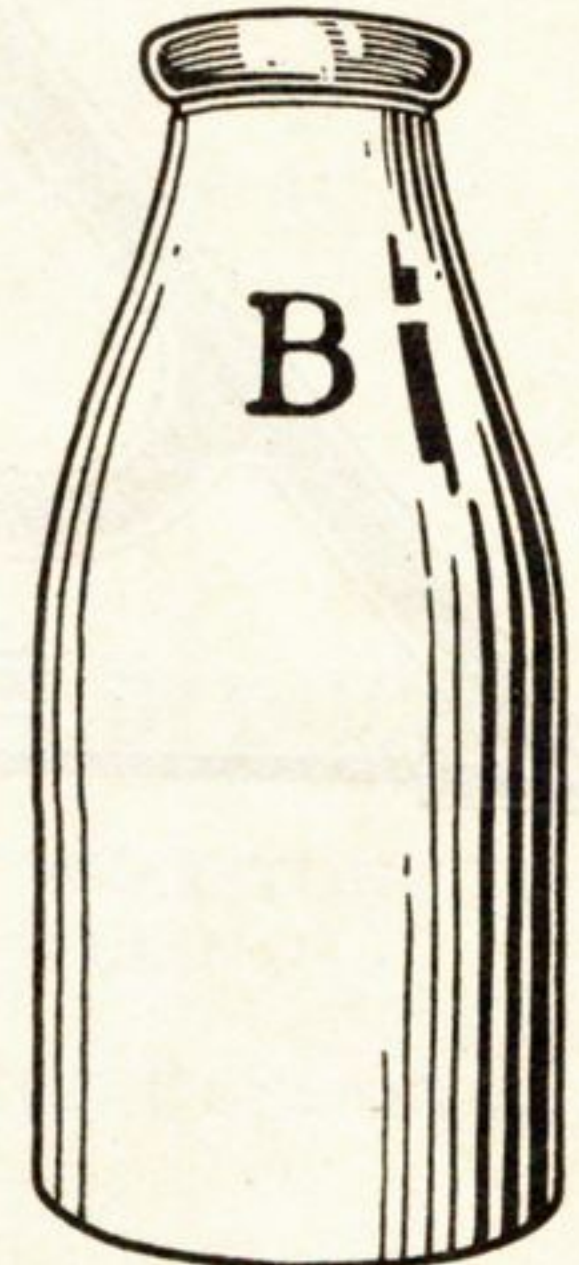
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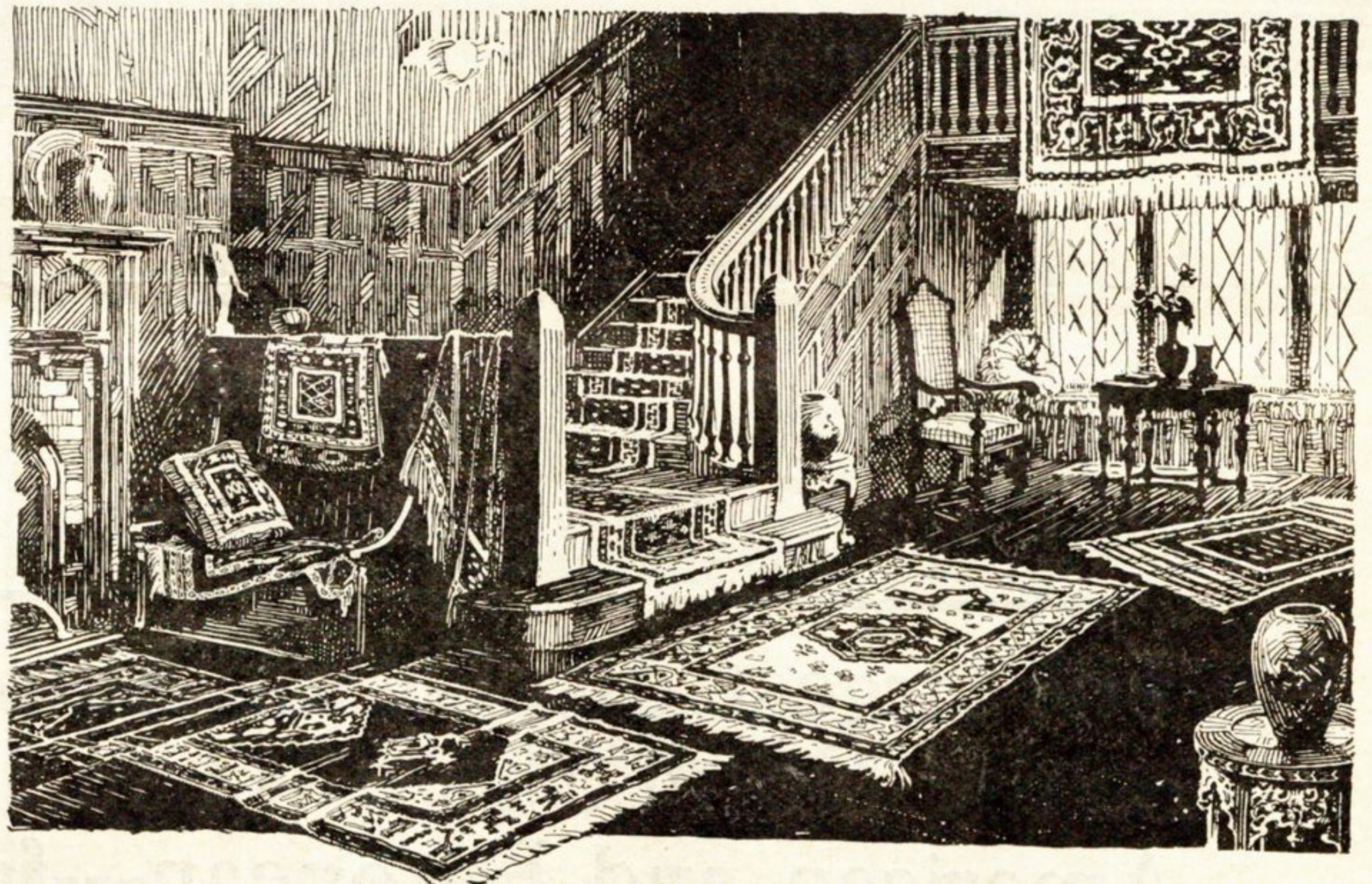
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