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INFORMATION AND INTEREST

The well-informed person is usually interested. The more one knows about a subject the more interested he becomes. On the other hand, ignorance begets indifference. If you don't know what it's all about, you're certain to have the "don't care" attitude. The man who has read the books on polar exploration wants to know the details of the latest search for the North Pole. The youth who almost literally devours articles on the radio, listens eagerly to lectures on ether-waves and potentiometers. If you wish to arouse interest in a child, inform him. He's almost certain to ask for more.

For these reasons we are glad to see that in many communities movements are on foot to disseminate information among the citizens. The movements take various forms in various communities, but whatever the forms the purposes are identical. We are inclined to believe that in this matter the women are more active than the men.

One of the most active of these agencies is the Winnetka League of Women Voters. The most ingenious of all its plans to acquaint Winnetka voters with the Village administrative machinery was the symposium held at the Woman's Club on Wednesday afternoon, March 28. As we read the program of fourteen items we were amazed at the range of subject matter. No department of village government seems to have been omitted. No matter how thoroughly informed the auditors may have been when the symposium began, they knew vastly more when it ended. Having followed the various speeches and discussions into all their ramifications, the auditors were in a position to tell many things to their less fortunate fellow-citizens of the opposite sex.

And, as was said before, this information aroused interest, which in its turn will seek more information. Every community which has thus been aroused will be a better community, and living itself will be more enjoyable.

MEN'S SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

The thought of men meeting to study the life of Christ brings with it the thought of the twelve men who formed the first Men's Class. This is the twentieth century, and that the first century. More than two thousand years between, but again a group of men studying the sayings of the carpenter's son. So much vitality in the thoughts, words, and deeds of that wonderful leader of men!

The members of the Men's Class are taking to themselves the lessons contained in the parables of the Rich Fool, The Faithful Steward, The Lost Coin, and the Prodigal Son. In these Jesus emphasized the supreme value of the spiritual life.

One wonders just how these stories affected the disciples who heard them. What did they bring to the meetings of that first class

of learners? Just what was in their minds as they heard about the woman who lost the coin and finding it rejoiced greatly? Did those men see in the parable anything of what our Men's Class see in it? It must have been a tale for simple men, for they were untutored laborers. The words of Jesus in that last week must have taken on an intensity borrowed from the occasion.

Men who are interested in studying the words of the philosophers will be welcomed to this 20th Century Class, meeting in Community House at 9:30 every Sunday morning.

EXTENSION OF COMMUNITY HOUSE

The issuing of a building permit for the construction of an extension to Community House emphasizes the growth of that organization. \$60,000, the stated cost of the addition, cannot indicate the significance of that growth, nor can the size, 100 by 146 feet. These figures do, however, tell us that a wonderful philanthropic spirit has outgrown its dwelling-place and is to have more commodious quarters.

Anyone who has known even a little of the activities of Community House must have wondered how all of them could take place in that building. Even when the number of available rooms is multiplied by the number of suitable hours, one finds it hard to fit in all the various meetings. Is there any phase of human life, physical, mental, moral, spiritual—that has not been exercised in some one or two or more of these weekly gatherings?

It is altogether likely that the work will so grow that in a few years it will be necessary to make another enlargement.

A LITTLE THEATER

It seems that Oliver Hinsdell of Evanston has gone to New Orleans and put up a little Theater that is marvelously successful. And the question occurs, why do we let him stay in New Orleans when he might build and conduct a much-needed little Theater somewhere on the north shore?

The little Theater in New Orleans is an artistic gem, and Mr. Hinsdell has evoked much co-operation from local artists, business and social leaders. But why not ask him to return to his home in the North and put up a little play-house, a haunt of the muses, near the shores of Lake Michigan?

Come back, Mr. Hinsdell!

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

Any couple that has lived happily together for fifty years has achieved a remarkable success. That two have lived together, existed as man and wife for that length of time is rather unusual, but that they should have lived together happily, is, in these days of puppy love and easy divorces, well worth dwelling on.

Indeed, the very thought of being married to one person for so long a time frightens many.

A golden wedding is a precious thing. Humanity might well pay a handsome premium to those whose golden wedding is realized. Such individuals show humanity the rich possibilities of married life.

Sweethearts can point to these connubial veterans and assure themselves that love can live, if not forever, at least for fifty years. These older ones show the younger ones what can be done.

Then, too, a golden wedding, like that of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Norton of Winnetka, affords splendid material for students of the effects of environment. If one desires to know what changes man or woman undergoes by living with one mate for a consider-

able period, let him study golden-wedded people. He will see a gradual reciprocal adaptation of one to the other. (The adaptation must be "reciprocal" in the case of those who live "happily" together for half a century.) The student of environmental effects will see a sort of growing together, a recreative unification of two who were at first somewhat dissimilar. And this unification will not be a monotonizing of two varied tones, but the creation of a new and valuable type, different from any mere individual.

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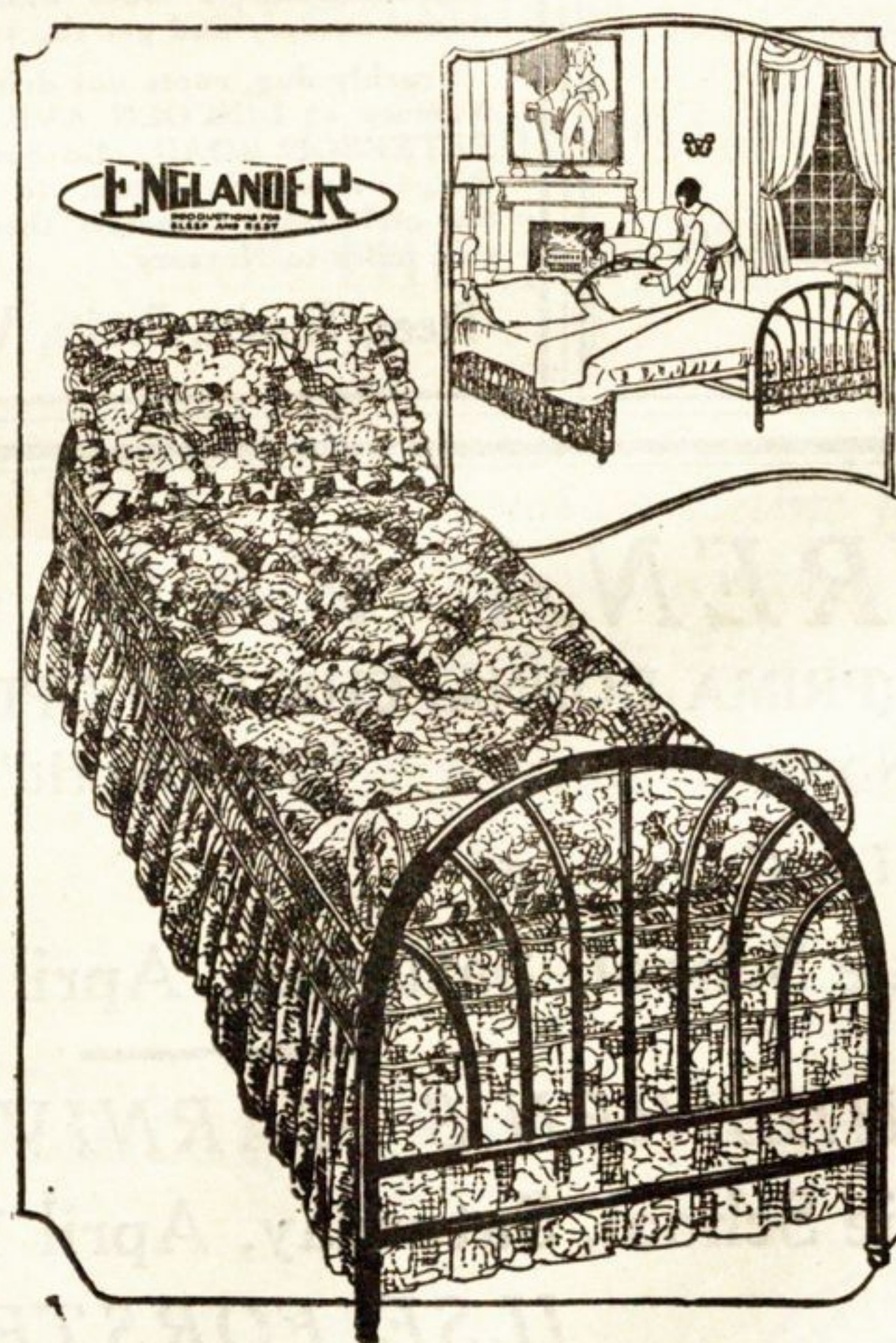
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