

Former Glencoe Man Gives Eye Witness Quake Story

Fred Jackson Relates Experiences in Recent San Barbara Disaster

EDITOR'S NOTE: The most interesting depiction of the recent earthquake at Santa Barbara, Cal., to come to the attention of the editor of WINNETKA TALK is contained in a letter written by Fred D. Jackson, former member of the Glencoe Park board, to friends in the neighboring suburb. Mr. Jackson and his family escaped injury in the quake though their home was considerably damaged. Most of the accompanying letter was written in the garden of his home by the light of an old-fashioned barn lantern. Mr. Jackson is a member of the Santa Barbara Park board and President of the Rotary club in the stricken city and has been actively engaged in relief work since the earthquake. The letter, the first installment of which appeared in the July 18 issue of TALK, reads:

We have started the work of reconstruction by having a Board of Engineers, consisting of 12 of the best in the country, mostly sent by Los Angeles and San Francisco Chambers of Commerce, who have volunteered and serve without pay, make an examination of all of our buildings to say which are safe. The result is that we are now tearing down a number yet standing. When we get through we will have nothing but safe buildings. You must remember this is an old town and the major part of the business section is old stuff, some of it with new fronts. It is interesting to hear the comments and claims as to the different types of construction. My own opinion is, from what I can see, that there is no such thing as a building that will actually stand against a real quake. The difference here is that in some parts it was much heavier than in others.

Cites Freak Accidents

The top of the hill surely got more than its share. Some buildings, like the San Marcos, just collapsed in a heap of junk. Others, like the new California hotel, six stories high and just opened about a week ago, opened up, as one man in it said, like a wardrobe trunk. It looks like a gigantic stage setting on both sides for each side wall is completely gone and there are bedrooms fully furnished, pictures on the wall and all. One man was in a room where the floor gave way at one side so he and his bed slid from the third floor to the street but as he was in a nice soft bed he wasn't hurt. The bed had its legs bent.

Now about our offices. The building may have to come down. We, as you may remember, were in a two-story building that looked like a great stone parapet. As I recall it was built about 10 years ago and was a typical bank building. The great stones, however, were reinforced concrete and the front just fell into the street in such large sections that even the largest tractors couldn't budge them and they have had to cut them up to haul them away. The back, where our offices are, also fell off but only that part of it just above our offices. I was in there yesterday and, but for the dust and broken plaster, we might go right ahead. When we get an inspection of the building I will open up, if it is reported safe. Our mail is just staying at the post office. The banks are doing business in tents, as they are all "shot." The County bank will have to build a new front, anyway. We have asked the clearing houses of the country to arrange a loan of \$20,000,000 to rebuild and the first response is from Los Angeles, who say they alone will lend us everything necessary.

"Better City Than Ever"

We started out to refuse charity on the theory that we could get along, but it is coming in anyway. I have a check in my pocket now from the Rotary club of Salinas. Fresno wires that they have made an appropriation, numerous other clubs all over the country have wired me; Los Angeles got me on the 'phone about as quick as the wire was open asking what amount to send and saying that New York had wired them to get to us some way and ask how much we needed and it would come forward. Our own people have come across fine. I saw several \$5,000 checks to the Red Cross. The net result is going to be that we will have a finer city than ever. You may feel that this blow is going to be so great that it will kill the town but I cannot see it that way. Many towns have their catastrophes, just as Chicago did, and San Francisco, and they come out bigger and better than ever. As a matter of fact I am told by many people who were in San Francisco that the quake here was many times worse but we had no fire. The last time this vicinity really suffered from a quake was in 1812 and I venture to say that many cities of the same size have suffered much more loss in 20 years from fire than we have in this quake. The chances are we will not have another for another hundred years and by that time we may be able to harness them and use the power. My own feelings right now are that if we can that one fair-sized quake will

supply all the power the country will ever need.

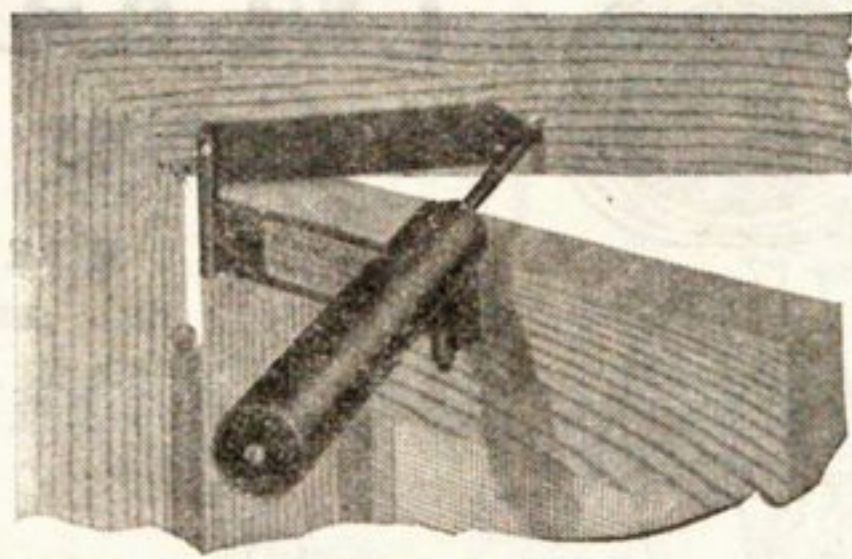
Stories Exaggerated

I have been so busy telling you of what it did that I have neglected the other side of it. Most of our homes are either uninjured or just a chimney down. For example at Mrs. Semmelmeier's house an extra flue that had been put on top of the chimney to make it draw better has partly fallen over and there is just one place in her patio wall, not even a part of the house, that is cracked. Pay no attention to the fake reports in the newspapers. I saw one paper that had a picture of the meat truck showing just how the driver was killed when a wall fell on him. I saw that driver afterwards and he was in a store some distance from the truck when the wall fell. They had one big headline about the looting of the wonderful Gualalupe church and the theft of the beautiful golden chalices, etc. That church is down in the Mexican section. There was no looting and I'll bet there wasn't a golden chalice or anything else worth over thirty cents within a mile of it. They also had a scare head about the water being bad. Same old water from back in the hills, and it is just a whole lot of fine trout streams bottled in a reservoir and shot four miles through a rock tunnel, and there is no better. Good night, I'll put out my lantern and turn in. When you are through with this you might turn it over to — as he might like to see it and perhaps show it to some of my old pals.

Tuesday, Mrs. Roy Whipple, 170 Woodland avenue, was hostess for the all-day sewing meeting of the special sewing committee for the Eastern Star bazaar to be given in the autumn, and next Tuesday, July 28, Mrs. William Kentnor, 310 Woodland avenue, will have the last all-day meeting of this committee until late in August. Mrs. Mary Prouty has charge of the buying and sewing, and Mrs. D. W. Poff of Walden road, is general chairman of the Bazaar.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Edward Ellis of Indian Hill road, are being congratulated upon the birth of a son at the Evanston hospital, Sunday, July 12. His name is to be Douglas Smith Ellis.

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"Vacation time is here. Schools have closed their doors and an army of school children are free to come and go with only the restrictions of parents placed upon them, which at this time are very slight for parents as a rule say, 'This is vacation time, let the youngsters have a good time,'" says a bulletin issued by the accident prevention department of the Chicago Motor club. But too often this good time takes the children into paths that are dangerous. The streets, for example, are used as playgrounds, and roller skating, ball playing, and other sports are carried on in streets. Parents should see to it that the natural exuberance of children finds an outlet in good wholesome play, but they should also remember that the streets are not playgrounds. Insist upon your children going to the playgrounds or to the parks. They can enjoy themselves better and there is no danger there.

"Motorists should also realize that despite the warnings that are issued by the Chicago Motor club and by other organizations interested in safety, many parents will be unmindful of our advice and that the streets will be crowded with children during the va-

cation period. Drive more carefully during the next few months.

"The warm weather also brings out the babies. On every street the parade of the baby carriage goes on. The motorist who turns a corner at speed endangers the lives of mothers and babies. Turn corners slowly and watch the roadway carefully. There is no excuse for shooting around a corner on two wheels and the man who drives in this fashion is more dangerous than the man who drives at 45 miles an hour on a boulevard."

Miss Frances Anderson, 178 Myrtle street, entertained at luncheon at her home last Thursday afternoon. The guests included Madame Ada Goedecke, Mrs. Homer Cotton, Miss Mary Louise Cotton, and Mrs. Herbert Lloyd Zipf.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bowers and their sister, Miss Gladys Madsen, 554 Orchard lane, left last week for a several weeks' motor trip to Land o'Lakes, in northern Wisconsin. They stopped off to visit friends at several points of interest.

The Misses Pope of Evanston experienced equestriennes and daughters of Herbert Pope, whose attractive new home in the Indian Hill district is about completed, have been coming to Winnetka to follow the hounds, and are seen on the bride paths daily.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Barker of Orchard lane, are leaving this week-end for Chippewa Falls, Wis., to visit Mrs. Barker's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Hurd. Mr. Barker will return in a few days, while Mrs. Barker will make her stay about two weeks long.

Business Men Boosters for Boy Scout Campers

Many acres are being added this summer to Boy Scout camps through the co-operation of business men's clubs. The Kiwanis clubs have purchased several choice sites; Rotary camps, provided by Rotary International, are a feature with many local councils; The Lions International are greatly interested in Boy Scout camps. James E. West, chief Scout executive, was recently made an honorary life member of the Lions as a tribute to his services to boyhood throughout the world. The American Legion posts are sending leaders and raising funds to help Boy Scout camps.

Some 3,500 separate camps are conducted by Boy Scouts throughout the country. Only boys who are members of the Boy Scouts of America may attend, but any boy who is 12 years of age may become a scout.

IT'S ALL HIS OWN

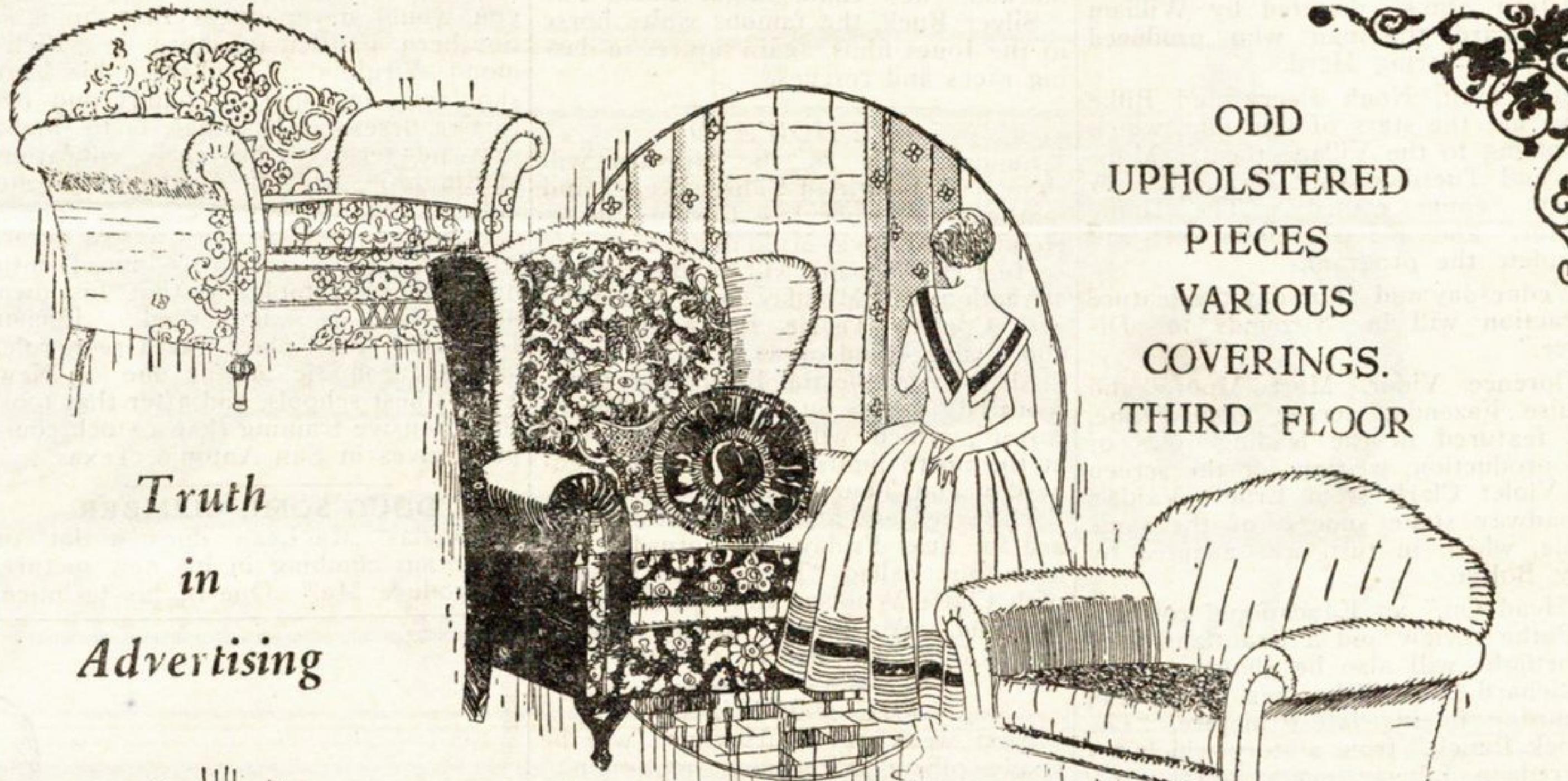
In answer to several inquiries as to the unusual pompadour hair cut worn by Lionel Barrymore in his latest Chadwick picture, "A Man of Iron" it is stated that no wig was worn. Mr. Barrymore patterned the character after a famous steel man and even trained his own hair to correspond with the personality he portrays in the picture.

To secure the iron foundry scenes for the latest Chadwick picture "A Man of Iron", Lionel Barrymore and the principal players spent several days in the large plant of the Otis Elevator Company. The realism thus given to these particular scenes could not possibly be duplicated inside a studio.

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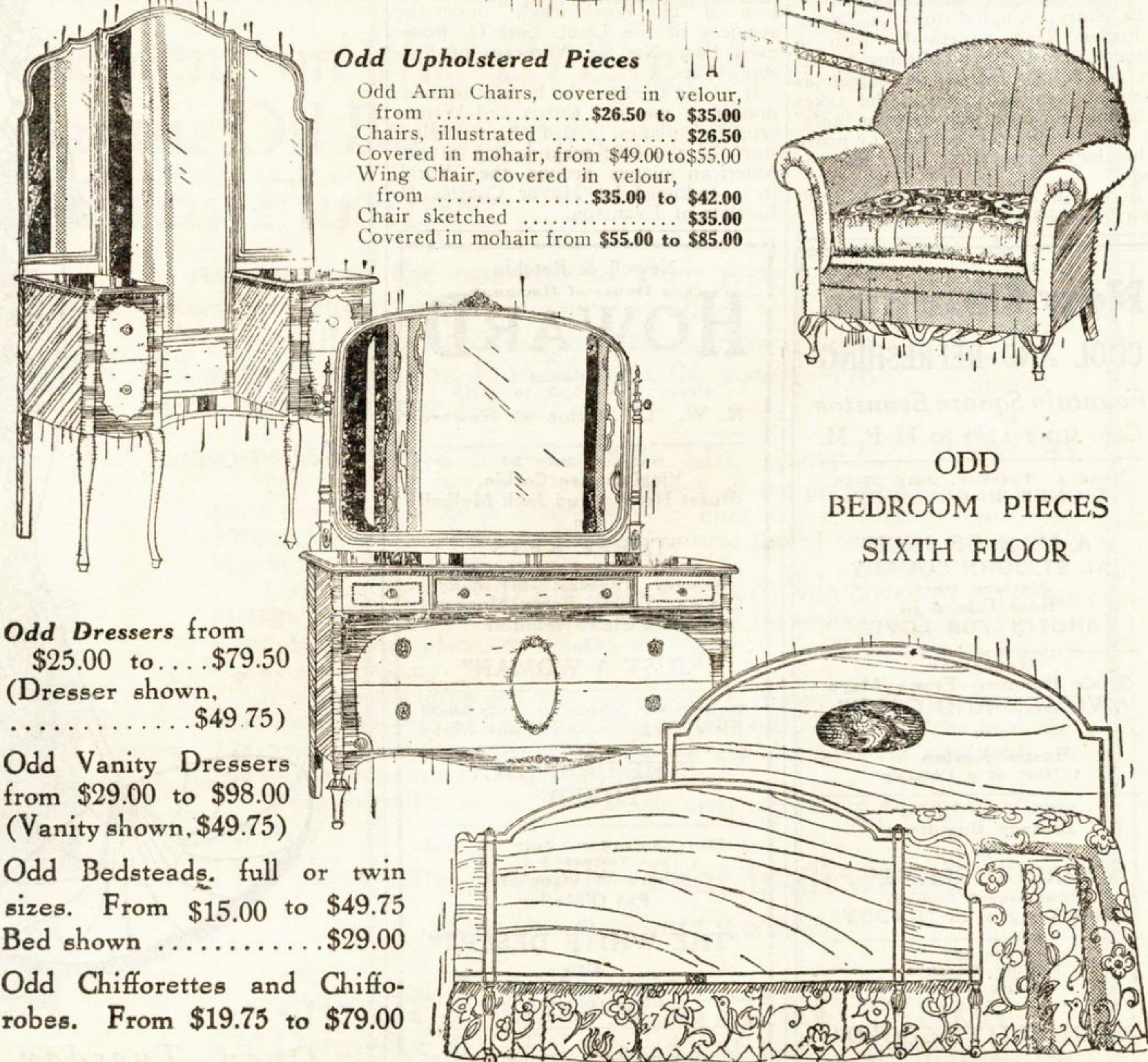
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