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LOVE and MARRIED LIFE by the noted author Idah McGione Gibson

WHERE FRIENDSHIP CEASES

"What is this key for?" he asked, and I saw that he was curiously fingering my keys which he had found on the table.

"It's the key to my safety deposit box."

"Well, I thought I needed one down here. Mother, you know, left me some pieces of jewelry that are rather valuable."

"But you know, Katherine, I have a safety deposit box at my bank. I could take your jewelry up there. You won't be wearing it now for a while. It seems such a waste of money to have two safety deposit boxes."

"John, why do you find fault with me for every bit of money that I spend without consulting you?"

"I don't," he answered in surprise.

"Yes, you do. I have never spent a cent since we were married that you haven't found some fault with it. It is true I have spent very little money because I have had very little to spend. In some way you have managed to leave me entirely without cash. I was very happy when I found that I had this money from the oil wells, and the main reason I did not ask you to manage them for me was because I knew that if I did I would have to go back to the old regime of never having a cent in my pocket. Even now you have managed to use almost all of the money that I had from my mother and from these wells, and when I found I probably would have no more I decided I would keep what little I had."

In a Safety Vault

"So after giving me a power of attorney," he said with an ugly look, "you took the remaining deposit you had in the bank and put it in a safety vault, did you? You act as though you were married to a thief."

"Don't be so disagreeable, John. Charles told me you would probably have no more need for money in the oil business."

"I'll thank Goodwin to mind his own business," the meddling fool!"

"It seems to me, John, that he meddled to your advantage, as you tell me he used his own money to pay up the bills of the business and the money that you drew from the bank and which you gave me in the way of a loan were going to be used in my business to make a payment on the house."

"Well, the house is yours, isn't it?"

"I believe you did write me you were making me a present of it."

"What time does your next train go?"

"I'm getting so tired of your nagging that I think I will get out and go to the station instead of waiting for a later train. Of course, if you want me to lose the money I have already paid on the house, you can keep your old money, but I should think you would have enough interest in my affairs to help me out on the next payment."

Making Much Money.

"I would do this gladly, John, if I really thought you needed it. But I do not think so. If you have been making a great deal of money in your business, I know there never has been so much advertising as there is now and you have gotten your share of it. I have also learned, unhappily, that because of some queer little bias in your mind you cannot bear to see me have a cent of money, consequently you are very anxious to get what little money I have left and pay it on this house. I'll give you the credit that perhaps it isn't the mere dollars that influence you, but a feeling that you should be given entire charge of our financial arrangements."

"This has become perfectly intolerable to me," I went on, "consequently I realize that my only hope, not only of happiness, but even content, would lie in the accumulation of a little income of my own."

John looked at me queerly. For the first time in my life I was positively afraid of him. He said nothing, however. He simply picked up his grips and left the room. A moment afterwards I heard the front door slam and knew that he had gone to the station.

What Good Does It Do?

"What good does it do?" I said to myself rather dramatically as I faced my reflection in the long mirror.

"What good does it do?" I repeated, "to make yourself pretty for a man who has no respect for you whatever; to whom you are nothing but a toy for him to play with and who tries of you very quickly if by any possibility you do not respond to his slightest change of mood?"

Right here something snapped in my heart and the tension and hurt that had been mine for many months was over. I realized I did not particularly care what John thought of me, and I also realized that I was very glad that John had gone. I was almost ready to wish he would always stay away. As the thought came to me my breath stopped and I realized that I was not quite ready to let him pass out of my life entirely.

Tomorrow---Some Modern Ideas.

"What's the matter, Miss Kath-

Trim and Puritanical

I looked at Hannah in surprise. I hadn't dreamed that she held such ideas on the marriage question. She was so prim and puritanical, and I knew she had been my mother's friend as well as servant for the last forty years. I expected to hear from her the most mid-Victorian ideas and here she was giving me a taste of the radicalism of the most modern feminist.

"Do you really think, Hannah," I said, "that this woman has solved the problem of how to be happy though married?"

"Why, I'm sure, honey. Why do you ask me that? The only people I've ever seen at close range that were married were your own dear father and mother and they were very happy, but you know your father was an invalid and he was so dependent on your mother that the affection between them was more that of mother and child than husband and wife. But certainly, either you are in an unfortunate circle of friends, my dear Katherine, or the modern marriage leaves much to be desired in the way of happiness."

"Well, you see, Hannah, it's because women are in a state of transition. We are trying to emerge from that condition of 'belonging,' that was the condition of the wife of other days, and we have not quite realized that we want to be considered something more than a possession. I think that makes all the trouble. The reason father and mother were so happy was because he never did consider mother a possession."

"Don't Cry, Honey"

"Well, don't cry, honey. I believe if I were married to a man---I looked at Hannah's gaunt form and wrinkled face and smiled to myself, for you see that I, too, had the old idea that a woman must be prepossessing to hold her husband's love---"what would you do if you were married to a man who thought you must be 'dolled up' all the time?" I interrupted.

Told in Twilight

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Rev. Principal and Mrs. Alfred Gandier, Toronto, will sail from Montreal on Saturday, going on to Switzerland, where Principal Gandier will attend the International Missionary Conference toward the end of the month.

Dean Starr was in Toronto this week for the festivities at Trinity College.

Prof. Iva Martin, of the Royal Military College, attended Toronto University convocation. He is one of

guest of her aunt, Miss de St. Remy, Portsmouth, left on Thursday for Toronto, where she will spend a week en route to London, Ont., to spend the summer.

Mrs. Balfour Mudge came up from Gananoque on Wednesday and spent the day with Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Winnett, Bagot street.

Mrs. Varum Daroud and children, Salt Lake City, Utah, were expected to arrive to-day to spend the summer with her father, H. Tandy and Miss Lettie Tandy, at their attractive summer house on Wolfe Island.

Prof. Clifford Clark, Centre street, has returned from New York.

Mrs. A. Willeford Jackson, who made so many friends in Kingston during her visit at "Bishop's Court," is now at Sterrington, on the English coast, with her mother, Mrs. Sheilford Bidwell.

Dr. and Mrs. I. G. Bogart, Miss Thelma Bogart, Wellington street, and Mrs. Allen, returned early in the week from New York, where they had a delightful visit.

Mrs. George Graham and little son motored down from Belleville last Saturday and spent a few days with Major and Mrs. James Hamilton, Brock street. They returned to Belleville on Thursday.

Ernest Madrand will leave for Montreal on Sunday to spend his vacation, the guest of his brother, Henry Madrand.

James Gordon, of Toronto, is visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. W. A. Geddes and Mrs. A. McEachern, who have been visiting Mrs. Isaac Allan, 98 Victoria street, left Friday evening, for their home at Mississippi station.

The Rev. E. and Mrs. Scammell announce the engagement of their daughter, Mildred Gwendolyn, to Mr. Oliver A. Bardwick, eldest son of Mr. Oliver W. Bardwick, of Montreal. The marriage will take place late in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore announce the engagement of their daughter, Gladys Irene, to C. Montgomery Fawcett, Wolfe Island, the marriage to take place quietly in June.



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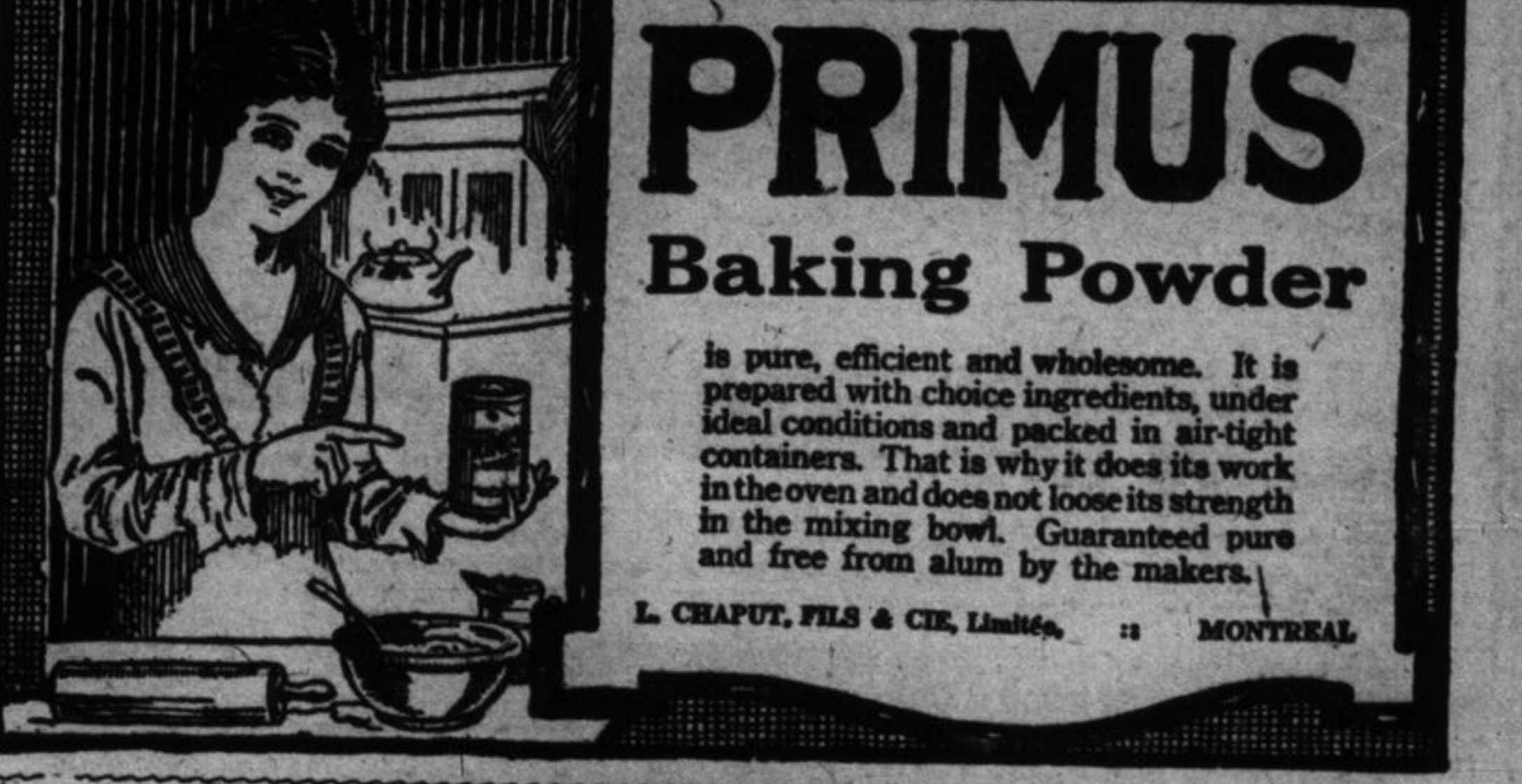


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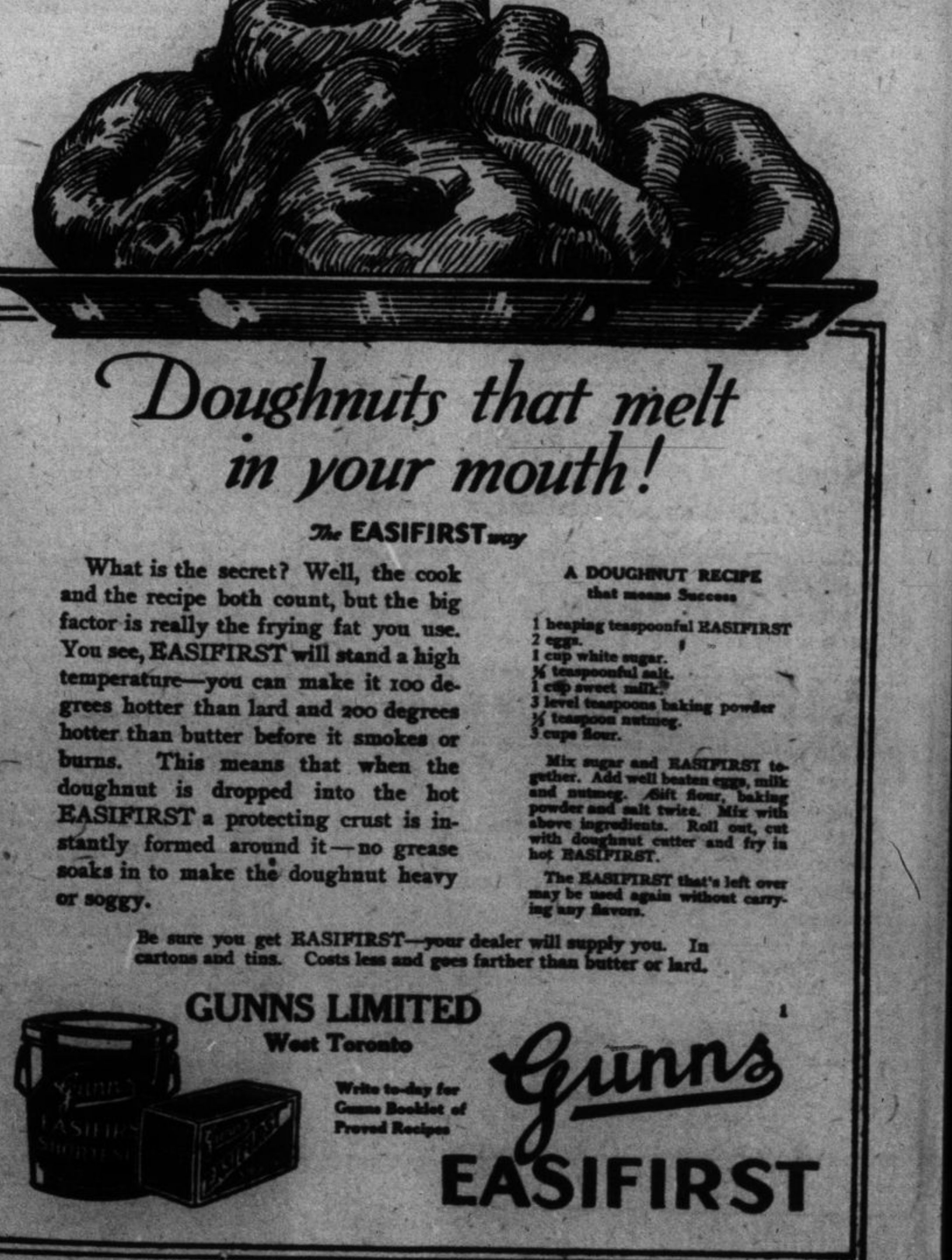
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