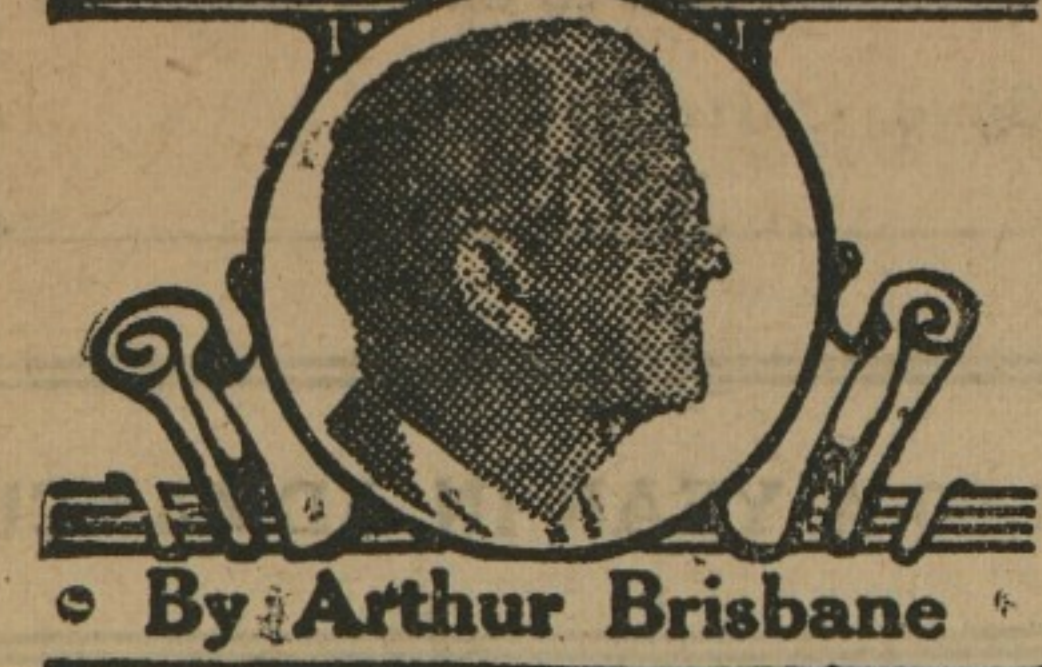


This Week



By Arthur Brisbane
**AMERICAN LEGION LEADS WAY.
MAN'S ACHIEVEMENT.
LIGHTNING RODS WORK.
THE BABY'S EARS.**

The American Legion in Paris last week adopted the report of its National Defense Committee, demanding establishment of a national air force as a separate department, with an "Air Force Secretary" in the Cabinet. Common sense.

The man that had employed a coachman got a chauffeur when the automobile came in. Intelligent nations will add to the Secretary of War and Secretary of the Navy a SECRETARY OF THE AIR, now that flying machines have come.

The National Machine Tool Builders' Exposition in Cleveland, recently was a concentrated demonstration of industrial genius and of the tools that have built prosperity and civilization.

Man differs from all other animals in that he is a tool-using creature.

Animals work with their bodies, the beaver with teeth and broad tail, the woodpecker with his beak, the mud wasp with her sting, putting stung caterpillars in cold storage for her unborn children.

Man with his brain, creates tools OUTSIDE of his body, then he harnesses the ox, horse, elephant, Niagara Falls, and the lightning to work those tools.

Cleveland's exhibition contained 100 carloads of machinery sent from eighty cities by 180 companies. There were machines that will turn thirteen inch guns, others measure a light wave, a million waves or so to the inch.

Lightning struck a barn in Virginia, killed four persons, and two mules, paralyzed a dog and stunned two men. Modern lightning rods properly installed would have prevented that disaster.

Modern protection against lightning is included in the recent White House alteration. All around the balustrade above the White House roof, sharp, short, copper points stand at close intervals, connected by a copper cable, the whole system being connected with the earth, also by copper conductors, buried deep enough in the ground to reach perpetual moisture.

Such lightning rods give real protection. Insurance companies recognize that in lower rates for factories thus protected. Old fashioned, badly installed, cheap lightning rod construction is worthless or even dangerous.

Mrs. Smith had a baby in a Cleveland hospital. She and her husband said it was a boy, when they gave her a girl baby to nurse. The father says: "They can keep that girl, so far as I am concerned, unless they prove it is mine." Something of a prejudice against girl babies in that, perhaps.

One proof offered is that the girl baby's ears are exactly like those of the mother. That is most important. Human ears and the "Darwinian tubercle" that sometimes goes with them are often inherited from generation to generation, and prove heredity at a glance.

Anyhow, ANY girl baby will repay richly any one that takes care of her.

Young William B. Leeds, son of the "Tin Plate King," started his Fokker three-motored engine flying machine for Chicago last week with six passengers and a relief pilot, he, Leeds, running the machine. They were to stop at Cleveland, then on to Chicago. Young men with money can promote flying in this day as W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and other young men with money promoted motoring twenty-five years ago.

In Little Rollo's day a good boy would stoop to pick up a pin. The rich, observant banker would notice him, employ him, marry him to his daughter, leave him his fortune. Economy was the watchword.

Modern James McStowe, of Canton, Ohio, says it's an exploded watchword. In Chicago he picked up a dime from the floor and as he stooped some one stole his pocket-book with \$800. His motto reads: "Look after your \$800, and the dimes will look after themselves."

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LESS COTTON AND CORN SIGNIFICANT

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Increased farm buying power certainly means larger sales of merchandise in the agricultural districts, and especially by mail order houses. Building in agricultural districts will also receive a material stimulation. But less cotton and less corn mean higher prices for cotton goods and pork products; also higher beef and poultry products.

It is only fair to ask whether it can be true that in eating up three million or more bales of cotton, the weevil has conferred a general benefit on the country.

Would the benefit have been greater if they had eaten six million bales? In recent years of bountiful crops, economic writers point to them as evidence and promise of prosperity.

APPLES COMPLETING GOOD CANNING SEASON

Canning season is drawing to a fairly successful conclusion. The packing of apples—a large pack—will complete the work except for some minor products. Canned vegetables, except tomatoes and peas, seem at the moment to be in a strong position in the wholesale market. Canners are well sold up. Higher prices may come.

Undoubtedly the activity of big grocers—especially the chain store people—is helping to induce the A-

merican public to eat more and more canned food. The canning business in various sections of the country has assumed much larger proportions, while farmers in almost any section of the country are finding canning profitable.

FARMERS FINDING FINANCING DIFFICULT

Although the present season will put more money into the pockets of many farmers and farming communities, it is still difficult for large numbers of farmers to finance themselves compared to individuals working in other business.

This situation will some day change. The time will come when the farmer planning a small business in a certain food product which necessarily requires a few years of patient waiting first, will have no difficulty in having the money advanced to him on a business-like basis.

In the meantime, the best thing that the average farmer can do is to prepare himself so as to lend ample confidence to the banker as to his ability, just as any other business man must do before he can obtain money for a new venture. This requires study, experience and other qualities.

WHY INDUSTRIAL LEADERS WATCH CROPS

Leading business men in cities throughout the country are watching and commenting upon the situation of the farmer. It is a mistake for any farmer to feel that this business

is belittled. The crop situation has a bearing on the future activity of most industries, because the farmer buys approximately 30 per cent, of all the manufactured products produced.

When good crops are marketable at profitable prices, farmers buy freely, and there is generally a good demand for most manufactured goods.

When crops are poor and prices are low compared with the prices of the things the farmer buys, he curtails his purchasing, and the effect is immediately felt in the manufacturing industries.

LOOKING BACKWARDS TO WAR PERIOD

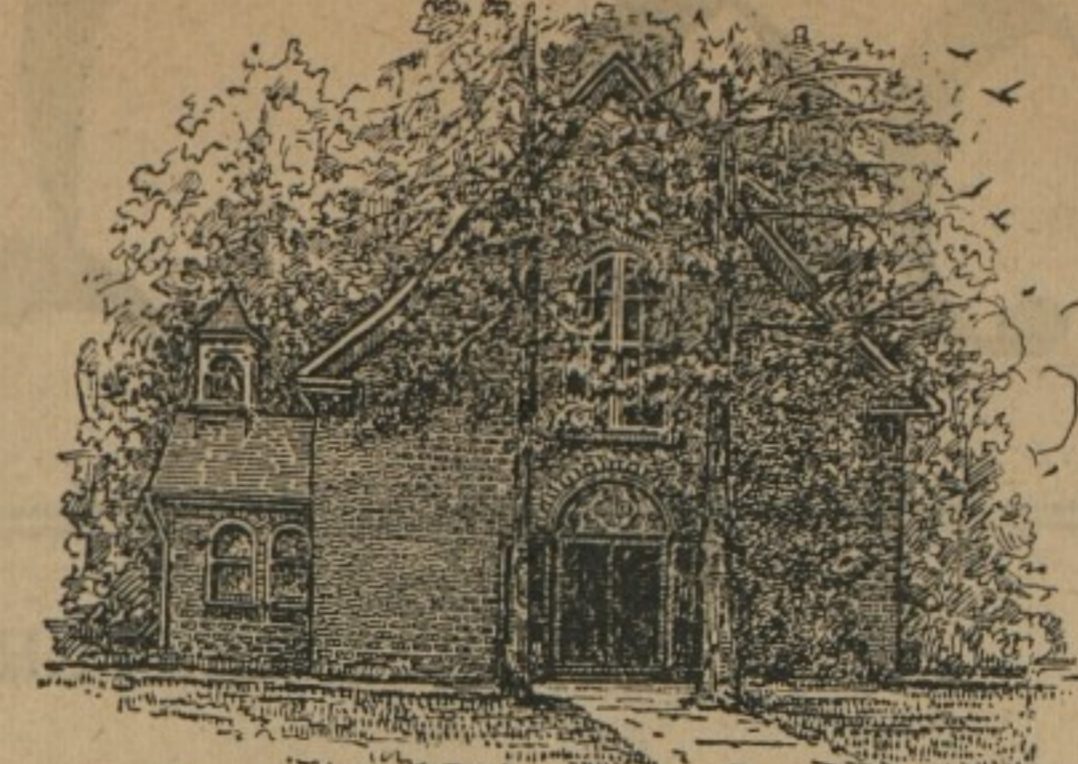
The American Legion, at this writing, is in France—looking backwards to the days of the War. Many of the boys came from the farming districts of our great country. Let us look backwards for a moment to the days of the War from the farmer's viewpoint.

Great as was the price advance in industrial products during the War period, 1916 through 1918, the rise in farm products was greater.

On the basis of war demand farming was extended to lands upon which the costs of production were higher than could prove profitable under normal conditions.

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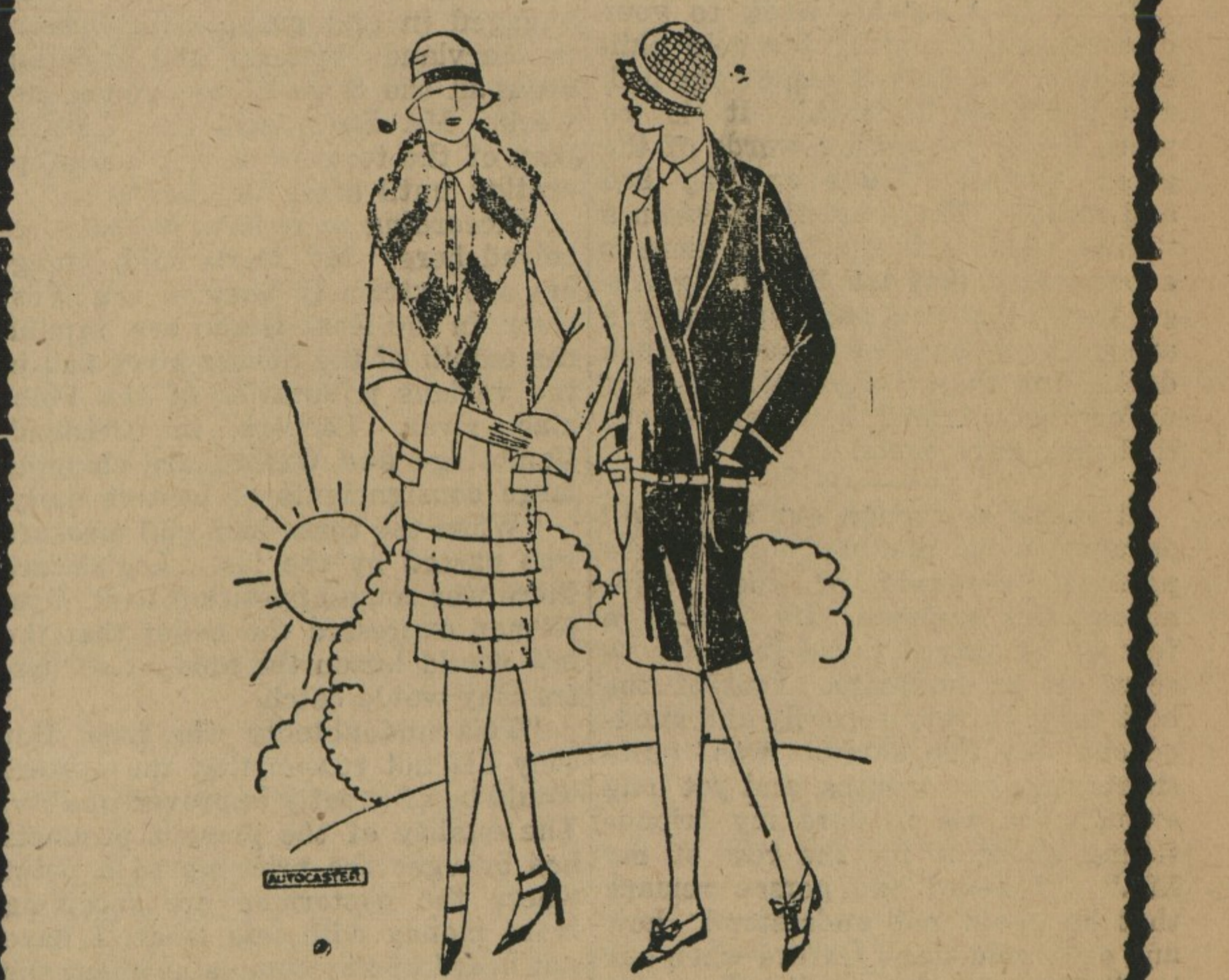
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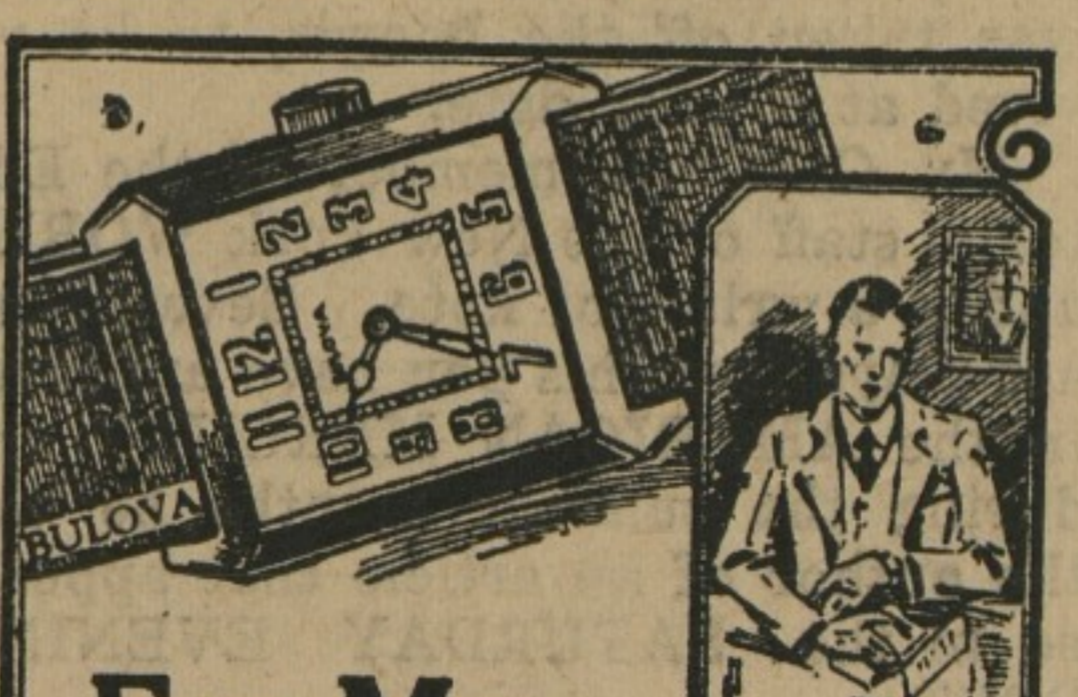
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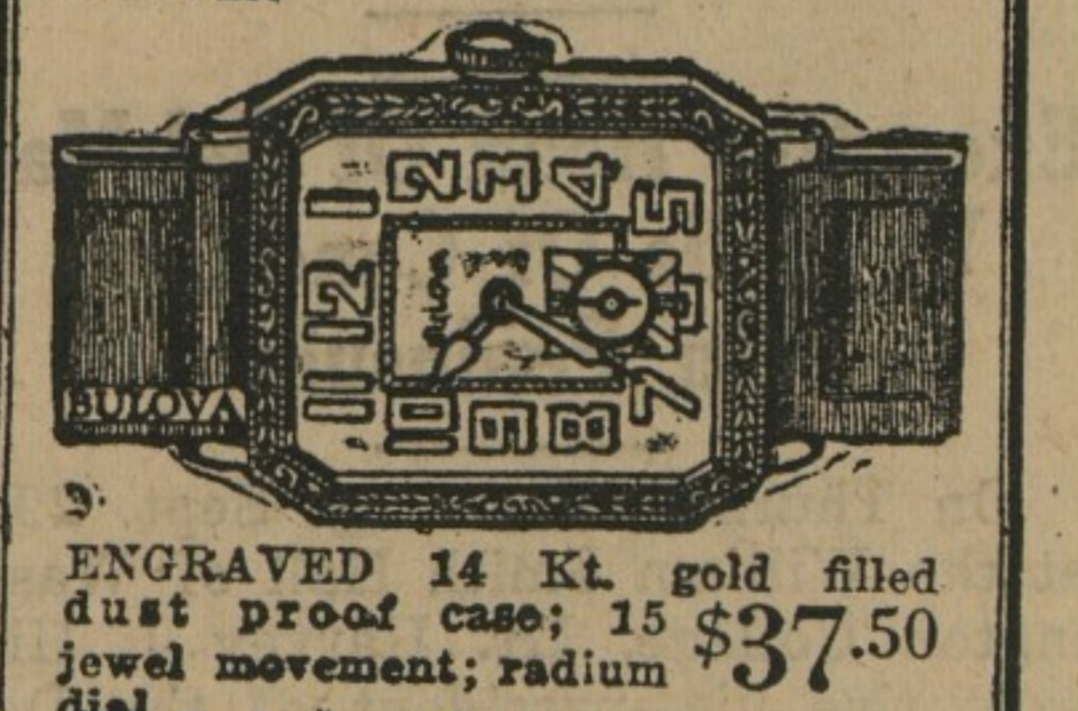
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Dear Miss Flo:
I am a girl twenty-two years old, very much in love with a gay, fun-loving, jolly young man. Life sits rather lightly on his shoulders. His motto is: "Let's have a good time while we have the money; we'll sit out of the dance when we haven't any." Now, that's a philosophy that appeals greatly to me, and he makes me awfully happy. However, I do not know that he would make me a very good husband—for he may prove quite improvident. There's another man who has asked me to marry him, he is older, more serious, earns a considerable salary, and all in all, looks like the brighter matrimonial prospect. My first problem is which one I should marry—and my second problem is whether I should marry at all. You see I have always been so free that I am not sure that I can settle down and "stay" married. Won't you please advise me?

In the first place, I don't believe you are ready to marry any one. Until you are sure that you can settle down and "stay" married you would be doing any man a grave injustice to marry him. That's what wrecks so many marriages. A girl gets married and wants to go on flirting around with men and chasing out to parties instead of staying at home and making her husband comfortable.

But believe me, my dear, there isn't any tragedy in settling down. When you do it you'll feel that it's the most blessed, restful state possible, and you will be filled with a wonderful peace that's beyond all understanding. There will be no more anxiety about dates—no more striving to attract all men—no more listening to the dull conversation of a man who bores you to death—in return for an evening's outing. There will be no more exerting yourself to be peppy and entertaining and gay and joyous when you feel like doing nothing better than howling like a dog to high heaven. There will be no more having to doll up and go out every night for fear people will think you have been put upon the shelf.

And when you have your own husband and your own home you will feel that you have really gone about the business of life—that your fate is settled and that it is up to you to make a success as a responsible human being. And trust me—you will find it the thrill of your lifetime.

In the meantime don't get married until you are tired of your "good times." In mercy to some poor, innocent man, don't marry him until you have had your fling and are fed up on parties and dancing and running around. Then, when you are ready to mar-

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After careful study of the Ford car horns, Seth Abrahams says he is not sure but he thinks, a fiver's voice changes between the fifteenth and seventeenth year.

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