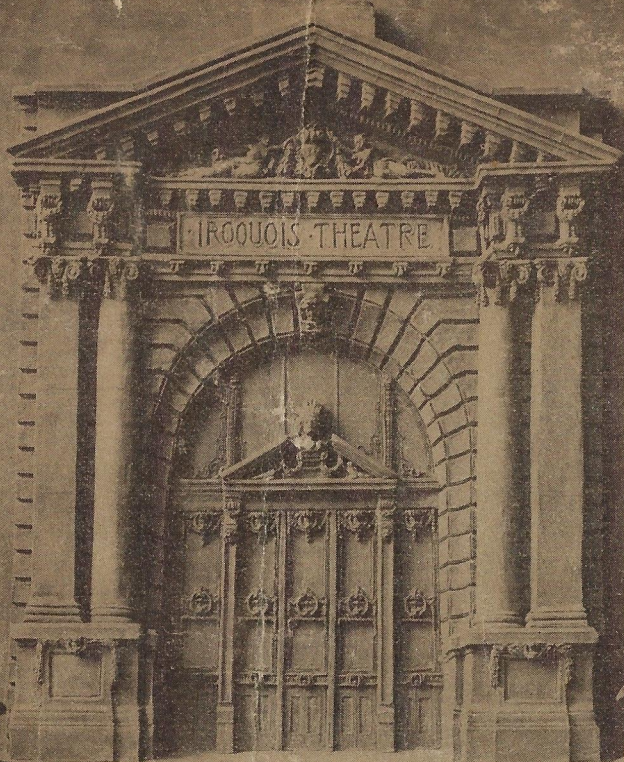
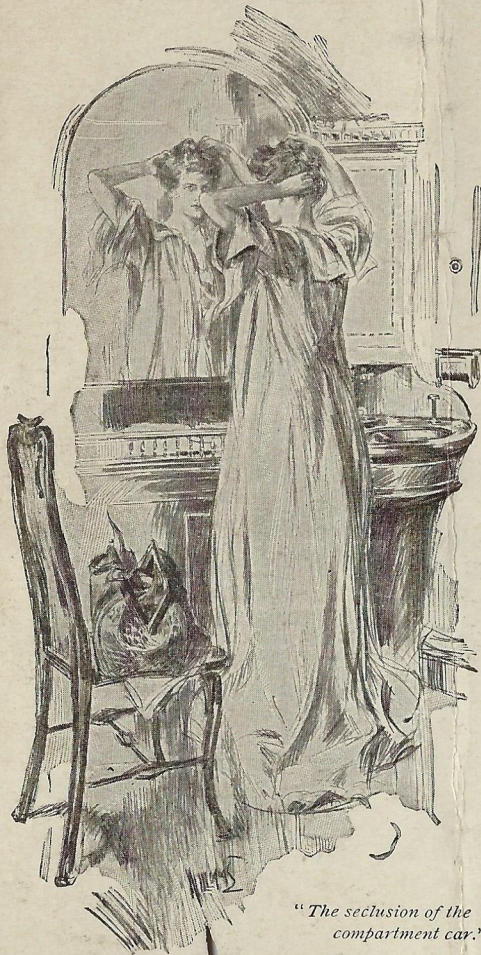




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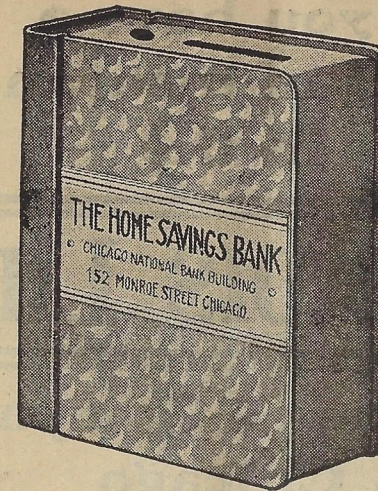
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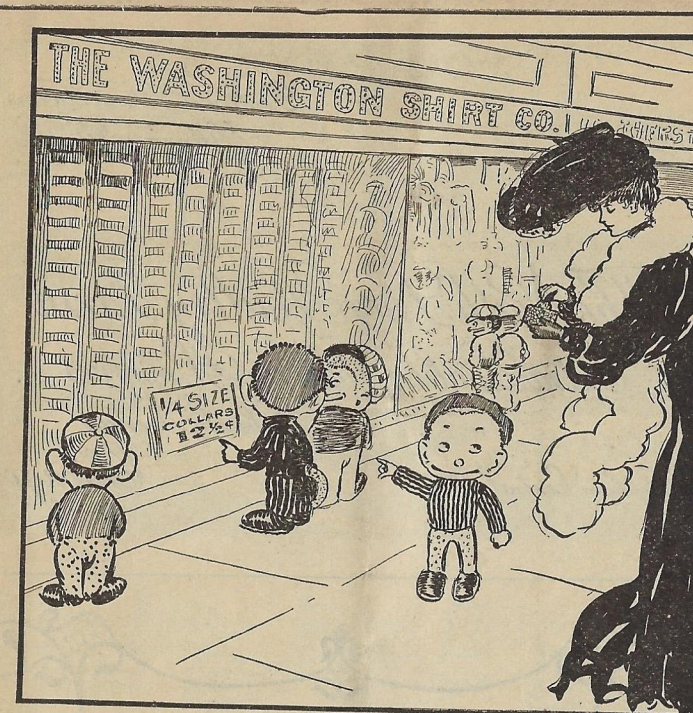
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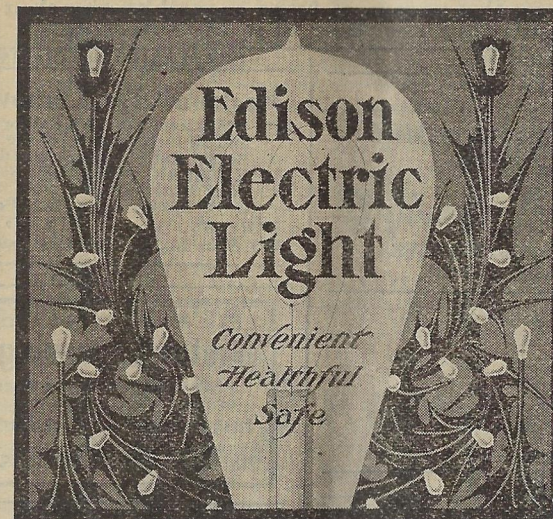
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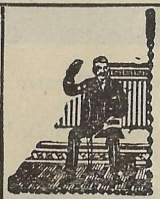
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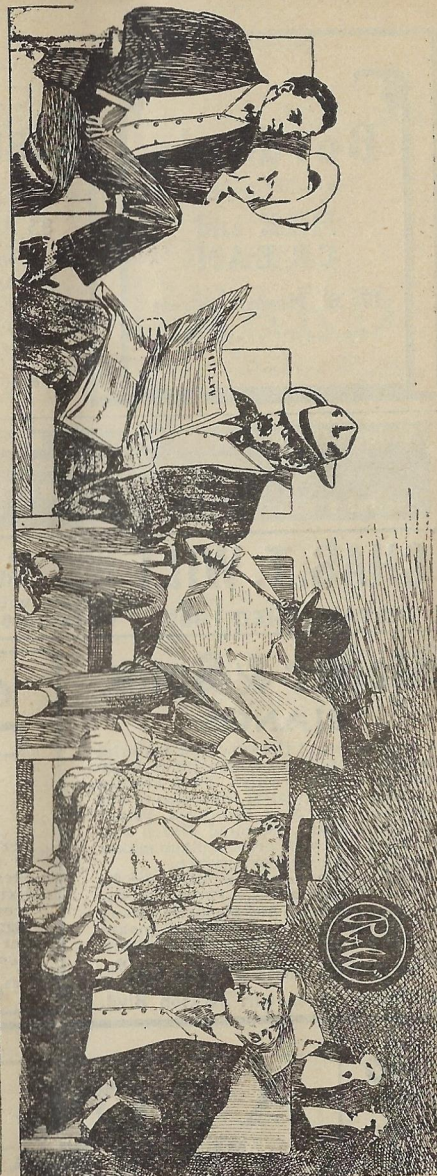
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Scene 2—On Board Blue Beard's Yacht. (Bruce Smith.)

Fatima with Selim attempts to escape from Blue Beard's yacht but is prevented. Selim jumps overboard.

Opening Chorus—"There's Nothing Like the Life we Sailors Lead."

Duet—Miss Rafter and Miss Adams.

Medley—Blue Beard.

"Beautiful World it Would Be." (Harry Von Tilzer.) Harry Gilfoil.

"I'm a Poor Unhappy Maid." (Jerome and Schwartz.)

Finale—"He's Gone."

Scene 3—The Isle of Ferns. (H. Emden.)

Fairy Queen appears to Selim, promises him her aid and the Power of the Magic Fan to reunite him to his loved one, and to protect them from evil.

Scene 4—The Land of Ferns. (H. Emden.)

Ballet of Ferns—Procession and waving of the Magic Fan, by the Fairies and Grand Corps de Ballet.

ACT II.

Scene 1—The Castle Terrace and Garden. (McCleery.)

Fatima believes Selim dead and agrees to marry Blue Beard. She gets the key to the castle from Blue Beard, who enjoins her not to open the Blue Chamber.

Opening Chorus—"Day light is Dawning."

"Songbirds of Melody Lane," Beatrice Liddell, Elsie Romaine and chorus. (Edwards and Bryan.)

"Beer that Made Milwaukee Famous." (Harry Gilfoil.) Bonnie Maginn and Pony Ballet.

Sister Anne and the Pet Elephant.

"In the Pale Moonlight." (Jerome and Woodward.)

"Ma Honey." (Hoffman.) Bonnie Maginn and chorus.

Scene 2—Chamber of Curiosities. (McCleery.)

Conquered by curiosity Fatima opens the Blue Chamber and discovers Blue Beard's awful secret. Blue Beard's wives discovered.

Scene 3—Home of the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe. (E. Albert.)

The disobedient children.

Song—"Wake Up Mammy," Maude Nugent.

Song—"Mother Eve." (Schwartz.) Eddie Foy, Pony Ballet and chorus.

Scene 4—Hall in Blue Beard's Palace. (E. Albert.)

Dancing Specialty by Frank Young and Bessie De Voie. Music by C Herbert Kerr.

Scene 5—Triumph of the Magic Fan. (H. Emden.)

Tableau 1—The Land of Palms. Tableau 4—Japan.

Tableau 2—Egypt.

Tableau 5—Parisian Rose Garden.

Tableau 3—India.

Tableau 6—Spanish Rose Garden.

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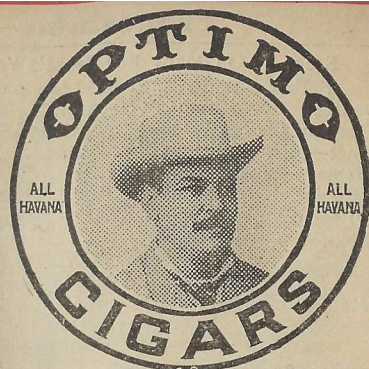
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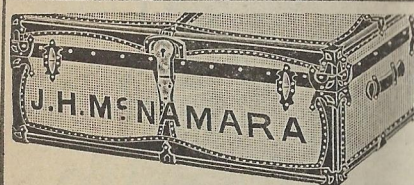
ACT III.

Scene 1—Hall of Pleasure in Blue Beard's Palace. (E. Albert.)
Scenes of revelry in Blue Beard's absence.
Opening Chorus—"Let Us Be Jolly As Long As We Can."
"Spooney Mooney Night." (Gus Edwards.) Bonnie Maginn and chorus.
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Scene 2—Below the Ramparts. (Hicks & Brooks.)

Blue Beard gives Fatima one hour in which to accept his offer of marriage
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Scene 3—The Fairy Palace. (Bruce Smith.)

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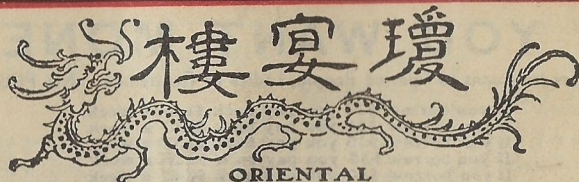
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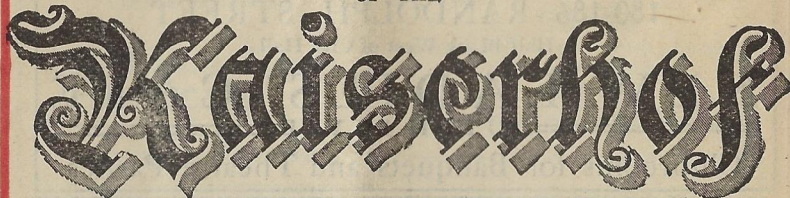
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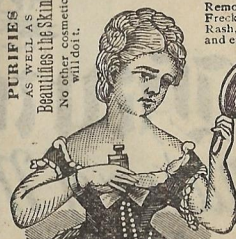
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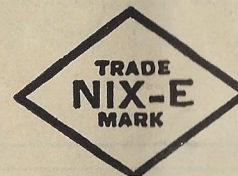
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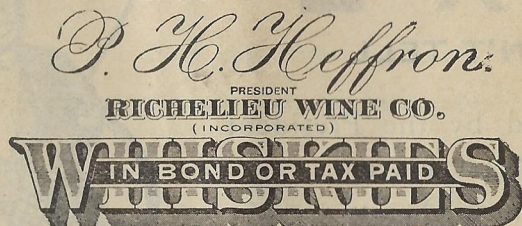
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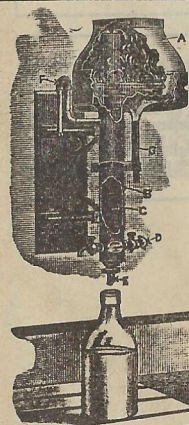
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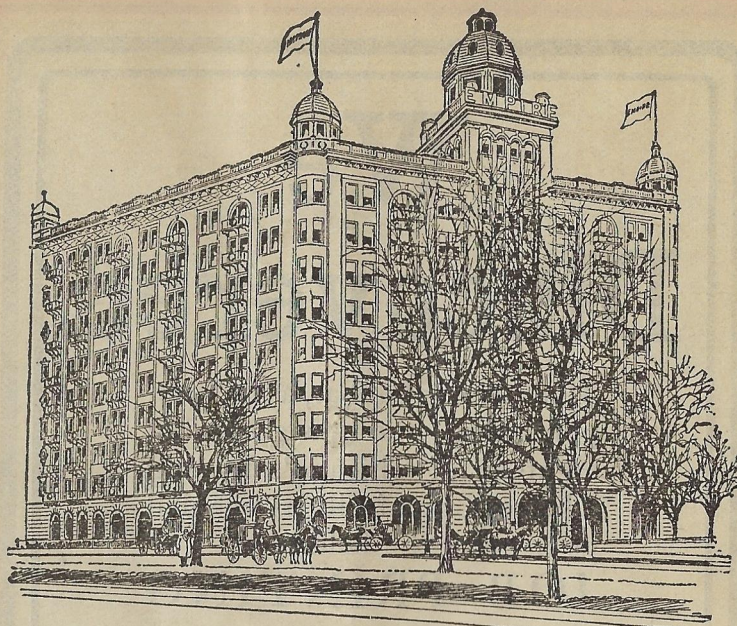
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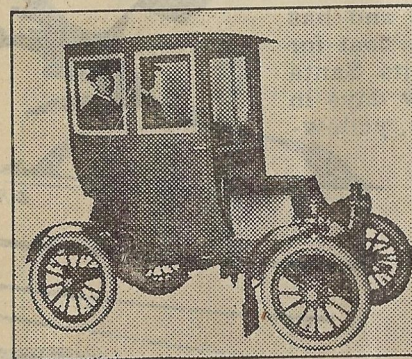
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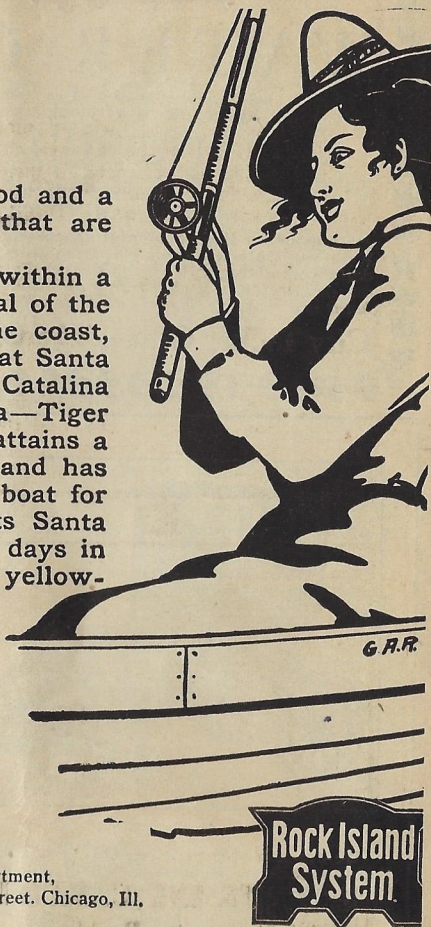
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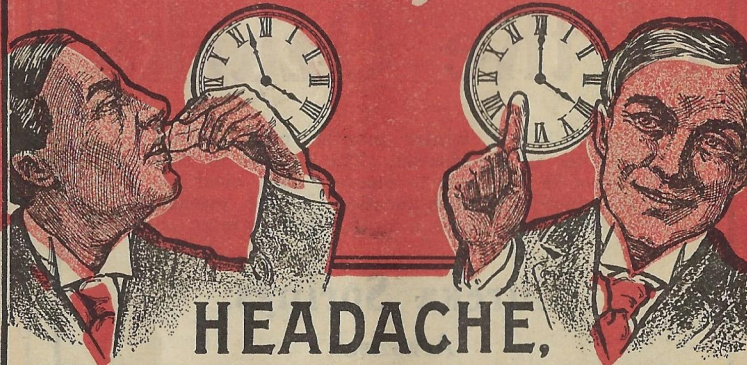
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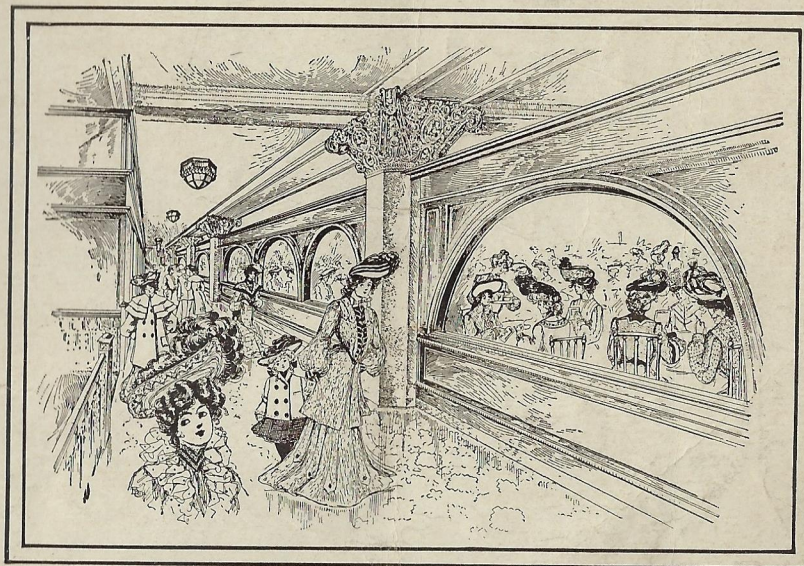
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