

HOUSE AND HOME TOPICS

LITTLE SERMONS TO BE READ IN THE EASY CHAIR.

Health Requires Cleanliness—The Practical Application of the Term in Living and Sleeping Rooms—The Proper Way for Girls to Sit.

Exquisite cleanliness in sleeping apartments and living rooms is certainly conducive if not essential to health.

A place of residence may be filthy where there is no visible pile of dirt. Carpets loaded with dust and saturated with grease, neglected draperies that harbor miscellaneous germs of disease, upholstered furniture, greasy outside and dirty inside, old wall papers, smoky and grimy, if not worse, are sources of danger as much to be suspected and feared as garbage cans or refuse heaps.

The room occupied by a family as a sitting room and those occupied by sick or ailing persons, says the New York World, should really be without a carpet, or if there is one it should be so laid that it could be taken up every week and cleaned and aired.

Sweeping a carpeted room with a broom certainly removes much dirt from the floor, but what is not swept up is scattered through the air, making every breath inhaled unwholesome. After the dust settles the room is usually "dusted," which means practically whipping the deposit from one piece of furniture to another with a feather duster.

Few people have any idea of the exquisite neatness that children and delicate women require. What robust, active people in health put up with for a night or a day at a time is very deleterious to the weaker persons who occupy the house with the dusty furniture, the smoky lamp and chimney, the steaming kettles and pots, or the blotter and silks, etc., cleaned but once a day even in the best of houses.

THE WAY TO SIT.

Our Grandmother's Straight Backed Chair is the Best One.

When our grandmothers were girls and straight-backed chairs instead of cushioned divans were the usual resting places, the young women held themselves with a straightness that was almost stiffness.

A prominent physician says that the proper sitting position requires that the spine shall be kept straight and that the support needed for the upper part shall be felt in the right place. Therefore, it is necessary to sit as far back in the chair as possible, so that the lower end of the spine shall be braced against the back of the seat.

The feet should rest squarely upon the floor; the hands should rest lightly in the lap, and thus perfect equilibrium and rest is secured.

Once in a while it is a good thing to place the arms behind the back, giving as it does, the fullest expansion to the upper part of the body.

A Theorist Who Failed.

There recently died in New Jersey at the age of 73 a theorist who had spent all his fortune, which at one time was considerable, and all his life in a vain attempt to solve the problem of extracting the silver which lies in solution in the sea from the salt water which holds it.

A Tribute to Gladstone's Eloquence.

For a good speech Mr. Chamberlain or Mr. Balfour may make, Mr. Gladstone makes 20. He is versed in every mood and method of debate. He has the temperament and the equipment of a great orator, though Mr. Hayward made a good point when he wrote the words, "a shade more imagination."

ART THAT WILL WASH.

A Chinese Colorist's Works on Exhibition in the Sandwich Islands.

A Chinese artist came here on the last Oriental steamer, and has been selling some queer things in red, green and yellow to his admiring countrymen.

One picture that he showed a reporter last night was said to represent a garden party, though it needed some assurance at first to dispel the idea that it was a catastrophe at sea.

A series of small paintings told a romantic story very dear to the Chinese heart. The hero of the pictorial tale was the strongest man in the empire, having become an athlete under the teaching of his wife, who was a female Samson.

Then twenty years go by, and another war ensues. Two armies meet, and the strongest champions go forth for a preliminary combat. Behold! The man and wife are sent against each other, and the artist rises to the occasion.

The visiting knight of the brush uses pigments that will wash, and he says that one of his pictures can go through a Chinese laundry without the loss of the natural blue tint on a maiden's cheek or of the delicate bronze flush of an opening flower or leaf.

DR. SMITH AND THE SNOWBALL.

A Story of a Frank Once Played Upon a Distinguished Colleague.

Appropos of the late Sir William Smith, the London Christian World tells a story of a famous prank once played upon him during his professorship at New College. He was not to be joked with, as a rule, but on this occasion he was fairly "had" by an audacious student.

Can't Hypnotize the Camera.

Two young men of Boston, while on a journey through India last summer, witnessed an exhibition by a fakir in a small village outside Calcutta.

The two Bostonians had cameras with them, and took numerous snap shots of the exhibition in its various stages. They intended to write an article upon the subject for a magazine and illustrate it direct from photographs.

A Novel 'Bus.

A trial has been made of an electricaly-lighted electric bus with pneumatic tube silent wheels and ball bearings, and it is said that it will soon appear on the streets of London.

NAKED IN AN OPEN BOAT.

The Terrible Experience of Three Sailors on a Wrecked Spanish Bark.

Naked, famishing for food and water, and almost roasted by the tropical sun, three Spanish sailors were on Oct. 15 rescued from a small boat in mid-ocean and landed recently at this port from the schooner Henry Lippitt.

The men are Pedro Nagloles, Antonio Crimer and Logio Peres, and they formed part of the crew of the Spanish bark Juan J. Murga, which, on Sept. 1, sailed from Mobile with a cargo of slaves for Seville, Spain.

Finally they were able to tell that they had sailed from Mobile under Capt. Linaires, in time to catch the early October hurricane. Their vessel was soon thrown on her beam ends and became a hopeless wreck.

The Juan J. Murga had a crew of nineteen men. Four were picked up by the steamer Lampasas and landed at Galveston. They were also naked and famishing. Nothing has been heard of the other twelve, and they are probably lost.

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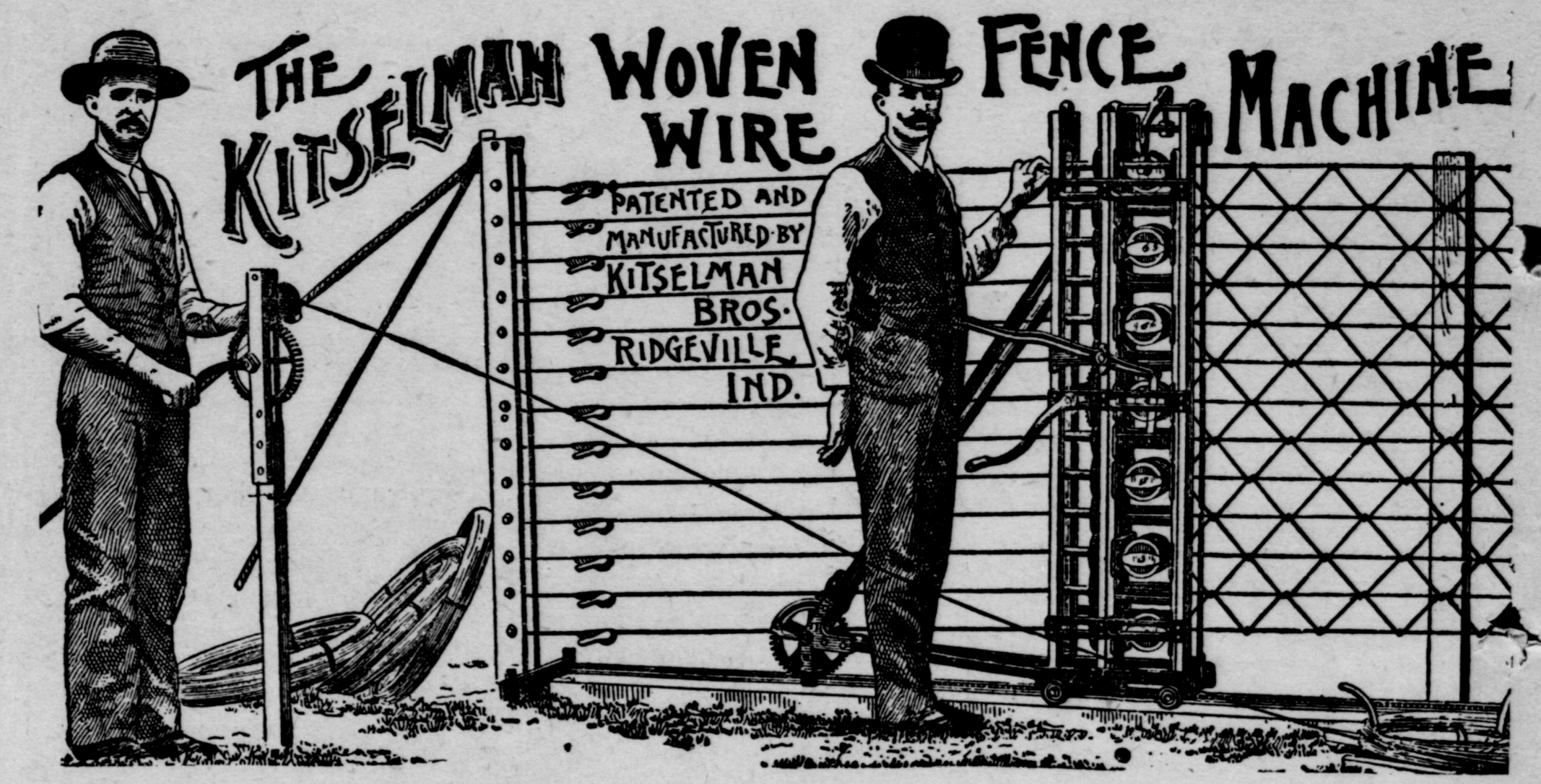
The death of Mr. Henry Farnham, who was for many years station master at Takely, one of the village stations on the Great Eastern Railway Company's Witham, Braintree and Bishop's Stortford branch line, recalls an amusing incident in which the Prince of Wales played a leading part.

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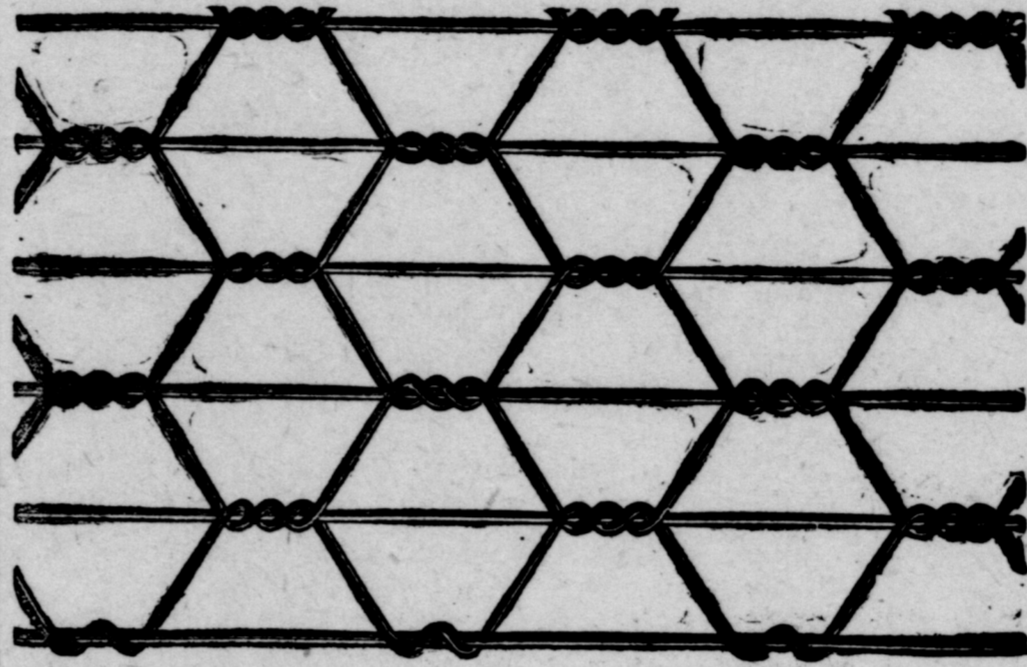


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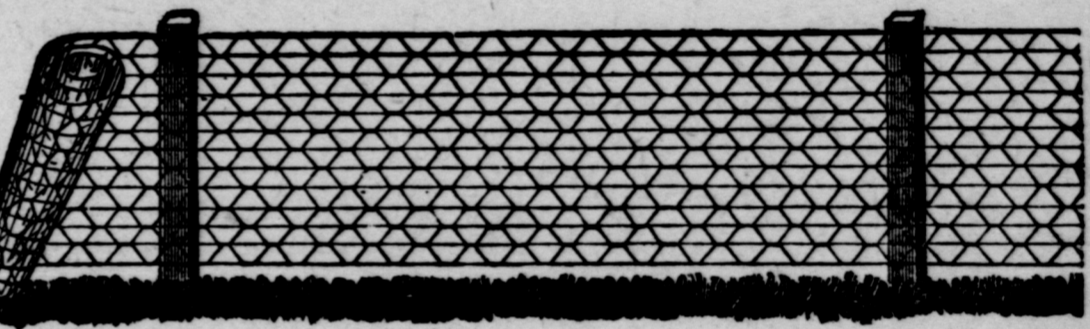
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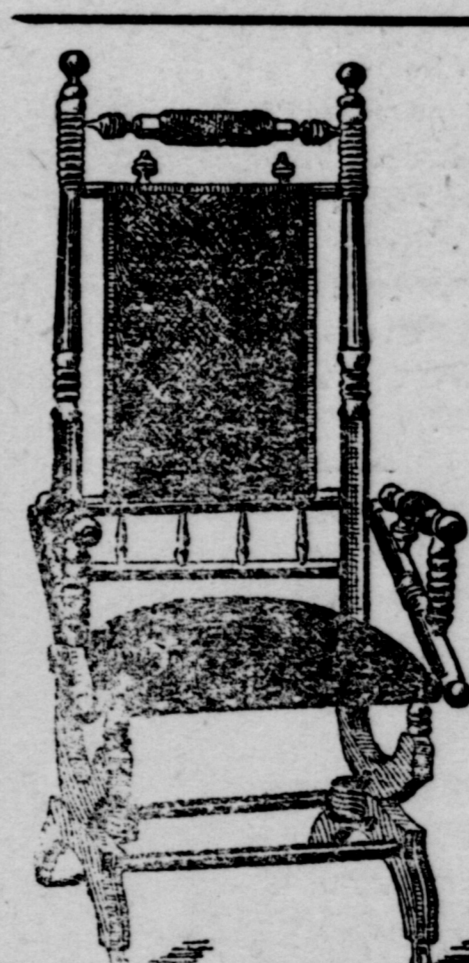
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