

**Bedbugs**

They Grow Them Man  
Size in Texas, Hoosier Boys Are Told.

THE whine of the shells, the rat-a-tat-tat of the machine guns, the acrid smell of gas, the shouts and screams and moans of men—they all come back to you when you read these stories of the World war, as told by Indianapolis veterans of the conflict.

They're coming in fast, these tales of drama, pathos and pure unadulterated fun, as the vets dust off their memories and put down their experiences on paper in The Times contest.

A first prize of \$10 is offered for the best story of the week and a prize of \$5 for the second best. The Times will print all that space will permit, so hustle yours in. The first week's contest ends tomorrow night, then we'll take a fresh start Monday, for the second set of prizes.

Here's today's opener, where a braggart wouldn't down. It's told by Thomas C. Shepherd, Route C, Nashville, Ind., who was with Company L, Sixtieth infantry:

WHEN I was in training there was a certain buddy from Texas who was always bragging and talking about the great things they had there. He said if Texas was on hinges and was raised and laid down south it would cover South America, and if it was turned over and laid up north it would cover the United States and Canada.

He bragged and talked so much that he became a burden to his buddies. He kept them awake at night talking about his home state. The boys got tired of him talking and bragging so much about Texas so that they got some land turtles. When he was out fooling around the camp one evening, they put them in his bed and fixed the cover over them so he couldn't see them until he was ready for bed.

It wasn't long until he told the boys he was ready to go to bed. When he threw the covers back, he saw the turtles and he turned around and said, "Boys, what do you call those things?"

One of the buddies said that they were bedbugs that his aunt had sent him from Indiana so he could show the boys what big bedbugs they had in the Hoosier state.

The Texas boy looked straight at them for a while and then he said, "Boys, they must be young bedbugs, for they are nothing compared to the size of the bedbugs we have down in Texas."

Arthur Ullman, 1402 Montcalm street, Thirty-third service company, signal corps, put some romance in his offering:

MONSIEUR HENRI BECQ was the proprietor of the "Wilame Tell" where the tallest glass of beer in town could be obtained for two sous, and he had two daughters—Yvonne and Helene—which, of course, is nothing unusual in France. The unusual thing was that these two pretty daughters, partly of their own accord and under the watchful eye of Papa Becq, would not "date up" the soldiers Americans.

Sergeants Verigan and Rinehart had spent beaucoup francs and many hours in vain conquest of the comely sisters. Steven and I took mental note.

"singular," says Steve, "the brains and talent the caption can find to make noncoms out of. There's old Sam Verigan who ran an elevator in Chicago, and Rareback Rinehart was a brakeman. Both of 'em been in uniform for years. They been tryin' to get Yvonne and Helene out for three months. Let's show 'em how it's done in exclusive circles."

"Check," says I. A pair of hip boots purloined from a huge supply dump set me jake with old man Becq. How he enjoyed his hunting, and a pair of such boots in francs would have cost a million.

Steve farmed out his services to the "Y" secretary, body and soul. How pious and devoted he was to the coffee mugs! And what comment it aroused among the heroes.

Two weeks rolled around. Every night Steve came in carrying little boxes, sometimes one, more often three or four. But on the same night he took them away again.

Sunday nights the show at the cinema changed.

Steve asks Sergeant Sam, "Goin' to the opery tonight?"

"Yes," says Sam, "I'll be seein' you."

"Us two gallant knights escorts the Becq daughters to the show tonight. Get ready," Steve tells me. I get.

Of course we steered 'em up to the row of boxes in the back where the better seats were, and incidentally, where we knew Sam and Riney would be parked.

We all got there about the same time. Sergeant Sam threw his overcoat down and stomped it. Rareback said, "I'll be damned."

When we headed for the barracks I asked Steve how he did it.

"Chewing gum," said Steve. "I gave them enough to keep their grandchildren chewing for forty years."

DIAMOND RUSH STARTS

Discovery of Jewels in Rio de Janeiro Signal for Prospectors.

By United Press  
RIO DE JANEIRO, March 21—Diamonds recently were discovered in the Jauru river in the state of Matto Grosso. From surrounding hamlets over three thousand would-be prospectors have rushed to the locality and are now busily engaged in the business of trying to find the lucky stones.

**IMITATED 'CRUSOE'**

Woman Lived on Island 20 Years Alone, Claim.

By Science Service  
SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 21.

The story of a woman "Robinson Crusoe," who lived alone on an island for twenty long years, is told by Dr. Roy L. Moodie, who has

been delving into the records of old native life in this region in his study of prehistoric diseases in America.

The feminine Crusoe had been a member of a small group of Indians which lived on San Nicolas Island, off the California coast, about one hundred years ago. The Spanish fathers persuaded the group to leave their lonely island and find better protection at the Santa Barbara mission. But this woman refused to leave.

All alone, she demonstrated her

self-sufficiency in the world by making her home of whale ribs and brush, and by living off the abundant fish, abalones, birds, seals and some plant products. She made her clothing of bird skins. When at last she was brought to the mission she died within six weeks.

The island possesses many relics of aboriginal life, but none so romantic as the record of the lost woman, Dr. Moodie said.

The tarpon of Florida can cover eighty miles an hour.

**MANNERS IMPROVED**

Maitre d' Hotel Compares Present With Nineties.

By Times Special  
NEW YORK, March 21.—If there is one man in this town who has had the opportunity to study New York society at its worst and best for a half century, he is Jerome.

The island possesses many relics of aboriginal life, but none so romantic as the record of the lost woman, Dr. Moodie said.

The tarpon of Florida can cover eighty miles an hour.

maître d'hotel of the famous Sherry's since 1887.

And Jerome will tell you that society has better manners in this supposedly free and unconventional age than in that era of rigid social decorum, the nineties. Particularly the women, and most particularly the girls, are more poised, more considerate, says Jerome.

"Nowadays they never cause the trouble that some used to back in the nineties when certain ones wouldn't be seated near this person

or that," says in an interview in the current Smart Set magazine.

"Girls today are themselves, care free and easy mannered. In the nineties each lady had her own mannerisms, so studied that often you could tell who she was just by the way she held her tea cup. And young women to-day do not complain to the waiter just for the sake of impressing other folks nearby. In the old days so much was done for effect. I like the new naturalness and informality."

**GIRLS IN 'BLIND FLIGHT'**

Sightless Passengers Enjoy Novel Sensation in Plane.

By United Press  
AUCKLAND, New Zealand, March 21.—Three blind girls, who made the first actual "blind flight" over the city, apparently enjoyed the usual sensations of an airplane ride, and were informed by the pilot as to the height, scenery, antics of the machine, and the art of handling the controls.

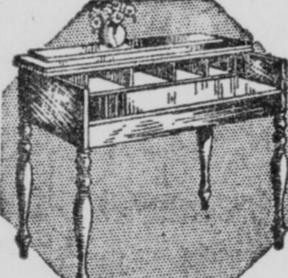
**The Newest Style Features—At a Marvelous Saving!**

\$5 Delivers It!

**Exceptional Value! Lovely 3-Piece Suite in Walnut Veneer!**

Distinctive new style of very unusual quality—fashionable, full size bed, spacious chest of drawers and your choice of vanity or dresser. There is a superb contrasting of lighter and darker tones in which the beautiful walnut veneered surfaces are finished. Very pleasing metal appointments. Large mirrors have wood backing. A wonderful value at.....

\$66

**Spinet Desks!**

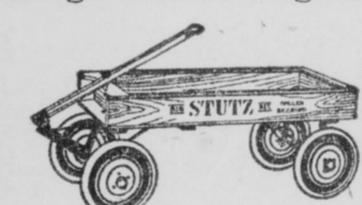
Pleasing, quiet rolling, roomy and sturdy wove spring. Rubber tired wheels—special at

3.69

Drop Side Cribs.....7.95

Charming style at a low price tomorrow. Has slide out writing surface and double folding top.....

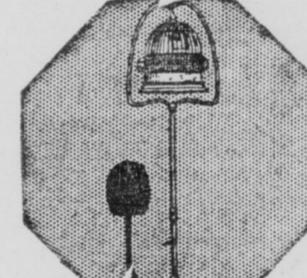
Only \$1 Down!

**Large Coaster Wagons!**

SPECIAL—Extra large size solid, sturdy, coaster wagon, ball bearing disc wheels, angle iron steering, reinforced at all strain points.....

4.95

No Telephone Orders

**Cage and Stand!**

Large cage, complete with cups, perches, etc. Screen protected, easy to clean, complete with graceful stand.....

4.89

At All Stores

**Spring Sale of Rugs!**

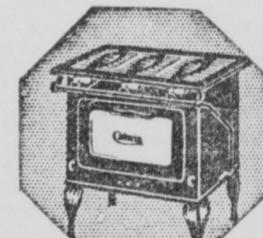
Atminster 9x12

Seamless, wear resisting, first quality Axminster rugs, in the newest patterns—Priced exceptionally low—

33.95



Domestic Orientals, 9x12.....98.50

**Neat Gas Stove!**

Gas range of fine appearance and proven efficiency—Rust proof oven—fuel saving qualities—special at—

10.69

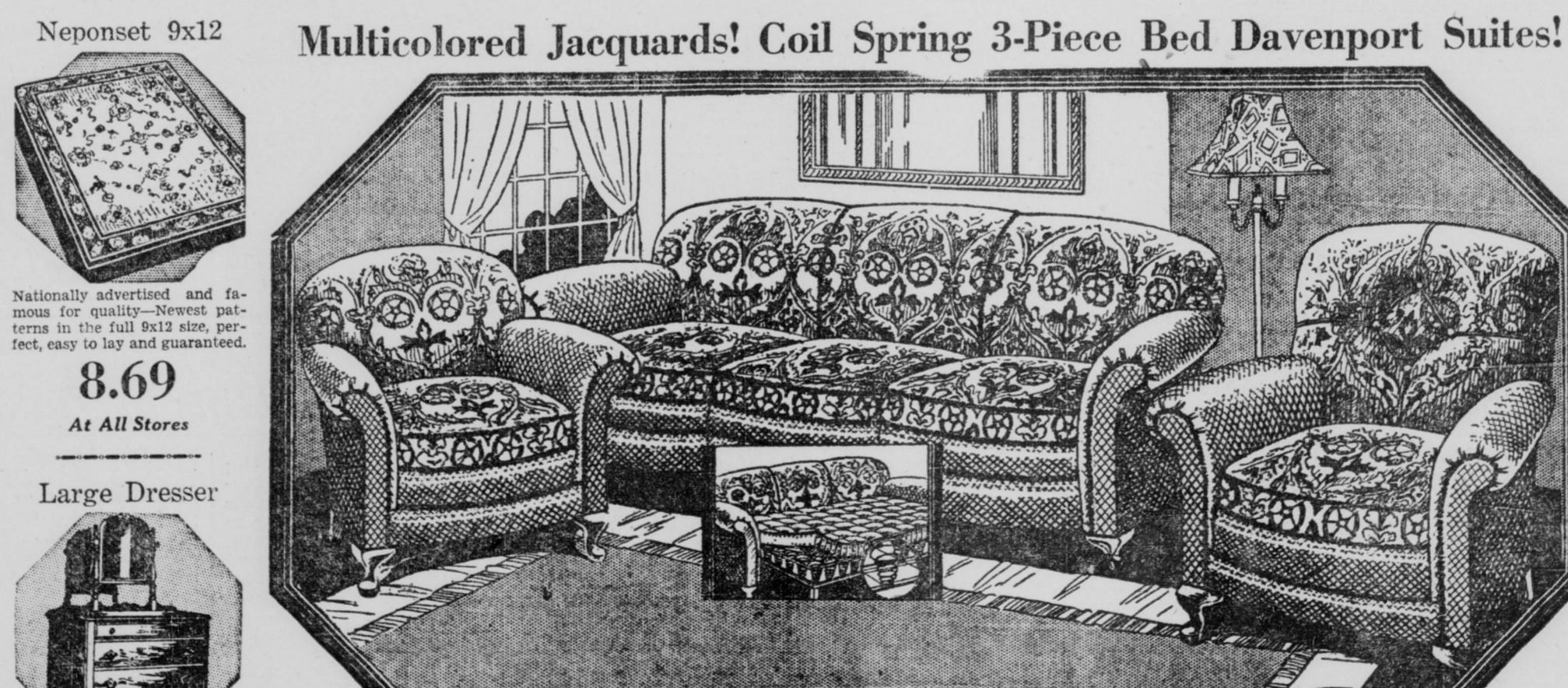
Only 50c Weekly!

**Coil Day Beds!**

Luxuriously comfortable—double coil construction—heavy rolled edge mattress—cane paneled ends—

29.75

Only \$1 Weekly!

**Multicolored Jacquards! Coil Spring 3-Piece Bed Davenport Suites!**

As comfortable, as attractive, as beautiful as a stationary living room suite; 3 pieces, custom tailored in the newest of Jacquard covers, all over, outsides, reversible cushions, davenport conceals a double size coil spring bed, bunny back and cozy arm chair—all included for only.....

Delivered for \$10 Down!

137.50

**The KIRK Stores**

INDIANA'S LARGEST FURNITURE RETAILERS

1-3 South East St.—Greenfield

22-24  
East Washington  
Street  
INDIANAPOLIS

311-313  
East Washington  
Street  
INDIANAPOLIS