

WANTS MARRIAGE LEGALIZED AFTER FORTY YEAR TANGLE

Woman Asks Legislature to
Validate Ceremony Per-
formed Many Years Ago.

BOSTON, Mass., April 29.—Mary Alice Stewart Butman of Cohasset has asked the legislature to legalize her marriage to her dead husband, with whom she had lived 40 years as man and wife.

She also asked it to validate the man's divorce from the woman who is alleged to have left him a generation ago and who recently appeared on the scene.

The story of the unusual marital tangle, in which the future of five children also is involved, was told for Mrs. Butman to the legislative committee on legal affairs by Atty. William R. Sears.

Sears said that Joseph B. Butman, a young Civil war veteran, in 1846 married Geth Hellenbach. She later left him, taking their three children along. Butman obtained divorce papers from a man who purported to be a lawyer.

In 1880, Butman and Mary Alice Stewart were married. Five children came to them. Two years ago the original Mrs. Butman put in an appearance. She brought suit for bigamy, and Butman was convicted in the Quincy court, but Dist. Atty. Katzmann, following an investigation not pressed the case. The divorce papers could not be found in the records of the court.

Butman gave the first Mrs. Butman \$1,000, and on March 1 Judge Wait of the superior court granted a decree nisi. Four days later Butman died and the divorce could not be made absolute.

The bill seeks to establish the divorce of last month, the marriage of 1880 and the legitimacy of the five children.

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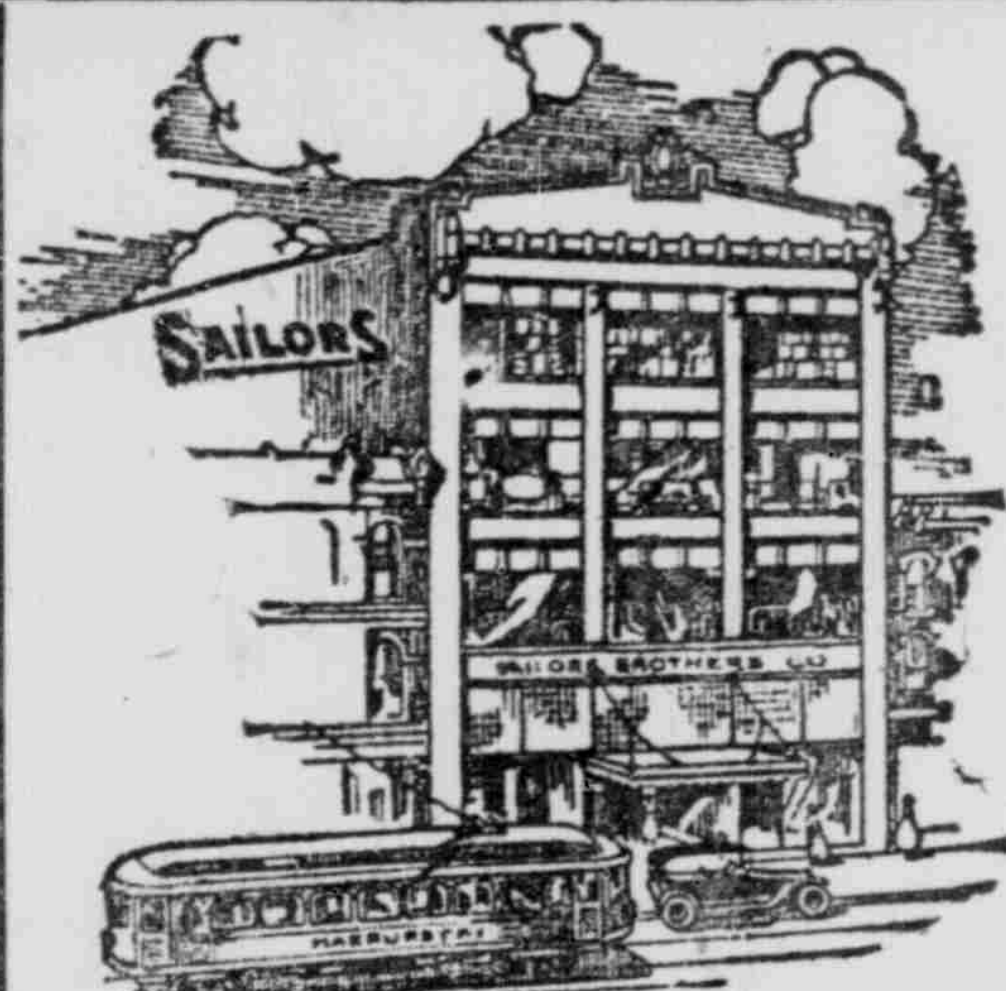
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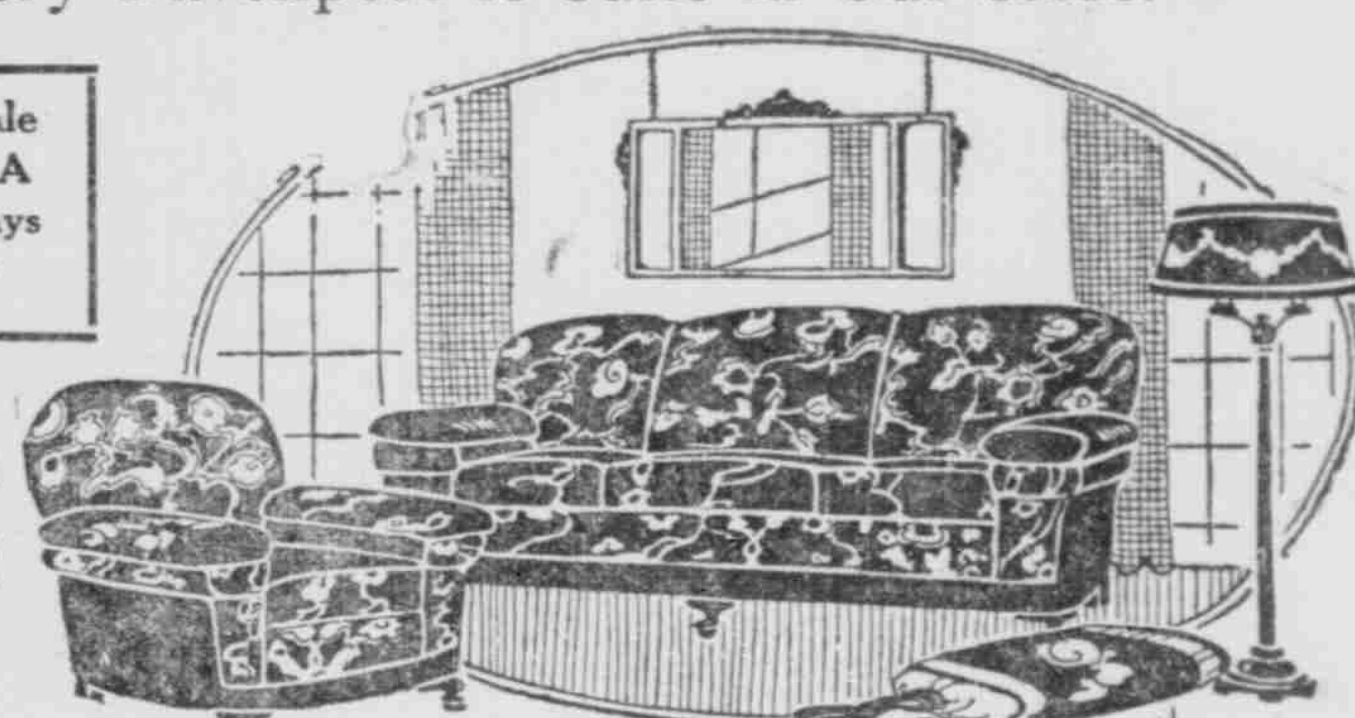
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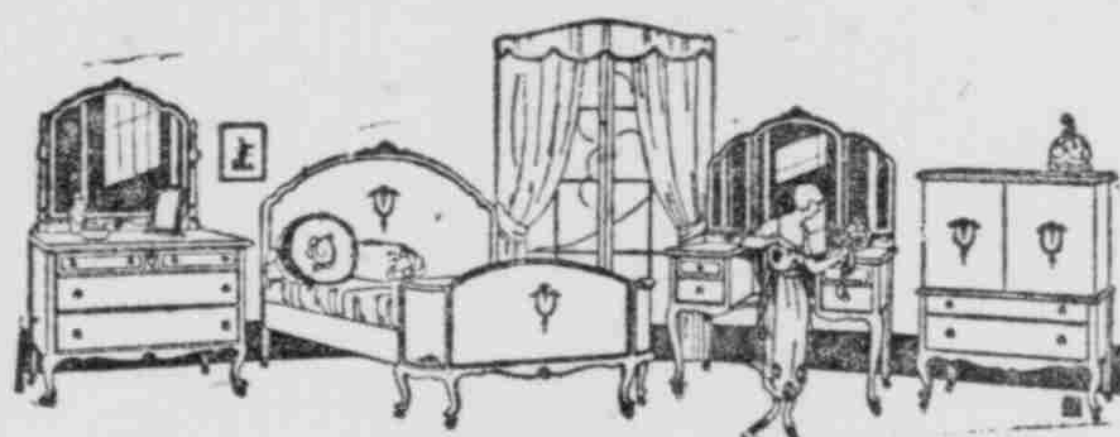
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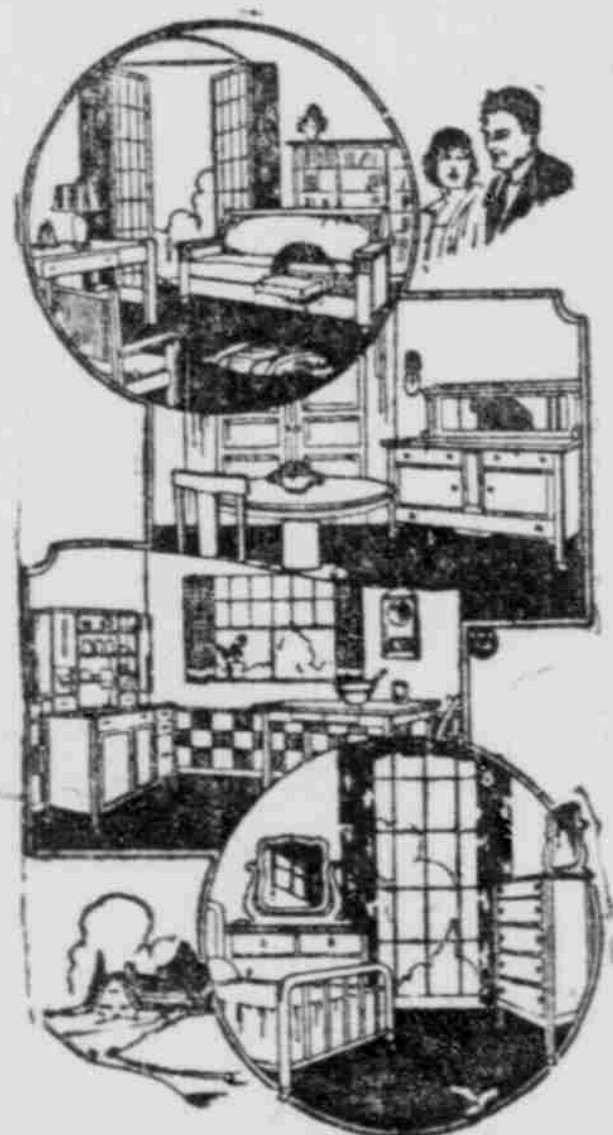
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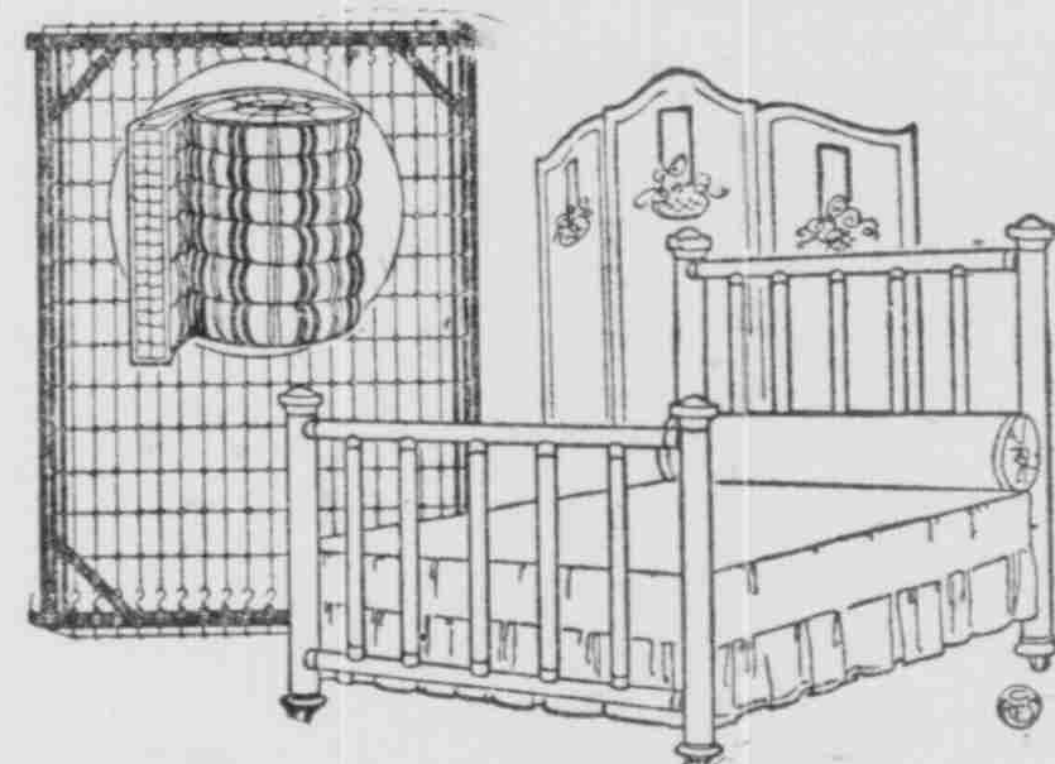
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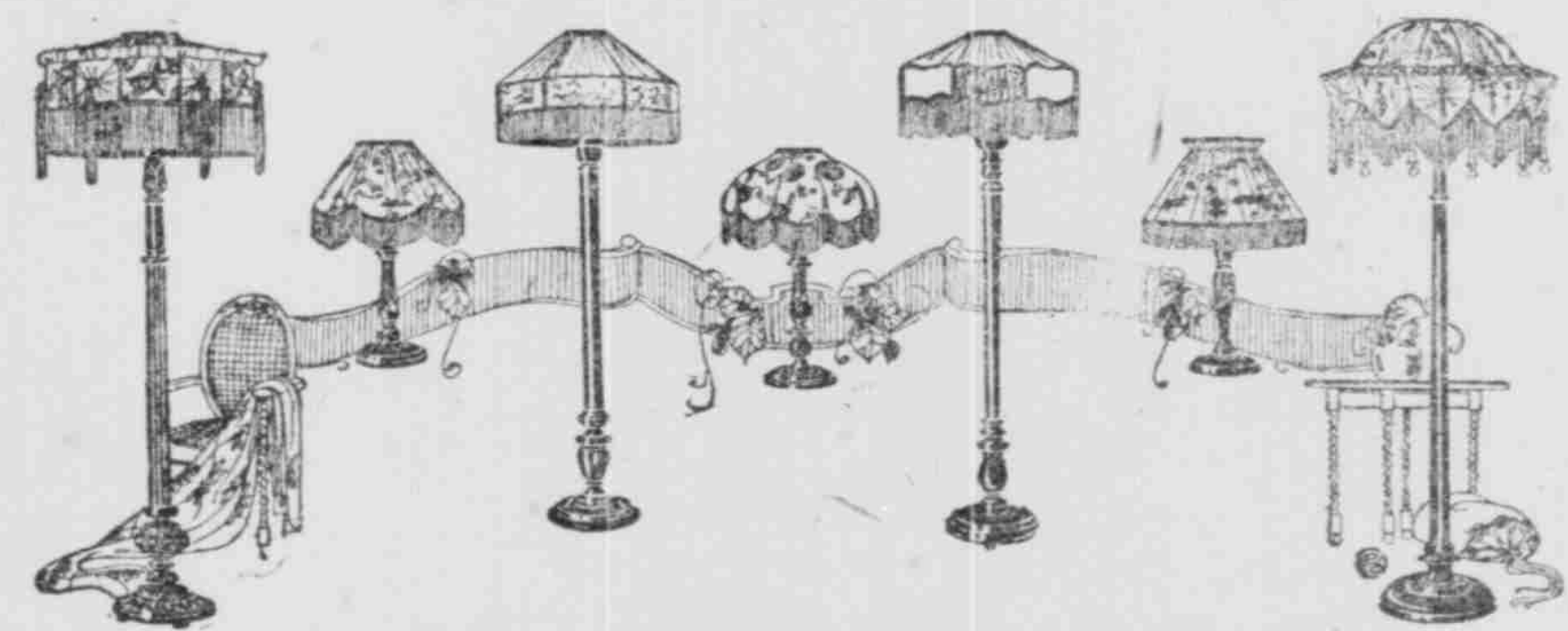


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