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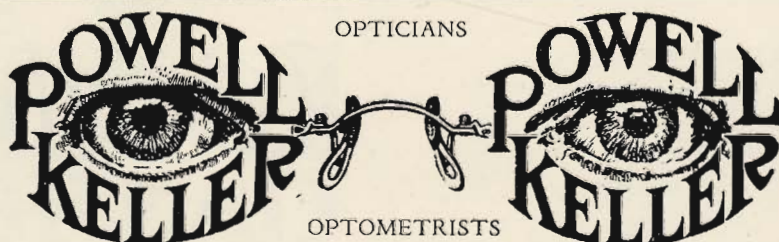
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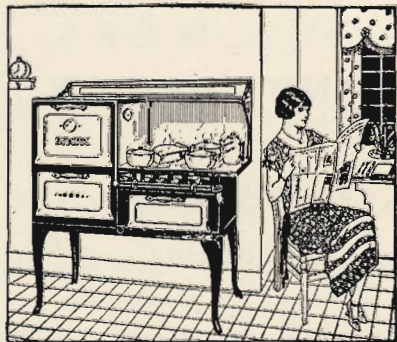
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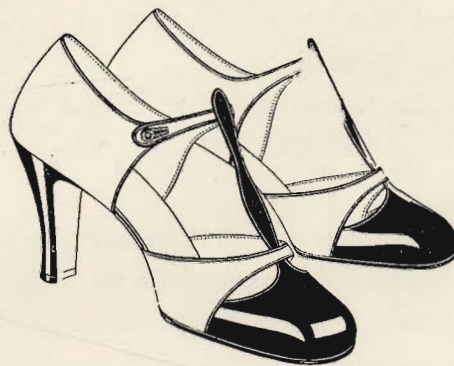
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Pete—Say, that fella's been sick a lot, hasn't he?

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Though he could not doubt the character of their regard, he felt odd and uncomfortable, so little he felt he deserved the attention they were so liberal in bestowing upon him.

He had a keen wish that he could again be in obscurity. Humble and common as were most of the people before him, high as was the position they offered him, he would gladly have stepped down and exchanged places with any man there.

He had a strong aversion to being lynched.



The lights were low; the fire was falling into glowing embers. They were seated on a long sofa before the fire. It was so romantic and cozy there . . . just they two. He gazed with a gently questioning look at her. She looked at him and sighed. Each was wondering . . . which was going after more wood.

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