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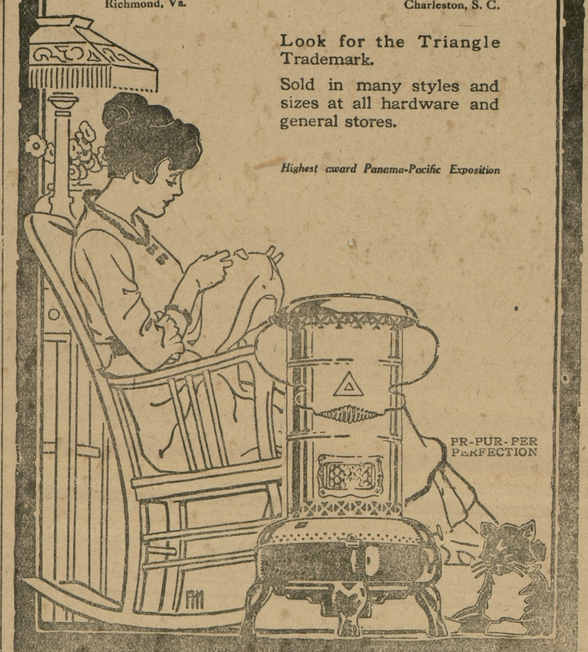

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In the Youth's companion for October 21st, 1915, the following editoral appeared under the heading:

The Old Minister

One morning not long ago, a reporter, looking over the advertisements of "Situations Wanted," found one application from a man willing to do any kind of clerical work, and another from a woman who offerred to do fine laundry work. He was struck by the fact that both advertisements bore the same address, and, being curious, he made an investigation. The man was an old minister, forced by retirement and poverty to take anything he could get and was competent to do. The woman was his aged wife.

There is little that is peculiar about the case except that it came to light. Thousand of other old ministers and their wives either suffer in silence or become dependents upon some form of more or less grudging charity. The fact, indeed, is so well-known that it would seem unnecessary to speak of it, were it not for the further fact that better conditions are coming.

One of the special occasions of the Panama-San Fransico Exposition was Church Pension Congress Day, which gave the Protestant laity the first definite information it has had about the generous plans that the churches are making for the care of their superanuated clergymen. Among other denominations, Presbyterians, Baptists, Dicisples of Christ, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Congregationalists, the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church (South) are all working, each in its own field, to raise such funds as will provide sufficient income to keep their old ministers in comfort and decency. The Methodist Episcopal Church has set its figures at $15,000 000; the Presbyterian Church at $10,000'000; the Baptist at $10,000,000; the Episcopalians at $5,000, 000; the Congregationalists at $2,000,000. All the funds together, when completed, will aggregate at least $67, 000,000.

For many years the churches have had small funds that they used for the purpose, but those funds have been pitifully inadequate. Now they are going to apply the most modern and efficient methods to increase and administer them.

It is, of course, a time-worn truism to to speak of the shamefully small average salary that most Protestant ministers get. We all know that it is less than skilled mechanics—less, often, than city hodcarriers receive; but it is not so trite to think of what we ask of them and what they give.

The relation of the minister to a man who has any religious interests at all are closer than those of anyone else outside the man's family. It is the minister who baptizes him, who joins him in marriage to the woman of his choice, who speaks such words of comfort as are possible to human beings in time of bereavement, and who commits the bodies of his dead to their everlasting rest; yet there are men who make no contribution to the minister's income except their annual pew rent, and that, divided by fifty-two, would not buy two good seats at any good theatre.

There is something sardonically humorous in calling a man a "shepperd of souls" and "pastor of his flock," and then, in his old age, turning him out to a pasture that his more worldly-minded sheep have cropped close to the ground. We are glad there is going to be a change.

Few men in Methodism are poorer than many of her retired ministers. There are, therefore, few who cannot, and ought not to, contribute to the Endowment being raised for their better care. Those more able should give largely

The day is past for thinking in dollars when we ought to think in hundreds; or for thinking in hundreds when we ought to think in thousands We are learning that our responsibility does not cease until we have done WHAT WE OUGHT TO DO.

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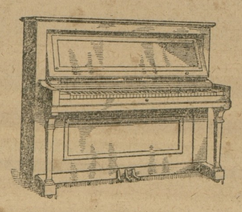

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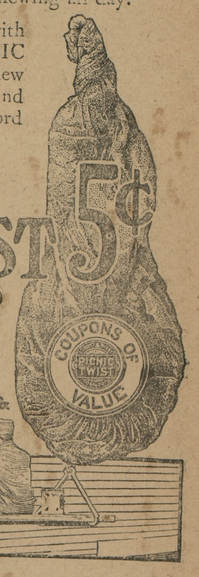

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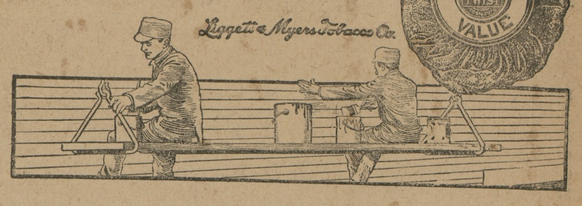

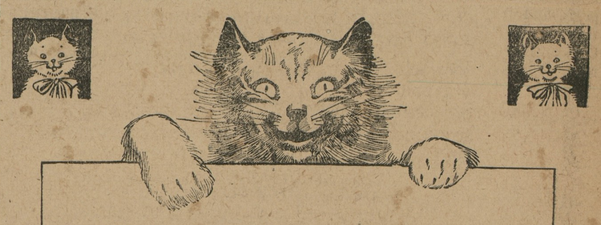

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