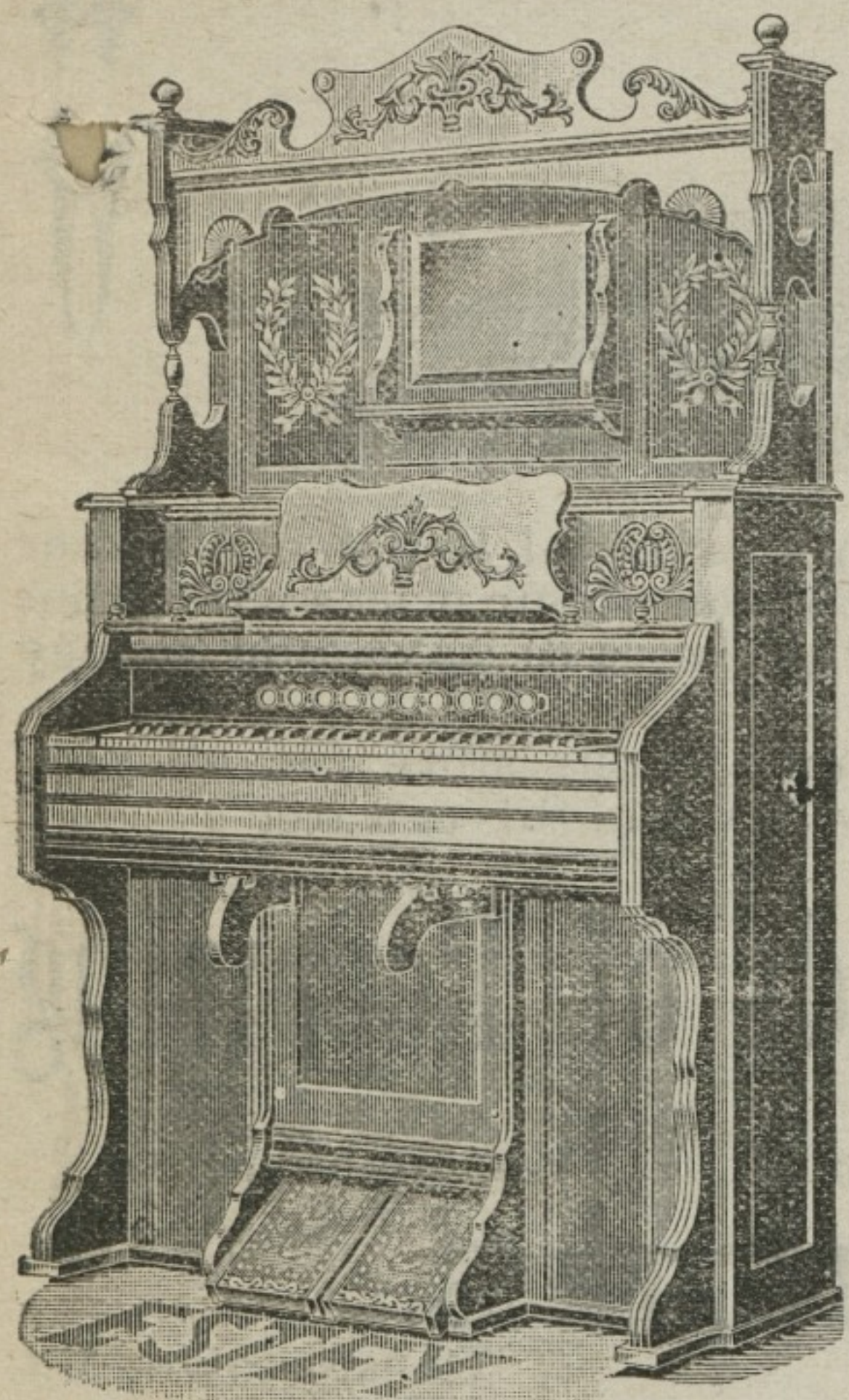


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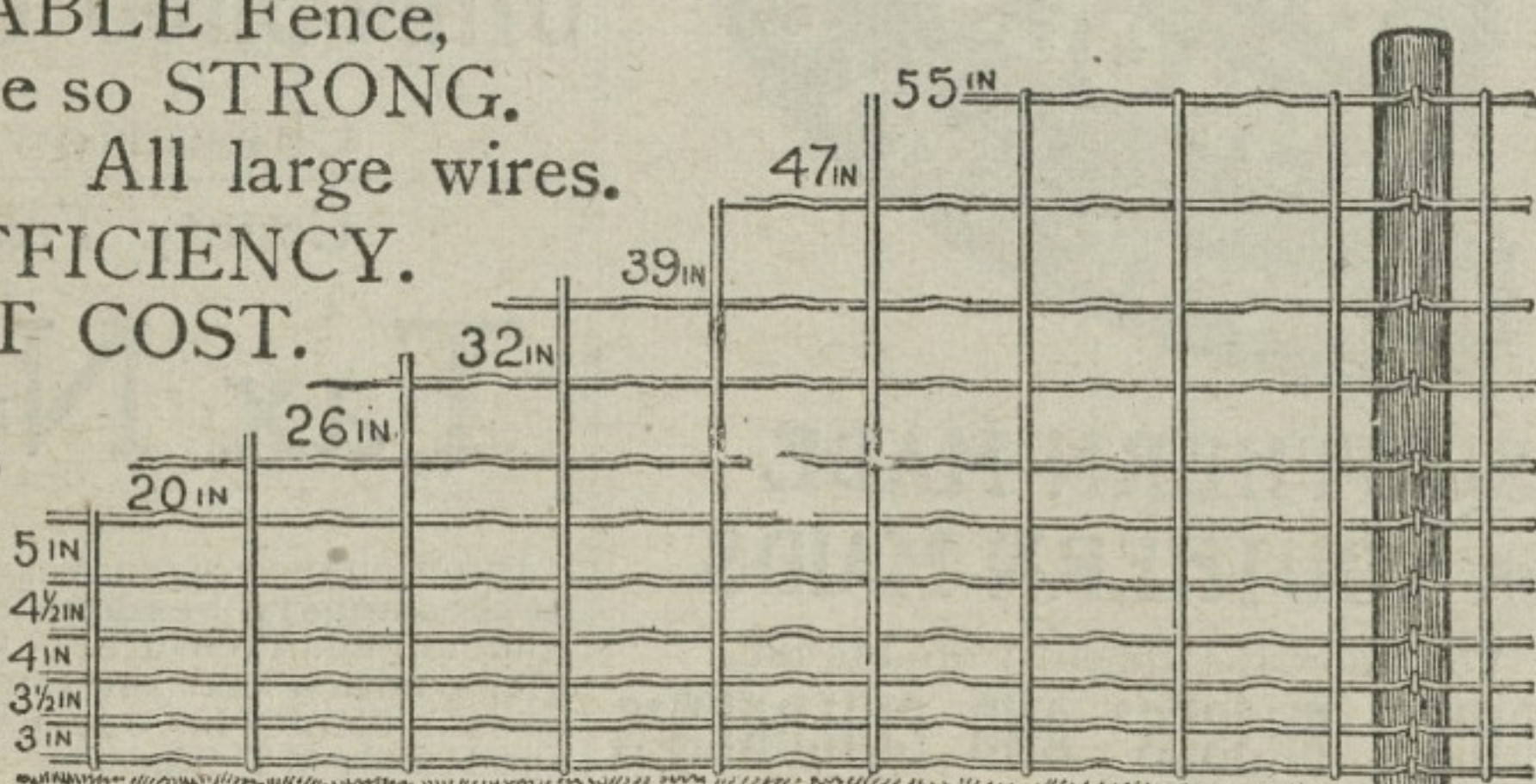
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What sunshine is to earth good humor is to man. Take the smile and the laugh away, and it would be the end of man.

Men can't fight while they enjoy a joke. Death himself recoils from the laugh. The man in a good humor has an enormous advantage over the man who is angry. Anger is dark. Bitterness is filled with shadow. Intolerance is grim and black. Prejudice is blind.

Good humor, with the smile and the laugh, is sunshine in which objects are plain and distortion disappears and where phantoms become nothing.

One reason for America's greatness is that, above all, it is a nation that laughs. There have been gay peoples and frivolous nations, but gayety and frivolity are strangely akin to melancholy. That gay Germany whose national happiness is expressed in song is clouded by melancholy. Sadness pervades the temperament of Germania.

And frivolous France—how tragic she becomes—how desperately tragic!

The great American laugh is another thing. Investigate the American national laugh, and there's a sound, practical something behind it. It is never a forced laugh. It is healthy, vigorous, spontaneous.

Empires and powers have crumbled and gone to pieces in solemn seriousness and gloomy grandeur, while Uncle Sam, with a joke on his lips, forges ahead.—*Denver Post.*

SOME RULES FOR WIVES.

Don't make the evening repast a confession for household troubles. He has troubles of his own. You may be one of them.

Don't be the last to acknowledge his merits. Men love flattery as women do flattery.

Don't put him on the fire escape to smoke. Suppose the draperies do get full of the fumes. Some day you may hunger for the smell of them.

Don't wear a chip on your shoulder. An ounce of forgiveness is worth a pound of pride. Give in. You can have your way when he is not looking.

Don't be ashamed to proclaim your love for him. Tell him often, and demand a response. It gives him something to think about.

Don't antagonize his men friends. They may be better than they look.

Don't travel wide apart or the chains will cut. The only way not to feel them is to keep close together.

Don't cook unless you know how. When his digestion goes, reform administration is dead.

Don't ask him for money; make him offer it. You know the way. If you do not, you should. Something in man's constitutional make-up rebels when he is asked to part with his money. Men shirk the things that are expected of them; but they will give freely of time, money and labor when accredited with not only the thing done, but the impulse that prompts it. Men are generous enough, but they like large portions of glory.

Be prudent, and as thrifty as you can. Men are attracted by etheral means, but held by material methods. Wise economy, however, requires great tact. There is no economy in the course which leaves your limps limp, your personality shoddy or your home regime conducted on poorhouse rations.

Don't listen to outside criticism, whether of friends or relatives-in-law.

Don't attach too much importance to those little tiffs which may be the result of outside worries or indigestion. Make allowances for his being human. Give him the benefit of every doubt. If you put a pint man in a quart measure, he will grow up to it.

Don't condemn these rules the first time they fail. They are good. The only question is: Are we good enough to persevere with them until we get results?—*Collier's Weekly.*

A Full Hand.

"John," said Mrs. Norton as she seated herself at the hotel breakfast table, "did you call a waiter?"
"Yes," said Norton, looking up from his paper. "I called him and he had a tray full."

HOUSEKEEPER'S ALPHABET.

Always use the same size cup in measuring everything for the article you are making.

Be sure and have a good fire and not let it get low about the time bread is ready for the oven.

Cut slices of bread evenly and not too thin.

Dare to use a little less spice and sugar than a receipt calls for.

Engage earnestly in every household work if you expect success.

Find a better place for cooking utensils than under the sink.

Good bread of entire wheat should be the staple, and the maker thereof should take a family prize every three months.

Health is in well prepared nutritious food.

It is economy of time to wash the baking dishes as soon as done with them.

Juices of fruits are more wholesome than jamaes and jellies.

Kindling wood should always be ready and plenty of it.

Lamps for pantry and kitchen are more convenient when set in brackets.

Molasses is a heavy sweet for frequent use, and not good for bread and beans.

Nuts should be well masticated, or finely ground if served in place of meat.

Other foods are better than puddings and cakes.

Prepare your fire at night ready for lighting in the morning.

Quiet nerves will be the result of orderly plans in the kitchen.

Restless, uneasy children often become so from indulgence in eating between meals.

Salt your food as little as possible.

There is death in the dishcloth, kill it by scalding or cremation.

Vegetables should be cooked in as little water as possible.

Water cannot be too fresh and pure for cooking uses.

Exercise your highest skill in everything you prepare for the table.

Youth will set her seal upon a wrinkled face if one is cheerful and properly fed.

Zest in one's work is the way to make it light.

& never a troublesome piece of drudgery.

THE HAPPIEST MAN.

An exchange publishes the following article, and we heartily agree with the sentiments expressed.

"The happiest man in the world is the common every day chap who makes his own living, pays his bills and has respect of his neighbors. He saves a little money as he goes along, but he doesn't strive to get a corner on the local output, and he is slave to neither ambition nor society. He never expects to wear out the seat of his trousers figuring how to get rich off others and when he slides into his clothes in the morning he never wastes any time trying to pick out the right tint of socks, suspenders and necktie that will blend with the general effect. He wears a "biled" shirt when he feels like it, and when his pet corn begins to jump he whips out his jack knife and cuts a four-inch gash in the side of his boot, and nothing is said about it in the papers. He has an appetite like a cyclone and he never has to sit up at nights to poltice his conscience. He believes in the doctrine of live and let live, and when he encounters one of the needy he doesn't stammer with his pocket book. The plain pug of a man is happy because he is satisfied and doesn't spend the best of his life yearning for something about four sizes too large for him."

Goldfish.

There are some goldfish in Washington which belonged to the same family for the last fifty years, and they seem no bigger and no less vivacious today than they did when they first came into the owner's possession. A few of the fish in the Royal aquarium in St. Petersburg are known to be 150 years old.

The Law of Falling Bodies.

All falling bodies, whether they be crystal raindrops or meteorites, fall with what philosophers term "a uniform accelerated motion"—in other words, if a body be moving at a certain velocity at the expiration of one second from the beginning of its fall it will be moving with twice that velocity at the expiration of two seconds, gaining in speed at a uniform rate throughout the course of its fall.

Unappreciated.

"He's not what you would call strictly handsome," said the major, beaming through his glasses on a baby as he lay howling in his mother's arms, "but it's the kind of face that grows on you."
"It's not the kind of face that grew on you!" was the indignant and unexpected reply of the fond mother. "You'd be better looking if it had!"

Retrospection.

A Scotchman had two sons, one of whom was a doctor and the other a clergyman, of whom he was very proud. "If I had kent," said he, "that one of my sons was so be a medical man and the other a meenister, I would never hae had auld Jenny McCosh for their mither."

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