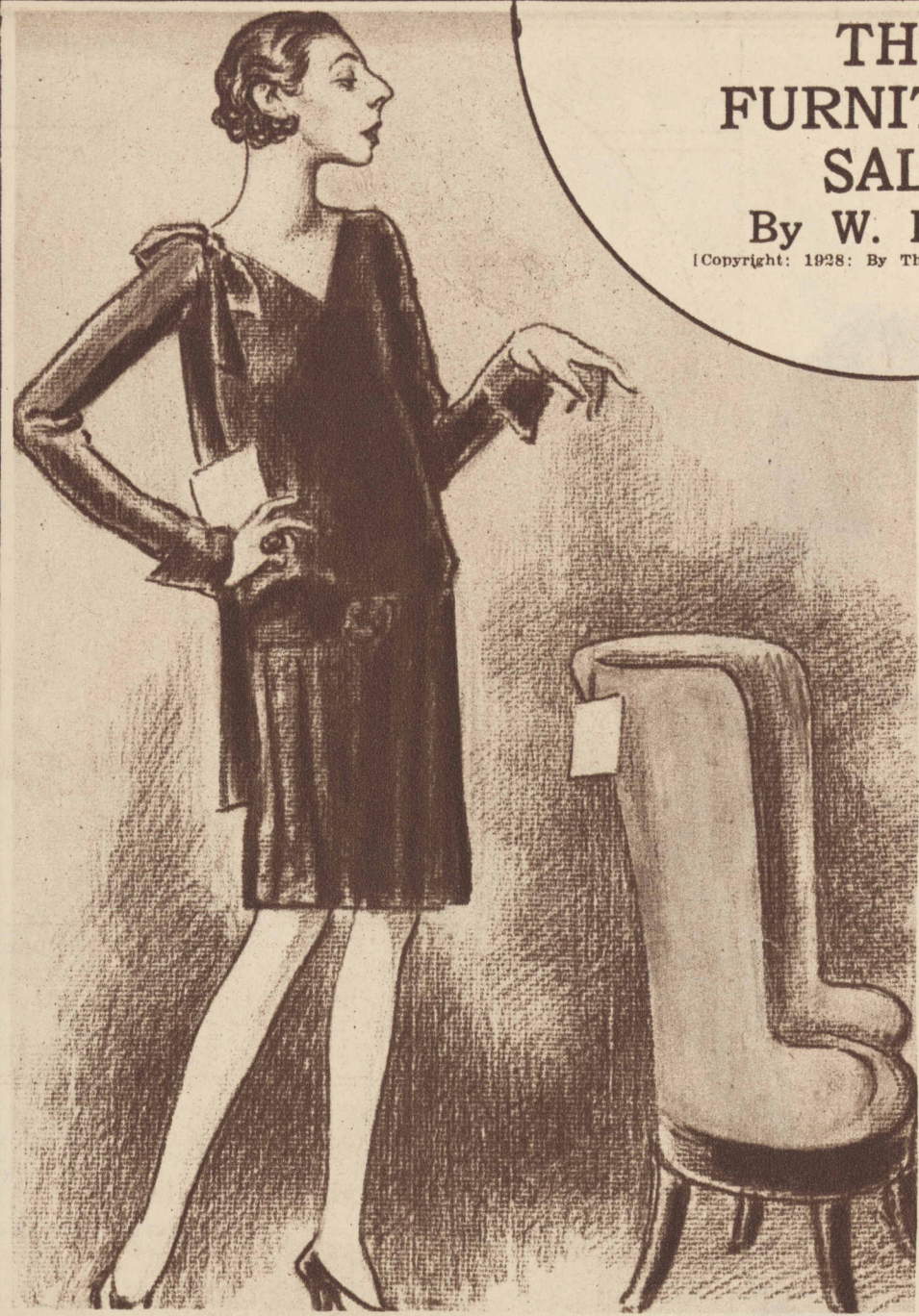


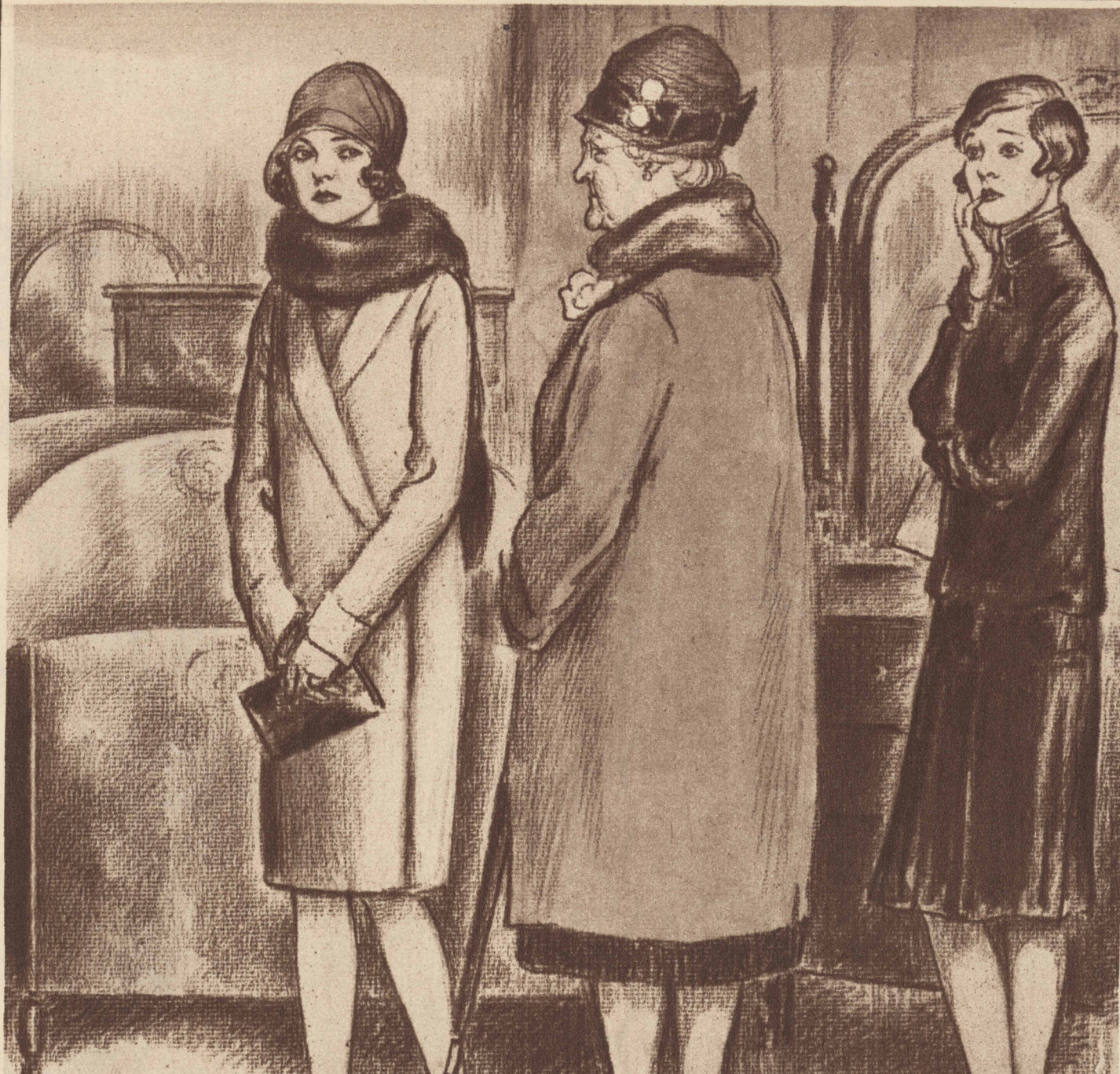
THE FURNITURE SALE

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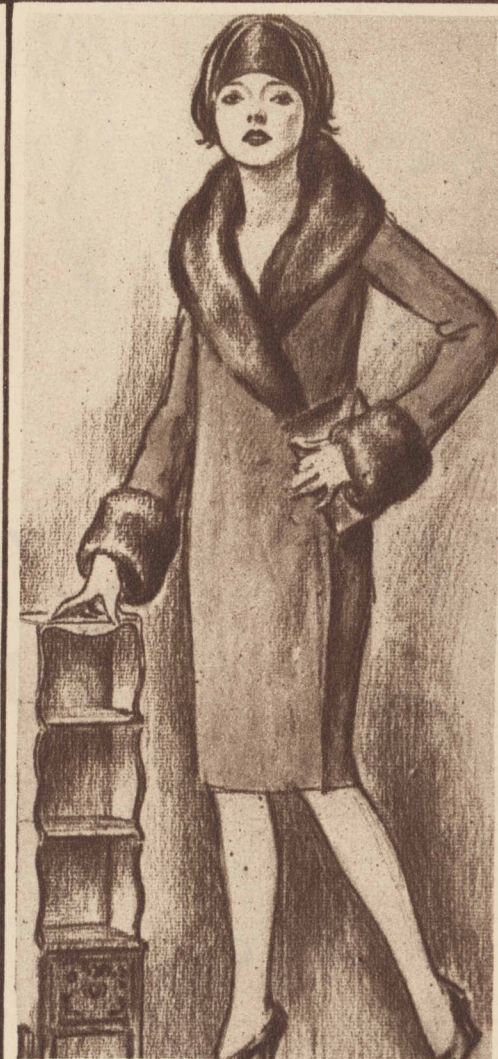
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The sales force. Miss Clare Wheedle has borrowed the word "occasional" from the decorating department. She will be delighted to show you an occasional chair, an occasional floor lamp, or an occasional day bed.



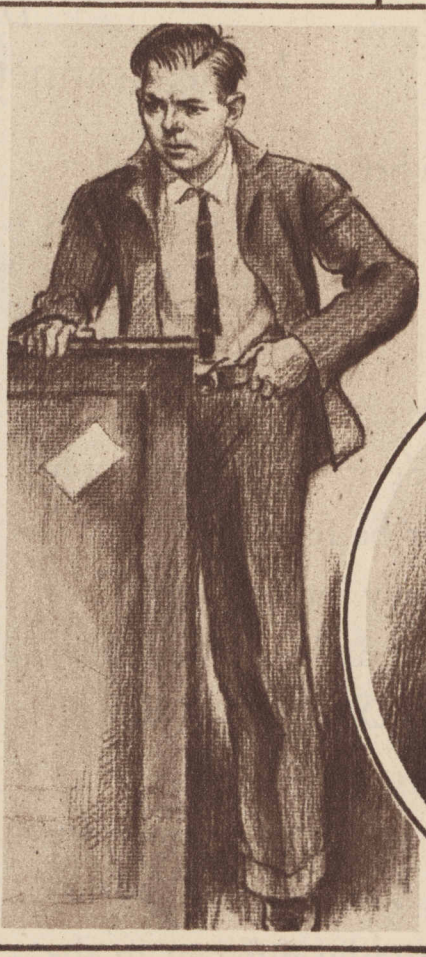
Two overstuffed lady shoppers, on an overstuffed lounge, giving the tired arches a rest. The lady at the right is looking for a bedside table. The lady on the left is after some huck toweling, but has the wrong department. Lady No. 1 is telling lady No. 2 all about how lonely it is for Edith in that big house and how Edith stands in her own light, but you can't tell her anything, etc., etc.



Just looking. Alma, the bride-to-be, and her mother are wandering up and down, up and down the aisles after a bargain in bedroom suites. Every room in Alma's apartment is to be a period room. The dining alcove is to be Italian renaissance, the bedrooms will be department store colonial, and the living room overstuffed late American. The sunroom will probably be sixteenth century wicker with big carnivorous birds on black chintz and will be awfully quaint and old fashioned.



Mrs. Lizzie Crouch and her sister, Mrs. Bettina Kidney, are of the Victorian era in thought, word and deed. Their last innovation was mission furniture in 1903. Imagine their feelings when confronted by a lot of modern French art furniture in the furniture department of their favorite emporium.



Albert, the porter, is forever wheeling something somewhere and being asked who told him to put it there, anyway. That's life, that is. Some one always asking some one a fresh question.

"And this," exclaims the little wife gleefully, after sighting the hand painted wall bookcase, "is just the thing for Arthur's library! He can put all of his books in this."



Gay young bachelor (one room and bath apartment), bargain hunting for something that will look like a period couch in the day time and will turn into a bed at night.



Now is the time of the year when whole families are to be seen at furniture sales, jouncing and bouncing up and down on box couches, trying out the springs before the first payment.

