

ostolic, April 1, 1872 to June, 1874 when he was appointed pastor of L'Erable.

Subsequent Pastors:

Rev. A. Delbaer, attended from Beaverville 1881-1882

Rev. Beliveau 1885

Rev. M. Letellier, attended from St. Anne.

Rev. Joseph Michaud, who attended also Watseka as an outmission. Buried in Maternity church of Bourbonnais.

Rev. A. Goulet, for a short period.

Rev. John Rouquier 1890-1894

Rev. A. Mainville 1894-1897

Rev. Lucier, pastor for about one year.

Rev. Auguste Tapin 1899-1904

Appointed pastor at Damar, Kansas, diocese of Concordia.

Rev. Armand N. Verreault 1905-1906

Rev. Larrivee, January to March 1906

St. Joseph's parish of Papineau was as can be inferred from the above notes, at times provided with resident pastors and again was made an outmission. The fact that the records have disappeared some years ago will explain the deficiency of more accurate and definite dates.

KANKAKEE

(St. Mary's)

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ESSEX.

(St. Lawrence O'Toole's)

In early days the Catholic pioneer settlers in the extreme northwestern district of Kankakee county were attended by Rev. Bartholmew Lonargan from St. Rose of Lima parish, Wilmington, who organized it in 1859, being its first resident pastor; then followed Rev. John McMullen, D. D.; Rev. Daniel Riordan and others who ministered to the first settlers, some of whom were later on members of SS. Peter and Paul's church, Pilot, and some of St. James church, Irwin district. Mass was celebrated either in pri-

vate homes (Ed Daylor's and others), or in Daylor's school house. Rev. Doctor McMullen built a small church at Braidwood, then called Stewart's Grove. In 1875 Rev. Thomas O'Gara built a rectory at Braidwood. The first resident pastor at Braidwood was the Rev. R. H. McGuire, who in 1878 was succeeded by Rev. James J. Bennett. In the fall of 1880 St. Lawrence O'Toole's was made an independent parish under the charge of Rev. M. Zara (Italian) whose incumbency was of short duration. In May, 1881 St. Lawrence O'Toole's church was partly erected by its first pastor, the Rev. M. Zara, who previously said mass in Margaret Lacy's home and in the village school house, the church was completed by Rev. James F. Clancy, pastor until 1885.

Subsequent Pastors:

Rev. C. H. Gavin	1885-1888
Rev. Thomas Quigley	1888-1893
Rev. Michael Luby	1893-1894

Then the parish was again made an outmission of Braidwood under the pastorate of Rev. Dominick Spelman who built a church in the Outmission of Reddick in 1899.

KANKAKEE.
(St. Patrick's)

After several years of planning the English speaking Catholics of Kankakee purchased two lots in 1890 at the corner of Hickory street and Indiana avenue. It was not, however, until July, 1892 that the parish of St. Patrick's was organized. Previous to this move some eighty families worshiped at St. Rose of Lima.

Resident Pastors:

Rev. J. J. Darcy	July 1892-1896
Church dedicated September 29, 1893.	
Rev. Wm. F. Hackett	1896-1902
Rev. T. J. Whalen	1902-1903
Rev. John P. Aylward	1903-1905
Rev. John T. Bennett	1905-1916

Built school in 1914.

Rev. J. F. Ryan	1916-1917
Rev. H. M. Shea	1917-1924

GOODRICH.
(Sacred Heart)

Mission parish, atended from St. James', Irwin, 1896.

REDDICK.
(St. Mary's)

In 1893 Father Bennett, pastor of Braidwood, was succeeded by Rev. Dominick Spelman, under whose pastorate St. Mary's church of Reddick was erected in 1899. In the fall of 1905 Rev. Francis Caraher was appointed as first resident pastor, having charge of St. Lawrence O'Toole's, Essex. About a year after his appointment he built the present handsome parsonage. In the fall of 1910 Father Caraher was transferred to Maternity B. V. M. church, Chicago. His successor was Rev. John B. Murray, who had charge of both parishes for eighteen months. In 1912 Rev. J. N. Kiely took charge until January, 1920, being succeeded by Rev. Charles Monahan.

KANKAKEE.
(St. Stanislaus)

Originally the Polish speaking element worshiped at St. Mary's church. In 1900 about twenty families organized their own parish, placing it under the patronage of St. Stanislaus, B. M.

Resident Pastors:

Rev. Maximilian Kotecki	1900-1901
Rev. Edward Nowacki	1901-1905
Rev. Edward A. Kowalewski	1905-1910
Rev. Frank Ostrowski	1910-1912
Rev. Felix St. Feldheim	1912
Rev. A. Koytek	1912-1914
Rev. Bernard Orlemanski	1914-1918
Rev. Bernard K. Szudzinski	1918-

MARTINTON.
(St. Martin's)

This was made an independent parish January 1, 1907, having previously been attended as an outmission from Papineau.

Resident Pastors:

Rev. Stanislaus Beaulieu	June 1906-1911
Rev. H. Moulard M. Ap.	1912-1913
Rev. J. E. B. LeVasseur from L'Erable, p. t.	1913
Rev. L. G. Libert	1913-1919
(Rev. A. Tachereau served during Father Libert's chaplaincy in the army, June 15 to Sept. 15, 1918.)	
Rev. J. A. Roy	1920-
Rev. C. J. Higgins	1920-
Rev. George J. Lambert	1920-
Present pastor, who also has charge of St. Joseph's at Papineau.	

After Martinton had been made an independent parish Papineau was attended from Beaverville for some time, and not attended at all at intervals. Father Beaulieu is the first priest who made his residence at Martinton, the parsonage having been built in 1906.

HERSCHER.
(St. Margaret Mary's)

SS. Peter and Paul's—an outmission of Goodrich—was made an independent parish and its site transferred from Pilot Twp. southeast corner of Sec. 5, to the town of Herscher, July, 1920, where a new church was erected and placed under the patronage of St. Margaret Mary, with Rev. J. Rempe as its first pastor.

Rev. J. A. Rouquier

The Rev. John Alphonse Rouquier who labored so zealously among the pioneer settlers in the southeastern territory of Kankakee, was born in Villefranche, diocese of Rodez, France, in the year 1820. Although not directly concerned with this parish history he is mentioned here having been well known by many of our early settlers. His father had accompanied Napoleon the Third in the war with Spain. His mother died shortly after his birth, so that his education was left in the hands of the old soldier. It was the father's intention that he should be a physician and he began his course of studies to that effect in Paris. He soon developed other tastes, however, and joined the Holy Ghost congregation, being ordained a priest in 1851.

He was soon after sent as a missionary to the Island of Martinique where he worked zealously, and later to South America along the Amazon river in the Negro plantations, where he met with many experiences. In those days of various activities Father Rouquier served on the chapel boats of the Amazon river, before anyone dreamed of chapel cars. He ministered to the leper colonies of the Amazon, and helped to build schools and colleges in those growing countries.

A day came, however, when yellow fever brought him to the brink of the grave. He was sent back to France and to Rome for recuperation. After months of rest he returned to his missions but soon experienced that the old disease would again attack him. The doctors advised him to go and he left the country after fifteen years of hard labor.

Coming to Boston in the winter he started at once for Montreal, Can. Here he spent a couple of years, helping out here and there temporarily. Bishop Foley of Chicago was at that time asking for priests for his French parishes

of Iroquois and Kankakee counties. Father Rouquier responded to the bishop's invitation in 1871, and was appointed as pastor of Beaverville, where he labored from 1872-1874. From September 1874 until 1886 he was pastor of L'Erable, where he built the church and a school, but could not secure any sisters to teach.

A thirst for the missions and for martyrdom led him again to Indian territory where he spent three or four years. His old age, however, soon forced him back to the Peoria diocese where his last pastorate was Papineau, 1890-1894 which he had helped to build many years before. He gave up the active life of a pastor in 1894, and spent some time in L'Erable with the pastor, Father LeVasseur, and then made his home with Father Granger in Kankakee for the rest of his wonderful life as a priest and a missionary.

On the 25th of March, 1905 he died in St. Francis' hospital, Peoria, Ill., where he had gone a few days before to pay a visit to his bishop, the great and learned L. Spaulding, who we are told was visibly affected when he learned of his death, having been such a good friend to the missionary. His remains were brought to Kankakee where solemn services were held in presence of all the clergy from the neighboring counties, and he was laid to rest in the Bourbonnais cemetery, in the family lot of the Granger family, whom he had honored with his friendship for so many years.

[The above is an appreciation by the Rev. A. D. Granger, who by his friendship with Father Rouquier was in a position to know and understand the grand soul of the wholehearted, venerable missionary.]

Synopsis

The pioneer and subsequent pastors and their appointments in Kankakee County, including the parishes of Beaverville, L'Erable, Papineau, Martinton of Iroquois county, Illinois.

The following list, although being only partially or in directly concerned with the parish histories in the foregoing pages, has been added to give a general conspectus of the appointments of pastors in Kankakee county since early days.

Missionary Priests.

- Rev. Lalumiere, 1837.
- Rev. Crevier.
- Rev. Maurice de St. Palais.
- Rev. Hipolyte Dupontavice.
- Rev. Stephen Theodore Badin.

Resident Pastors.

Pastor	Parish	Appointment
Rev. Rene Courgeault	Bourbonnais	1847-1852 Missions: Kankakee, St. George, Manteno and L'Erable.
Rev. B. Wieg (L'Houlcq)	Bourbonnais	1852-
Rev. Chas. Chiniquy	Bourbonnais	1852-1853 Visited several times the districts west of Bourbonnais.
Rev. J. Maistre (Lemaitre)	Bourbonnais	1853-1854
Rev. Antoine Lebel	Bourbonnais	1854-1855
Rev. Louis Cartuyvels	Bourbonnais	1855-1856 Missions: Kankakee, St. George, Manteno and L'Erable.
Rev. Isaac Desaulniers	Bourbonnais	1856-1857
Rev. C. Brisard	L'Erable	1856-1859
Rev. Ep. Lapointe	Kankakee	1857-1860 Missions: L'Erable, St. George, Beaverville, (1859-1860) St. Anne.
Rev. A. Mailloux	Bourbonnais	1860-1861 St. George
	Bourbonnais	1857-1860 Missions: Beaverville, St. Anne, district west of Kankakee.
	Kankakee	1860-1862
Rev. Ch. Vanderpoel	L'Erable	1859-1860
Rev. J. N. Gingras	Bourbonnais	1860-1863

Rev. J. Cote	Beaverville 1860-1862 Kankakee 1862-1864 Bourbonnais 1864-1865 Missions: St. Anne, L'Erable, (1863-1864), district west of Kankakee.
Rev. P. Paradis	St. George 1861-1871 Kankakee 1871-1894 Missions: Momence (1867-1872) District west of Kankakee (1871-1877)
Rev. C. Ducroux	Beaverville 1862-1863 Bourbonnais 1863-1864 Mission: St. Anne.
Rev. T. Gauthier	Beaverville 1863
Rev. A. Marshal	Beaverville 1863-1864 Mission: St. Anne Kankakee 1866-1871
Rev. P. Pernin	L'Erable 1864-1867
Rev. P. Beaudoin, C.S.V.	Bourbonnais 1865-1900
Rev. L. Boisvert, C.S.V.	Beaverville 1866-1867 Mission: St. Anne.
Rev. Hahn, C. SS. R.	Missions of Pilot and Cabery 1860's
Rev. Michael and Chas. Rosenbauer, C. SS. R.	Attending missions from Chicago in the later part of the 1860's.
Rev. George Kertson	Beaverville 1867-1869 Mission: St. Anne. Manteno 1870-1879 Irwin 1879-1890 Momence 1890-1895
Rev. C. Clement	L'Erable 1868-1873 Beaverville 1874-1881
Rev. L. B. Demers	Beaverville 1869-1872 Mission: St. Anne.
Rev. Wm. Kuchenbuch	Missions of Pilot and Cabery 1869-1873 Attended from Chebanse.
Rev. Prosper Beaudry	St. George 1871-1879
Rev. M. Letellier	St. Anne 1872-1882 Missions: Momence (1872-1878) Papineau.
Rev. J. Rouquier	Beaverville 1872-1874 L'Erable 1874-1886 Papineau 1890-1894
Rev. Bruno Rless, O. S. B.	Attended Kankakee (St. Mary's) .. 1873-1874 and Pilot from Chicago.
Rev. Gelasius Kuba	Kankakee (St. Mary's) 1874-1876 Mission: Pilot.
Rev. Francis Allgayer	Kankakee (St. Mary's) 1876-1877 Mission: Pilot.
Rev. Clemens Duerr	Kankakee (St. Mary's) 1877-1882 Mission: Pilot.
Rev. A. Goulet, Sr.	Irwin 1877-1879 Manteno 1879-1881 St. Anne 1881-1882

Rev. J. J. Bennett	Essex, attended from Braidwood . . .	1879
Rev. Urgel Maréchal	St. George	1879
	St. Anne	1882-1886
Rev. T. Lesage	St. George	1879-1889
	Mission: Momence (1879-1886)	
Rev. Jos. E. Michaud	St. Anne	1880-1881
	Also at one time pastor at Papineau.	
Rev. J. M. Mevel	Manteno	1881-1882
Rev. H. Delbaer	Beaverville	1881-1882
	Mission: Papineau.	
Rev. M. Zara	Essex	1881
Rev. James Clancy	Essex	1881-1885
Rev. J. H. Kruel	Kankakee (St. Mary's)	1882
	Mission: Pilot.	
Rev. A. L. Bergeron	Manteno	1882-1884
Rev. L. G. Langlais, C.S.V.	Beaverville	1882-1902
Rev. H. Bangen	Kankakee (St. Mary's)	1883-
	Mission: Pilot.	
Rev. H. Mehring	Kankakee (St. Mary's)	1883-1884
	Mission: Pilot.	
Rev. F. Chouinard, C.S.V.	Manteno	1884-1889
	St. George	1889-1903
Rev. Paul Halbmaier	Kankakee (St. Mary's)	1884-1887
	Mission: Pilot.	
Rev. C. H. Gavin	Essex	1885-1888
Rev. Recouvreur	L'Erable	1886-1889
Rev. J. Beinecke	Kankakee (St. Mary's)	1887-1891
	Mission: Pilot.	
Rev. Z. P. Berard	St. Anne	1886-
	Mission: Momence (1886-1890).	
Rev. Thos. Quigley	Essex	1888-1893
Rev. A. Labrie	St. George	1889-1895
	Mission: Sumner (1889-1895).	
	Momence	1895-
Rev. J. E. B. LeVasseur	Irwin	1890-1894
	L'Erable	1894-1920
	Chebanse	1920-
Rev. J. Lizee	L'Erable	1890-1894
Rev. A. Evers	Kankakee (St. Mary's)	1891-1895
	Mission: Pilot.	
Rev. J. J. Darcy	Kankakee (St. Patrick's)	1892-1896
Rev. Michael Luby	Essex	1893-1894
Rev. A. D. Granger	Kankakee (St. Rose)	1894-
Rev. Dominick Spelman	Essex and Reddick	1894-1905
	Missions attended from Braidwood.	
Rev. A. Mainville	Papineau	1894-1895
Rev. E. J. Therien	Irwin	1894-1895

Rev. Francis Sixt	Kankakee (St. Mary's) 1895-1903 Mission: Pilot (1895-1899)
Rev. J. C. Simard	Irwin 1895-1905 Mission: Goodrich (1896-1899).
Rev. Wm. F. Hacket	Kankakee (St. Patrick's) 1896-1902
Rev. O. Bordeau	St. George 1896-1898 Manteno 1898-1923
Rev. Lucier	Papineau 1898 Mission: Martinton.
Rev. August Tapin	Papineau 1899-1904 Mission: Martinton.
Rev. J. Meyer	Goodrich 1899- Mission: Pilot (1899-1920)
Rev. Maximilian Kotecki	Kankakee (St. Stanislaus') 1900-1901
Rev. C. Fournier, C.S.V.	Bourbonnais 1900-1908
Rev. Francis Nowaki	Kankakee (St. Stanislaus') 1901-1905
Rev. T. J. Whalen	Kankakee (St. Patrick's) 1902-1903
Rev. M. T. Dugas, C.S.V.	Beaverville 1902-1908
Rev. John P. Aylward	Kankakee (St. Patrick's) 1903-1905
Rev. A. J. Tardif, C.S.V.	St. George 1903-1909 Beaverville 1917-1918
Rev. C. A. Danz	Kankakee (St. Mary's) 1903-1917
Rev. A. Verreault	Papineau 1904-1905 Mission: Martinton.
Rev. John T. Bennett	Kankakee (St. Patrick's) 1905-1916
Rev. Edward Kowalewski	Kankakee (St. Stanislaus') 1905-1910
Rev. F. Caraher	Reddick 1905-1910 Mission: Essex.
Rev. E. Bourget	Irwin 1905-1917
Rev Stanislaus Beaulieu	Martinton 1906-1911 Mission: Papineau until January, 1907.
Rev. M. T. Dugas, C.S.V.	Bourbonnais 1908-1912
Rev. M. J. Marsile, C.S.V.	Beaverville 1908-1913
Rev. C. A. Poissant	St. George 1909-
Rev. Frank Ostrowski	Kankakee (St. Stanislaus') 1910-1912
Rev. John B. Murray	Reddick 1910-1912 Mission: Essex.
Rev. A. Moulard	Papineau 1910-1911 Martinton 1911-1913 Mission: Papineau.
Rev. Felix Feldheim	Kankakee (St. Stanislaus') 1912-
Rev. August Koytek	Kankakee (St. Stanislaus') 1912-1914
Rev. J. A. Charlebois, C. S. V.	Bourbonnais 1912-1918
Rev. J. M. Kiely	Reddick 1912-1920 Mission: Essex.

Rev. L. G. Libert	Martinton	1913-1919
	Mission: Papineau.	
Rev. J. E. Belair, C.S.V.	Beaverville	1913-1917
Rev. Bernard Oriemanski	Kankakee (St. Stanislaus')	1914-1918
Rev. J. F. Ryan	Kankakee (St. Patrick's)	1916-1917
Rev. H. M. Shea	Kankakee (St. Patrick's)	1917-
Rev. A. F. Korthals	Kankakee (St. Mary's)	1917-
Rev. P. Dufault	Irwin	1917-
Rev. Bernard Szudzinski	Kankakee (St. Stanislaus')	1918-
Rev. W. Surprenant, C.S.V.	Beaverville	1918-1920
	Bourbonnais	1920-
Rev. J. A. Roy	Martinton	1920-
	Mission: Papineau.	
Rev. C. J. Higgins	Martinton	1920-
	Mission: Papineau.	
Rev. George Lambert	Martinton	1920-
	Mission: Papineau.	
Rev. Chas. Monahan	Reddick	1920-
Rev. J. Rempe	Herscher	1920-

Originally the parishes of Beaverville, L'Erable, Papineau and Martinton belonged to the Diocese of Chicago until the organization of the Peoria Diocese in 1877.

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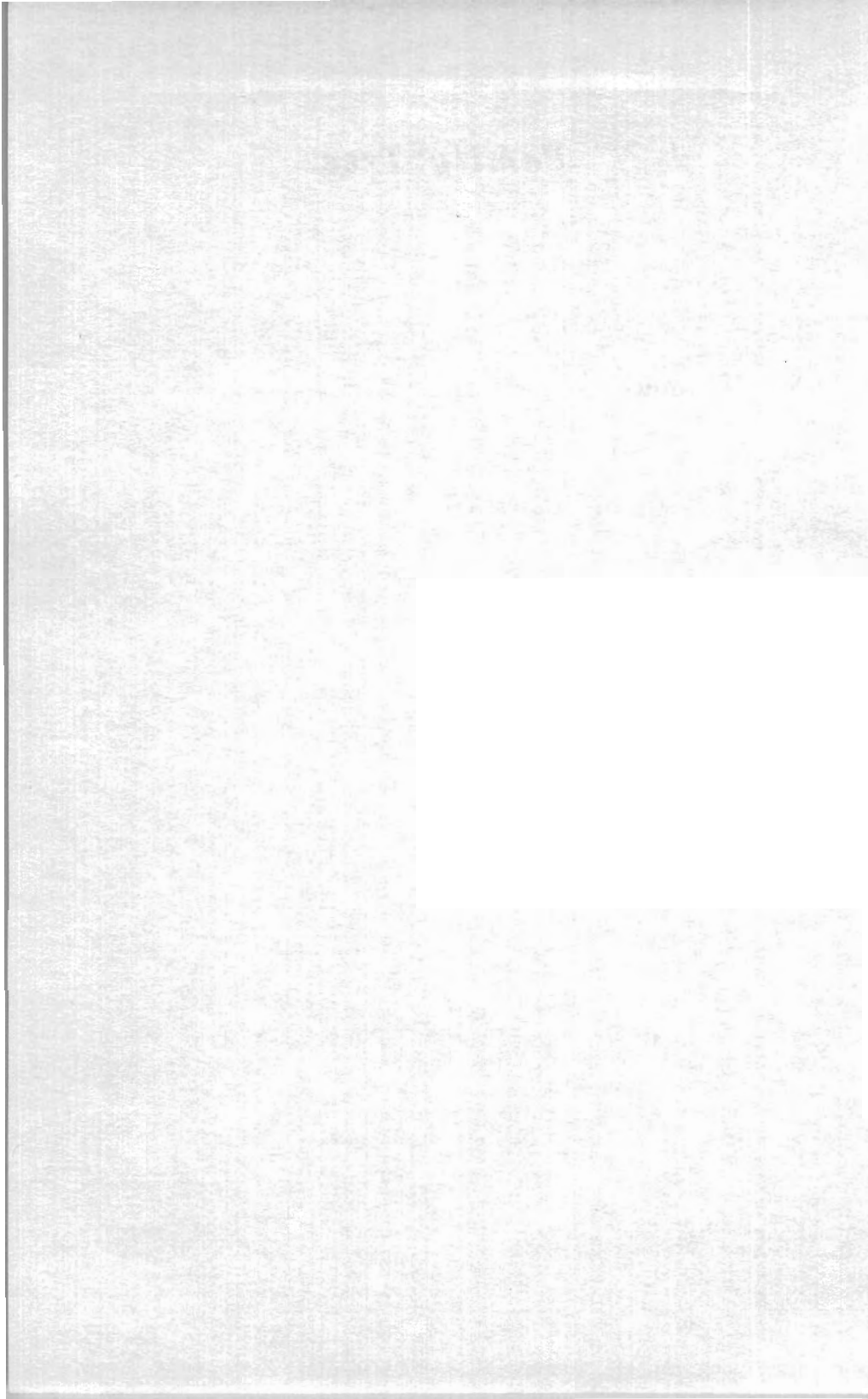
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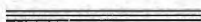
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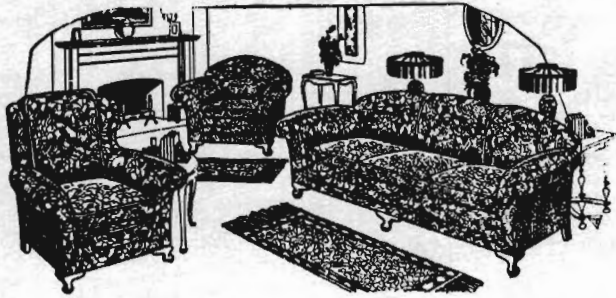
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