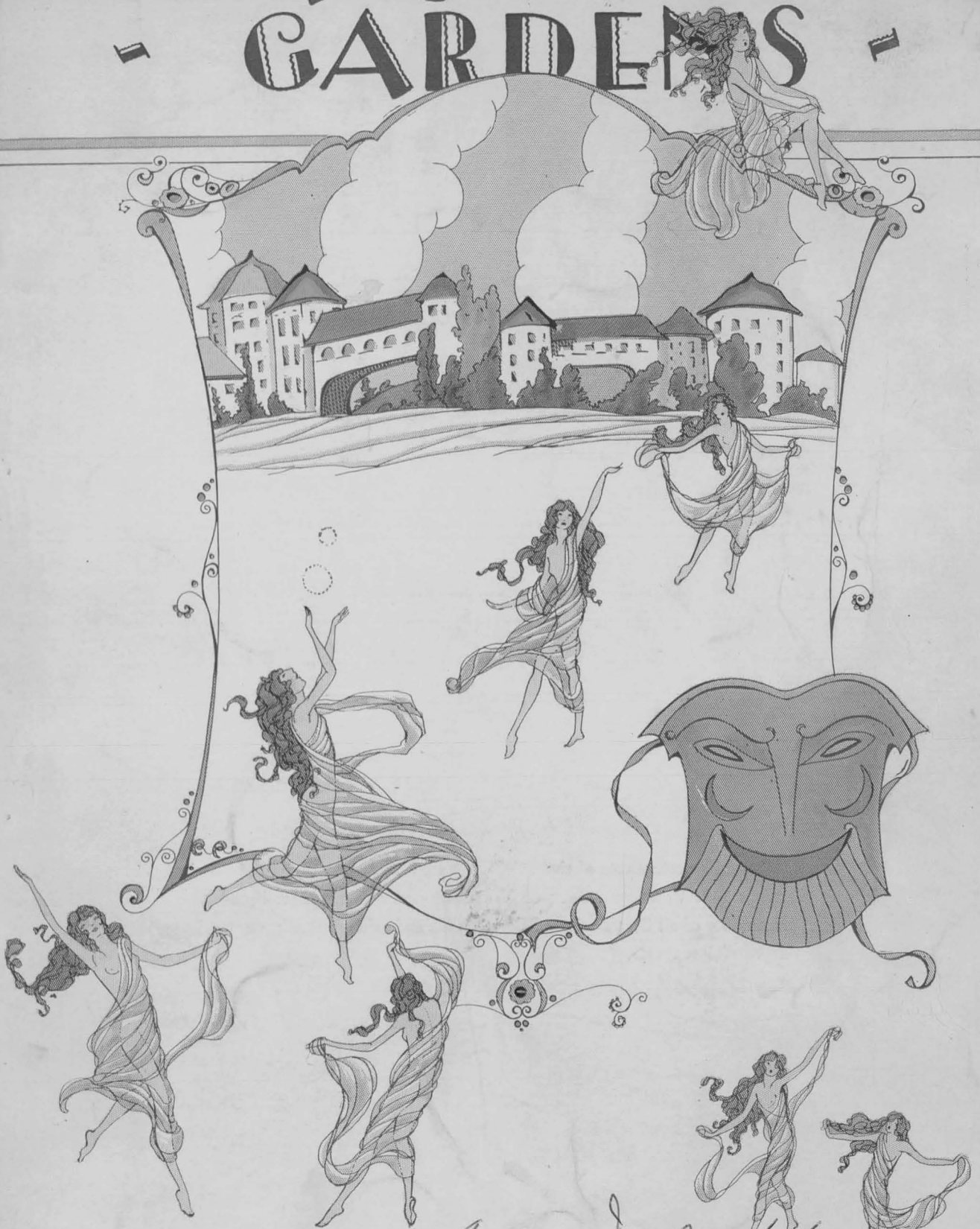


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August 15th, 1924

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Fourth of July and Christmas Eve Celebrations in Forest Hills Gardens from 1914 to 1924

Fourth of July

The celebration of Independence Day in Forest Hills Gardens, since the inauguration of a special program in 1914, has developed from a simple beginning into more elaborate exercises, which have always had the hearty support of the townspeople. While some of the day's events have varied from year to year, certain of them have been permanent. These are the awakening of the villagers by Town Criers, a Flag Raising, children's games, a program in Olivia Park and in the evening an open air dance in the festively lighted and decorated Station Square. For several years, proclamations, designed by Frederic W. Goudy, were issued, and an enlarged and typographically attractive edition of the *Forest Hills Gardens Bulletin* was published. The interchange of friendly greetings between the Forest Hills Association and our own organization has been a pleasant part of the more recent celebrations.

The exercises in 1914 were noted for that *camaraderie* which is possible only in a small community. In 1915 the tennis matches for the silver cup were begun and in the Square was held a pageant of colonial times. The dedication of the Flag Pole on the Green and the presentation in Olivia Park of "The Happy Stranger," an allegory by E. H. Conway and R. E. Renaud, were the significant features in 1916. A refreshment booth helped the Red Cross.

Theodore Roosevelt was the central figure of July 4th, 1917, when, as the guest of the Gardens, he made his famous "one hundred per cent American" speech. The events of 1918 were sanctified and somewhat shadowed by the presence of wounded soldiers and sailors, the honored guests of the day, who were served supper in the Church-in-the-Gardens. The program was brightened by the dancing of pupils of Louis Chalif in Olivia Park.

The program of 1919 was one of thanksgiving over the success of the United States and her allies in the Great War; this spirit was epitomized in the allegory "The Golden Day," by R. E. Renaud, presented in Olivia Park. The Big Sisters of Queensborough received the proceeds of the refreshment booth. In 1920 baseball was substituted for tennis and an opera, sung by outside talent, was produced in Olivia Park. In 1921 the Hon. Job Hedges was the patriotic speaker and in Olivia Park was presented a masque, "The Flying Doormat," by R. E. Renaud.

A colorful pageant was the new event of 1922, showing the many community interests. As in other years, the Chalif dancers pleased a large audience in Olivia Park. Occasional rainstorms throughout the day in 1923 did not seriously interfere with the program.

This year the celebration was a very happy one. Congressman A. M. Free spoke in the Square and our neighbors, Fred Stone and his daughters, Dorothy, Carol, and Paula, entertained us in Olivia Park. The decorations of the Square, designed this year by John Almy Tompkins, were exceptionally lovely.

Christmas Eve

The singing of carols as a custom in Forest Hills Gardens was inaugurated in 1914 and has been carried on ever since. The colorful pageant—Santa Claus, mounted Christmas tree, torch bearers and carol singers—has passed up and down the winding streets every year since 1914, in unforgettable charm and beauty. The Christmas Carol Committee was organized in 1916 to carry on the celebration. For many years the singers were entertained at the Inn after the evening program. In 1917 the women joined the men at Station Square to give a beautiful program of Christmas music, following the carol singing throughout the streets. A similar program was given in 1918.

After the carol singing in the streets in 1919, a "Christmas Symphony," by Ralph E. Renaud, was rendered in Station Square. In 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923 the carolers and Santa Claus have brought joy to the homes, and the pageant, having passed through the village, has come to Station Square for the program of women's and men's voices.

In 1922 there was inaugurated the custom of giving clothing, toys, books and money to the needy children of Queens, and these gifts have been deposited in a chimney at Station Square by children of the Gardens, who have themselves been so bountifully remembered by Santa Claus.

In 1922, \$58.71 was given to the Queensboro Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Children, and in 1923 \$123.40 was given to the same organization. The other gifts were taken to the Jamaica Day Nursery and the Big Sisters of Queensboro.

The Celebration Association of Forest Hills Gardens, Inc., is responsible for the programs given each year on Independence Day and on Christmas Eve.

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For years and years I've heard people say
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To the State where the Orange and Grape Fruit grow,
The Palm trees sway where ever you go,
Where the flowers grow the whole year round,
When I get enough money I'm California bound.
But folks I've just played there 16 weeks,
And all I saw was Mountain peaks,
The climate they rave about is not so sublime,
In Frisco I saw nothing but Fog all the time.
The flowers they grow and try to sell,
Look like flowers but they have no smell,
The California Grape Fruit are the size of an egg.
You can't get a good Orange if you buy, steal or
beg,
The Palm trees were all dying, and the cattle were in
pain.
Even the Churches were praying for rain,
I'm awful glad to be back home again.
And when I get enough money right here I'll
remain.
They say our Winter is cold and our summer is hot,
But we must have weather, whether or not,
I've travelled this country North, South, East and
West,
But Forest Hills Gardens, Long Island to me looks
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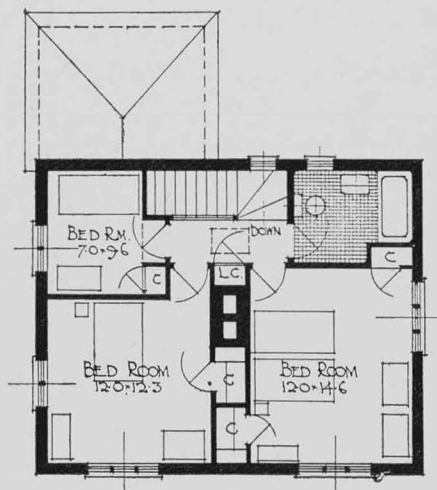
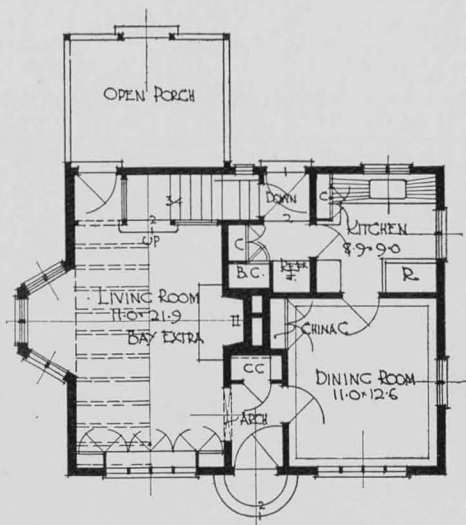
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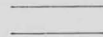
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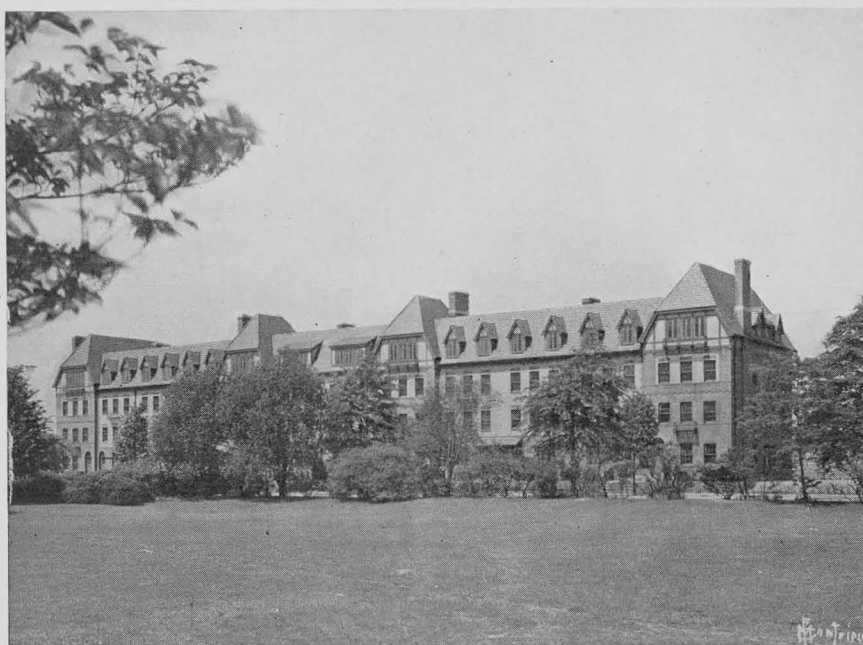
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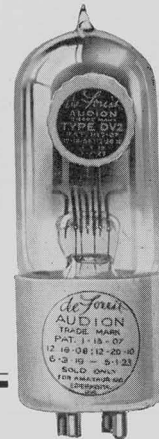
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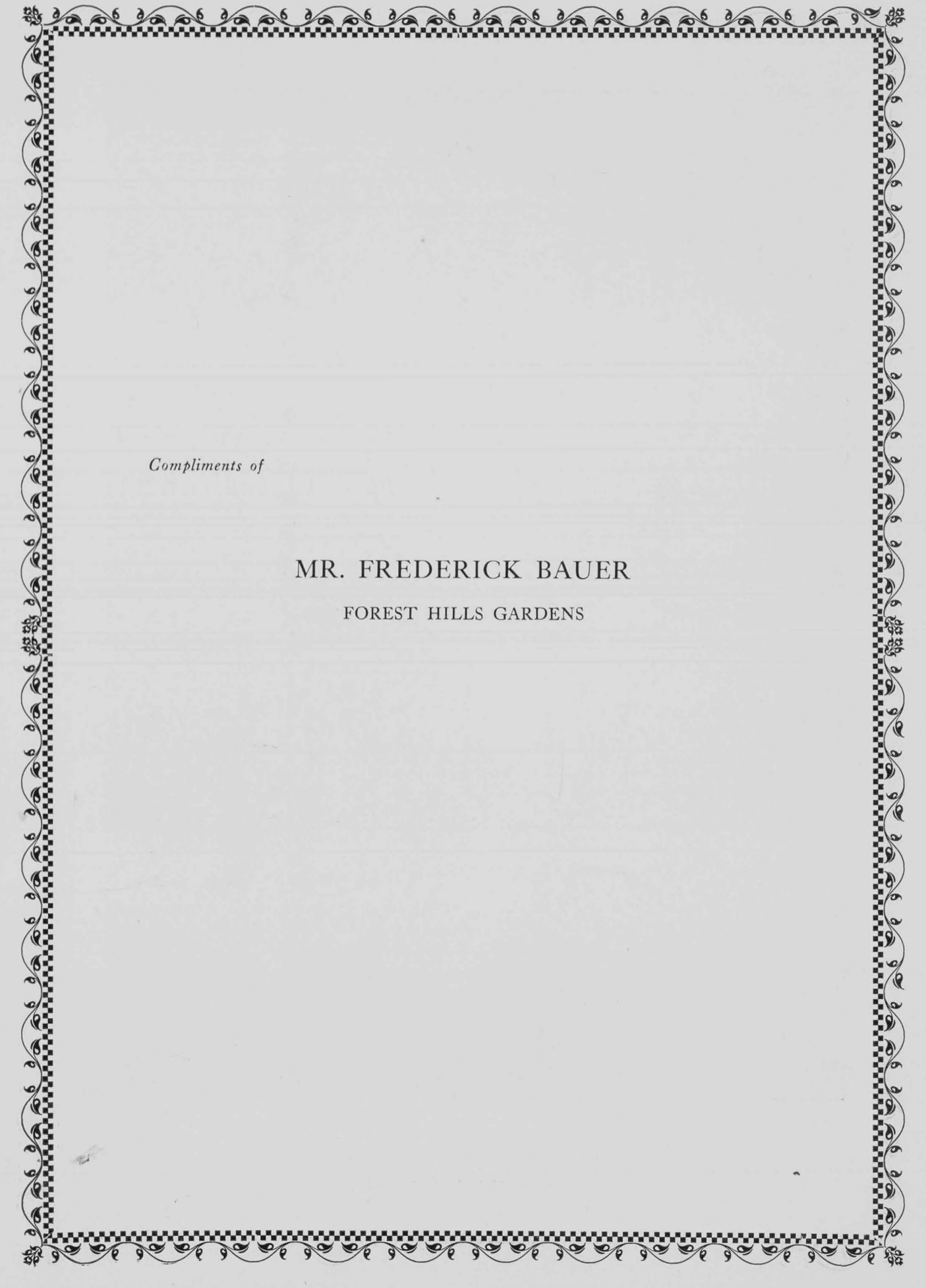
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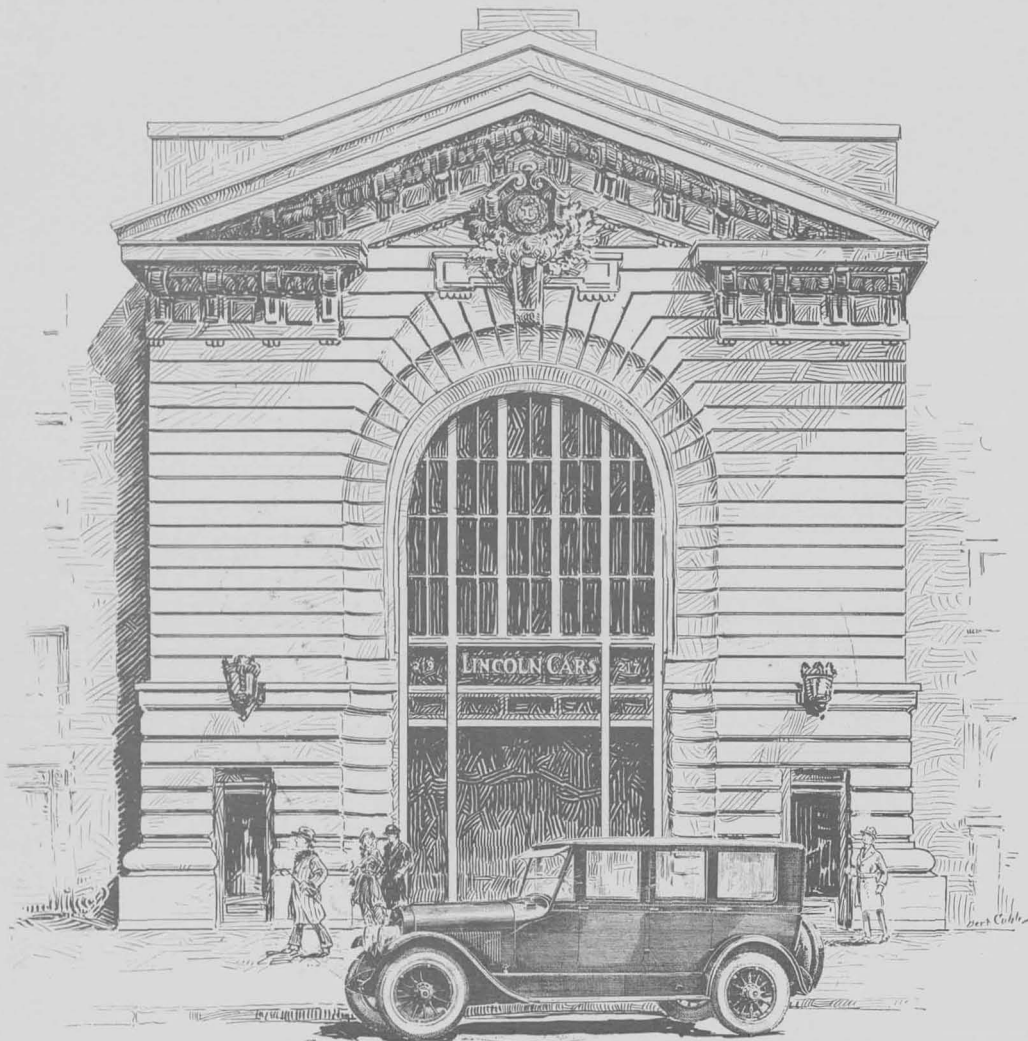
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