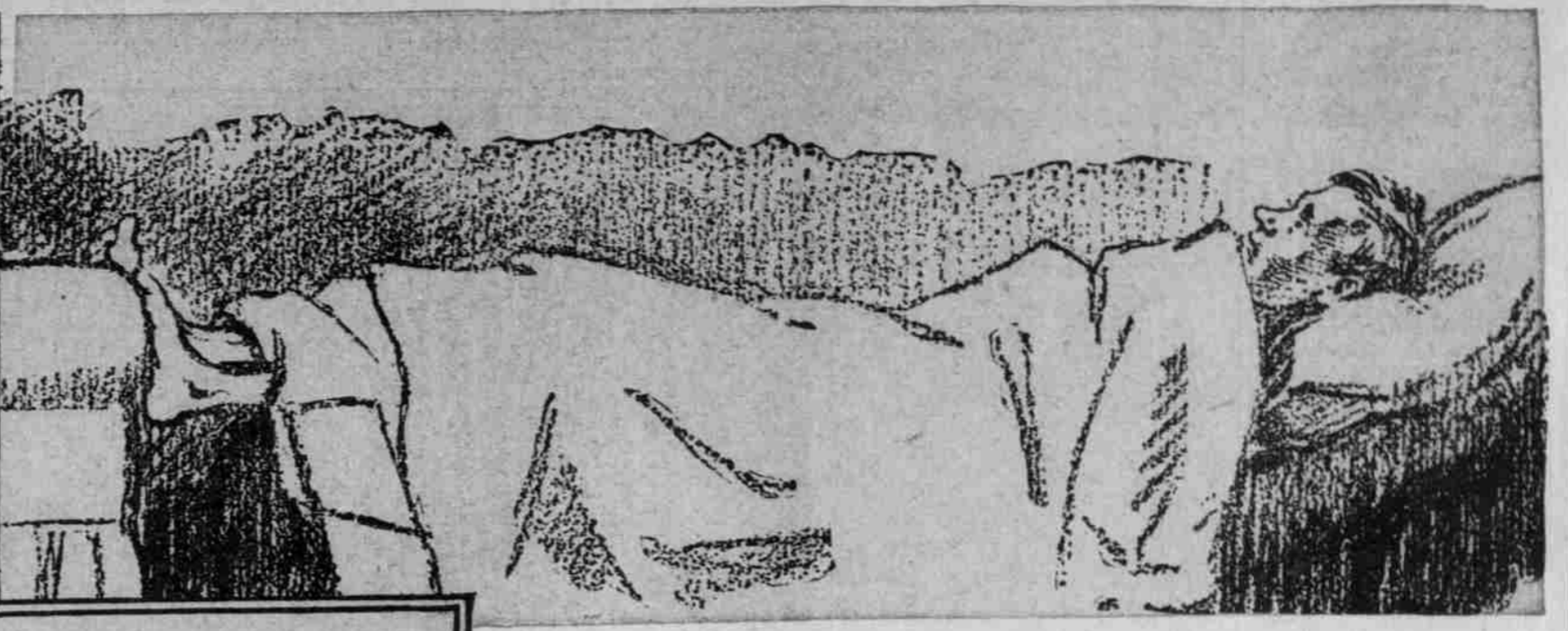


# LIFE SKETCHES

By One Who Senses Spirit Of The Day



## AMONG US MORTALS

### Staying Over Night

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Joe missed the last car, and they made up the cosiest little nest imaginable for him in the library out of a very short lounge and an arm chair. It worked splendidly till the arm chair slid away. Joe is listening to the little French clock, which strikes every quarter hour.



"Better stay, Eddie—we can lend you everything you need but a toothbrush!" The little wife is doing some quick thinking. She is wondering just what there is in the house for breakfast, and whether there will be enough milk for the coffee and the cereal.



Next morning. The clean collar borrowed from the host—one of those collars from the bottom of the drawer.

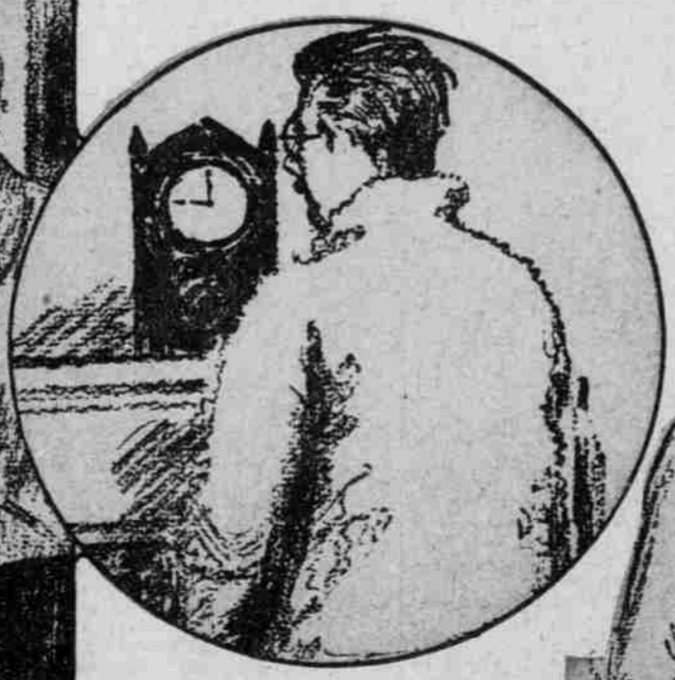
All guest rooms are situated directly over wherever they grind the coffee from 5:45 A. M. on.



After the coffee grinder has done its bit, just beneath the guest room, the chopping bowl is brought into play.



Hattie is spending the night over at Aunt Edna's. Three A. M. finds Hattie suffering acute pangs of homesickness. It begins to look as though Uncle Harry would have to dress and escort Hattie back home.



The guest-room bathrobe—very shaggy—which was once dark blue. Many trips to the laundry have turned it a pale gray. Mr. Dahl, the light sleeper, is about to stop the guest-room clock.



The borrowed pajamas, which never quite fit—being either much too small—



Or much too roomy



Aunt Lottie has asked Cousin Lou to come over for the night and help ward off thieves and murderers while Uncle Waldo is away. For the third time since retiring Aunt Lottie has heard burglars down on the front porch, and if Aunt Lottie can only wake her, Cousin Lou will be delegated to go down and make sure that the blue room window is fastened. But judging from the sound of Cousin Lou's deep breathing Aunt Lottie will have to go down herself.



The over-night visitor who hates cats and the family pet never fail to discover each other before morning.