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The teachers' College of Columbia University is to establish a course of study for the training of Sunday School teachers. Dr. Richard M. Hodge, the lecturer in Bible study, will have charge of the classes.

Lloyd's returns show that the shipping of the United Kingdom increased last year by 201 vessels, aggregating 743,354 tons gross. The register now contains 20,257 vessels of 15,261,203 tons gross.

LOOK OUT FOR COMETS.

If the calculations of astronomers are correct the year 1903 will be unusually fertile in comets. About September the comet discovered by Faye in 1872 should appear for the ninth time, and that it will appear is practically certain, since it is a model of regularity and has never failed to show itself when due. In December the Viacco comet, which has already been observed seven times, will probably be seen, and during the same month astronomers will look for the Brooks comet, which hitherto has only been observed twice. In January, 1904, the Arret comet will arrive at its perihelion, and a glimpse may be obtained of it as early as November or December, 1903.

During the year the Perrine, Giacobini and Spitaler comets will also appear. Of these the "Giacobini" comet is of unusual interest, since it was only added to the list last January, the fortunate discoverer being M. Giacobini, astronomer at the observatory of Marselles.—New York Herald.

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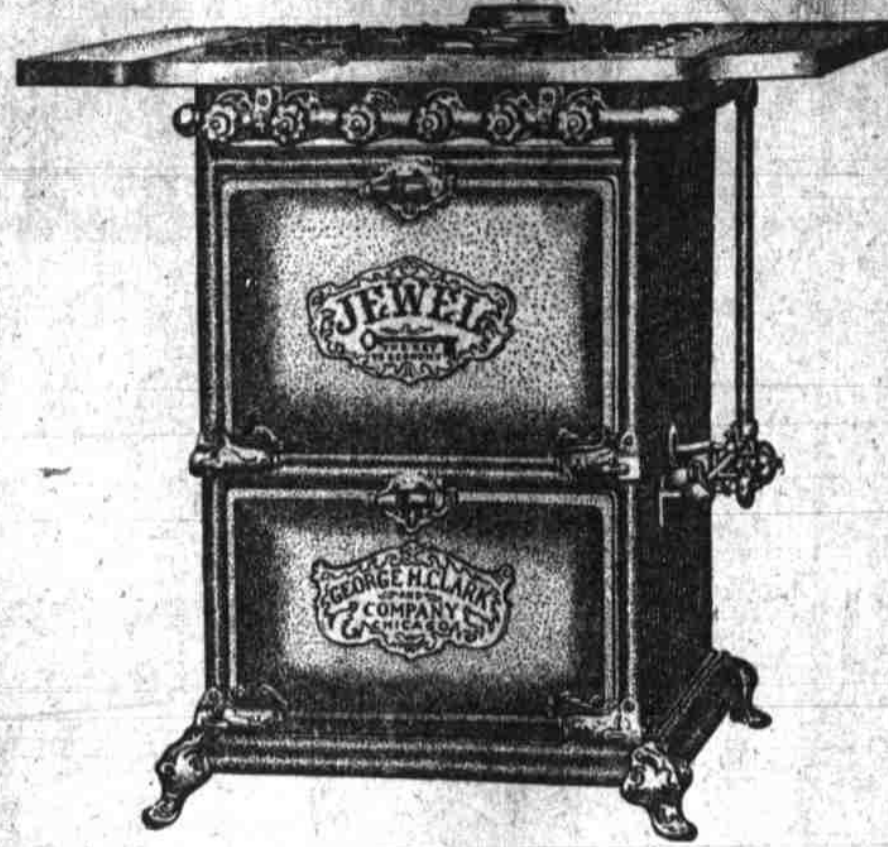
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Three women sculptors have been assigned important work for the St. Louis Fair. They are Miss Janet Souder, who will model a portrait figure; Miss Enid Yandell, who is to model a statue of Daniel Boone, and Miss Evelyn Longman, whose subject has not been announced.

Dr. Hugh M. Smith, the newly appointed Deputy Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries made by Secretary Cortelyou, has just left Washington for Japan, where he will make a series of investigations into the fisheries industry with reference to saving the terrapin industry of the United States.



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