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CHAPTER 384.

WHY MADGE COULD COMFORT KATIE BUT COULDN'T HELP ENVYING HER.

"Is there anything troubling you, Katie?"

I turned back from the kitchen door as my little maid put out her hand to me with an involuntary gesture of appeal, and then quickly drew it back again as if regretting the impulse.

She flushed, and the tears rushed to her eyes at my tone, which I made as kind as I knew how to do. I have tried to be very tender with Katie since she whispered her great secret to me, and both she and Jim, her husband, have shown in every possible way that they are grateful.

Knowing Katie's temperament I expected one of her tempestuous bursts of weeping. It is in this manner that her volatile nature usually expresses grief, and my shoulder has supported Katie's unrestrained sobbing many times since she first came to me. But to my surprise she checked her tears before they fell, and upon her face remained the solemn, uplifted expression I had noticed upon it when I came into the room.

"It no trouble me now, missis Graham," she replied, and her voice had the same solemn quality as her look. "I feel awful bad at first, cry and act like one little silly fool ven Jeem he tell me. But I got me some sense now. It only thing for American man to do. And my Jeem he dot from hees heart out."

I felt myself trembling so that I was compelled to sit down in the nearest chair. I knew only too well what Katie was about to tell me, and there was that within my heart which made me feel I couldn't bear to hear the words which were upon her lips.

Katie looked at me curiously. I

knew that she was waiting for me to speak, and I forced my lips to say banally:

"What do you mean, Katie? What is it Jim's going to do?"

"You no can guess?" Katie's tone was reproachful. Then she rushed on.

"Why, my Jeem, he going to war, he go down today, to—vot you say in English?"

"Enlist?" I prompted.

"Dot's it," Katie stopped, evidently waiting for my enthusiastic approval.

But my lips refused to form words of congratulation. I felt bitterly as if I would be a very hypocrite, and rightly, in my little maid's eyes if I waxed enthusiastic over her husband's action in leaving her to face approaching motherhood alone while my own husband not only showed no indication of offering his services to his country, but appeared almost apathetic in his attitude toward the great

world struggle into which our country had just entered.

"Will You Tell Jim?"

But there was one thing I could do in the face of this sublime sacrifice these two humble folk were making. I rose from my chair, and going to Katie took her into my arms as if I had been her sister, and stroked her hair until I could find words to tell her what was in my heart.

"Katie, dear," I said unsteadily at last. "Will you tell Jim something for me. Tell him that I will take care of you and the little one that is coming as long as you need me. He need not have one moment's worry about either of you. You will be safe with me, and when he comes back he will find you right here."

"Ven Meester Graham Go!"

Then the old volatile Katie I knew so well woke to life. She began to sob tempestuously, but there was gladness not grief in the murmured words that came to me from the face buried on my shoulder.

"Oh, Meesis Graham, dot all vot worried me and Jeem. I so proud of heem, and if I all alone I could work jooost as voll as heem. I would go me make bullets for dose guns. But if baby live I have to take care

of dot. I say to Jeem, I know you take care of me, but he say, ven Meester Graham he go to war, too, maybe you not keep house, not need me."

If Katie had known how her words were stabbing me! "Ven Meester Graham, he go to war, too!" There evidently was no question in either Katie's mind or that of her husband that their admired and beloved

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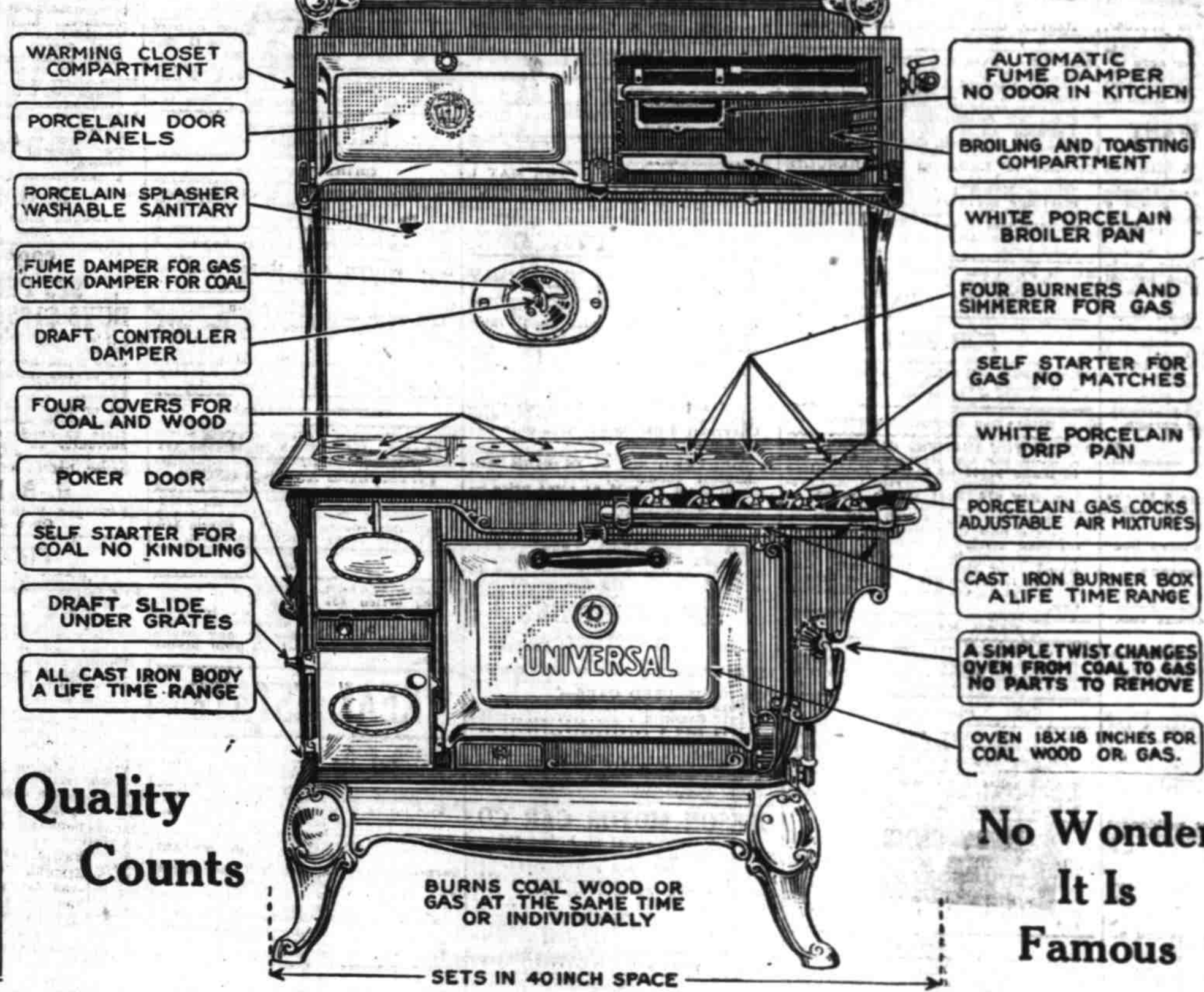
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