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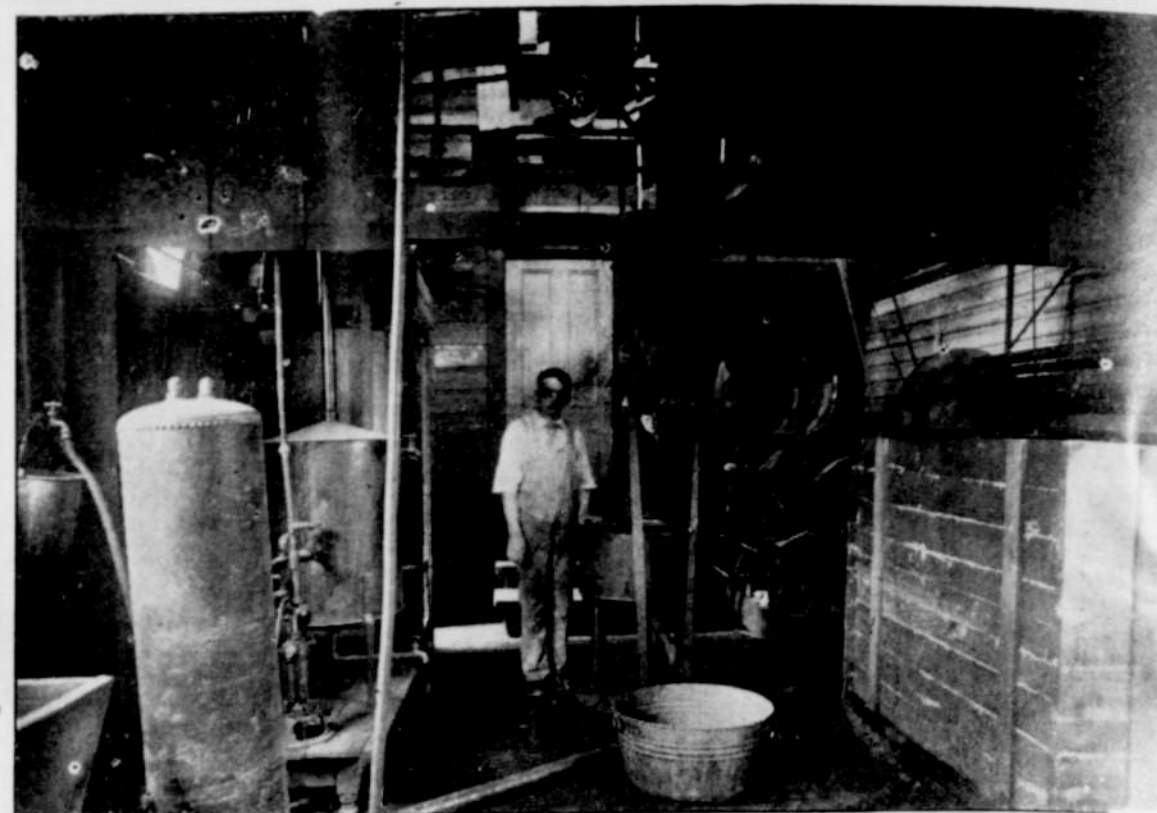
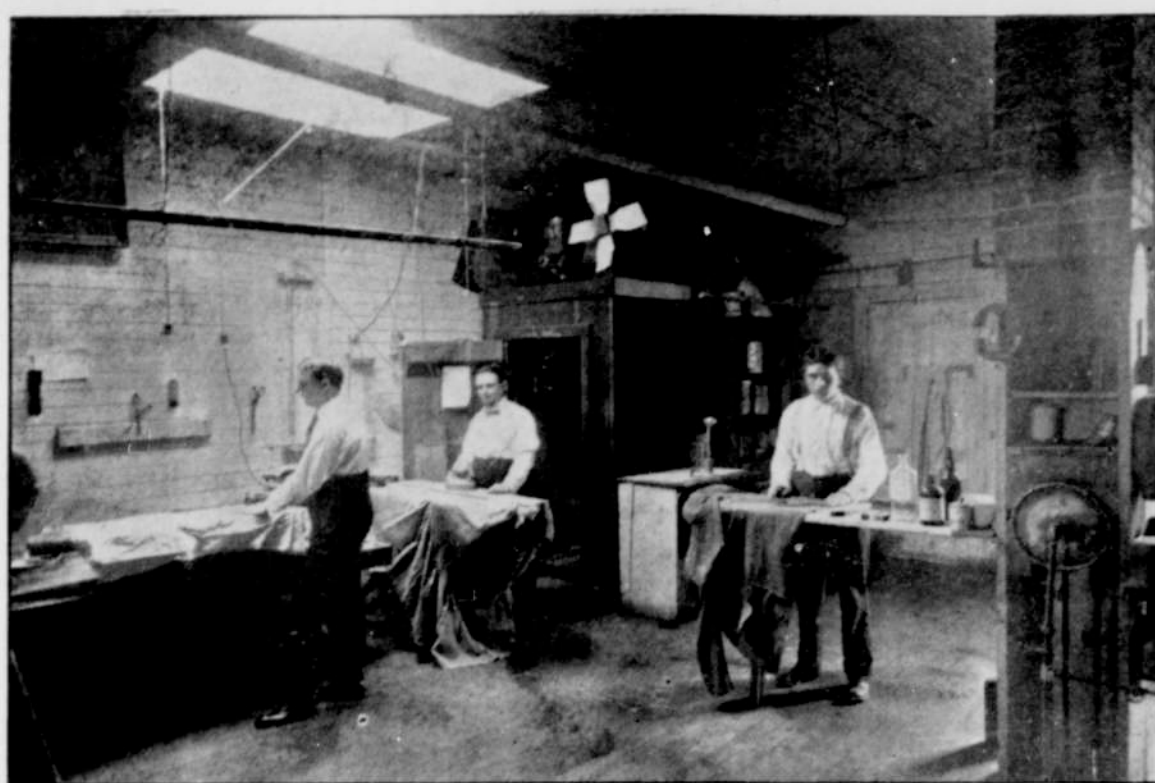
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## The Christmas Chef

By DAVIS TRACY.

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"Did you get one, John?" Mrs. Botsford spoke eagerly, almost hysterically. "Yes, I sent her round to the kitchen entrance."

"Can she cook?" "Oh, John," she ejaculated, "it's 11 o'clock now, and Cousin Edward's fiancée is coming at 3 o'clock to stay until Saturday, and she and Edward and some of her people will be here for Christmas dinner tomorrow, and you know I have never seen the girl or any of them. We must have things nice. The girl's worth a clear million in her own right. Oh, John, why need our cook get sick at such a time and—"

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"The very thing," she cried. "He can do the art work and your cook the plain dishes. A chef will be so—so chic, and you know Miss Lenox has been used to everything. He—a chef is he, isn't he, John?"

"Why, yes, I suppose so. That has always been my impression, though I don't suppose there is any law about a girl filling the position. The manager in this case only stated that a chef could be had for two days."

"Well, it's a man, of course. Now, hurry to the telephone, please, before some one else gets him."

"She waited until her husband returned from the telephone, nodding. "Says the chef will be up at 1 o'clock sharp, Julia. Now I'll go downtown."

"But what else could I do? There's a corner on corned beef and—"

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