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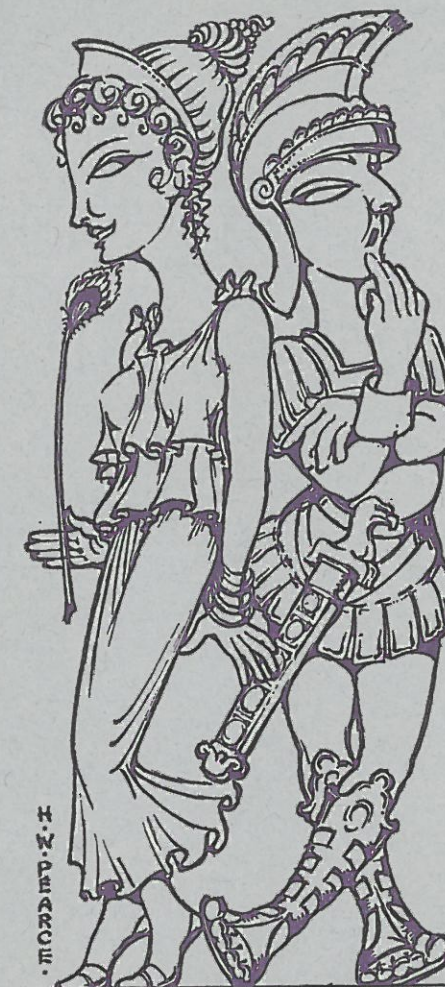
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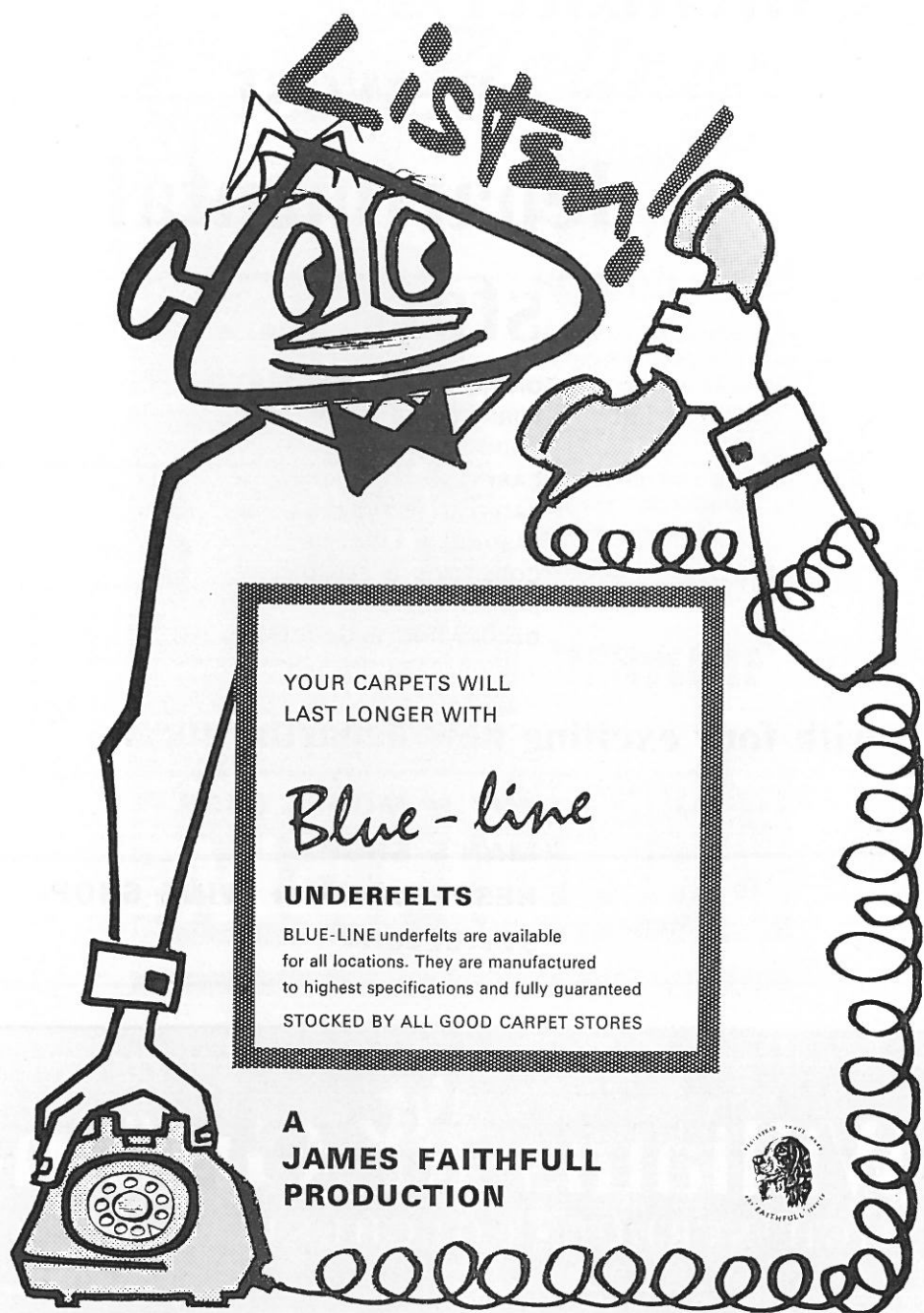
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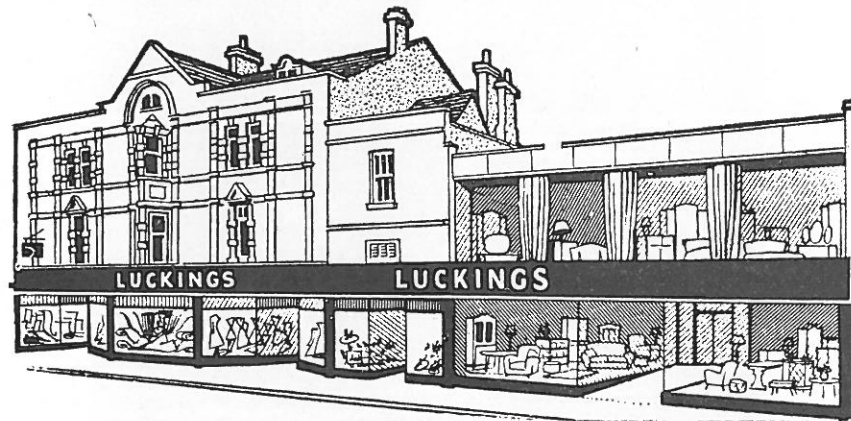
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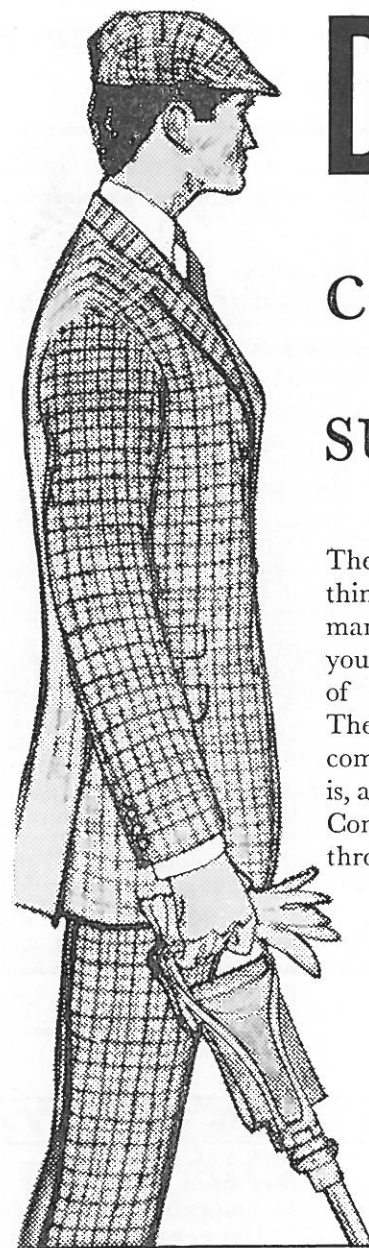
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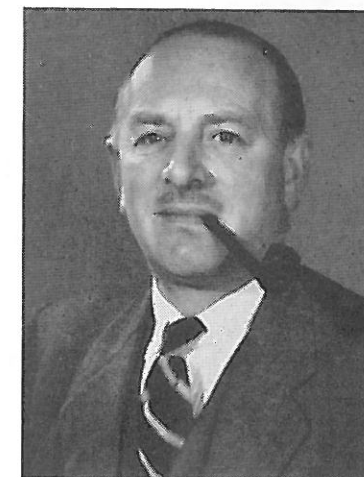
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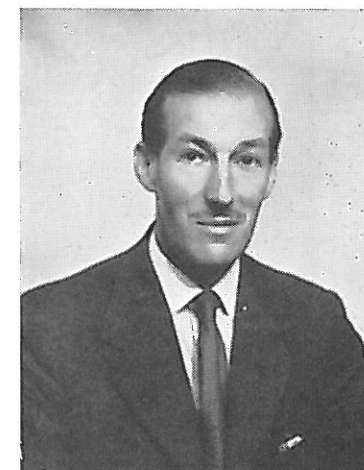
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Nauplia-by-the-Sea .. HELEN, MENELAUS AND SPARTANS  
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O Dream of Love ! .. .. HELEN AND PARIS  
Two Mighty Men-at-Arms .. .. AJAX AND ACHILLES  
Something must be done .. AGAMEMNON, MENELAUS AND  
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Farewell Helen .. .. COMPANY  
Hymn to Adonis  
Dream of Love

## OVERTURE

PROLOGUE—Mount Ida .. .. VENUS, JUNO, MINERVA,  
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## ACT ONE

### Sparta: Before the Temple of Jupiter

The Elect of Mighty Sparta  
Hymn to Adonis .. .. HELEN, NESTA AND THE ATTENDANTS  
The Rising Generation .. LEONA, CRESSIDA, ORESTES AND DANCERS  
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