A Sign to Abide.

The reluctance of the colored brother to part with a piece of real estate bearing a deed in his name was well illustrated in a case at Lebanon, Tennessee. A Col. McRae bought a fine piece of suburban property, but it was incomplete without two acres belonging to a colored man, named Johnson. Knowing the nature of the man he hesitated to approach him on the subject, but finally met him as if by accident and said:

"Mr. Johnson, I've been expecting you would make me an offer for that land over there."

"Shoo, now, Marse McRae, but you knows I can't buy dat."

"But I'll sell cheap. I made a bad move when I bought them. This town isn't going to grow in that direction at all, but just the opposite. I'd give you a big bargain on that lot."

"Much obleeged, Marse McRae, but I'se a poor nigger, nigger po'. Lawd only knows how I'se gwine to git feu dis yar."

"I'll sell it for half what it cost me."

"Deed, sah, but if you'd sell de hull lot for $2 I couldn't buy it."

Having sowed the seed, the Colonel went away to let it take root, and a week later "happened" to meet Mr. Johnson and to carelessly observe:

"Well, aren't you going to accept of my offer?"

"Deed, no' Marse McRae.

"It seems to me that all that land ought to belong to one person."

"Yes, it does, sah."

"I'll either sell or buy."

"But I can't buy an' I dean want to sell."

The Colonel kept at him for two long years, but got no satisfaction. Finally, Johnson's wife died, his cabin burned down, and his son got in jail, all in one week. The Colonel saw his opportunity and pressed his offer, which was a really fair one, but Johnson held out for two weeks. Then he agreed that if he couldn't raise $50 by a certain day he would "sell out." When that day was up the Colonel went around, fully expecting his efforts would be crowned with glory, but Mr. Johnson showed him a $100 bill and said:

"You see, I got de money Marse McRae fitty mo' dan I counted on.

"How in the devil did you raise $100?"

"De Lawd sent it."

"Rot! Who lent it to you?"

"I found it right on de railroad track wha' de kears curve around the hill an' Lee'gat witnesses to prove it. It's a sign dat I hadn't ortter to sell my lot, cause it won't be any use for you to git any mo."

"Will you take $100 for your lots."

"Deed no, sah."

"Six hundred."

"No, sah."

"Say, I'll give you seven, and that's $200 more than they are worth."

"Mrs. McRae, I'se much obliged, but I can't do sell fur two millions. De Lawd he done sent me a perfect sign to hold on right dis' an' I fain't gwine to frow mad at de Lawd by sellin out for de next twenty yars."—*N. Y. Sun.*

How to Sit a Horse.

Apropos of an article on riding Mr. Wilson A. McGibbon, an expert, writes as follows to the N. Y. *Herald* to say how a woman should sit a horse:

The body should be balanced exactly in the middle of the saddle and far enough back to grasp the second pommel with the right knee comfortably, while the left one is just spanned by the third pommel, or leaping-horn.

The rider is now sitting upon that part of the animal which is the center of motion, the dead center, and can easily without involving the body, eyes looking over the horse's head in the direction he is going, shoulders well thrown back so as to expand the chest, taking care to keep them in line and not to raise one higher than the other; the small of the back slightly bent forward, upper part of the arms hanging straight down from the shoulders and held loosely, but close to the sides; the forearms straight out from the elbows; wrists rounded inward and on a level with the elbow, each hand holding a rein, fingers closed, knuckles to the front, thumbs extended on the end of the reins and pointed across the body, hands held five or six inches apart, according to the width of the horse's neck in front of the body.

From the knee to the foot the right leg must be held close to the forehead of the saddle, the heel raised and inclined backward a little. The right side of the upper part of the right leg from the knee to the hip joint should be turned on its outer side and held close to the saddle, and the inside of the upper part of the left leg should be in contact with the saddle. The left knee should be placed just below the third pommel, and the lower part of the leg should hang straight down from the knee and close to the side flap of the saddle, the upper part of the legs only to leave the saddle at the rising trot."

The foot should be placed evenly in the stirrup as far as the ball, the heel being a little lower and pointed toward the shoulders of the horse. The body should be plant and accompany the movement of the horse.

Where Beauties Are Bred.

The great beauties who take the social prizes in marriage are almost all bred in the lesser towns where a less conventional society gives women a snatch at freedom in girlhood. You don't find them growing up with calisthenics, health lifts, and a massage-use to do their exercise for them.

You all remember the painful story of a girl in a city home, surrounded by every care, who was strangled in the coils of her "health pill" one evening little more than a year since. Scarcely more pitiful is her fate than that of girls brought up to depend on such substitutes for work and exercise to live. A sick, anæmic woman, untused, unable to care for herself and all others, is the most pitiable, repugnant object on earth. You seldom find a lasting beauty which has not had a semi-Greek education of outdoor life and exercise behind it.

Take the beautiful Gunnings, who ran wild in their Irish country home till their calculating mamma had raked and scraped enough to take them to Dublin and thence to London. The Gunnings were unlicensed hoydens, but their rosy cheeks made them matchless complexions. Later still Mrs. Langtry took her beauty course, roving the Jersey lanes with her brothers in sea air, living on peaches and coarse bread, with as little lessons as sufficed to fit her for London drawing rooms.—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

When Woman Mails a Letter.

Familiarity in the Post Office is an amusing study. In the manner of dropping a simple, ordinary, white, every-day letter, for instance, she affords an insight into the character of the average woman.

The lady who had nothing else to do the other day than to watch this little operation for five minutes. Out of thirty young women who went to cast their epistles in the slot, twenty-seven by exact calculation, withdrew their letter before quite letting go of it to scan both sides of the note to be very sure the letter was securely sealed, properly addressed, stamped, and to be certain no one could look through the envelope to read its contents. Out of these twenty-two ladies three had forgotten to put a stamp on their letter, and two had to add something to the address on the envelope, while another carried off with her the letter she had intended to mail.—*Boston Record.*

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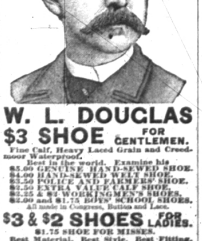

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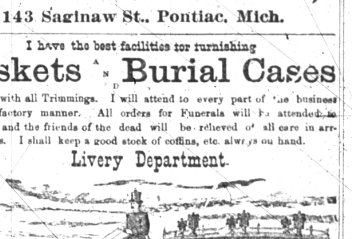

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