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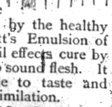

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Who love all loveliness that grows:
A London rose—ah, no one knows,
A penny bought it in the Strand!

But not alone for heart's delight:
The red has yet a deeper stain
For your kind eyes that, late by night,
Grew sad at London's motley sight,
Beneath the gaslit driving rain.

And now again I fear you start
To find that sorry comedy
Re-written on a rose's heart:
'Tis yours alone to read apart,
Who have such eyes to weep and see.

Soon rose and rhyme must die forgot,
But this, Diana—ah, who knows?—
May die, yet live on in your thought
Of London's fate, and his who bought
For love of you a London rose.
—Macmillan's Magazine.

The Actor's Story.

BY JOHN COLEMAN.

CHAPTER IV—CONTINUED.

As the boat touched the beach a couple of fishermen held it fast, while a couple more carried out the poor ferryman, who was still senseless, and took him to the nearest cottage. Then Curly sprang forth and taking Flora in his arms lifted her ashore. Taking off his hat and bowing formally to M'Allister he said, "I am at your service, sir." Meanwhile Deempster had arranged with Sandy M'Diarmid (the head man of the village) for the use of his cottage during the forthcoming interview. M'Allister, keeping his hand upon his pistol, indicated by an expressive gesture that he wished the lovers to precede him. Curly gave his arm to Flora, and the two followed the Laird of Strathmines being in their own turn followed by M'Allister.

Standing on the threshold of the cottage was a tall, weird-looking woman with hair white as snow and large, dark eyes, with an eerie, far-away look in them. Elspeth M'Diarmid (for it was Sandy's wife) stooped a little, but when she encountered Deempster she straightened herself and stood erect, looking him full in the face as she muttered. "The evil een! the evil een!"

When she caught sight of Curly and Flora she exclaimed. "Puir laddie! puir lassie!" and then, with a smile of rare sweetness, she said to Flora:

"Come ben, my bonnie dearie!" Flora took the old woman's hand and went into the cottage without a word. Curly was about to follow when he was intercepted by Deempster, pistol in hand. Then M'Allister said, "Dan'l, I wish to speak to my daughter alone. Mind this man doesn't cross the threshold, and don't lose sight of him until I am ready for him!"

"Trust me for that," said Deempster, his hand upon his trigger. The night was falling into darkness, and the villagers had dispersed, leaving the rivals alone together. As Curly made another step toward the door Deempster presented his pistol, remarking with a grim sort of pleasantry, "Mr. Player-man, this pistol is loaded with slugs, and if you have any regard for your health you will keep clear of the muzzle!"

Curly clinched his fist and gnashed his teeth at his own impotence. "If I only had a weapon! If I only had a weapon!" he muttered, while he paced to and fro and Deempster mounted guard at the gates of his Paradise.

CHAPTER V.
The White Feather.

Time wore on.

Presently the chaise and pair drove up—the postilions alighted to take their orders from Strathmines. He gave them in a low tone of voice—Curly could not distinguish a word—he saw the men, however, yoke M'Allister's horse in front of the other two, and he noted that they had saddled and bridled Deempster's horse. Then they sat down and began to smoke their pipes. What could it all mean?

Half an hour later M'Allister appeared at the door, and spoke in an undertone to Deempster, who gave further orders to the postilions, and then, turning to his rival, said in a curt, insolent manner. "Hi! you, sir, step this way, and look alive about it!"

Curly paused a moment, as one who would say, "Am I a man or a dog, to be thus spoken to? But after all, it is for her sake, for hers!" And so he entered the room. To his astonishment she was not there. The door closed after him with a bang, and he found himself entrapped. He was confronted on one hand by M'Allister, on the other by Deempster, both desperate men, with loaded pistols in their hands. He was a prisoner, alone, unarmed, defenseless! There was a moment's pause—then M'Allister handed Deempster a sheet of paper, on which a few lines were hastily scrawled.

"Will it do?" he inquired.

"Yes," responded the other.

"Now, you sir," said M'Allister, "listen to what I am about to say, and don't interrupt me. Fifty years ago if a fellow like you—"

"Fellow me no fellows, sir," replied Curly. "I am a Campbell."

"Campbell be d—d! They were aye a set of thieving caterans, the best of them, but they were men, not spangle-jacks, and I tell you that fifty years ago, had the best o' your blood done to a M'Allister what you have done to me and mine this day, my forbears would have given him Jedburgh law—they'd have hanged him first, and tried him after! You're not worth swinging for, else I'd think no more of shooting you than wringing the neck of a muir fowl."

"You are Flora's father, sir, and for her sake I endure those bitter words."

"Good. Now read this paper."

Curly took up the paper and read these cruel words:

"These presents are to attest that Flora M'Allister is not my wife: and I call God to witness that neither now nor hereafter will I seek to become her husband.

"DONALD CAMPBELL.

"Dudhope Ferry, May 12, 18—."

"You have read?" said M'Allister. Curley assented in silence.

"Now your answer?"

"My answer is this," said the young man, tearing the paper in pieces, and casting the fragments to his feet.

"Just so," said M'Allister. "Dan'l, copy you paper once more."

Strathmines locked the outer door, and putting the key in his pocket, began to write. As he wrote, not a sound could be heard save the scribbling of the pen on the paper.

While the old man locked the inner door Curley looked through the window. It was small—so small that there was no possibility of escaping that way. No human being appeared within sight or sound. Then he looked toward the fire-place. There lay the poker, a primitive and unromantic weapon, it is true; but if he could only reach it! Quickly as he moved toward the hearth-stone M'Allister was quicker still, with the pistol at his head.

"No, you don't, my mannie," said he, grimly. "Is the paper done Dan'l?"

"It is," replied the other.

"Read it aloud, then, that there may be no mistake about it!" Deempster read it aloud. It was textually word for word with the document which Curly had destroyed. "Now," said M'Allister, "there's my watch," and he placed it on the table. "It is now five-and-twenty minutes past four; if at half-past you're not signed that paper, by the living God I'll chance this world and the next and put the contents of this pistol into your head the next minute!"

The young man darted toward the door, but was intercepted by Deempster, also pistol in hand. Poor Curly. He was anything but a hero, but a better or braver man might have felt daunted placed between the pistols of these stalwart and desperate men. He loved Flora M'Allister better than anything in the world—better than his life. If by sacrificing his own life he could save hers I think he would have found courage to do so. But he reasoned that she was safe enough for the present; besides, while there was life there was hope. These and a thousand other thoughts passed through his mind during five minutes. Five minutes did I say? I should have said five ages of agony!

"Time's up!" said M'Allister, cocking his pistol.

"One moment," said Curly. "I will sign this paper on two conditions."

"Name them," said the old man sternly.

"First, that you will promise me not to coerce her into marrying this" (indicating Deempster) "or any other man."

M'Allister ruminated a moment, and said, "I promise."

"Next—that you'll let me see her to say 'Good-by'—before you, if you desire it, but not before yonder man."

"Yonder man's" eyes flashed fire, and Curly heard the click of his pistol, but the hate in his heart gave him courage, and he faced the enemy to his teeth.

M'Allister—was he thinking, I wonder, that he had been young himself?—interposed with:

"That'll do. Don't. Confound it! we can't have it all our own way, and by our own way of having it, too. The lad shall say 'Good-by' to her."

"You promise that I shall see her, then?"

"I promise. Now sign."

"God help me!" exclaimed Curly. "I'm signing away her life and my own with my heart's blood." And so he was, poor wretch!

M'Allister took the paper, and turning to Deempster, said, "Now, Dan'l—see the carriage ready."

Strathmines strode from the house, livid, but silent. M'Allister unlocked the inner door, and, going to the foot of the stairs, called Flora.

In a moment's time she was in the room—there was no fear about her. She went straight over to her lover, threw her arms around him, and kissed him before her father's face. That kiss never left the unhappy man's lips till the day of his death. Afterward she remembered that he was cold as ice. At that moment, however, she merely thought that he was worn out with the strain of the voyage. As she took his arm, and leaned her head upon his shoulder, the hot blood rushed from her heart to her glowing cheeks, while he stood pale as death, motionless as marble.

Not a word had yet been spoken. At length her father handed her the paper. She read it, and quick as lightning, with a movement of repulsion as though she had been stung by an adder, she withdrew herself from Curly's arm.

"Did you—did you?" she inquired, looking at him. She might as well have spoken to the dead—the man was bereft of speech, paralyzed with grief and shame—he could not meet her eyes. Then she turned to her father, and said:

"Is it true? Did he do this shameful thing?"

The old man, overawed by her great grief, bowed his head, and averted his face in silence. She paused. It seemed as if the splendor of her beauty was gone—as if the lustre had fallen from her eyes, and she had in that moment grown old and gray. No trace of the old music remained as she said, with scarce a tremor in her voice:

"How cold it has grown! Please, father, take me home!" And so she passed forth into the darkness.

And he? Poor wretch! For a moment he seemed to lead a dual existence—his soul had left his body, and looked with loathing on the miserable thing it once inhabited.

Hark! What was that?

The clatter of horses' hoofs—the roll of carriage wheels!

The sound brought him back to life. Like a madman he rushed from the house screaming. "Flora! Flora! My darling—my love—my life! It was for your sake—only listen—one word—one word!"

He heard—at least, he always thought to his dying day that he heard her voice calling to him for help.

He gained upon them. As he reached the corner of the hill, the moon burst forth from behind the clouds. A man on horseback intervened as the carriage passed out of sight. Deempster, for it was he, as he rose from the stirrups exclaimed:

"I've been waiting for this ever since the night of the ball! Blast you! Take this—and this!" And he struck Curly twice across the face with the thong end of his heavy whip—almost blinding him, then, reversing his grip, with the butt end, which was of loaded buckthorn, he dealt him one tremendous blow on the head which laid him on the ground.

For a moment the Laird of Strathmines smiled upon the fallen man, then he growled:

"That's a quittance in full, my bold play-actor, for all outstanding accounts 'twixt you and Dan'l Deempster!"

With that he put spurs to his horse, and rode away in triumph, leaving his rival stunned, bleeding, senseless—all but dead!

CHAPTER VI
At Bay.

During the journey homeward Flora remained silent. It was in vain that her father tried to draw her into conversation. She remained obdurate, cold and hard as the granite of her native city.

When they changed horses McAllister got out and left her to herself and sorrow, while he mounted and rode the rest of the way with Deempster, who, by this time, was savagely drunk. Decidedly Dan'l was not pleasant company. Black Care sat behind him, and a fair head, dabbled in blood, when it was not before him, was beside him always—so the two men rode on in silence till they reached Aberdeen.

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DISTINGUISHED BY HAIR.

Its Color in Relation to the Pursuits of Men.

Dr. Deddoo tells us that there is a direct relation between men's pursuits and the color of their hair. An unusual proportion of men with dark, straight hair enter the ministry, red whiskered men are apt to be given to sporting and horseflesh, while the tall, vigorous blonde men, lineal descendants of the Vikings, still contribute a large contingent to our travelers and emigrants.

The plumage of canaries can be considerably altered toward red or orange by feeding them on a stimulating diet of red pepper, and though this may fail for humankind in general, something might be done toward increasing the pigment in the hair, and give hope to many a melancholy owner of gray locks.

Suppose, for a moment, that a protective color, like that which obtains in the fields, woods, and hedgerows, ruled in the world of men, what an amazing change would ensue in the outward appearance of affairs! If a rogue could but at will, assume the perfect guise of an honest man, and the gilded wasps of society appear as mason or honey bees, or were saints and sinners alike compelled to wear their own unmistakable livery, what a changed world would this of ours be! If men, like canaries or caterpillars, could but change their complexion by change of diet, mode of life or pursuit, then we might indeed imagine an alderman, after years of calipash and calipee, assume the hue and shape of a turtle. Scrooge, the miser, after a life of secret hoarding, would turn as yellow as his guineas. Mr. Carcass, the butcher, would become as rubicund as the beef on his stall, instead of appearing as a trim dapper, paleface in a frock coat, and Ferret, the poisoner, as black as the black arts on which he thrives.

But outside the limits of a nightmare dream no such world is possible, says the Nineteenth Century. We have to be content with a medley of far more sober realities, where, though, "white spiders" mostly come to grief, the confidence trick still flourishes, and "men are mostly fools."

"It is an age," says a profound thinker, "of weak convictions, paralyzed intellects, and growing laxity of opinion." There is an intense struggle for bare existence ever going on, but the fittest do not always survive. There are many wise men; but of many a wise man will it never be said:

This fellow's wise enough to play the fool,
And to do that well demands high wit.

while the foolish one, in cap and bells apes wisdom, and, save in his own country, is not without honor.

CHINESE RIVER TRAVEL.

How the Celestials Navigate One of Their High Streams.

O. L. Kilborn, one of seven Canadian missionaries who have gone to settle in Chen-tu, the capital of Sze-Chuan, has sent home an account of Chinese river travel, says the Montreal Witness. At Ichang Mr. Kilborn and his companion embarked, with their belongings on two house boats and began a journey of 1,000 miles up the Yang-tse river.

The Chinese house boat is a flat-bottomed punt, of which the stern half is covered in. Rather more than the anterior third consists of open deck, where the fourteen rowers stand when they wield their oars, and where the whole crew spread their mats and sleep at night. Turning on a pivot at the bow is a long, heavy oar, which, when skillfully handled, does more of the steering than the rudder. The boat is furnished with a tall and strong mast, and, with the least fair wind, up goes the Chinese sail ribbed with the light bamboo. When the wind drops eighteen men jump ashore; fifteen of them tow the house boat along with from 200 to 1,000 feet of bamboo rope, chanting as they pull, while two men keep the rope clear of projecting rocks along the river bank and the remaining one runs beside the rest, spurring them to their work by shouting, waving his arms and clapping his hands.

Often the banks become too precipitous for this "tracking," and the fourteen rowers take to their oars. The mode of progression is changed ten or fifteen times a day. Often the boat crosses the river to gain quieter water or a smoother bank, and is carried down a quarter of a mile in the course of this maneuver, though all hands stamp the deck fiercely, row with desperation, and fill the air with yells.

On reaching the rapids of Tatung two bamboo ropes were put ashore and seventy-five men and boys hauled on them, to the accompaniment of a small barrel drum furiously beaten by a man on deck. The Chinese authorities have established life-saving associations, which keep several well-manned boats constantly plying at all the dangerous rapids. Such a thing as an anchor was never seen. Sometimes a pole was driven down through a hole in the bow, but usually a rope was tied round a bowlder or stake on the shore—or, in default of these, round a heap of small stones gathered for the purpose.

Much Better as It Was.

On one occasion a congressman of a past generation, not noted for his habits of personal tidiness, was visiting on the New England coast, and one day while out in a sloop with a sailing party he was swept overboard, but was happily rescued. When the excitement was over a young fellow rushed down into the cabin.

"By Jove!" he exclaimed, "we've been having an exciting time on deck."

"What is it?" asked everybody.

"Mr. Blank was washed overboard."

"I'm glad of it," snapped a fastidious New England matron.

Everybody was horrified.

"Well, I am," she explained. "Just think of that man being washed on board."—Detroit Free Press.

German Medical Students.

In the twenty universities of the German empire the medical students for last summer numbered 8,838. These were distributed among the various universities as follows: Berlin, 1,165; Bonn, 325; Breslau, 292; Erlangen, 424; Freiburg, 481; Giessen, 172; Gottingen, 200; Greifswald, 393; Halle, 283; Heidelberg, 278; Jena, 212; Kiel, 335; Konigsberg, 256; Leipzig, 814; Marburg, 266; Munich, 1,443; Rostock, 138; Strassburg, 335; Tubingen, 230; Wurzburg, 743.

The Power of Wealth.

"This," said Mr. Livewayte, of Chicago, pointing out a painting to his visitor, "is one of the old masters."

"Indeed," replied the guest, with deep interest.

"Yes; I had it painted to order."

He Would Relieve Her.

She, her first season—I have been shut up in a boarding-school so long that I feel awkard and timid in company. I don't know what to do with my hands. He—I'll hold them for you.

FADS AND FEATURES.

There are 512,500 telephones in use in the United States.

Switzerland's new census shows a population of 2,917,754.

In Sitka, when an Indian wife has lost her husband by death, she goes into mourning by painting the upper half of her face a deep black.

A Western traveler has a large collection of souvenir spoons which he secured in a peculiar manner. At every hotel and restaurant he stopped at he has made it a point to "hook" a spoon.

Capt. C. James of the Reddich, Eng., Town Cycling club died last week and in accordance with his last wishes, his coffin was borne to the grave on four bicycles and attended by his friends riding on their wheels.

An Englishman has just invented an apparatus whereby, instead of rolling and forming separately each strip in the manufacture of bands and hoops, several strips can be cut simultaneously at one operation from a sheet of metal.

A german newspaper contained this announcement: "I hereby declare, since the written notice of the 8th of August, 1892, and notwithstanding her refusal to accept the same, my betrothal with Fraulein Emma Zigler is null and void.—Richard York." In the next number of the paper the following appeared: "I hereby declare that with respect to the advertisement of the annulment of my betrothal, written and proclaimed, with Herr York I do not agree. I am and still intend to remain his betrothed."

The vandal woodcutters in the California sequoia forests used to cut the trees at a distance of from a dozen to twenty feet above the ground in order to avoid the gnarled and knotted base. But it has lately been found that these stumps are as valuable as the straight wood. The gnarls present most beautiful figurings, and the wood is sawed into thin sheets and used for interior decorations.

The only place where any of the treasure of the famous pirate, Captain Kidd, was ever found is Gardiner's island, at the east end of Long island, a famous rendezvous for sea robbers. Here were found 783 ounces of gold, 633 ounces of silver, besides silk, satin, bullion and jewels. It was long a superstition that whenever Kidd buried money he killed a sailor to bury with it, that his ghost might guard the treasure and scare away intruders.

Lucy Booth, General Booth's youngest daughter, who is about to go to India at the head of mission work in that land, will dress and live as the native women do while she remains among them.

Baron Hirsch is said by a London newspaper to be the richest man the world has ever known, the statement being that he is worth £6,000,000 sterling a year. This implies a capital of about $500,000,000.

Emperor William, of Germany, recently intended to decorate Count Taaffe with the black eagle, but he sent him a red eagle by mistake, and as etiquette would not allow him to take back what he had once given, he was obliged to let the count have both decorations.

Mrs. Ella L. Knowles, who went to Montana after studying law in Manchester, N. H., found in that commonwealth a statute prohibiting women from practicing at the bar. Her efforts to have the law repealed by the legislature were successful, and she has now been elected attorney general of that state.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes suffers somewhat from asthma, and it is noticeable in his voice, but otherwise he seems to be in excellent health. He is a great walker and is often seen in Beacon street, in Boston, taking his "constitutional." He always wears a nicely polished silk hat and carries a large cane.

Mrs. Ralph Waldo Emerson's death draws attention to two facts—her unmarried daughter's beautiful devotion to her blind parent these many years and the undisturbed condition of Mr. Emerson's study since his death. In fact the whole house and its furnishings have undergone little change in a decade.

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Oliver Cromwell loved veal seasoned with oranges.

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The fashion of serving the fish before meats began in 1562.

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There are a large number of hygienic physicians who claim that disease is always the result of a transgression of Nature's laws. The Proprietors of Garfield Tea are both physicians, and have devoted years, to teaching the people how to avoid sickness by following Nature's laws. They give away with every package of Garfield Tea a little book which they claim will enable all persons, if its directions are followed, to avoid sickness of all kinds; and to have no need for Garfield Tea or any other medicine.

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As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.
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It is said that Kansas is the only state in the union which produces reeled silk.

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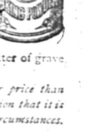

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ANYONE having a house and lot for sale can advertise with us FREE OF CHARGE, if no sale is made. We make contracts to this effect and will always do our utmost to make a sale and benefit our patrons.

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Are you looking for the best and cheapest acme in Birmingham? If so, read this and act wisely. We can offer you for only $1,800 a large, commodious and comfortable house on Harmon street, comparatively new, [illegible], containing 12 nicely finished rooms; a fine barn, good well and cistern, six apple bearing trees and a good lot of land, which, to our idea, makes it the best bargain yet offered in real estate.

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Bargain No. 34.
A good farm for sale. I offer for sale my farm in Troy, Oakland Co., Mich., consisting of 80 acres of choice farming land, 30 acres well underdrained, 10 acres of good timber and the balance fine pasture. Good house, banked up between the studding, a number one cellar and good out-buildings. Good barn and two good flowing wells of as good water as ever was drank. A good orchard bearing every year and plenty of small fruits. Within ½ mile of post-office, stores, churches and schools. Price very reasonable. Terms easy. For particulars call on or address, James S. Bigham, Big Beaver, Mich.

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We can now offer for sale Geo. H. Toms' comfortable and convenient home situated corner of Chester and Merrill streets in this village. This snug house consists of six nice living rooms, large cistern in cellar, good cellar. Four lots go with this place all high, dry and near the school house and plentifully supplied with small fruits of all kinds. This is the first time that this property has been offered for sale and at the price named by the owner ought to go quick. For full particulars call at Whitehead & Mitchell's Real Estate Agency.

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A big chance for investors in Royal Oak farm property! 240 acres of choice farming ground can be had very cheap. Forty acres heavy timbered, 200 acres cultivated and pastured. Good large frame house, 3 large barns with stables, two good deep wells, one flowing well (a dandy), fine cellar under the house and good cistern. Six acres of excellent orchard, plenty of cherries, pears, peaches, etc. A heavy, growing soil. Two miles north of Royal Oak. Terms easy to suit purchaser. For full particulars inquire of Whitehead & Mitchell or the owner, Sherman Williams, Royal Oak, Mich.

Bargain No. 44.
A fine residence, comparatively new, with eight goods rooms, bath room, china closets etc., and a large, convenient barn. The house rents readily for $25 a month, being located on 14th avenue, Detroit, and is in one of the best residence portions of the city. Will sell for $4,000 or exchange for a good farm in this county.

Bargain No. 49.
Rev. Jas. McCracken, of Southfield, offers his farm for sale and a right good piece of property it is, too. This farm has a good house, with fine well and cistern, good barns, plenty of fruits, etc., and described as follows: East half of the southeast quarter of section 34, town 2 N., range 10 E, less 10 acres, containing nearly 66 acres. The farm is ¼ of a mile north of Erity's Mill, 2½ miles southwest of Birmingham, with ample buildings in good order, with never failing spring stream near the buildings; a good young orchard. Will be sold at its value. Call on Whitehead & Mitchell or the owner, on the premises, Jas. McCracken.

Bargain No. 50.
Mrs. F. Drake's house and four lots on Maple avenue, Bates and Martin streets, in Birmingham. One of the finest locations on Maple avenue. House in good repair; 7 rooms, woodshed, cellar, crock well, cistern, sink in kitchen. Apples and small fruit. Will sell cheap, terms easy. Inquire at this office.

Bargain No. 57.
Here's another. Frank Pearsall wishes to sell his farm, as the condition of his health is such that he is unable to manage it himself and he does not believe in renting. The farm consists of 155 acres of excellent rich clay loam on section 20 in Troy, 1½ miles east and ¼ mile north of Birmingham. Excellent new buildings, house two story with every convenience. Barn 40x120, wind-mill supplies never failing water to house and out buildings. Ice house, carriage house and all buildings new and complete. Farm well fenced. Young orchard of apple and peach just coming into bearing. One of the best farms in the county, at a price which ought to sell it within thirty days. Title absolute and terms easy. If you mean business and really want to purchase a farm well worth the money, call at this office.

Bargain No. 64.
We offer for sale a 26 acre tract on the south side of Saginaw Street, north of the toll gate on the Pontiac road. This property is part of the farm owned by Martin Wilde and is especially adapted to the wants of anyone requiring a small parcel of land near the village suitable for small fruits, etc. Living water running through the premises. Convenient to the village. Perfect title. Terms easy. For particulars and prices call at this office.

Bargain No. 58.
A cheap house and lot in the village for sale. Mrs. English offers her cottage and two lots for sale in this village for only $600. Five or six rooms, good well, good cistern, plenty of small fruit, etc. The owner has gone to Detroit to live and some one can get a bargain. Call at Whitehead & Mitchell's for particulars.

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Southfield land for sale. I will sell cheap and on long time 5 acres of land in Southfield, one-half mile south of Samuel Bell's. All plowable. $150 down. There is also a nice lot of lumber for sale. Inquire at this office or of the owner, Robert Shaw.

Bargain No. 54.
Here is a chance to get a home in Birmingham at a price that ought to cause the buyer to smile. We refer to the M. M. Toms homestead now owned by Miss Mary Toms, situated on Townsend street and in good condition. This property consists of three large village lots, a two-story house with ten or twelve nice large living rooms and plenty of closet room, also a good barn. A good cellar under the house, an excellent cistern, good well, lots of fruit apples, etc., with small fruits in abundance. Terms very easy. For particulars call at the Exchange Bank.

Bargain No. 56.
We are now able to offer the choice tract of farming land now owned by Mrs. Hattie Horn, of Tiffin, Ohio, and formerly known as the "Deacon Bull Farm" on the east shore of Wing Lake, which is one of the most beautiful locations in the county. The farm consists of 120 acres and the buildings are in good repair with an abundance of water and well fenced fields. There is a young orchard on the place which is just coming into bearing and which brought the snug sum of $500 for the fruit alone last year. The present owner paid $6,000 for the farm and thinks that it ought to be worth as much now as it was then. There can be no finer location for pleasure or for profit than this farm on the banks of one of the loveliest lakes in this county of lakes. For particulars call at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

Bargain No. 55.
It is very seldom that a farm so desirable as this one is offered to the public. We have for sale the farm known as the Gillespie farm, now owned by the Riley Bros., at a very reasonable price. This farm consists of 105 acres, has two good dwelling houses, with an unusual amount of barns, sheds and other necessary outbuildings, three good wells, cisterns, cellars under both houses, 110 bearing apple trees of choice fruit, plenty of peaches, pears, plums, grapes, etc., etc. About 90 acres of extra good land under plow and 15 acres of heavy timber. $4,500 down and the balance on long time to suit purchaser. Only two miles from the village of Birmingham. The best live water running through it the year round and positively the biggest farm bargain in Oakland county. Call on us for particulars. Our reasons for selling are, the farm is not large enough to divide into two farms, so that it will pay for each to work his own part. We have added greatly to the value of the farm since owning it, in the way of new fences, general cleaning up and repairing on the houses and barns. Riley Bros.