THE BEAUTIFUL SNOW.

(Old Favorites Series.)

the snow, the beautiful snow, filling the sky and the earth below;
Over the housetops, over the street, over the heads of the people you meet,
Dancing, flirting, skimming along. Beautiful snow! it can do nothing wrong.

[illegible]

O! the snow, the beautiful snow! How the flakes gather and laugh as they go!

[illegible]

Father O'Flaherty's Tactics.

[illegible]

... its mother ... that Mrs. Mullaney was proud of it. She had bought that house on the installment plan, paid for out of her own earnings as a seamstress, aided by the little she could save out of her husband's wages of two dollars a day. And she had never, as she herself expressed it, had "less than eight childer ter kape" while the house was in course of acquirement. For these beloved "childer" the social ambitions were high. It was no part of her plans that Molly, her eldest and the flower of the flock, should marry a "common teamster," although young "Jamesy" Murphy owned a fine team.

It is doubtful if the young people would ever have had a chance to be happy without making a run for it, which Molly would never have consented to do but for Father O'Flaherty's assistance.

Father O'Flaherty was the boyish-faced priest at St. Michael's, a young man just out from Ireland, and, once more to quote Mrs. Mullaney, "wurrekin' loike the very divvle ter bate ther faver of homesickness," which was consuming him. Father O'Flaherty was fond of calling at the Mullaney cottage because Mrs. Mullaney reminded him of the good, hard-working, affectionate mother who had sacrificed her own joy in his presence for the sake of his future well-being. He was sorry, upon the occasion of the call which directly followed Mrs. Mullaney's flat against "Jamesy" Murphy to see that Molly looked pale and troubled and that her eyes showed traces of tears.

"It's hankerin' after Jamesy Murphy that she do be," the indignant mother burst forth in answer to the good priest's kindly inquiry. "But it's cry she'll have ter, unliss Jamesy alters his ways."

"A good lad, Mrs. Mullaney," said Father O'Flaherty, "and very steady for his years."

Molly shot him a grateful glance, but Mrs. Mullaney grew more indignant.

"He may be steady as the church fer awl I care," she declared, roundly, "an' as harnsome as Molly thinks him. But no young man that's willin' ter dhrive team these days is good enough

"It's hankerin' after Jamesy Murphy." fer my Molly. It's eddication an' sthyle thot helps a mon up in ther wurruld these days."

"It's love thot makes people happy," ventured Molly, emboldened by the priest's evident sympathy.

"I believe you're right, my girl," Father O'Fraherty told her a few moments later, as she showed him out at the front door. "Keep up a good heart and a good courage, Molly, and you'll be a happy woman one of these days.

Straight home to the study where a committee of "solid" parishioners waited to discuss plans for the building of the new church went Father O'Flaherty, thinking of Molly and "Jamesy" and Mrs. Mullaney as he went. [illegible]

... than he had expected, but of whose charms a man [illegible] ... He, too, had looked a little pale and troubled when last he saw her. The face of Father O'Flaherty looked [illegible] than ever as he faced his parishioners.

"I'll leave most of the details to you, gentlemen," he said, presently, "but I

"Heaven bless ye, father."

want young James Murphy to have the contract for the teaming. He's a good lad and the contract will help him. None of you will have any objection, I am sure."

"Jamesy isn't prepared for't," suggested one of the three contract teamsters in the room.

"I understand he soon will be," was Father O'Flaherty's quiet reply.

That night he had an interview with the young teamster.

"I'm thinking, James," was the substance of this conversation, "that you could borrow the money for a couple of new teams from your father if you had a good contract in sight, couldn't you? And I myself shall be glad to lend you the money for still another good team and wagon. With three or four teams you'd be in shape to undertake the teaming contract for the new church of St. Michael."

"Never mind thanks, lad," he concluded the interview by saying. "Go and talk to your father and see if you can't overcome Mrs. Mullaney's prejudice against having a teamster for a son-in-law by telling her that you've got the church contract."

"Heaven bliss ye, Father," said young "Jamesy," relapsing into the vernacular.

And, as Father O'Flaherty had expected, Mrs. Mullaney's social ambitions for her daughter recognized a wide difference between a "common" teamster who drove his own single team and the "contract teamster" who rejoiced in four teams and the church contract.

The neat little house was replaced by a tall flat building some time ago, and Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy, blissfully happy and successful, are joint owners with Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Mullaney of this new building. Father O'Flaherty, albeit that he never finds the new building quite so snug and homelike as the old one, calls there quite often and he is usually a little happier for every visit.

The sweet little Irish girl of whom Father O'Flaherty has no business to be thinking slipped out this life last winter, and it comforts the man who has no business to think of her to know that Molly Murphy, nee Molly Mullaney, was made happy for her sake.

Some men will do for strangers what their relatives may ask in vain.

Dairy Notes.

It is impossible to have clean dairy products without at the same time having clean utensils and apparatus, with clean rooms and pure air. This is true of the work in the creamery and the dairy as well as in the farm house. The creamery is better suited to the control of conditions than the farm house, but in spite of that fact many creameries are not kept clean nor are the utensils with which the employes work kept clean. Yet with live steam and proper arrangement of steaming boxes there is no need of allowing dirt to accumulate. It requires some science to wash utensils properly. Tinware should not be plunged into hot water at first, but should be first rinsed in luke-warm water. After the milk has been rinsed off the vessel may be washed in water as hot as the hands can bear, and soap may be used. After the washing has been thoroughly done the last rinsing should be in boiling hot water. Then the vessel should be put into the steam tank and thoroughly steamed till all bacterial life has disappeared. As a last touch expose the tins to sunlight. It is believed that one of the best ways of cleansing dairy glassware is to soak it in water heated gradually and in which has been dissolved a quantity of alkali. After soaking till the glass is apparently clean rinse it in hot water and allow it to drain. The heat in the glass will dry it. The creamery or dairy building should be washed daily with soap and hot water. Where separators are used the slime should be daily burned up. This will destroy the disease germs that too often exist in it. It has been found that in very many cases the germs of tuberculosis exist in immense quantities in this slime. The germs being quite heavy are thrown by the centrifugal motion into the refuse. If the refuse is simply thrown out of doors the germs become dry and float in the air to be breathed by animals and human beings and perhaps be carried into the milk and milk products. Burning is preferable to burying in all cases.

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The following suggestions as to the methods to be used in creameries are the result of experience and will be found useful: Do not spare the scrubbing brush in cleaning the creamery. Brushes and soap, though used in considerable quantities, are money well invested. ... An old creamery man says that the refrigerator room should be cleaned and aired once a week. [illegible]

The Yearly Milk Yield.

Professor Dean of the Guelph Experiment station says that no cow that gives less than 6,000 pounds of milk per year should be retained in the farmer's herd of milch cows. The standard set by the professor is one easily in reach of all the farmers now living in dairy sections, or in sections where beef production has not been made the main thing in stock raising. Taking the year as a whole, 6,000 pounds a year means only an average of about 16 pounds of milk per day, or about eight quarts, an average of one quart at a milking. Certainly this is a moderate standard [illegible]

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An Illinois breeder of swine says: Having selected the breed, you should use great care in the choice of breeding animals. Let them be the best specimens and not the culls of the herd that will not sell. [illegible]

A bushel of corn makes four and one-half gallons of spirits, making at cost 1[illegible] cents at 50 cents a bushel for corn. At 10 cents the spirits cost 20 cents, a difference of [illegible] cents.

There's no live sport without a lie.

Dialect stories were probably invented by a country editor to enable him to dispense with the services of a proof-reader.

Everything you do is a red flag to those who dislike you.

Introspection is a fault chiefly possessed by imaginative women.

News and Views

"IKE MARVEL."

Life of Donald G. Mitchell Writer of Fiction.

Donald G. Mitchell, who for nearly half a century has been known to fame as "Ik Marvel" and whose serious illness was reported a few days ago, was born in Norwich, Conn., April 12, 1822. After graduating at Yale in 1841 he lived for a time on a farm for the benefit of his health, and it was then that he acquired that intense love of things pastoral and rural which breathes in his books. Mr. Mitchell went abroad in 1844, and on his return he brought with him the material for his first work. This was called "Fresh Gleanings." In 1848 he again crossed the Atlantic and spent the summer of that year in Paris, gaining inspiration for his new work, "The Battle Summer." His two best-known works, published in 1850 and 1851 respectively, are "The Reveries of a Bachelor" and "Dream Life." In 1885 he purchased a farm of 200 acres near New Haven, and has resided there since that time, writing occasionally for periodical publications, but chiefly enjoying a healthy and happy old age as peaceful as the most pleasant of Arcadian fancies. Mr. Mitchell has written but one novel,

DONALD G. MITCHELL.

"Dr. Johns." He had been a member of the council of Yale since its foundation in 18[illegible].

A GREAT SOCIETY EVENT.

One Thousand Invitations to the Marriage of Senator Foraker's Daughter.

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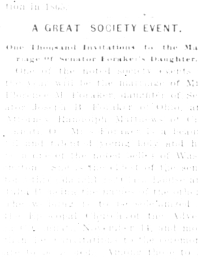

FLORENCE M. FORAKER.

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Studying American Methods.

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A Calm Weather Airship.

Santos-Dumont's trip around the Eiffel tower and back to the Aero club grounds ... [illegible]

Princess Adolphe de Wrede, whose singing of Hungarian folk songs was so great a success at Deauville and Biarritz this year, is about to make her debut in London, and will give a concert at the Queen's hall on Nov. 25. The princess, who has a magnificent voice, may possibly be heard later on in opera, but for the meantime she intends to confine herself to the concert platform.

Real Estate Exchange

Of Whitehead & Mitchell at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

The following is a partial list of farms, city and village lots and real estate generally which we have for sale. As our list is constantly changing, we request that parties will write us if they do not see what they want in this list:

1.

John McCarroll has a nice little farm of 11 acres in the town of Southfield and John says he must sell it pretty soon. All necessary buildings in good repair and ready for the successful prosecution of a profitable farm and the establishment of a happy little home. Lots of good fruits and all necessary conveniences. Terms easy: Price $1,700, of which $500 will be taken on a mortgage at 6 per cent. Speak quick or you lose it.

2.

Farm of 50 acres, well fenced, well watered—never failing stream; 10 acres timber, 1½ miles from Bloomfield Center and electric railway to Detroit and Pontiac. Terms easy.

3.

Twenty-nine and two thirds acres of land near Irish church in Royal Oak township. It is excellent land, four good buildings and fences all in good repair, 65 apple trees, 100 plum trees and plenty of other small fruit. Buildings insured for $1,000. Price $2,800. Terms easy. The place is just outside of the lighter soil of Royal Oak and cannot be beaten for anyone requiring a small farm suitable for small fruit or poultry farming. Come and let us show you over the place some day.

4.

No better farm in the State of Michigan is the John Keyser farm in the township of Southfield, Oakland county, one mile west of the Detroit & Pontiac R'y and one mile south of the postoffice in Birmingham, over good roads, consists of 153½ acres, of which 133 acres are cleared and 20 acres are in timber and 4 acres of orchard, all selected fruit and in good bearing. The soil is a rich clay loam and there are nine good buildings which are valued at $7,000 and upon which there is $3,500 insurance. They consist of good two-story brick house with ten rooms, furnace heating whole house, large barn, shed, hop house, horse-barn, chicken house, shop and tool house creamery, etc., fine flowing well piped to the creamery and to barns. The large barn (30x80) is new and has an excellent stone foundation with basement stables and all conveniences. We challenge comparison with any for productiveness. During the season of 1900 there were raised upon this farm 28 tons of Sugar Beets to the acre, 150 bushels of corn to the acre. Seven acres of wheat raised 140 bushels when wheat was an absolute failure all over the state. It [illegible]

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8.

One of the best farms in Oakland county. It is about enough to say when we tell you that it is [illegible] ... 220 acres ... [illegible]

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12.

The [illegible] farm in the town of Troy, 127½ acres ... [illegible]

13.

Farm in Southfield, 80 acres ... [illegible]

14.

Two hundred and fourteen acres in sections 15 ... [illegible]

15.

House and two lots ... Birmingham ... [illegible]

16.

Five fine farms [illegible] 2 miles from electric ... [illegible]

17.

Nice little farm of [illegible] miles from electric ... [illegible]

37.

Fine new house located on lot 7 of Campbell's subdivision, Birmingham. Price $1,500. House cost that to build. At this price it would be all that. [illegible] ... we can arrange that. Inquire about it.

18.

A small farm of 5 acres, being part of the w½ of section 2, Southfield township, Oakland county. Four good buildings; house, barn, fowl-house and pig-pen. Buildings insured for $1,200. Premises abundantly supplied with cold pure water from flowing well, which is piped to barn, furnishing plenty of water for stock or other purposes all the year 'round. Good fences, excellent soil, gravelly loam in high state of cultivation. House, two-story and wing, 9 rooms; woodshed, cellar, cistern and all conveniences; 2¼ miles from Birmingham, over roads which are the best in the country; 40 rods from good school; 10 rods from Erity's mill. Excellent neighborhood. This little farm is ready for business, without a cent for repairs or improvements. Price $1,500. Terms easy.

19.

A farm of 100 acres in the township of Rose, Ogemaw county, Mich.; 50 acres cleared, 50 acres mixed hardwood timber. Barn worth $100. Soil, sandy loam. Price $15 per acre, terms $500 cash, balance on long time at 5 per cent. Here is a golden opportunity for a poor man to acquire a good home in a short time. Better investigate.

20.

This includes all of the Corson addition left unsold, comprising lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7. Lots 1 and 2 face Woodward Ave., next to the residence of W. C. Jenks and the others face out on Vinewood Ave. These are, without exception, the finest building lots in Birmingham, high and dry, city water, convenient to the D. & P. Electric R'y and will be sold cheap and on easy terms. Prices range from $125 up. Let us tell you all the particulars about 'em. We also include in this number lots 49, 50, 51 and 52, block 5, Urbancrest, near Royal Oak, at $30 per lot.

21.

House and one acre of land, corner of Saginaw St. and Cemetery Ave., Birmingham, $500 cash and the balance on long time. Opposite the electric park and one of the most delightful locations in the village.

22.

One hundred and ten acres in the town of Troy on section 33, 85 acres cleared, 25 acres in timber, beech, maple and elm. On the line of Detroit, Rochester & Lake Orion Electric R'y, cars every hour each way, 15 miles from the city hall, Detroit. Good wells, cisterns, cellars, with house on each side of the road with barns complete with each outfit. Cider mill with three complete presses and 10 horse power steam engine in good repair. Good productive farming lands under good state of cultivation. Best of reasons for selling. The farm is owned by Adam Most and here is the most interesting part of it—he will sell it at $55 per acre and that is less than he paid for it before electric railways were thought of. Only 40 rods to a good school and ¼ mile to the postoffice.

23.

House and lot No. 1 of block 1 in the Campbell subdivision. A comfortable little home for someone. Owner lives in New York City and will sell for $825 cash if sold at once.

The Toynton place, a nice little farm of 76 acres, with 4 acres of good orchard and buildings as good as anybody's. One mile west of Bloomfield Center (Circle postoffice), 5 minutes' walk from Long Lake. Basement barn which cost nearly $1,800. House has 8 rooms and woodshed, cellar, cistern, well, tool house, chicken house, pig pens, corn crib. A never failing stream runs through the farm. This farm is on the line of the proposed Bloomfield & Orchard Lake Electric R'y, from Bloomfield Center to Orchard Lake. The price which was $65 per acre before the new electric road was thought of remains the same, although all the farms in the neighborhood have gone "kiting."

26.

One of the finest farms in the grand old township of Bloomfield, celebrated alike for its fine scenery and productive soil. It is the Haff farm [illegible] ... Let us tell you about it. A postal card will do it.

27.

Want to go west? Well, here's your chance, 160 acres of red Mesa land in Delta county, Colorado. Said by experts to be the finest fruit land in the world. Two thirds of the farm is cleared and there is an orchard of 40 acres of the best and finest varieties of fruit. Buildings and everything is ready for business. The price is $7,000 and a proper discount for cash will be given from this date or will trade for Detroit vacant lots for part of the purchase money. Remember what the sage of Chappaqua said and let us explain about the beautiful climate of Colorado. If you have lung trouble or asthma this is worth your while to investigate.

28.

Cutest little farm of 20 acres in the nicest location you ever saw. It's the Brown place, only 20 rods from Circle postoffice and the electric road; 3 miles north of Birmingham, trout brook runs across the south end, good house, barn and all necessary buildings, plenty of fine fruit, 2 wells, excellent soil. Has been held at a pretty stiff price but now—well, we will sell it to you at such a price and on such terms that you will want to thank us all your days for calling your attention to it. Honest, that's a fact!

30.

One of the very nicest and best arranged homes in Birmingham, and in the finest location that can be desired; on the west side of Saginaw St., lot 60x112. New house of 10 fine rooms, gas, furnace, bath, hot and cold water, both hard and soft water, motor pumps, wood house, and plenty of room for a nice garden, $3,600 will buy it and you only have to pay $500 cash and the balance on easy terms and long time. Now, if you ask for anything better than that you are certainly hard to please, and if you will come and let us show you over the house and grounds we are sure that your possible objections will vanish. Ponder over it a minute and a half or two minutes.

31.

Lots No. 2 and 3 of Block 3 in Campbell's Subdivision of the village of Birmingham. No buildings. Fine lot of stone which will go with the lots, or will sell the lots separately as follows: Lot 2 for $300; Lot 3 $225; and the pile of stone for $35; one-fourth cash and the balance in one and two years. These are acknowledged to be the finest building lots on the subdivision.

32.

A fine little farm in the township of Troy, about 1½ miles north of the village of Big Beaver. Good school, church, and only a mile from the D., R. & L. O. Electric R'y with cars every half hour to the city; 25 acres of excellent farming land; comfortable buildings all ready for a nice little chicken farm for some city man to bring his family during the summer. An hour's ride from the city hall. Price $1,500; $500 cash, balance on long time and easy terms.

33.

Twenty-three hundred dollars cash will buy one of the most profitable farms in the township of Southfield, consisting of 56 acres. The price is $50 per acre, but the balance of the purchase price will be allowed to continue on mortgage at 6 per cent, or will trade for a smaller farm or house and lot in Birmingham; three good buildings, good cellars, wells, cisterns and all the usual conveniences. There are other things which we will whisper in your ear upon application.

34.

Nice little forty-acre farm up in Sanilac county for $25 per acre, 30 acres cleared, 2 acres of orchard; a good barn and a comfortable log house; 5½ miles from Lexington; 4 miles east of Applegate post office on the F. & P. M. R'y; will exchange for Birmingham property or a small farm hereabouts. For a poor man with a small amount to invest and a right good chance to work out the balance, this will be worth coming to see us about. Now don't go along all your life working for someone else and without a home. Come and tell us what you can do and see if we can help you out. It don't cost anything if we don't deal, and if we do, the man who is selling the property pays all the commission.

35.

House and two lots S. & C. subdivision, Birmingham, 80x176 ft. on Southfield Ave., 1½ story frame house, 9 rooms, cellar, cistern, well and city water, fine fruit. Parties have removed from this locality and will sell for cash at the very low price of $1,000. That's all there is of it and to any person wanting a very desirable home in a good neighborhood it ought to be enough.

36.

Farm of 200 acres at $60 per acre and it is one of the most productive farms in this locality. Formerly known as the Wm. Durkee farm. 2[illegible] acres beech and maple timber—and it is timber, not scrub oak and waste land. 7 acres of fine orchard. Modern dwelling of 12 rooms; flowing well, wind mill supplies house with excellent water; 3 fine barns. [illegible] miles west of Birmingham; 100 rods from good school; ¼ mile from Wing Lake, 1½ miles from Franklin village. Well fenced and tiled, absolutely no waste land. Well, what do you want anyhow? There are other things about it. Ask us.

39.

Lot 4, Harrison Ave., Campbell subdivision, Birmingham. Price $5[illegible].

40.

Two story house and lot corner Saginaw Ave. and Brown street, Birmingham; good hot air furnace, 9 rooms, fine, new house; one of the most desirable residences in the village; fine shaded lawn on west side of best residence street. Price $3,000. Come quick or you lose it.

38.

Two story house and lot on south side of Daines street, 2 doors from electric road on Saginaw street, 80 ft. front 110 ft. deep. Hot and cold water on both floors, water closet, bath, furnace and every modern convenience. Terms $500 cash, balance on long time. Price $2,800. If you are curious or interested just ask us for fuller particulars. If you are only curious it will be curious if we can't interest you.

41.

Two and one-half acres and good house and barn 15 rods from the Electric road at Circle. 40 plum, 50 pear, 26 apple trees and other fruit. Will exchange for small farm. Oh, yes! the price. Well, we might as well give you the rock bottom at once. We are almost ashamed to say it, but if we are properly approached, we will take $900 for it. There!

42.

Brick house, good barn and seven acres of land suitable for platting on south side of Maple Ave. east, Birmingham, opposite the Poppleton subdivision. Price $3,500 and it is worth every cent of it. If you don't believe it, ask us about it and we will prove it.

43.

Lot No. 68 of Randall's subdivision, Birmingham, one of the best in the plat. Next to the park. Price $75.

44.

Fine Stock Farm—the celebrated Collier Farm—165 acres in township of Southfield. Buildings are well painted and in good condition: Large 12 room frame house, with cellar divided into three compartments. House surrounded with large handsome elm trees. Horse barn with stalls for six horses and separate carriage room. Bank barn with granary, overhead track, cow stables underneath with cement floor and 5 or 6 additional stalls, sliding doors, good windows, window guards, stone foundation, etc., etc. Horse barn with 10 box stalls and paddock. Horse barn with 4 box and 3 other stalls and paddock enclosed with high board fence. Straw shed. Tool house, enclosed with sliding doors. Office with large stallion or foaling box stall attached and paddock. Bull box stall with paddock secure and strong for this purpose and isolated from other buildings. Outside closet for house. Outside closet for stables. Fruit: Large and bearing apple orchard well trimmed and in good condition, Baldwins, Greenings, Kings, Steeles Red, Jonathans and Russets; 100 pear trees, 300 peach, 25 cherry, 25 plum, all of best varieties, 2 apricots, 2 quince, currants, grapes, strawberries, etc. 5 acres timber or wood lot. Water; Good well with iron pump at house; good well with iron pump at stables; branch of River Rouge runs across entire south end of farm and is NEVER DRY. Farm is well tiled. Fences all in first class shape, many of them entirely new. Condition of soil: Farm has carried an average of 40 head of stock during past five years. No feed of any kind sold and entire farm heavily manured. No commercial fertilizers used. Better inquire about this farm it may pay you.

45.

Seventy acre farm in Bloomfield. Buildings: Small house of little value, good barn. Good well, good fences. Fruit: Few peach and quince trees. Entire 70 acres heavily seeded to clover and timothy. A good bargain.

46.

We can now offer for sale one of the finest building sites in the hill country north of Birmingham along the line of the D. & P. Electric Railway. Forty acres on north side of W. H. Benedict's farm adjoining the Trowbridge farm. Fine soil, no waste land, beautiful rolling country. Will be sold in parcels if necessary and at prices which are sure to go. Call at the Exchange Bank and learn about it.

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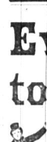

that the most valuable things in the house are the lost things you think of when the house is on fire? Then, there is the danger of tramps and sneak thieves and the possibility of mislaying valuable papers.

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