OLD AND NEW

city of guardian. The first of January is a holiday with some families. He was a cautious man and did not commit himself to paying out money he could not recall during a period of intoxication. The

him how three years before after being left a widow she determined to find out what had become of the sweetheart of her younger days. How, by a chapter of happy accidents she learned that he was in London. How on knowing this she hurried over and and was just at the birth of the New Year entered his room. She saw

QUEER WILLS OF RICH MEN.

Some Extraordinary Bequests That Have Passed Into History.

It does not necessarily follow that because a man has been shrewd enough to amass a great fortune he is wise enough to dispose of it in a sensible manner. The records of the probate courts show that bequests fraught with onerous, even impossible, conditions are not uncommon. It is as though the testator, resenting the scramble for his property which he foresees will follow his death, desires to make the lot of his heirs as hard as possible.

Within the last few months there have been several of these eccentric wills. A brother left his sister $25,000 under the express condition that she should neither marry nor become a nun. In default of carrying out the stipulations the money is to be distributed among other relatives.

Very different toward marriage was the attitude of a wealthy Italian who died recently. To each of his three daughters he left $2,000 a year if they remained single and five times as much if they married.

A member of the English parliament just deceased bequeathed to his two daughters his entire estate of $4,000,000 with the provision that they can only inherit if they attain the age of 35 without wedding either a Hebrew or a citizen of the United States.

A curious evidence of the foresight of Benjamin Franklin is furnished by one of the items of his will. A small sum of money was left with the provision that it should not be used until the twentieth century, and that meanwhile it should accumulate interest. The gift has now become available with the result that the citizens of the Franklin trust have at their disposal $2,000,000 to be used in founding a library in Philadelphia square.

Mark Twain, a man of many whims, has left instructions that his body be cremated. In doing he says with that his final act in this world he will be consistent to the last, and in writing that he is thinking of the time when he was a pilot on the Mississippi river. Then, he says, he was in the habit of throwing overboard all the rubbish that accumulated on the boat, and he wishes his own remains to be treated in the same way.

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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 (15 acres in the town of Southfield which he must sell at its low cost. After years he digs its good crops and made it a favorable proposition for a small farm and the reasonable of a happy little home. Lots of good fruits and all necessary buildings. Only $1,000. Terms to suit purchaser. Don't let this chance slip. Write us, call or get over. Speak quick if you look it.

2.

Farm of 94 acres, well fenced, well watered, never failing stream of pure water, 14 miles from Bloomfield center and convenient railroad to Detroit and Pontiac. Terms easy.

3.

Twenty-nine and one-half acres of land near Irish church in Royal Oak township. It is excellent land, has good building and fences all in good repair, 65 bearing apple trees and plenty of other small fruit. Buildings insured for $1,000. Price $1,800. The place is just out side of the village limits of Royal Oak and cannot be beaten for anyone wanting a small farm suitable for small fruit or truck farming. Come and let us show you over the place some day.

4.

No better farm in the state of Michigan than the 200 acres of land in the township of Bloomfield, Oakland county, Michigan, known as the Hunter farm. It is well watered and fenced, has a good orchard of all kinds of fruit, and is well adapted to grain and stock raising. The buildings are large and commodious, consisting of a two-story and a half brick house, with all modern conveniences, a large barn, 40 by 60 feet, with basement, and other outbuildings. This farm is situated on the Bloomfield and Pontiac road, 2½ miles from Bloomfield village, 4 miles from Birmingham, 4 miles from Pontiac, 4 miles from Walled Lake, 4 miles from Orchard Lake, 4 miles from Farmington, 4 miles from Novi, 4 miles from Northville, 4 miles from Wixom, 4 miles from Milford, 4 miles from South Lyon, 4 miles from New Hudson, 4 miles from Lyon, 4 miles from Wolverine, 4 miles from Commerce, 4 miles from Union Lake, 4 miles from Keego Harbor, 4 miles from Sylvan Lake, 4 miles from Orchard Lake, 4 miles from Walled Lake