THE LAND OF MAKE BELIEVE.

To the gates of Dawn, how gladly
Would the grayheads all go back,
And, among the little children,
For a while forget the rack!
How their purblind eyes would brighten,
How their hearts with joy would heave,
Could they once again be dwellers
In the Land of Make Believe!

O, what treasures that a Croesus
Has amassed can equal those
That before the gaze of childhood,
As by magic, once arose?
All are rich if but they will be,
All possess what they perceive—
To life's largess there's no limit
In the Land of Make Believe!

What a land it is to live in,
Where a palace is as cheap
As a hovel—where the littlest
May with giant strides o'erleap
Highest hights! Tho bringing knowledge,
How the flying years bereave
Us of all our happy dwellings
In the Land of Make Believe!

[illegible]

Wit vs. Wine.

BY JAMES NOEL JOHNSON

[illegible]

[illegible]

'Pap,' spoke the girl [illegible] Tom Bradley [illegible]

[illegible]

As soon as the old man had disappeared behind a wall of dark green corn at the rear of the house, Mollie, in a frenzy of despair, darted to the front door and gazed with eager, glistening eyes up and down the road. [illegible] No more than a minute had passed when two men on horseback rode into view. They were Richard Hardin, the wealthiest young man in that section, and his younger brother, Jerre.

"Mr. Hardin," screamed the girl as the men rode opposite the house, "get down an' come in a minit."

Richard dismounted, handing his bridle-reins to his brother.

When he entered the house the girl, in spite of herself, broke into a cry

that convulsed her frame, and rendered her speechless for some time. The sympathetic young bachelor gazed upon her, wonder and pity in his face. He had a vague idea, however, the occasion of her grief. When she had mastered herself, she briefly related her troubles, and begged him to save her.

The young man sat for a moment,

Two horsemen rode into view.

his mind working double time. The girl watched him as a mother would watch the lights and shades in the face of a child approached by death. Soon his face lighted up. He slapped his big leg and said:

"I'll fix it. Have no further fear. You shall have your heart's wise choice. I'll save you from that contemptible wretch—Tom Bradley. I'll be back in a second."

He arose and hastily went out to the fence.

"Jerre," he said, "I'm going to Vanceburg with Mr. Tabor to get the license for Louis and Mollie's marriage. Ride over and tell Tom we are gone, and get him to go with you out

to Ale Martin's to bring home the [illegible] said of him yesterday and I'll pay him well."

Then he went back into the house and said: "Mollie, when your father comes in I shall pretend to agree with him respecting his choice. You will appear as if reconciled. I'll go to town with your father to get a license for your marriage. Leave all to me."

Soon the old man's footsteps were heard in the yard, and Richard, as if in answer to words from Mollie, raised his voice and said:

"Oh, Mollie, you'll get over your foolish love for Ed Bronson all right. He's a pretty young fellow, very attractive to girls, but one they would always regret marrying. Your father is right. [illegible]

[illegible]

"What!" thundered the old man. "Are they married?" [illegible]

[illegible]

"Well," laughed the old man after a pause, "I guess I can [illegible] for a little joke like that. Come in an' take a drink."

Bishop Saves a Beetle

The following anecdote of the late Bishop of London is told: On one occasion he was heading a procession down the nave of Petersborough cathedral when he observed a black beetle crawling directly in his path. Fearing that the insect would escape the attention of those following, he stooped, picked it up and placing it out of the line of route passed on to his throne.

Chinese Fashion Plates Simple

All Chinese clothes are built on the same pattern. This is economical. [illegible]

Electrocution Assailed

Electrocution has been sharply attacked [illegible] guillotine [illegible] preparations for an electrical execution.

Horticulture at Observations.

How one should grow vegetables must depend very much on whether he growing is to be for market or or home. If the products are to be used in the home the grower must look out chiefly for high quality and a supply available a little at a time. Thus, there are certain varieties of strawberries of high quality and the very best that can be produced for the home that will not stand transport to distant markets. For these markets a poorer but firmer berry must be grown. Then too in the case of any kind of product to be shipped away considerable quantities must be made available at one time and usually mixed lots are not desired.

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Only dreamers make money easily [illegible]

[illegible]

Sugar in England and France.

A French economist [illegible]

[illegible] there is scarcely any demand for sugar. They take neither preserves nor cake in the family. The usual dessert is fruit and cheese. The high tax of five cents a pound on sugar is paid by the well-to-do people who live in the cities, and who take coffee or chocolate for breakfast and a small cup of black coffee after dinner.

One of the most powerful factors in the matter of land settlement in some parts of Australia is the prickly pear. It has grown to be a fearful pest. It has taken possession of whole tracts of country and the settler has to fight a pitched battle for every acre he calls his own. A single fruit brings forth thirty, sixty and even a hundredfold of good productive seed. All herbage may droop, die and disappear in the oven of an Australian drouth, but the pear survives [illegible] and carries on its progress of expansion and reproduction with unconcern.

The real character of a man is found out by his amusements.—Sir Joshua Reynolds.

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:

No. 1.

John McCarroll has a nice little farm of [illegible] in the town of Southfield and John says he [illegible] pretty soon. [illegible] buildings [illegible] repair and ready for the successful prosecution of a profitable farm and the establishment of a happy little home. Lots of good [illegible] and all necessary conveniences. Terms easy. Price $1,5[illegible], of which $500 will be taken [illegible] mortgage at 6 per cent. Speak quick or lose it.

No. 3.

Twenty-nine and two-thirds acres of land near the [illegible] in Royal Oak township. It is [illegible] four good buildings and fences in good repair [illegible] plum trees, plenty of other small fruit. Buildings insured [illegible] Terms easy. The place is just outside of the village [illegible] of Royal Oak and cannot be beaten for anyone requiring a small farm suitable for small fruit or poultry [illegible] and let us show you over the place some day.

No. 4.

Tenant house and two lots with 100 feet frontage on Saginaw St., and 97 feet deep. Cellar, well, cistern, etc. Price $360. Electric cars pass the door.

No. 5.

Elegant house and lot 66 feet front and 90 rods deep on Maple Ave East, (half an acre). Fine barn and every modern convenience. Furnace, bath, closet, etc. Can be bought for what the buildings cost. Will exchange for improved city property for portion of the purchase price.

No. 6.

The VanEvery farm on the north shore of Wing Lake, 150 acres, two good houses, three barns, fine lake frontage, 10 acres fine orchard, 15 acres timber. Excellent fishing, boating and bathing. Terms easy.

No. 7.

The J. E. Quick homestead in Birmingham with 14[illegible] feet frontage on Saginaw St. and about 150 feet deep. New modern dwelling, good barn, fine lawn, shrubbery and small fruit. Electric cars pass the door every half hour for Detroit and Pontiac. Fare to Detroit 15c, Pontiac 10c. Owner has moved to Toronto and must sell. We will make it an object for any one to investigate this bargain. Make us an offer.

No. 8.

One of the best farms in Oakland county. It is almost enough to say when we tell you that it is the John Buttolph farm in the town of Troy. 120 acres, excellent buildings, two good flowing wells. Carp pond well stocked, 9 miles of tile, fine orchard, 5 miles from Birmingham, 3 miles straight south of Troy corners, where there is a church, store, postoffice, school, etc. Price low and terms easy.

No. 9.

Excellent farm on Gilbert Lake, about three miles from Birmingham. Good buildings, fences in good shape and everything in good repair. Lovely location on the lake and fine fishing, boating and bathing. 197 acres of as fine farming land as there is in the county of Oakland. Will exchange in part for good improved city property. Thirty acres of good heavy timber. Terms very easy.

No. 10.

Large roomy two-story house on Townsend St. in Birmingham, good barn, city water and all ordinary conveniences, 12[illegible] feet front and 103 ft. deep. Small fruit and good neighborhood.

No. 11.

The old Shutes farm in the township of Troy, one mile east of Birmingham, 50 acres, all cleared, 7 acres of the finest orchard, good house and two barns. All the advantages of the village and none of the inconveniences. There are other things, too. Come and find out all about it.

No. 12.

The Barley farm in the town of Troy, 137 acres. Good farm house and farm buildings; flowing well at the barn which is the wonder and pride of Troy, 20 acres good beech and maple timber, 4 acres fine grafted orchard. Circumstances render it advisable to sell at once and the man who comes first will secure one of the best bargains in the country. Look it up.

No. 13.

A fine farm of 150 acres [illegible] the [illegible] Waterford [illegible] orchard. There are two sets of complete buildings on the place, with a good well and windmill at each house, so that it can be used for two families if necessary. It is owned by [illegible] and on account of ill health and the necessity of removing to better climatic conditions, he will sell for $[illegible] per acre. There is no incumbrance on the property and the terms will be made very easy indeed.

No. 14.

Two hundred and fourteen acres in sections 15 and 16, Southfield, with finest farm buildings in the township. Large and productive orchard of all kinds of best varieties of fruit, 10 acres of very heavy timber. Will sell or exchange for city property and will divide the two farms if required. Buildings on each tract. Price as low as any on our list, all things considered. Ask us about it.

No. 22.

One hundred and ten acres in the township of Troy on section 35, 85 acres cleared, 25 acres in timber, beech, maple and elm. On the line of the Detroit, Rochester & Lake Orion Electric Railway, 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 M[illegible] and here is the most interesting part of it. He will sell it at $[illegible] per acre and that is less than he paid for it before electric railways were thought of. [illegible] rods to a good school and half a mile to the postoffice.

No. 25.

The Toynton place, a nice little farm of 7[illegible] **acres**, with four acres of good orchard and **buildings** as good as anybody's. One mile west **of** Bloomfield Centre (Grove postoffice), five minutes walk from Long Lake. Basement barn which cost nearly $1,000. House has seven 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 and Orchard Lake Electric Railway, from Bloomfield Centre 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."

No. 18.

A small farm of five 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 the 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: 8 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; 80 rods from Eritty's mill. Excellent neighborhood. This little farm is ready for business, without a cent for repairs or improvements. Price $1,500; Terms easy.

No. 19.

A farm of 100 acres in the township of Rose, Ogemaw County, Mich.; 50 acres cleared, 50 acres mixed hard wood timber. Barn worth $100. Soil, sandy loam. Price $25 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.

No. 20.

This includes all of the Corson addition left unsold, comprising lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Lots 1 and two 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 the village. 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 in Urbancrest, near Royal Oak, at $20 per lot.

No. 21

The Corson Homestead on Maple Ave., consisting of lots 6, 7 and 8 of Willitt's plat, being 60x116½ feet each. 180 feet front on Maple Ave. one of the most valuable residence portions of the village. A good comfortable house and good barn, with ample room for a garden. Fine shade trees and best neighborhood in the village. Frontage along this locality on Maple Ave. is worth $25 per front foot; that would make $4,500. Now, owing to the fact that Mr. Corson wishes to sell and sell right away, he will take $3,500, and it ought to be spot cash at that; but that can be arranged so that the terms need not worry you at all.

No. 2.

Farm of 30 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.

No. 23

It was formerly known as the "Wilde Farm" and contains about 100 acres of excellent land, well adapted for grazing or dairy. It has about three-quarters of a mile frontage on both sides of Woodward Ave., adjoining the village of Birmingham on the north. The cars of the Detroit & Pontiac Electric Railway run each way every half hour and the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad traverses the entire length of the farm. It has suitable buildings, good fences and a pretty brook of clear cold water runs through the meadow land, furnishing a never-failing supply for stock. This place must be sold within 90 days and we have put the very lowest possible price upon it which we can entertain. It can be bought for $10,000, one-fourth cash and balance on easy terms. Think it over and let us know what your thoughts are; only don't wait too long, for 90 days is the limit.

No. 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 "Harff farm" about midway between Birmingham and Pontiac and just far enough from the Electric Railway to take advantage of all its conveniences and not be inconvenienced. 140 acres gravelly loam, 15 acres of the finest orchard in the state, 2,000 peach trees, 700 plum trees, brick house with all conveniences, 12 rooms, 2 wells, good wind mill, barn 40x60, with ample sheds; good school near the farm, and land is perfectly tiled, 2½ miles (15 minutes) to Pontiac. Excellent roads at all times. Price per acre is low and terms are easy. Let us tell you about it. A postal card will do it.

No 27.

Want to go west? Well, here's your chance. 160 acres of red Mesa land in [illegible] county, Colorado. Said by experts to be the finest fruit land in the world. [illegible] of the farm is cleared and there is an orchard of 45 acres of the best and finest varieties of fruit, 3 buildings and everything ready for business. The price is $[illegible] and a proper discount for cash will be given from this rate 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 healthful climate of Colorado. If you have lung trouble or asthma this is worth your while to investigate.

No. 28.

[illegible]

No. 29.

[illegible]

No. 30.

[illegible]

No. 31.

[illegible]

No. 32.

[illegible]

No. 33.

[illegible]

No. 34.

Nice little forty acre farm 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 A pleasant post office on the P. & P. M. Ry., 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 some one 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.

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