Hollow Ash... Hall

BY MARGARET BLOUNT

CHAPTER XX.

The stranger ceased to speak, and Mr. Cowley stared at him with much bewilderment.

"How did you know all this?" he asked at last.

"Because I am Stanley Vernon, the only brother of that unhappy man," he said, quietly.

Rose uttered a little cry of astonishment.

"Yes," he added, "this shameful family history made me almost loathe my name. I have borne that of Vere for many years. Under that name I met and loved your daughter, sir, under my own. I shall soon ask you for her hand! But for the present let it be my task to clear up this mystery.

"I came home from Italy as soon as I heard this house was let. It was a mistake upon the part of the agent, but I should be the last on earth to regret it. But I must take precaution against a [illegible] event. This is no habitation for any one."

"Then it's really haunted?" asked Mr. Cowley.

"I fear [illegible] Rose, and you, and your mother, and [illegible] will you follow me."

[illegible]

So Mrs. Cowley had her way, after all, and spent a happy Christmas Day at Mecklenburgh Square, surrounded by all the members of her family, and waited upon at table by no less a person than Mrs. Macarthy, to whom she clung as a kind of fellow sufferer from the whims of the head of the house.

Christmas and New Year's Day having passed gaily away, there only remained the wedding of Rose, and for that I need not hint that the greatest preparations were made.

The happy day came slowly on. The tidings of the romantic betrothal had awakened much curiosity among those to whom the pair were known, and the church was crowded when the carriage drove to the door.

Rose faltered slightly as she stood on the threshold of the church and gazed upon the concourse of people; but a glance from the dear companion at her side reassured her, and calm and happy she moved onward and took her place before the altar.

Not to the haunted house, however, but to a pleasant villa upon the seacoast, Mr. Vernon took his fair young bride.

And as they sat hand in hand in their new home, the doubts and follies of the past all forgotten and forgiven, the moon rose slowly above the water, and a bright path stretching out over the waves of life's sea, and waiting but for the footsteps, seemed lying there before them.

He put the fancy into words, and whispered it to Rose.

She looked up in his face with a frank, truth-telling gaze. Those were the very soft, clear eyes, clear and quiet as a mountain lake, yet with a slight shadow in their depth that seemed to tell of former elements below, of which he had dreamed for years, and which he had only seen twice in his life—once in a picture of the Virgin by Murillo [illegible].

Here was the only heart he had sought, the only being for whom he had ever really suffered the pangs and pleasures of that mad fever which we call by the name of love. No other could claim her from him, no other could watch that bright young face in all its bewitching changes. No other could rest that pretty head upon his bosom and play with those silky curls. No other kiss the broad, high forehead, the beautiful eyes, or the full, warm, loving lips. But still he murmured in her ear, as he held her closely to his heart that first evening in their common home, "Are you happy, Rose? Are you—are you really happy?"

[illegible]

I assure you, dear reader, their home is one of the sweetest spots on earth. And full of content with the bliss of the peaceful present, and the promise of a cloudless future, they have quite forgotten the tragic and painful past, and have no wish to go back to those early years, or to visit that scene of a heart rejected and [illegible] avenged.

For Hollow Ash Hall [illegible] Given up to the bats and the owls, and carefully avoided by everything human, it has fallen gradually into total decay; but the ground has been sold and an enterprising cockney talks of building a soap factory there—so it is within the bounds of possibility that the ghost may yet be exorcised by alkalies and noxious gases.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowley still reside in Mechlenburgh Square, with their nephew and niece, and Mrs. Macarthy now reigns supreme over the whole household. But Catharine is no longer with them; she is the wife of a dashing Guardsman, and goes to Court, and is so fine, generally, that so humble a pen as mine shrinks nervously from attempting to record her daily life.

George Vernon died penniless and forsaken in Australia soon after the mystery of Hollow Ash Hall was made clear.

THE END.

Susie: A Character Sketch

By Philip Verrill Mighels

CHAPTER I.

Down through the grey of the sage brush, on a hill that was jeweled with patches of the melting snow of winter all but gone, shambling alone as lazily as the blear-eyed dog at his heels, a Washoe Indian of Western Nevada arrived at the edge of a hurrying brook. Removing a hat, all battered and fuzzy, that once had been of silk and proudly high, he gruntingly descended to lie on his stomach at the selvedge green of the water's brink and thrust in his lips for a short, eager drink. The dog lapped above him. Both resumed the march again, for the Indian school was near at hand and the way all a carpet of stubble.

To the kitchen door the Washoe slouched, and awed the young mahalas, who, with red in their faces from the glowing range, were up to their elbows in the arts of civilized cooking.

"Injun Jim, he's wants my Injun girl!" he announced.

"Lordee!" cried the teacher, jumping nervously, "you frightful object! You startled me dreadful. Now, what in the name of goodness do you want?"

The Indian maidens stood in attitudes of stoic amazement—one excepted. She, the brightest and the tallest, merely gazed at the visitor in dumb appeal, her hands going slowly, reluctantly back to the strings of the apron that hung about her waist.

"Injun Jim, he's wants my Injun girl!" the Washoe repeated.

"Want what?" screamed the teacher. "Want Susie? Nonsense, you dirty old thing! You're supposed to be dead; we have all believed you dead and buried for two long years. You go back to the sage brush. Here, I give you plenty biscuit-lahpoo. Your Susie go to school—she very smart girl."

"No biscuit-lah-poo. Heap ketchum girl, you sabbee? What's Injun goin' do at white man's school? He's don't learn nuthin' goot for us. He's heap Injun all same. Injuns can't vote; Injuns can't make no laws. Heap no goot, you sabbee?"

The woman was speechless. She started abruptly to run to the agent, but suddenly halted, remembering sharply that against the wishes of an Indian parent the government was powerless to hold a pupil.

A silence fell on the Indian maidens and the baffled teacher. A few quick words in the Washoe tongue delivered by the father to his child and Susie laid her apron on the table. Then silently she walked to her teacher, kissed her lightly on the hair and turned to follow where the man already shambled slowly toward the brush. Her head bowed submissively forward, her hands hanging listless at her side, she trod in his trail, and the dog shuffled patiently behind.

The sun was casting long, slender filaments of shadows. Into its ruddy glory passed the silent procession, out through the paths of the grey, lonely sage brush, over the flat and the ridges to the foothills far across the valley. Late in the darkness shone at length the dim red eye of the dark and smoky wigwam; and there at last, on the chilling earth, sat Susie in the night, and watching the greying of the glow to the death, her chin on her breast, her fingers idly toying with a rounded bit of pebble.

There in the morning Wanda, the mother, whined with her wrinkled mouth and bade the silent Susie stand and go to Chloride Hill, to beg at the rear of the cabins. Together they went, while her father wrapped his blanket about him and strode away, with his dog, in search of others in the mining camp, whose worldly possessions he hoped to win at the subtleties of "Pass the stick."

Winding through the stunted brush the women came to the outlying houses. A door at the back of one of these was standing awide. A man within was clattering dishes, cups of tin and iron knives and forks, to a clumsy pyramid on the table.

"Here," said he, when he found the mahala gazing in, "squaw, heap wash 'um dishes, sabee? Two-bits, plenty grub I give; mahala wash table, dishes, floor—hey?"

At the mention of 25 cents the woman was oddly alive. With many a grunt and with plenty of hybrid whistle-and-mutter, she impressed the girl to the service. The man made ready for departing to the mine that was on the hill.

"Come every day," he presently added, after glancing keenly at Susie, as he piled some food on a stool near by and brought up the money from a pocket. "I pay every week for wash 'um floor and dishes."

The girl, when he went, proceeded deftly to cleaning the table and placing utensils and dishes in order—the order they taught at the school. It gave her a pleasure, but of this and of other emotions there was never a sign.

Day after day she returned, not alone. Her mother went begging at other of the cabins. With hands ca[illegible] and rounded hands of dimpled bronze they were, she touched these kitchen possessions fondly and with grateful dreams of the school across the valley.

"See here," said the man one morning, as he watched her at the labor, "you needn't scrub the floor, I guess. I hate to see a woman doing that."

"I thank you," she quietly replied, "but I like to do it. I like to see it clean."

He looked at her astonished. "Where in the world did you learn your English?" he rudely inquired.

She blushed beneath the softened bronze of her rounded cheeks and the lashes drew [illegible]

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STUPENDOUS ENGINEERING.

Tunneled Through a Mountain to Reduce Grade and Shorten the Route.

The wonderful achievement of tunneling a big mountain at Sherman, Wyo., by the Union Pacific, in order to reduce the grade and shorten the track, has been accomplished, and on May 1st regular service began on the new line from Buford to Tie Siding, which becomes part of the main line of "The Overland Route."

The contract for this work was awarded about a year ago, and its completion is reckoned one of the most astonishing feats of railroad engineering yet accomplished.

The general public has no idea of the gigantic fills and marvelous tunneling through the Rockies in connection with this work.

The Sherman Tunnel, forming a very important part of the project, is situated between Dale Creek and Tie Siding, [illegible] a mile long. In the mountain [illegible] the Arch[illegible] clean formation, one of the hardest of granite rocks, from which comes Sherman gravel, so extensively used on the Union Pacific for ballast.

Standing conspicuously out in this great engineering work are two fills, Lone Tree Fill and Dale Creek Fill. The embankment at the last named fills is [illegible] feet in the highest place, 900 feet long, 40 feet wide at the top, 115 feet at the bottom. The Lone Tree Fill is south-east of the town of Sherman. The embankment is [illegible] feet high at the [illegible]. These two fills involved the handling of [illegible] cubic yards [illegible]

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SUPERFLUOUS ACTIVITY.

A Most Common Phrase Is "I Am So Busy."

The fact that the world—the world of women, at least—is too busy is now put forward so often that its utterance amounts to a truism, says Harper's Bazar. The most common phrase in our language seems to be that which proclaims the want of leisure. "I am so busy," "If I can ever get time," "Life is such a pressure these days," "The complex duties of the moment," "The busy modern public"—these are all of them most familiar sentences to us and are on our lips time and again in explanation of business, social and even moral shortcomings. It is not putting it too strongly to say that in the present rush of living we are losing some of our best characteristics and painfully dwarfing our lives. We are too busy to be neighborly, hospitable, to be sympathetic—a good many, indeed, of the finer traits of humanity are finding less expression among us. The question of better control of the leisure which the old century gave to women and which the new will increase is a large one and admits of elaborate presentation. It is only intended in this brief paragraph to emphasize a single point which is the value of a quick weighing of every effort in which one is about to engage, or is now absorbed, to be sure of its necessity to yourself or yourself [illegible]. If this one principle be [illegible] applied it is confidently [illegible] that amendment will follow. It will be a revelation to discover how much that [illegible] haste has been considered [illegible] is really superfluous. An overestimating sometimes of our own importance, this too without vanity, leads us to do many inconsequent things. Has not every woman who will read this whipped herself sometimes into going to a place because she considered it social, philanthropic or even business duty, to find that the effort was not needed, and no adverse result of any sort would have followed her absence?

THE RAILROAD KINGS.

Their Names Mentioned in a Government Ownership Dialogue.

A railroad president and a United States senator were talking about government ownership of railroads. "It would be a good idea for this government to buy and operate all the railroads in the United States." "Well," remarked the railroad president, smiling significantly, "if the government has the money to pay for two hundred thousand miles of railroad, with an aggregate capitalization of nearly $5,000,000,000, I can point out the shop where most of the goods can be bought." "The shop?" echoed the senator, inquiringly. "That is what it amounts to, Senator. There are seven or eight men that control all the railroads in the United States, and most of them can be found in New York city on any business day." "Who are they?" the senator asked eagerly. "Propounded in Wall street or in any assemblage of well-informed railroad men, this question will invariably elicit mention of these names: J. Pierpont Morgan, E. H. Harriman, William Rockefeller, James J. Hill, William K. Vanderbilt, George J. Gould, Jacob H. Schiff, A. J. Cassatt."—Ainslee's Magazine.

King Edward Likes Society.

King Edward much prefers congenial society to solitary state and so has introduced the custom of having a good-sized dinner party every evening at the royal table. The members of his own family, all guests and several members of the suite are always in attendance.

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TRAINING THE CHILDREN.

Forcing the Child Too Young Decried by Doctors and Scientists.

Children of this generation, says an educational observer of things, are educated in a manner as different from that pursued by the previous generation as a hippopotamus differs from a flea. With our fathers the earlier a child was taught his or her letters the better it was considered to be for his or her mind. Children were taught to read as young as possible and pushed in their studies as rapidly as might be thereafter. Lately, however, the medical fraternity and scientists have advanced the theory that this system was bad in the end for the development of the mind and (within certain limits) and the later a child was taught its letters and to read and write the better. There would seem to be something in the theory, when you take into consideration that of all the animal kingdom man is the slowest of development and requires longest the fostering care of its parents. A child of 5 cast out upon the world to fend for itself would most probably fare but ill. And, from immature years, but little muscular exercise should be required, else stunted growth inevitably results. If too early work stunts the growth of an infant's body, by analogy it seems not impossible that a like effect may follow a too early working of the infant's mind. Certainly history shows that some of our brainest men have developed late in childhood, and I have in mind a certain statesman of world wide reputation, who, up to the age of 9, was looked on by his family as a hopeless dullard and an impossibility mentally. On the other hand, the kindergarten and primary school had one great recommendation that this generation of mammas were loath to give up, and that was that for a certain number of hours a day it relieved them from the care of their young, a blessing not likely to be thrown aside. Besides, it was felt that while too much education for the infant was bad, none at all was bad also. Under the conditions a compromise system has grown up. Children receive what might be termed an objective education. They are taught what things are by handling and observing the thing. They are taught carpentry and manual arts and similar things, but of books nothing, save what their elders may tell them. As far as it has gone, the system seems to have worked famously.—Utica Globe.

Dixie's Land Again.

The familiar controversy never languishes. What is the origin of Dixie's Land or Dixie Land, or Dixie? On, it goes. I believe it was right here on Manhattan Island, and that the fellow who wrote about it being a "land of cotton, 'simmon seed and sandy bottom" was a chump. Old Man Dixie was a slaveholder on Manhattan Island, who removed his slaves to the Southern states, where they had to work harder and fare worse; so they were always sighing for their old home, which they called "Dixie Land." The "nigger" imagination soon advanced this island into a sort of Delectable Country, or Land of Beulah.—New York Press.

Preacher Betrays Soldier Comrades.

After proving a traitor to his comrades in arms in the Philippines in a selfish endeavor to mitigate the rigors of his own prison life, says a St. Paul dispatch, the Rev. Leonidas Brown of St. Paul is thought to have fallen a victim to the bolos of the insurgents.

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 [illegible] 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,[illegible], of which $500 will be taken on a mortgage at 6 per cent. Speak quick or you lose it.

2.

Farm of [illegible] acres, well fenced, well watered, never failing stream, 10 acres timber, [illegible] 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, [illegible] apple trees, [illegible] plum trees and plenty of other small fruit. Buildings insured for $1,000. Price $2,[illegible]. Terms easy. The place is just outside of the [illegible] of Royal Oak and cannot be beaten for anyone requiring a small farm suitable for small fruit or poultry raising. Come and let us show you over the place some day.

4.

[illegible]

Three Hundred Dollars per Acre [illegible]

5.

Elegant house and lot [illegible] feet front and [illegible] rods deep on Maple Ave. East, [illegible] 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.

6.

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

7.

Beautiful lake property for sale, located on the east side of Gilbert Lake in the township of Bloomfield, Oakland county, [illegible] miles from the Detroit & Pontiac Electric R'y with half hour service each way. It constitutes the northerly part of the farm formerly known as the Henry Gardner property and is owned by his daughter, Mrs. M. Frances O'Brien, of Detroit, Mich., who finds it inconvenient to manage the property and prefers to sell the farm and employ the investment elsewhere. These circumstances combine to make it necessary to sell the farm at once and have induced the owner to offer it at the extremely low price of $50 per acre. The farm comprises [illegible] acres of land in all, and the gently sloping shores go down to a gravelly beach, affording delightful opportunities for boating, fishing and bathing. The house is comparatively new and has ten rooms. There are two good barns and other buildings for the ample accommodation of stock. 15 acres of excellent orchard and [illegible] acres of hardwood timber bordering the lake. The fences are in good shape and the buildings are insured for $[illegible]. The terms will be made extremely favorable and persons having enough cash to simply secure the purchase price, will receive every consideration and be given the opportunity of securing one of the most beautiful lake farms in the county for a nominal price. If parties are desirous of making a personal inspection of the property at any time, conveyances will be gladly furnished.

8.

One of the best farms in Oakland county. It is [illegible] in the town of Troy, [illegible] [illegible] D. R. & L. O. [illegible] Cars every hour to Detroit, Rochester, Romeo and Lake Orion. Price low and terms easy.

9.

House, barn and [illegible] lots in Block A, village of Royal Oak [illegible] Price is very low [illegible] Fifteen hundred dollars will secure it and the balance be allowed to remain. Let us explain more fully. Ask about it.

10.

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

11.

The [illegible] farm in the township of Troy, 1 mile east of Birmingham, [illegible] acres, all cleared, [illegible] acres of the finest orchard, good house and two barns. All the advantages of the village and none of the inconveniences. There other things, too. Come and find out all about it.

12.

The Bayley farm in the town of Troy, 127 acres. Good farm house and farm buildings, flowing well at the barn which is the wonder and pride of Troy. [illegible] acres good beech and maple timber, [illegible] 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.

13.

Farm in Southfield, [illegible] acres, of which [illegible] acres is timber, good beech and maple. Soil, clay loam. Creek runs through farm. Water in every lot the year round. New, small house and small barn. Terms easy and price so low that it will pay you to look it up. Will trade for Birmingham property.

14.

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

15.

House and two lots on Ann St. in Birmingham, [illegible] ft. front, [illegible] feet deep. Small fruit. House insured for $[illegible]. Price $900. Want enough cash to secure and balance can remain at low rate of interest. Send us a postal card, you get full particulars by return mail.

16.

Fine fruit farm of [illegible] acres about 2 miles from Birmingham, nice rolling land, 5 acres timber. No waste land. 2,[illegible] peaches, 100 plums, 500 grapes, [illegible] apples, 1½ acres raspberries, ¼ acres strawberries, etc. Good house nearly new. Price $60 per acre. Will take other property for part pay. Tell you more about it if you ask us.

17.

Nice little farm of 50 acres, 2 miles from electric road, near Gilbert Lake, in Bloomfield. Good house and barn. Will sell for $50 per acre under the circumstances—which we will explain to you on application. This is positively one of the best bargains on our list, ask 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; 2¾ 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., 30 acres cleared, 30 acres mixed hardwood timber. Barn worth $100. Soil, sandy loam. Price $[illegible] 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, Urbantest, near Royal Oak, at $[illegible] 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 [illegible], [illegible] 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 $[illegible] per acre and that is less than he paid for it before electric railways were thought of. Only [illegible] rods to a good school and a mile to the postoffice.

23.

House and lot No. [illegible] block [illegible] in the Campbell subdivision. A comfortable little home for someone. Owner lives in New York city and will sell for $[illegible] cash. Speak at once.

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26.

[illegible] 2,[illegible] peach and [illegible] trees, brick house with all conveniences, 2 cisterns, 2 wells, good windmill, barn [illegible], with all necessary sheds, good school near the farm, and land is perfectly tiled, [illegible] miles [illegible] 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.

27.

Want to go west? Well, here's your chance. [illegible] 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 [illegible] acres of the best and finest varieties of fruit. [illegible] buildings and everything is 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.

28.

Cutest little farm of [illegible] acres in the nicest location you ever saw. It's the Brown place, only [illegible] 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!

29.

Lots 35 and 36 Merrill Plat, Birmingham, 103 ft. front on Pierce St. and 80 ft. on Martin St. Same block as the bank, central location, owned by J. M. Clement, good house and barn, city water, nice garden, just a step to the postoffice and the business portion of the village. Whisper! This is business. If you will investigate at once, we will mention a price so low that it really is a sacrifice. If you are sorry after a year's possession we will take it off your hands. That's business. Don't delay. This is sure to go soon at the price.

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 [illegible]. New house of [illegible] 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. $[illegible] will buy it and you only have to pay $[illegible] 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. [illegible] and [illegible] of Block [illegible] in Campbell's Subdivision of the Village of Birmingham. No buildings. Pile of stone which will go with the lots, or will sell the lots separately as follows: Lot [illegible] for $[illegible], Lot [illegible] $[illegible] and the pile of stone for $[illegible], 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 [illegible] 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. [illegible] 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 $[illegible], $[illegible] 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 [illegible] acres. The price is $[illegible] 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, [illegible] acres cleared, 2 acres of orchard, a good barn and a comfortable log house, [illegible] miles from Lexington, 4 miles east of Applegate post office on the P. & 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 [illegible] & C. subdivision, Birmingham, [illegible] 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 $[illegible]. 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.

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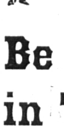

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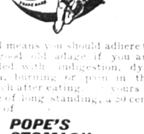

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