# The Bow of Orange Ribbon

## A ROMANCE OF NEW YORK

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CHAPTER VII.—(Continued.)

"Disgrace! The word goes not with our name, Batavius; and what mean you, then? In one word, speak."

"Well, then, Neil Semple and Capt. Hyde have fought a duel. That is what comes of giving way to passion. I never fought a duel. No one should make me. It is a fixed principle with me."

"Poor Neil! His fault, I am sure, it was not."

"Joanna! Neil is nearly dead. If he had been in the right he would not be nearly dead. The Lord does not forsake a person who is in the right way."

In the hall behind them, Katherine stood. The pallor of her face, the hopeless droop of her white shoulders and arms, were visible in its gloomy shadows. Softly as a spirit she walked, as she drew nearer to them.

"And the Englishman? Is he hurt?"

"Killed. He has at least twenty wounds. Till morning he will not live. It was the councillor himself who separated the men."

"My good Joris, it was like him."

For a moment Katherine's consciousness reeled. The roar of the ocean which girds our life round was in her ears, the feeling of chill and collapse at her heart. But with a supreme will she took possession of herself. "Weak I will not be. All I will know. All I will suffer." And with these thoughts she went back to the room and took her place at the table. In a few minutes the rest followed. Batavius had anticipated madam's amazement and shock. He had felt a just satisfaction in the suffering he was bringing to Katherine. But nothing had happened as he expected. The meal, instead of being pleasantly lengthened over such dreadful intelligence, was hurried and silent.

It was some comfort that after it Joanna and he could walk in the garden and talk the affair thoroughly over. Katherine watched them away, and then she fled to her room. And oh, how she wept! She took from their hiding place the few letters her lover had written her, and she mourned over them as women mourn in such extremities. In the full tide of her anguish, Lysbet stood at the door. She heard the inarticulate words of woe, and her heart ached for her child. She had followed her to give her comfort, to weep with her; but she felt that hour that Katherine was no more a child to be soothed with her mother's kiss. She had become a woman, and a woman's sorrow had found her.

It was near ten o'clock when Joris came home. His face was troubled, his clothing disarranged and bloodstained; and Lysbet never remembered to have seen him so completely exhausted. "Bram is with Neil," he said, "he will not be home."

"And thou?"

"I helped them carry—the other. To the 'King's Arms' we took him."

"Live will he?"

"His left lung is pierced through. A bad wound in the throat he has. But then, youth he has, and a great spirit, and hope. I wish not for his death, my God knows."

"Neil, what of him?"

"Unconscious he was when I left him at his home. Does Katherine know?"

"She knows."

"How, then?"

"O Joris, if in her room thou could have heard her crying! My heart for her aches, the sorrowful one!"

"See, then, that this lesson she miss not. It is a hard one, but learn it she must. If thy love would pass it by, think this, for her good it is."

The next morning was the sabbath, and many painful questions suggested themselves to Joris and Lysbet Van Heemskirk. Joris felt that he must not take his seat among the deacons until he had been fully exonerated of all blame of blood-guiltiness by the dominie and his elders and deacons in full kirk session. Madam could hardly endure the thought of the glances that would be thrown at her daughter, and the probable slights she would receive, so Katherine's piteous entreaty was listened to, and she was allowed to remain at home.

The kirk that morning would have been the pillory to her. She was unspeakably grateful for the solitude of the house, for space and silence, in which she could have the relief of unrestrained weeping. About the middle of the morning, she heard Bram's footsteps. Bram had not thought of Katherine's staying from kirk, and when she confronted him, so tear-stained and woe-begone, his heart was full of pity for her. Within the last twenty-four hours he had begun to understand the temptation in which Katherine had been; begun to understand that love never asks, What is thy name? Of what country art thou? Who is thy father?' He felt that so long as he lived he must remember Miriam Cohen as she stood talking to him in the shadowy store And this memory of Miriam made him very pitiful to Katherine.

"Every one is angry at me, Bram, even my father; and Batavius will not sit on the chair at my side; and Joanna says a great disgrace I have made for her. And thou? Wilt thou also scold me? I think I shall die of grief."

"Scold thee, thou little one? That I will not. And those that are angry with thee may be angry with me also."

"Bram! my Bram! my brother! There is one comfort for me,—if I knew that he still lived; if one hope thou could give me!"

"What hope there is, I will go and see, and, if there is good news, I will be glad for thee."

Not half an hour was Bram away; and yet, to the miserable girl, how grief and fear lengthened out the moments! When Bram came back, it was with a word of hope on his lips.

"I have seen," he said, "who dost thou think?—the Jew Cohen. He of all men, he has sat by Capt. Hyde's side all night; and he has dressed the wound the English surgeon declared 'beyond mortal skill.' And he said to me, 'Three times, in the Persian desert, I have cured wounds still worse, and the Holy One hath given me the power of healing; and, if He wills, the young man shall recover.' That is what he said, Katherine."

"Forever I will love the Jew. Though he fail, I will love him. So kind he is, even to those who have not spoken well, nor done well, to him."

At this moment the family returned from the morning service, and Bram rather defiantly drew his sister to his side. Joris was not with them. He had stopped at the "King's Arms" to ask if Capt. Hyde was still alive; for, in spite of everything, the young man's heroic cheerfulness in the agony of the preceding night had deeply touched Joris. No one spoke to Katherine; even her mother was annoyed and humiliated at the social ordeal through which they had just passed, and she thought it only reasonable that the erring girl should be made to share the trial.

As the time went on poor Katherine Van Heemskirk shivered and sickened in the presence of averted eyes and uplifted shoulders, and in that chill atmosphere of disapproval which separated her from the sympathy and confidence of her old friends and acquaintances.

"It is thy punishment," said her mother, "bear it bravely and patiently. In a little while, it will be forgot." But weeks went on, and the wounded men slowly fought death away from their pillows, and Katherine did not recover the place in social estimation which she had lost through the ungovernable tempers of her lovers.

But nothing ill lasts forever; and in three months Neil Semple was in his office again, wan and worn with fever and suffering, and wearing his sword arm in a sling, but still decidedly world-like and life-like. It was evident that public opinion was in a large measure with him, and though in the Middle Kirk the affair was sure to be the subject of a reproof, and of a suspension of its highest privileges, yet it was not difficult to feel the sympathy often given to deeds publicly censured, but privately admired. Joris remarked this spirit with a little astonishment and dissent. He could not find in his heart any excuse for either Neil or Hyde; and, when the elder enlarged with some acerbity upon the requirements of honor among men, Joris offended him by replying:

"Well, then, elder, little I think of that 'honor' which runs not with the laws of God and country."

"Let me tell you, Joris, the 'voice of the people is the voice of God,' in a measure; and you may see with your ain e'en that it mair that acquits Neil o' wrong-doing. Man, Joris! would you punish a fair sword-fight wi' the hangman?"

"A better way there is. In the pillory I would stand these men of honor, who of their own feelings think more than of the law of God. A very quick end that punishment would put to a custom wicked and absurd."

"Weel, Joris, we'll hae no quarrel anent the question. Here comes Neil, and we'll let the question fa' to the ground. There are wiser men than either you or I on baith sides."

Joris nodded gravely, and turned to welcome the young man. More than ever he liked him; for, apart from moral and prudential reasons, it was easy for the father to forgive an unreasonable love for his Katherine. Also, he was now more anxious for a marriage between Neil and his daughter. It was indeed the best thing to fully restore her to the social esteem of her own people; for by making her his wife, Neil would most emphatically exonerate her from all blame in the quarrel. Just this far, and no farther, had Neil's three months' suffering aided his suit,—he had now the full approval of Joris, backed by the weight of this social justification.

But, in spite of these advantages, he was really much farther away from Katherine. She had heard from Bram the story of the challenge and the fight; heard how patiently Hyde had parried Neil's attack rather than return it, until Neil had so passionately refused any satisfaction less than his life; heard, also, how even at the point of death, fainting and falling, Hyde had tried to protect her ribbon at his breast. She never wearied of talking with Bram on the subject; she thought of it all day, dreamed of it all night.

And she knew much more about it than her parents or Joanna supposed Bram had easily fallen into the habit of calling at Cohen's to ask after his patient. At first he saw Miriam often; and, when he did, life became a heavenly thing to Bram Van Heemskirk. Katherine very soon suspected how matters stood with her brother, and gratitude led her to talk with him about the lovely Jewess.

But for some weeks after the duel she could not bear to leave the house. It was only after both men were known to be recovering, that she ventured to kirk; and her experience there was not one which tempted her to try the streets and the stores. However, no interest is a living interest in a community but politics; and far more important events had now the public attention. During the previous March, the Stamp Act and the Quartering Act had passed both houses of Parliament; and Virginia and Massachusetts, conscious of their dangerous character, had roused the fears of the other Provinces; and a convention of their delegates was appointed to meet during October in New York. It was this important session which drew Neil Semple, with scarcely healed wounds from his chamber. The streets were noisy with hawkers crying the detested Acts, and crowded with groups of stern-looking men discussing them.

It was during this time of excitement that Katherine said one morning, at breakfast, "Bram, wait one minute for me. I am going to Kip's store for my mother."

At the store, Bram left her, and after selecting the goods her mother needed, Katherine was going up Pearl street, when she heard herself called in a familiar and urgent voice. At the same moment a door was flung open; and Mrs. Gordon, running down the few steps, put her hand upon the girl's shoulder.

"Oh, my dear, this is a piece of good fortune past belief! Come into my lodgings. Oh, indeed you shall! I will have no excuse. Surely you owe Dick and me some reward after the pangs we have suffered for you."

She was leading Katherine into the house as she spoke; and Katherine had not the will, and therefore not the power, to oppose her. She placed the girl by her side on the sofa; she took her hands, and, with a genuine grief and love, told her all that "poor Dick" had suffered and was still suffering for her sake.

Katherine covered her face, and sobbed with a hopelessness and abandon that equally fretted Mrs. Gordon.

"If I could only see Richard,—only see him for one moment!"

"That is exactly what I am going to propose. He will get better when he has seen you. I will call a coach, and we will go at once."

"Alas! Go I dare not. My father and my mother!"

"And Dick,—what of Dick, poor Dick, who is dying for you?" She went to the door and gave the order for a coach. "Your lover, Katherine. Child, have you no heart? Put on your bonnet again. Here also are my veil and cloak. No one will perceive that it is you. It is the part of humanity, I assure you. Do so much for a poor soul who is at the grave's mouth."

While thus alternately urging and persuading Katherine, the coach came, the disguise was assumed, and the two drove rapidly to the "King's Arms." Hyde was lying upon a couch which had been drawn close to the window. He was yet too weak to stand, too weak to endure long the strain of company or books or papers.

He heard his aunt's voice and footfall, and felt, as he always did, a vague pleasure in her advent. Whatever of life came into his chamber of suffering came through her. She brought him daily such intelligences as she thought conducive to his recovery; and it must be acknowledged that it was not always her "humor to be truthful." For Hyde had so craved news of Katherine, that she believed he would die wanting it; and she had therefore fallen, without one conscientious scruple, into the reporter's temptation,—inverting the things which ought to have taken place, and did not.

(To be continued.)

## WHY HE LAUGHS AT DOCTORS.

### Representative Livingston of Georgia, Tells Good Story.

Representative Livingstone of Georgia, believes that he got the better of the surgeons this fall and he is congratulating himself accordingly. As a result of his arduous campaign work he became possessed of a very bad throat. It refused to yield to ordinary treatment, so he went to a distinguished surgeon in his part of the country. The surgeon took a glance at the inflamed organ and then got out his knives and prepared for an operation. Mr. Livingstone demurred. After much pleading he was granted twenty-four hours in which to tighten up his nerve for the ordeal. While engaged in the tightening process another patient came along, was stretched out on the operating table and died before the surgeon finished with him. Livingston heard of this and stood off the surgeon on one pretext or another until he was ready to start for Washington. Just before leaving home he came upon an old negro mammy who offered a cure for his throat. She soaked a lump of sugar in turpentine. The dose did all the old mammy claimed for it. "And that," said Representative Livingstone, "is the reason I laugh every time I see a doctor's sign."

## THE EFFECTS OF LIGHTNING.

### Completely Strips Bark From Tree—No Trace of Fire.

That much valuable knowledge as to the effects of lightning may be gained by a study of trees that have been struck by it is maintained by many English scientists. A tree which stood for many years on the side of a road a few miles from Wallingford, in England, was struck by lightning during a violent storm a short time ago and utterly destroyed. Mr. Percy E. Spielmann examined it a few hours afterward and found that the bark had been completely stripped off and flung to one side, and that a large branch had also been torn away and splintered. He looked for some token of fire but was unable to find any. He noticed, however, that the inner surface of the bark was marked longitudinally with thin wavy lines, very close set, of which the crests were about a quarter of an inch apart. He took several photographs of the ruined tree and he regards them as most useful, since they show clearly the rending effect of lightning on a fibrous tissue.

### Youth and Happiness.

After all, it is open to dispute whether or not people are happy when they are young. Only one boy in town can carry water for the elephant; and he is oppressed by the thought that his father will spring the "detrimental to morals" argument on him just before the big show opens.

Perhaps, to dim it all, there is more pleasure in seeming young when you know that you are not than in being so.

Else why the complexion remedies, wrinkle chasers, and hair retainers, to say nothing of false teeth and other falseness?

### Frogskin Makes Tough Leather.

Frogskin makes the toughest leather known in proportion to its thickness.

### Come of Age Early.

In Hungary the legal age of an individual dates only from baptism.

There are plenty of people who have become depressed and discouraged, because that dry, hacking cough hangs to them continually. They have taken much medicine, mostly of the advertised quack sort, nothing like Dr. August Koenig's Hamburg Breast Tea, the discovery of a then noted German physician 60 years ago. We do not say that this will cure a case where the lungs are badly diseased, for it will not, and up to this date there is nothing that will cure under these conditions; but on the other hand, if the lungs are not hard hit, the patient should take Dr. August Koenig's Hamburg Breast Tea, a cup full every night on going to bed, have it hot, drink slowly, then every other night rub the throat and top portion of the lungs with St Jacobs Oil, cover with oil silk, let it remain an hour, then remove. Eat good, plain, nourishing food, live in the open air as much as possible. By all means sleep as near out of doors as possible, that is, windows wide open, except in the very severe weather. Take a cold sponge bath every morning; then immediately rub the body vigorously with a coarse towel. Take Dr. August Koenig's Hamburg Drops every other day according to directions. One can buy the three remedies for $1.25 of any reliable druggist. Begin the treatment at once and see how much better you will be almost within a week's time.

## HOW TO PRESERVE A HUSBAND

### Good Advice by One Who Has Studied the Subject.

In spite of the rapid age in which we live, the above kind of preserving is of no little moment to a great number of women who would like to learn the great mystery of how to keep husbands in the wedding day spirit for aye and forever.

Some one who has studied the question carefully says:

"First, be careful in your selection. Do not choose one who is too young, and take only such varieties as have been reared in a good moral atmosphere. When once the selection has been made, let the past remain forever settled, and give the entire thought to the future. Some insist on keeping the husband in a pickle, while others prefer hot water. It does not seem to be generally known that even poor varieties may be made sweet, tender and good by garnishing them with patience, smiles and affection. They should then be wrapped in a mantle of charity and kept warm with a steady fire of devotion. Thus treated, they will keep for years as when first selected. Sometimes they improve with age."

### A Problem Solved.

Cabbel, Kans., Dec. 22nd.—This part of Kansas has solved the great question, How can Kidney Troubles be cured, and as Rheumatism, Bright's Disease, Diabetes and other ailments resulting from Diseased Kidneys are common to all parts of the country the news is of great interest.

The cure is Dodd's Kidney Pills. Hundreds of people will tell you this of their own experience. Take J. B. Cunningham for example. He had Kidney Trouble of long standing. He sought relief in vain. He had tried Doctors and Medicines of different kinds.

Finally he tried Dodd's Kidney Pills and he stopped right there. No one who tries Dodd's Kidney Pills for Kidney Complaint ever needs to look any further. Here is what Mr. Cunningham says:

"Dodd's Kidney Pills are all right for Kidney Trouble, I have used them and know for they have done me more good than anything I ever used."

### With Modern Improvements.

"Naw," said the owner of the "opry" house, "our folks won't stand for another blamed Uncle Tom show this year!"

"But they'll go broke to see mine, just the same," was the unabashed rejoinder of the U. T. manager "Why, I've got my show right up to the times, I tell yer."

"Got six little Evas and a dozen Legrees, eh?"

"Better'n that, my boy; a long way past that. Just a sample: Eliza, chased by a lot of Filipinos on motor cycles, crosses the ice on a $10,000 automobile. Can you beat that?"

And as the owner had to admit he couldn't, that was why he took just one more U. T. show at the "opry" house.—Automobile Magazine.

### Rice in South Texas.

The Government report for 1902 shows that Texas holds the world's record for the production of rice. Some of the best rice lands in the State are along the line of the M. K. & T. Ry. An interesting book on Texas will be sent on request.—James Barker, Gen'l Pass. Agent, M. K. & T. Ry., 501 Wainwright Bldg., St. Louis.

### Seventeen Thousand Signals.

On the London and Northwestern railway alone there are 17,000 signals lighted every night, and an engine-driver working from Crewe to London and back for his day's work is controlled by no fewer than 570 signals, to say nothing of those coming under his observation which do not affect the working of his train.

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with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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"Has he a well-developed sense of humor?" "When the joke is on some one else he has."—Chicago Post.

# 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 $1,500, 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 153¼ 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 $5,000 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 23 tons of Sugar Beets to the acre; 130 bushels of corn to the acre. Seven acres of wheat raised 140 bushels when wheat was an absolute failure all over the state. It never fails on good crops whether hay, or other cereals or pasture. It is well fenced and thoroughly tiled and lies on a gently sloping exposure to the south. It is all ready to commence a profitable farming business. All things duly considered the farm is well worth every cent of One Hundred Dollars per Acre and we have it for sale upon this basis. If you have the most remote desire to become the possessor of one of the most productive and profitable farms in Michigan, we ask you to write, telephone, or better yet, come and see us about it. If you want to look the farm over we will be very glad to take you to see it. We will treat you well and we will get acquainted if nothing else and if you do not buy you will never hear us complain of the time wasted in showing you the premises.

**5.**

Elegant house and lot 66 feet front and 20 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.

**6.**

The VanEvery farm on the north shore of Wing Lake, 160 acres, two good houses, three barns, fine lake frontage, 10 acres fine orchard, 15 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, 2½ 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 200 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 50 acres of hardwood timber bordering the lake. The fences are in good shape and the buildings are insured for $2,875. 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 almost enough to say when we tell you that it is the John Buttolph farm in the town of Troy, 220 acres, excellent buildings, two good flowing wells. Carp pond well stocked, 9 miles of tile; fine orchard, 5 miles from Birmingham, 2 miles straight south of Troy corners, where there is a church, store, postoffice, school, etc. D., R. & L. O. runs past the door. Cars every hour to Detroit, Rochester, Romeo and Lake Orion. Price low and terms easy.

**10.**

Large, roomy two-story house on Townsend St. in Birmingham, good barn, city water and all ordinary conveniences, 100 ft. front and 102 ft. deep. Small fruit and good neighborhood.

**12.**

The Bayley farm in the town of Troy, 127½ 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.

**13.**

Farm in Southfield, 67 acres, of which 10 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 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.

**15.**

House and two lots on Ann St. in Birmingham, 100 ft front, 200 feet deep. Small fruit. House insured for $300. Price $600. 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 68 acres about 3 miles from Birmingham, nice rolling land, 5 acres timber. No waste land; 230 peaches, 100 plums, 500 grapes, 20 apples, 1½ acres raspberries, 1 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.

**18.**

A small farm of 5 acres, being part of the w½ of section 3, 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, 8 rooms; woodshed, cellar, cistern and all conveniences; 2½ miles from Birmingham, over roads which are the best in the country; 40 rods from good school; 80 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 $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.

**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; 240 acres gravelly loam, 15 acres of the finest orchard in the state, 2,000 peach and 700 plum trees, brick house with all conveniences, 22 rooms, 2 wells, good windmill, barn 40x50, 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.

**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 45 acres of the best and finest varieties of fruit; 3 buildings and everything is ready for business. The price is $7,000 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.

**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 20 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.

**33.**

Twenty-three hundred dollars cash will buy one of the most profitable farms in the township of Southfield, consisting of 96 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 P. & H. 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.

**37.**

Fine new house located on lot 7 of Campbell's subdivision, Birmingham. Price $900. House cost that to build. At this price it would be all cash to owner—but we can arrange that. Inquire about it.

**38.**

Two story house and lot on south side of Daines St., two doors from electric road on Saginaw St., 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. 45 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.

**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 8 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, 5 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 [illegible].

**55.**

Village lots on Saginaw street, bounded north by land of Mollie G. Smith, east by D. G. H. & M. R'y, south by Bower street, west by Saginaw street, 108 ft. front on Saginaw street, 178 feet deep on north side and 148 feet deep on south side; all in the village of Birmingham, Mich. One of the finest building sites in the village. Price $700.00.

**56.**

Lots 48 and 49 Randall's Addition, price $135.00 for the two lots (which is very cheap). Will exchange for small house and lot in Birmingham.

**57.**

Farm of 40 acres, being the s e ¼ of the s e ¼ of section 2, Farmington, Oakland county, Mich., in the finest farming locality of the county, with 3 fairly good buildings. There is no incumbrance on the property and it is less than a mile from the Farmington electric road. 3 acres of timber, elm, basswood, etc., and the price is only $45.00 per acre and you can have your own way about the terms of payment as long as you have cash enough to secure it. A postal will get you fuller particulars.

**58.**

Fifty acres just north of the village of Royal Oak, being the n e ¼ of the n e ¼ of section 16, and part of the s e ¼ of the s e ¼ of section 9, in Royal Oak township. No timber; 2 acres of orchard, all kinds fruit; buildings worth $2,000; price $50.00 per acre. Will take $2,500.00 cash, but this is confidential. Buildings insured for $1,525. Will you take time to come and see us about this place and let us take you to look it over?

**59.**

House and lot, No. 1420 Fourteenth ave., Detroit, a little over a block from the Boulevard; paved street; house piped and furnace; small barn, some fruit; buildings valued at $2700, insured for $1,700. Will trade for Birmingham village property or for a small farm of not more than 5 acres.

**60.**

House and two lots 150 x 200 just north of the corporation line of the village of Royal Oak, plenty of small fruit and shade trees; two buildings worth $1,500 and will sell for just what the buildings would cost to build. House and 7 rooms and pantry, cellar, good well, nice barn. Buildings were built less than two years ago. Price $1,500 and terms very easy.

**61.**

House of 11 rooms on lots 5 and 13 Castle's plat, fronting on Merrill and Martin streets, Birmingham. Good cistern and ample cellar. There are things about this place which we want to talk to you about and the price is so low that we are ashamed to tell you right out loud. If you will call and see us about it, we will whisper.

**62.**

Double-house on the corner Merrill and Henrietta, eighty feet front on Merrill street. Good cellar, city water; rents for from $15 to $20 per month. Price $1,600; and there are other things which would come into consideration if you ask us about. A personal call or a postal card will do the business in this case as well as all the rest of the good things in this column.

**63.**

One of the nicest little family residences in the village—on the west side of Southfield ave. —nearly new, with necessary conveniences. Nine pleasant rooms, in a good neighborhood and will be sold for $2,600 if the terms are agreeable. It comprises a lot and a half on the Stanley & Clizbe Subdivision.

**64**

Are you tired of Michigan's wet and dry extremes? Do you long for a better climate—the land of sunshine and flowers? Well, now you are the very fellow we have been looking for. Here's an Orange Grove of 10 acres in San Bernardo county, California, just in the first of it's bearing. Needn't worry about the dry weather; it's irrigated. The party will take $3,500 down and the balance on long time; or he will trade with you for a small farm in Bloomfield or Farmington townships. Ask us about it.

**53**

House and 2 lots in Randall's addition, Birmingham. Price $1500. Mortgage for $500 can run.

**65**

House and lot number six (6) of Corson's Addition, Birmingham, near the power house of the Detroit United R'y. New house and excellent location. A nice home for a working man and terms easy. Price only $725.00.

**66**

Twelve hundred dollars will buy one of the pleasant and comfortable homes of Birmingham, centrally located on Merrill Plat, 90 feet front on one of the pleasantest streets in the village. Lots 51, 52 and the west side of lot 50. Plenty of room, all the conveniences and a new cement walk laid this summer which will last a lifetime.

**67**

One of the finest residences in the village, The Mrs. Alger property on the south side of Brown street. Just 100 feet frontage on Brown and the same on Daines street. Lots 200 feet deep; fine house with furnace and all modern improvements in excellent condition. Cement walk, good neighborhood, apples, peaches and small fruit. We'll tell you all about it.

### The Plumbago.

From Farmers' Review: Among the best of winter-blooming plants adapted to amateur culture must be listed the Plumbago, with its large, loose sprays of dainty blossoms of the softest, most delicate lavender-blue. I know of no other flower so exquisite in color. Individually the flowers are small—about the size of, and almost identical in shape with, the annual phlox of our summer garden,—but there are so many in a cluster that the plant is quite showy. Of course, because of its subdued coloring, it cannot rival the geranium, or the Hibiscus, but what it lacks in brilliance it makes up for in refined beauty. To see a well-grown specimen of it in full bloom is to admire it, and make one feel envious of its owner. But there need be no envy of its possession, as any one can grow it with but little trouble. I would not advise attempting to grow it from cuttings, as I have found it a difficult plant to propagate in that way. The best way is to get a young plant of the florist. It will probably have an unpromising look, when received, as many of its leaves will be shed, while in transit, but if the stalk is hard and green, no harm has been done by its journey. Pot it in a soil of ordinary garden loam made light and mellow by mixing coarse sand with it. Do not use a large pot at first. Water moderately, and give it a place a little way back from the sun. In a short time it ought to begin to grow. When growth really sets in, its development will be rapid, and after two or three months a shift to a pot two or three sizes larger will be advisable. The habit of the plant is to send out branches terminated with flowers. As soon as the flowers have faded, cut back the branch to about one-third its original length. Soon the buds at the base of the stub will develop into branches from which you will get more flowers. By continued cutting-back, as advised above, you keep the plant producing new branches, consequently new flowers. It is an easy matter, therefore, to keep it almost constantly in bloom. Old plants often send out branches four and five feet in length, and repeated cutting-back makes them so bushy that there will be scores of flowering-points on each good specimen. It is a good plan to force the plant to take a few weeks' rest in summer. This can be done by keeping it quite dry. No harm will be done if you allow the soil to dry out until most of the leaves fall. By and by cut it back about one-third, give more water, and allow it to begin the work of renewing itself, as it will soon do. Those who have never grown this charming flower will be delighted with it. The variety described is catalogued a P. capensis. There are two other varieties in cultivation, P. rosea, red, and P. alba, white. Both are pretty, but they lack the free-flowering qualities of the blue variety.—Eben E. Rexford.

### An Upper Study.

In city houses it is becoming quite common to find an upstairs sitting room or library to which the student who wishes to read, write or study can go and get away from the hubbub that often characterizes the evening reunions of a big family socially inclined, who like to visit among themselves or to entertain their friends after the business of the day is over. There is less need in city than in country houses for such a den as in the former there is ordinarily a general and uniform system of heating, which makes their bedrooms comfortable and available for all who desire privacy. But one cannot always have a library in one's bedroom and there is a certain fitness which appeals to most people in having one room in the house sacred to intellectual uses. Though there is great need of such a provision in many country homes, particularly if the family is large, it is seldom found, perhaps because the appropriation of a room to that service would seem a kind of trespass on the long established custom of devoting the second story of a dwelling to dormitory purposes only, yet, as already remarked, the need is great because the majority of country houses are equipped with neither furnaces nor steam heating plants, but instead are dependent upon stove heat which is unevenly distributed. Often the bedrooms are only partially heated and therefore cannot be used as sitting rooms in the winter. Sports and "chores" generally consume the hours of daylight which the boys and girls have before and after school, which means for them study in the evening; and a suitable place should be provided for them. Literary men have been fond of utilizing attics which often make ideal studies. A good supply of daylight should be a prime consideration in locating such a place unless it is to be used exclusively in the evening and then the best of artificial light should be furnished. That requirement can be easily met by providing a student lamp, than which no better reading lamp has ever been made, and they are no longer very expensive. In many a country house there is a large upper hall, and if no other room is available a portion of this may be screened off and furnished with a table, chairs, book shelves and other necessary or desirable fittings.