THE MAID of MAIDEN LANE

Sequel to "The Bow of Orange Ribbon."

A LOVE STORY BY AMELIA E. BARR

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CHAPTER II.—(Continued.)

About six o'clock Arenta Van Ariens made a personal response to her friend's message. She was all excitement and expectation. Who do you think called on me this afternoon. No less a person than Madame Kippon. Gertrude Kippon is going to be married. She is going to marry a French count! And madame is beside herself with the great alliance."

"Our drawing-rooms, and even our streets, are full of titles," said Cornelia; "I think it is a distinction to be plain master and mistress."

"That is the truth; even this handsome dandy, Joris Hyde, is a lieutenant."

"He was in the field two years. He told me so this afternoon. I dare say, he has earned his title, even if he is a lieutenant."

"Don't be so highty-tighty, Cornelia. I have no objection to military titles. In fact, I rather lean to official titles of every kind."

Then Arenta, having arranged her ringlets, tied her sash and her sandals, the girls went down to the parlor.

Dr. Moran, Rem Van Ariens, and Lieut. Hyde were present. The latter was handsomely dressed in a dark blue velvet coat, silver laced, a long white satin vest and black satin breeches. His hair was thrown backwards and tied with the customary black ribbon, and his linen and laces were of the finest quality. He met Cornelia as he might have met a princess; and he flashed into Arenta's eyes a glance of admiration which forced her senses upside down, and made her feel, for a moment or two, as if she could hardly breathe.

Upon Arenta's brother he had not produced a pleasant impression. Without intention, he had treated young Van Ariens with that negative politeness which dashes a sensitive man, and makes him resentfully conscious that he has been rendered incapable of doing himself justice. And Rem tried in various ways to introduce some conversation which would afford him the pleasure of contradiction. He failed to consider that his bad-veiled antagonism compelled from the doctor, and even from Cornelia and Arenta, attentions he might not otherwise have received. So Hyde easily became the hero of the hour, he was permitted to teach the girls the charming old-world step of the Pas de Quatre, and afterwards to sing with them merry airs from Figaro, and sentimental airs from Lodoiska.

Fortunately, some of Dr. Moran's neighbors called early in the evening. Then whist parties were formed. But though Cornelia was all sweetness and graciousness; though Rem played well and Lieut. Hyde played badly; though Rem had the satisfaction of watching Hyde depart in his chair, while he stood with a confident friendship by Cornelia's side, he was not satisfied. There was an air of weariness and constraint in the room, and the little air of departing visitors did not hide it. Rem approached his sister and said, "it is time to go home." Arenta looked at her friend; she expected to be asked to remain, and she was offended when Cornelia did not give her the invitation.

"I expected you would ask me to stay with you, Cornelia."

"I think it is best for you to go home with Rem. Otherwise he might, in his present temper, find himself near Beecker's, and if a man is quarrelsome he may always get principals and seconds there. In the morning Rem will, I hope, be reasonable."

"I thought you and I would talk things over to-night. I like to talk over a new pleasure."

"Dear Arenta, we shall have so much more time, to-morrow. Come to-morrow."

But Arenta was not pleased. She left her friend with an air of repressed injury, and afterwards made little remarks about Cornelia to her brother, which exactly fitted his sense of wounded pride.

"Ever since she was a little girl, eleven years old, I have loved her," said Rem; "and she knows it."

"She knows it; that is so. When I was at Bethlehem, I read her all your letters, and many a time you spoke in them of her as your 'little wife.' Come, come, we must go to our rooms, for that is our father I hear moving about. In a few minutes he will be angry, and then——"

She did not finish the sentence; there was no necessity; Rem knew what unpleasantness the threat implied, and he slipped off his shoes and stole quietly upstairs. Arenta did not hurry, though the great Flemish clock on the stair-landing chimed eleven as she entered her room.

"After all," she mused, "the evening was a possibility. It was a door on the latch—I may push it open and go in—who can tell? I saw how amazed he was at my beauty when I first entered the parlor—and he is but a man—and a young man—and a man of his own, way—so much is evident."

Then she heard her brother moving about the floor of the room above her and a shadow darkened her face. She had strong family affections, and she was angry that I'm should be troubled by any man or woman, living.

"I have always thought Cornelia a very, saint," she muttered, "but Love is the great revealer. I wonder if she is in love—to tell the truth, she was past finding out! I cannot say that I saw the least sign of it, and between me and myself, Rem was unreasonable; however, I am not pleased that Rem felt himself to be badly used."

And she said her prayers, and fell calmly asleep to the flattering thought, "I would dearly like to know, for a moment, Lieut. Hyde was at thinking about me."

In reality, Lieut. Hyde was at that moment in the Belvedere club, singing the "Marseillaise," and listening to a very inflammatory speech from the French minister. But a couple of hours later, Arenta's "wonder" would have touched the truth. He was then alone, and very ill satisfied; for, after some restless reflections, he said impatiently:

"I have again made a fool of myself. I have now all kinds of unpleasant feelings, and when I left that quiet doctor's house I was well satisfied. His daughter is an angel. I praise myself for finding that out.

Then he rose, threw off his velvet and lace, and designedly let his thoughts turn to Arenta. "She is pretty beyond all prettiness," he said softly as he moved about. "She dances well, talks from hand to mouth, and she gave me one sweet glance, and I think if she has gone so far—she might go further."

The fresh sea wind and the bright sunshine.

CHAPTER III.

Hyde and Arenta.

Seldom is Love ushered into any life with any pomp of circumstance or ceremony; there is no overture to our opera, no prologue to our play, and the most momentous meetings occur as if by mere accident. A friend delayed Cornelia a while on the street, and turning, she met Hyde face to face; a moment more, or less, and the meeting had not been. Ah, but some Power had set that moment for their meeting, and the delay had been intended, and the consequences foreseen!

In a dim kind of way Hyde realized this fact as he sat the next day with an open book before him. He was not reading it; he was thinking of Cornelia. Soon he closed his book with impatience, and went to Prince's and bought a little rush basket filled with sweet violets. Into their midst he slipped his visiting card, and saw the boy on his way with the flowers. Cornelia were he was satisfied they would reach her quickly enough. Then turning aimlessly into Pearl street, he saw Cornelia.

She was dressed only in a little morning gown of Indian chintz, but in such simple toilet had still more distinctively that air of youthful modesty which he had found so charmingly tantalizing.

Cornelia was going to the "Universal Store" of Gerardus Duyckinck, and Hyde begged to go with her. He said he was used to shopping, and could tell the value of laces, and knew how to choose a piece of silk, or match the crewels for her embroidery; and, indeed, pleaded his case so merrily, that there was no refusing his offer. And how it happened lovers can tell, but after the shopping was finished they found themselves walking towards the Battery, with the fresh sea wind, and the bright sunshine, and the joy of each other's presence all around them.

Now Love has always something in it of the sea, and the murmur of the tide against the pier, the hoarse voices of the sailor men, the scent of the salt water, and all that could unrecognized, but keenly felt life of the ocean, were ministers to their love, and forever and ever blended in the heart and memory of the youth and maid who had met their early dreams of each other to its potent witchery. Time went swiftly, and suddenly Cornelia remembered that she was subject to hours and minutes. A little fear came into her heart, and closed it, and she said, with a troubled air, "My mother will be anxious. I had forgotten. I must go home." So they turned northward again.

At the gates of her home they stood a moment, and there Hyde touched her hand and said, "I have never, in all my life, been so happy. It has been a walk beyond hope, and beyond expression!" And she lifted her face, and the smile on her lips and the light in her eyes answered him.

Cornelia trembled as she opened the parlor door; she feared to look into her mother's face, but it was as serene as usual, and she met her daughter's glance with some of infinite affection and some little expectancy. This was a critical moment, and Cornelia hesitated slightly. Then she said with a blunt directness which put all subterfuge out of the question:

"Mother, I have been a long time, but I met Lieut Hyde, and we walked and talked by the battery, and I think I have lingered beyond the hour I ought to have stayed, but the weather was so delightful!

"The weather is very delightful and Lieut. Hyde is very polite. Did he speak of your walk to me, dear?"

"I suppose he forgot them. Ah, there they are! How beautiful! How fragrant! I will give them to you, mother."

"They are your own, my dear. I would not give them away. Take your chemisette, or a fan, but Rem tells me young man is very extravagant, I think. Do you know that it is quite noon, and your father will be home in a little while?"

And there was such kind intent, such a delicate sympathy in the simple words, that Cornelia's heart grew warm with pleasure, and she felt that her mother understood, and did not much blame her. She went with some haste to her room, and, forgetting all her resolute desire to be proud, permitted herself to enter the delicious land of Reverie. She let the thought of Hyde repossess her, and present again and again to her imagination his form, his face, his voice, and those long caressing looks she had seen and felt without seeming to be aware of them.

(To be continued.)

PHOTOGRAPH WINS A CASE.

Bright Idea That Was Worked by Clever Lawyer.

A Philadelphia lawyer tells the story that a picture of Fanny Davenport once won a case for him. His client was suing the Pennsylvania Railroad company, of which Wayne MacVeagh was counsel, for $7,500 damages for the death of her husband. "Just a few days before the case was to have come up she happened into my office and announced that she had married again. 'Good Lord, madam,' I gasped, 'why couldn't you have waited until your case came up? It's next to impossible for me to do anything for you now.' She said she didn't care very much, and went out, seeming very happy.

"Well, I just happened that I had a photograph of Fanny Davenport on my desk, and when the next day Wayne MacVeagh came into my office to discuss quite another matter he picked up the photo and admired it. 'Who's your friend?' he asked.

"I had a sudden inspiration and I said: 'Why, that's the lady who is suing your company for $7,500.'

"The deuce you say,' said he. 'Handsome woman, isn't she?'

"She is, indeed," I replied.

"'H—m!' he exclaimed, looking at the picture closely. 'A deuced handsome woman, I should say. A deuced handsome woman.' There was a slight pause. 'What'll you take to settle this case?' he asked.

"I thought of my client's second marriage, and I fixed the figure at $5,000. The deal was consummated, and the case never came to court."—New York Tribune.

BLUE JAY IS PROFANE.

Bad Habit Not Confined Solely to the Human Family.

"Did you ever hear a blue jay swear?"

The speaker, one of the ornithologists of the Academy of Natural Sciences, smiled during the silence that followed his question and then proceeded:

"Well, I have; lots of times. I have often laughed heartily at the profanity of the blue jay. This bird only swears when it is cracking hickory nuts. The hickory has a pretty concret, solid kind of shell, and to break it open the blue jay has to hit it very hard.

"He perches himself on a fence rail, with a nut between his claws. He holds the nut firmly on the wood, and, drawing back his head to the utmost limit of his neck, he bangs away with his bill—bift! bift! bift!—until the shell breaks.

"Now when he misses his aim that the blue jay swears—when he strikes his foot instead of the nut with his bill. He carries on dreadfully then. He acts like a man who had banged his fingers with a hammer. Tarowing the nut far from him he hops around on one foot, and the air is filled with the most horrible oaths.

"Really, joking aside," the ornithologist concluded, "a blue jay's voice, when he hits his foot in cracking a nut, is the most angry, most penetrating thing in the world—a chatter of rage and pain and disgust that can be heard 10t yards across the fields."

Croker's New Distinction.

Richard Croker possesses the best lot of whipperets in this country, dogs which may be regarded as the novelty to pets.

AGRICULTURE

Bleaching Celery.

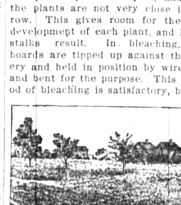
There are several methods of blanching, four of which are illustrated in a recent government bulletin. Celery is blanched for the purpose of depriving it of its natural green color and of certain bitter properties, thus rendering it more palatable. The principle involved is the exclusion of light. One of the methods of doing this is the heaping of earth against the celery, as shown in our first illustration. In the celery fields north of Chicago this method is very largely the one practiced. The soil is thrown up against the celery by the use of a horse. This makes little hand work necessary.

CUT 1—BLEACHING CELERY WITH EARTH.

In our second illustration we show the method of blanching with boards. It will be observed that the rows of celery are quite far apart, and that the plants are tied close in a row. This gives room for the full development of each plant, and larger stalks result. In bleaching, the boards are tipped up against the celery and held in position by wires cut and bent for the purpose. This method of bleaching is satisfactory, but requires quite an outlay for lumber. The boards will, however, last for several years if taken care of.

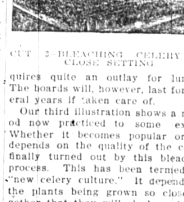
CUT 2—BLEACHING CELERY WITH BOARDS.

Our third illustration shows a method now practiced to some extent. Whether it becomes popular or not depends on the quality of the celery finally turned out by this bleaching process. This has been termed the "new celery culture." It depends on the plants being grown so close together that they will shade and thus blanch each other. The celery is usually grown in rows only 12 inches apart, with plants only 8 inches apart in the rows. This proves a success only where there is a rank growth of plants. To make sure of this rank growth, both water and fertilizers are used in abundance. When this plan of bleaching is to be employed, it is best to use what is known as a self-bleaching variety. The advantage of this system is in its cheapness, neither boards nor labor of heaping up dirt being required. Boards are used only around the outside of the patch.



CUT 3—BLEACHING CELERY BY BOARDS.

In the fourth cut is shown the method of blanching celery by means of paper. This was practiced by the Cornell station when forcing celery for the May and June market. This celery was grown in a hothouse. About six weeks or two months after the plants were set in permanent positions they were ready for bleaching, in the experiments reported all the usual methods of bleaching were tried, but without success. When, however the plants were wrapped with a thick, hard wrapping paper with an almost "sized" surface, the bleaching was successful. By this method the stalks were brought together and tied and a width of paper reaching to within 2 or 3 inches of the tops of the leaves was rolled tightly about the plants. As the plants grew, another width of paper was rolled about the first, and again reaching nearly the top of the plant. Two applications of the paper were found to be sufficient. From a month to six weeks was required to bleach the celery by this process in a cool house in April and May.—Farmers' Review.



CUT 4—BLEACHING CELERY WITH PAPER.

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 thinks well of it. Pretty near all cleared and in good repair and ready for the successful husbandman. Fine for a market garden. Establishment of a happy little home. Lots of good fruits and all necessary conveniences. Terms easy: Price $1,600, of which $600 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, 15 miles from Bloomfield center and electric railway to Detroit and Pontiac. Terms easy.

3.

Twenty-nine and two-thirds acres of land near Birmingham village, Bloomfield 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 $1,900. Price $2,800. Terms easy. The place is just outside of the fighter soil of Oakland and cannot be beaten for anyone requiring a small farm close by for small profit. Fine for fruitgrowing. 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 Rouge & Pontiac electric line and one mile south of Birmingham, over good roads, consists of 153¾ acres, of which 133 acres are cleared and 20 acres are in timber and 4 acres of orchard, all sets of fences and in good order. The soil is a rich clay loam and there are nine good buildings which are valued at $3,000 and upon which there is $1,500 insurance. They consist of good two-story brick house with ten rooms, furnace heating, whole house, large barn, steel, hop-house, horse-barn, chicken-house, shop and tool house creamery, etc. Fine barn, well piped to the creamery and to barns. The large barn (30x80) is new and has an excellent stone foundation with basement stables and all conveniences. We challenge comparison with any for productiveness. During the season of 1900 there were raised upon this farm 28 tons of sugar Beets to the acre; 500 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 eastern exposure to the south. It is all ready to cultivate 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 a good reasonable desire to become the owner of one of the most productive and profitable farms in Michigan, we ask you to come, 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 of 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 Tollbert Lake in the township of Bloomfield, Oakland county, ½ 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 Gibbons, of Detroit. She 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 conclude at the extremely low price of $50 per acre. The farm comes in 80 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 land was comparatively new and has ten rooms. There are two good barns and other buildings and plenty 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 in good repair. The terms will be made extremely favorable and persons having enough cash to simply secure the purchase, will receive very favorable consideration and be given the opportunity of securing one of the most beautiful lake farms in Michigan by for a term nal 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, 120 acres, excellent buildings, two good wells, one Carp pond well stocked, 9 miles of tile; fine orchard, 1 mile from Birmingham, 3 miles straight south of Troy corners, where there is a church, store, post-office, school, etc. R. R. & L. O. runs past the door, 1 mile from the 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. 120 ft. front and 198 ft. deep. Small fruit and good neighborhood.

12.

The Bayley farm in the town of Troy, 127½ acres. Good house and barn; good buildings. Rowing well at the barn which is the wonder and pride of Troy; 30 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, 42 acres, of which 16 acres is timber, good beech and maple. Soil, clay loam. Creek runs through farm. Water in every lot and rock roads. Good 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 14 and 15, Troy, 1 mile from the boulevard and 3 miles from the center of the village. Large and productive orchard of 45 acres and 40 acres of fine apple trees. Large roomy farmer. 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, 900 ft. front by 198 feet deep. Small fruit. House insured for $350. Price $600. Will exchange for a team. Price $600. Will exchange for a team 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 65 acres about 2 miles from Birmingham, nice rolling land, 5 acres timber. No waste land; 250 peaches, 100 plums, 500 pears, 20 apples, ½ acre raspberries, ½ acre 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.

10.

A small farm of 3 acres, being part of the west of section 9, Southfield township, Oakland county. Four good buildings; house, barn, fowl-house and pig-pen. Buildings insured for $1,200. Premises abundantly supplied with good 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. Roads, two cistern 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 Kirby's store. Excellent neighborhood. This little farm is ready for occupancy without further repairs or improvements. Price $1,500. Terms easy.

19.

A farm of 100 acres in the township of Ross, Ogemaw county, Mich.; 50 acres cleared, 50 acres mixed hardwood timber. The city market is handy close. Price $25 per acre; terms $500 cash, balance on long time at 6 per cent. Here is a golden opportunity for a poor man to secure a good home in a short time. Better investigate.

26.

One of the finest farms in the grand old town ship of Rose-field, 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 without being burdened with a long gravelly hill. 15 acres of the finest orchard in the state, 5 peach and 700 plum trees, brick house with all conveniences, 12 rooms, 2 w. ils, good windmill barn 40x80, with ample sheds; good school near the farm, and land is price at $100 per acre. Only 15 (15 minutes) to Pontiac. Excellent roads at a. Price $100 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 lands land in Delta county, Michigan. Said by experts to be the finest fruit land in the world. Twenty-five acres in this farm is cleared and there is an orchard of 45 acres of the best and finest varieties of fruit. Good buildings and every thing 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 Chautauqua said, "Let us explain about the healthful climate of Colorado." If you have lung trouble or asthma this is your your while to investigate.

30.

One of the very nicest and best arranged homes in Birmingham, and in the finest location the can be desired; on the west side of Saginaw St lot 60x113. New house of 20 fine rooms, gas, furnace, bath, hot and cold water, both hard and soft water, metal shingles, wood house, an plenty of room for a nice garden, $3,500 will buy it and you only have to pay $500 cash and balance on easy terms and long time. Now, if you ask for anything better we will tell you a certain y hard to please, and if you will come and let us show you just what we have and ground 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 remain on mortgage at 6 per cent, or will trade for a smaller farm or house and lot in Birmingham. Fine good buildings, good cellars, wells, cisterns and all the usual conveniences. Fences are about thirty 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 orchard; a good barn and a comfortable house; ½ miles from Lexington; 4 miles east of Applegate post office on the P. H. & T. M. R'y; will exchange for Birmingham property or a small farm in Oakland. For a poor man with a small amount to invest and a right good chance to work out the balance, this will be worth comin' up to see about. Now don't go sleep all your life working for someone else and without home. Come and tell us what you can do and see if we can help you out. It don't cost any thing 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. Will take it worth $1 00 in cash to owner—but we can arrange that equire about it.

38.

Two story house and lot on south side of Haines St., two doors from electric road on Saginaw St., 80 ft. front, 198 ft. deep. Hot and cold water on both floors, water closet, bath, furnace and every modern convenience. Terms $500 cash, balance on long time. Price $2,800. If you are curious or interested, just ask us for fuller particulars. If you are only curious it will be curious if we can't interest you.

41.

Two and one-half acres, and good house and barn 15 rods from the Electric road at Circle, 40 peach, 20 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 $400 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 Collins Farm 103 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 in dependent with cement floor and 3 or 4 additional stals, sliding doors, pad windows, window guards, stone foundation, etc., etc. Horse barn with 10 box stalls and paddock. Horse barn with 4 box and 4 other stalls and paddock enclosed with 12 ft board fence. Straw shed. Tool house, enclosed with sliding doors. Pig-sty with large stallion or fooling box stall attached and paddock. Bull box stall with paddock secure and strong for this purpose and isolated from other buildings. Outside closet for horses. Outside closet for stals. Fruit: Large and bearing apple orchard well trimmed and in good condition. Baldwins, Greenings, Kings, Steeles Red, Jonathans and Russets; 500 pear trees, 300 peach, 40 cherry, 25 plum and of best varieties, 3 apricots, 2 quince, currants, grapes, straw berries, 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 NAVIGABLE. 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. Best 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; little barn; good barn. Good well, good fences. Fruit: Few peach and quince trees. Extra 70 acres heavily seeded to clover and timothy. A good bargain.

55.

Village lots on Saginaw street, bounded north by land of Mrs. Ella Ward, east by D. U. H. & M. R'y, south by Bower street, west by Saginaw street, 66 ft. front on Saginaw street, 178 ft. 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 1, township 2 north, range 10 east, 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 time to pay the balance of the amount 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 of fruit; buildings worth $2,650; price $50.00 per acre. Will take $2,500.00 cash $1,525. Will you take it? Perhaps you want 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 and d. house in back yard. Rent $15 per mo. 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 the lots are just what the buildings would cost to build. House and 2 rooms and pantry, cellar, good well, nice barn. Buildings were built less than two years ago. Price $1,500 and terms very easy.

62.

Double house on the corner Merrill and Henrietta, eighty feet front on Merrill street. Good cellar, furnace, bath, etc. Rent $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—the west side of Maple Ave., Birmingham. Nearly new, with necessary conveniences. Nine pleasant rooms, in good neighborhood and will be sold for $2,600 if the terms are right. It comprises a lot and a half on the Stanley & Chisles subdivision.

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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. Needs work and care to bring it into it's irrigated. The party will take $5,000 down and the balance on long time, or he will trade with you for a small farm in Bloomfield or Farmington township. Ask us about it.

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House and lot number six (6) of Corson's Addition, Birmingham, near the power house of the Detroit, Rochester and Romeo R. R. Fine and excellent location. A nice home for a working man and terms easy. Price only $250.00.

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Twelve hundred dollars will buy one of the pleasant and comfortable houses of Birmingham, beautifully located on Martin Pas. on best front on one of the pleasantest streets in the village. Lots 48, 49 and the west half of 50 give a variety of room, all the conveniences and a new cement walk laid this summer which will last a lifetime.

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One of the finest residences in the village. The Mrs Alger property on the south side of Brown street, lots 50 and 51 adjoining on Brown and the same on Bailey street. Lots 200 feet deep; fine shade trees; large lawn. Large house; improvements in excellent condition. Cement walks, good neighborhood, spacious grounds and small fruit. We'll tell you all about it.

IN THE "OLD SOUTH"

WHITES PROUD OF FAITHFUL DEVOTION OF SLAVES.

"Old Uncle" Joe Napier, Who Recently Died at Chattanooga, One of the Best Examples of the Race—Intelligent and Progressive.

An "ex-Confederate veteran" writes to the Chattanooga (Tenn.) Times as follows of the death of "a man who was a faithful slave and a driver":

"Old Uncle' Joe Napier died at his home in Napier's addition in St. Elmo recently. He left a widow, Mrs. Carrie Napier, and two stepchildren, Mrs. Idell' Moss, wife of Frank Moss, and Miss Lula Brown, surviving him. His last words were: 'Thank God, I see the light now.'

"He was the slave of Leroy Napier, and the 'driver' on Mr. Napier's plantation in Walker county, Georgia, for many years before the civil war, had the confidence of his master, of his master's family, of the white and colored people who knew him, and they all respected him. He was a very large man, over six feet high, and weighed over 200 pounds. Owners of large plantations employed a white man as overseer and appointed one of their negro men as a 'driver,' whose responsibilities and duties were second in importance only to the overseer. The overseer gave his orders to a 'driver,' who had immediate charge of the other negroes and carried out the orders given him by the overseer. These 'drivers' were selected because of their intelligence and the confidence of their owners in them and as a class were of the very highest type of negroes. The success of a plantation was dependent to a very great measure on the 'driver.'

"When Capt. Nathan Napier, son of Leroy Napier, married, Leroy Napier gave 'Old Uncle' Joe to his son, who became the 'driver' on Capt. Napier's plantation until the close of the civil war.

"After the close of the civil war old Joe came to Chattanooga, bought a tract of land in St. Elmo, and laid off Napier's addition to St. Elmo. This is the first addition laid off in Chattanooga or vicinity by a negro. He was a very religious man and belonged to the E Street Colored Methodist church of this city.

"None save those who resided in the South before the civil war can realize the relations between the slave and his owner. This old man, in his last moments, asked that his former mistress, Mrs. Julia Napier, widow of Capt. Nathan Napier of Lafayette, Ga., be notified of his death and to ask her, or some of her children, to attend his funeral.

"The brain which qualified him to be a 'driver' qualified him to buy the land and lay out the first 'addition' laid out by a negro around Chattanooga. He died of old age, about 90 years.

"When the war called his master and every male white man in the family and the overseer into the Confederate army the white women of the family were left with only 'Uncle Joe,' who, at the head of the plantation, took care of them. When the federal army came near, 'Uncle Joe' moved the other negroes and the farm stock to places of safety until the close of the war. Then he entered into his new life with the same faithful zeal and intelligence that had made him a good 'driver.'

"The 'old South' never will or can forget the faithful devotion of this class of slaves during the civil war. Peace to the ashes of 'Old Uncle Joe'!"

REVENGE AS A FINE ART.

How Natives of India Get Even With Their Enemies.

Senator Tillman, at the end of the first part of his anti-trust speech in the senate on Jan. 14 told to a number of reporters an odd travelers' yarn. "Speaking of revenge," he said—he had been discussing the ways in which the people might get even with the trusts—"I remember how, according to a friend of mine, the natives of certain villages in India treat their enemies. They get a few hundred ears of rice, and spread them on the roofs of the people they hate. Then what do you think happens? Why, the monkeys come rocking down from all the trees onto the roof after the rice. They eat all there is on the surface and then to get at the stray grains that have lodged in the crannies they begin to pull the shingles off. Wherever there is a grain to be seen far down in some crack or other they pull the roof up to get at it, and finally—lo! and behold!—there is no roof left—the monkeys have done it all away. Then the man who spread the rice laughs subtly, for he has had his revenge, and yet no one knows, and he cannot be punished."

A Natural Question.

The small boy, accompanied by his father, was looking at the display in the window of a big store on Broadway, where all manner of wearing were on exhibition. In one corner was a great rack decorated with a brilliant collection of socks and bearing the sign:

"Half hose, half a dollar."

The small boy studied it for a full minute; then he called his father's attention to it.

"Say, pop," he inquired, "if half hose are half a dollar, are whole hose a whole dollar?"

"I suppose so," laughed the father, though he well knew that the boy's mother had a pair in silk that he had paid $4.98 for, and which she insisted she had obtained at a bargain because they were marked down from $5