The Two Captains

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CHAPTER II.—Continued.

Here the conversation was interrupted by the arrival of supper, and the two men talked of trivial things until the conclusion of the meal, when Pope produced a bottle of brandy, filled a glass, and passing the bottle to the leveled arm of his guest, began in sober earnest:

"The idea of trying for my fortune as a pirate came into my head on hearing of Jackman's adventure. You have the spirit of the buccaneer and know something of the life of the pirate. Why should not a shrewd, resolute and fearless man easily fill his hold?"

"Given a ship, given a crew, there is plenty to be done, no doubt," said Crystal. "But, it's perilous work; it's a short shift if you're nabbed. But why won't you give me your scheme?"

Captain Pope considered a little. "If I satisfy you that it may be done, will you join me as second in command?"

"Yes," answered Crystal like an echo.

"See here," said Pope, in a low, cold, emphatic voice. "I want money to fit out this expedition. Now there was a deal of valuable plate in my family and it all went, in ways there is no need to describe, into the hands of an aunt of mine, a woman who lives on a small income in a little house called Updown, hard by Margate. A large portion of that plate is mine by right of my being my father's son. I choose to think it so, and I mean to have it." He clenched his fist and let it fall.

"The value?" said Crystal coolly.

"All fifteen hundred pounds."

"That'll buy you the ship. Where's the cash to come from to victual her?"

"Staunton will take three hundred down and a bill for the remainder.

Pope Flourished His Hat.

Curse him! if he didn't give me that chance, he'll find his ship gone. For I've made up my mind. I'm a desperate man. The black flag flies aboard the Gypsy afterady, and I see plunder enough in our hold to maintain us as gentlemen for life."

"How dy'e mean to- fetch this plate?" asked Captain Crystal.

"There be two ways," responded Captain Pope; "you may take it by road, or you may take it by water. My idea, Crystal, is to hire a ten or twelve-ton cutter, and sail to Margate land, seize the plate, march with it aboard, and sail away across to Hamburg, where I know a merchant who would take the stuff off my hands at a good price. We should then return and there will have been no risk."

"It may be done," said Crystal, "but what with the burglary, and what with the bringing of the plate across country, and what with its shipment on a coast where the hucksters get the sight of lynxes and the smell of bloodhounds from the jobs the smugglers put 'em to, it'll prove as dangerous an undertaking as could ever make the stoutest heart pause."

"Do you pause?" cried Pope, wildly leaning forward and staring with desperate glowing eyes at the other.

Crystal tapped here and there with his square foot.

"I don't pause," said he. "I raise objections to grease your keels with. It may be done, I say. Where do you look to find seamen?"

"I may profess a respectable voyage, and they'll sign for an honorable run. When we are at sea, I'll call them aft, and those who object I'll send adrift."

"That's it," said Crystal grinning. "I'll help ye to find some stiff 'uns. How many of a crew?"

"A hundred and eighty tons," mused Pope. "Allow for ten men to be sent adrift. What say to a company of forty?"

"Oh, plenty," echoed Captain Crystal swiftly, "but plenty if you please, Pope, for sharp work. This sort of cruise is not a thing a man extends."

"No, by heaven," answered Pope. "But I shall want ten thousand pounds out of it."

"A man must live," said Crystal. "I've fought for this country as a privateersman, and as God is our saviour I don't mean to starve for her. I'm with ye, Pope."

They sat drinking and talking until about the hour of eleven. Pope found the ideas, and Crystal the objections; and in this fashion they trimmed the sail of their ordinary project, till, with a strange hearty cry, Pope struck a powerful hand into his friend's, saying, "You see now how it may be done? Tomorrow we'll dine together at the Mitre, and thence to Rotherhithe."

Mr. William Crossman was a well-known character at Rotherhithe in the early years of this century.

His public house was after the regular pattern of low taverns. It had a large parlor behind which, stood sometimes Mrs. and sometimes Miss Crossman; and it had a parlor which was very comfortably fitted. The place smelled foully of acid ale, and was commonly full of seafaring men, some of them of a rather peculiar type.

Now, after dining at the Mitre, as had been prearranged, Captain Pope and Captain Crystal arrived at the Cawperdown public house, and entered.

"This is Captain Pope, a friend of mine, Miss Angelica," says Crystal, and Pope flourished his hat to the lady, who bowed and simpered as she sank in a curtsey.

Pope was about to order two glasses of brandy, when Crystal stopped him by saying they would drink with Crossman, and as he spoke Crossman himself stood in his parlor door taking a view of the company with his one eye. He saw Crystal and nodded and the two captains immediately made for him.

"We've come to have a yarn with you," says Crystal, taking Crossman's great fist. "This is my particular friend, Captain Pope. Shut the door, Will, William, for we want to be private."

"But first, sir," says Captain Pope "will you ask your lovely daughter to bring us something to drink."

Miss Crossman placed a bottle of brandy upon the table and went out, languishing at Pope, who had a very good knowledge of the use of his own eyes.

"Crossman," says Crystal, opening fire at once, "I'll tell you what we've come here to talk to you about. My friend Captain Pope is the son of a gentleman who owned a quantity of plate. This fine silver plate found its way into the possession of an old lady, Captain Pope's aunt, but it don't belong to her. It belongs to Pope. He was at sea when the lawyers got fingering the property, and, like all sailors he was robbed. My friend wants to recover his own."

"Very natural and proper," exclaimed Crossman. "What might be the value of this 'ere plate, sir?"

"From twelve to fifteen hundred pounds," answered Pope. "But it'll fetch, I allow, no more than from six to eight hundred."

Crossman nodded as though he should say, "Fire away, I don't see your meaning."

Pope then told him that the plate was stowed away in a lonely house near Margate, occupied by the old lady, and maybe others—he could not yet tell; that he had once had an idea of fetching his property by road; but was hindered by the troubles and perils he foresaw when he and his companions left the house with the plate.

"In fact," he said, "we should be chased and captured."

"And hanged," said the ex-prize-fighter.

"For possessing myself of my own," cried Pope, with his eyes full of cruelty and temper, as he bridled and threw his strong arm dramatically on to the table.

"They'd hang us, Pope," grunted Crystal.

"Any way," continued Pope, flashing into cheerfulness and cordiality, "the road being out of the question, Mr. Crossman, nothing but the water remains; and we propose to proceed for our property by sea."

"How can I help you?" said Crossman, looking uneasily at Crystal.

"You may put me in the way of hiring a sloop of ten to twenty tons," Pope said; "but that's the least part."

"William," exclaimed Crystal, "the long and short of it's this—we want you to give us the names and the homes of three men who may not be wholly unused to jobs of this sort, and who, for a handsome consideration, will be willing to ship as our crew."

"Oh, that's your want," said Crossman thoughtfully. He put his finger to his nostrils, and striding to the door opened it, and stood looking forth upon the bar with its crowd of drinkers.

On a sudden the ex-prizefighter whistled and beckoned, and after draining a pewter pot, there approached him, with some marks of astonishment on his wicked face, a middle-sized man wearing an old beaver hat and a worn-out monkey-jacket.

"Bobbin," exclaimed Crossman, "step in here a minute. There's two gents who want a word with you. Here's one man for your purpose, Captain Pope," he said; but he remained in the doorway.

"What's your name?" said Captain Pope to the man the prizefighter had summoned.

"Robert Bobbin," answered the fellow, in a rough, raw voice, with his head stooped, twirling his hat, his greasy black hair tumbling about his face, on which the devil had written the word rogue in eye, nose, and mouth.

Captain Pope began to talk to him in a very low voice, and Captain Crystal grew close, pipe in hand, and listened. Crossman, in the doorway, seeing this, directed his one eye at Captain Pope, to whom he said:

"There must be no arrangements made in this 'ere house, master. I'm willing to oblige my friend Crystal, but I can't allow myself to be involved."

They looked at the fellows in the bar, all of whom were eagerly staring in the direction of the parlor, thirstily wondering why Bobbin had been called in, he called out the names of two men, who instantly came tumbling toward him and lurched into the parlor.

Pope looked them up and down; one was a haggard man, of a broken and dangerous appearance; he was very dark, with a savage squint, and rolled on his legs as he stood, as though the floor of the parlor had been a heaving deck. The other was a little man, very thickset, pale, with brown hair that sat upon his head like a wig, and moist blue protruding eyes. He looked as harmless as the other seemed terrifying.

"These were three men, and very fit for the errand Pope and Crystal designed to carry them on. Beyond a few questions, however, and the taking down of a note or two, Crossman would not permit any conversation.

"No, you must settle your business out of my house," said he, whereupon the three men agreed to present themselves at Captain Pope's lodging next morning. Pope gave each man a guinea, shut the door upon them and locked it, and began drinking.

"Can you put me in the way of hiring a little vessel, something fit to cross the Channel in?" said Captain Pope.

Crossman pondered; there was nothing sinister in this request. After a considerable pause he said:

"There's Jem Marling, you'll find him in Rock street, Greenwich. I know he has a little vessel in which he goes a-coasting, and I believe she'd suit your purpose. Tell yer what I'll do, I'll find out if she's in the river, and if you'll send here to-morrow afternoon I may be able to give you some particulars."

Nothing could be more satisfactory. Pope thanked the prizefighter heartily, and he and Crystal departed.

"Here you'll find your crew for the Gypsy," said Crystal to Pope, as they stepped into the street.

And Pope assented in loud laugh of satisfaction.

(To be continued.)

ODDITIES IN PET NAMES.

Varying Terms of Endearment in Different Countries.

"If a man in this country calls his wife a cat, the foundation is laid for a divorce suit," said the man who travels. "But a French woman takes the same word as a term of endearment. It's odd how the choicest phrases in the vocabulary of affection of one people are used for quite an opposite purpose by another nation. One of the most familiar and most coveted phrases of endearment among the French, for instance, is 'my little pig,' and 'my little puppy-dog' is also well liked.

"But if the Frenchman were to call Miss Narcisse 'duck,' as an American husband might call his better half, she would be very much offended. One of the oddest pet names that I ever heard of was that used by a famous German general, who always called his wife 'my little kernel of coffee.' They were divorced at last, however, and a cynic said that the general's pet name should have been 'my dear little stack of bayonets,' for the lady was said to have had a very sharp tongue. I know a devoted disciple of Walton, who, when writing to his wife while on a fishing expedition, calls her 'my dear little speckled trout.'"

Secretary Takes Drastic Action.

Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock has ordered the sale of the 2,000,000 feet of lumber seized by officials in the Choctaw nation recently, when several large lumber mills, running in violation of the law, were ordered closed by the Interior department. The secretary's action makes it impossible for mills to operate in the Indian territory country.

Beginning of the Feud.

Miss Elderton—I offered Mr. Deauber $100 to paint a portrait of me, but he declined. Said he was too busy.

Miss Younger—That was only a bluff. He told me the other evening that he couldn't afford to risk his reputation by copying old paintings.

Often Happens.

"This is an extra fine dinner," remarked one of the guests at the farewell bachelor dinner.

"Of course," replied the host, whose wife was to do the cooking. "It is probably the last good one I will ever eat."

Two of a Kind.

Mrs. Bond Hill—Reading is my husband's greatest passion.

Mrs. Vifflee—Really!—What a queer coincidence. My husband is affected in the same manner every time he reads a bill from my dressmaker.

Worse Than Some Others.

Husky Henry—"Dey say dat dese Egyptian cigarettes will make you sick."

Gritty George—"Sum of dem will. A dude give me one wid his name stamped in violet on it."

Dogs Save Many Lives.

According to the monks of the hospice of St. Bernard their famous dogs save on an average twenty lives every year in the mountain.

Trade Hurt by Auto Craze.

London harness makers and carriage builders are suffering loss of trade by the growing popularity of the motor car.

Shooting Is Popular.

Shooting is the most popular method of suicide.

JUST THE OLD ADAM.

It's Lurkin' in Us All, Says Uncle Hiram, and We Want to Watch Out.

"I suppose," said Uncle Hiram, "the old Adam is lurkin' in us all.

"Once, when I was a younger man, goin' along the street one day, I saw two boys fightin'. Now, if there's anything I don't like to see it's two boys, out of their heads with anger, and tearin' and scratchin' and pounding one another, with a lot of big brutes standin' around and lookin' on and enjoyin' it; and so I steps over to these two boys and tries to separate 'em.

"'Here!' says a big feller, on the sidewalk to me. 'What you tryin' to do there?'

"'Tryin' to stop 'em,' I says.

"'Well, you trot along now, and let 'em fight,' says this man stepping down to the street, where the boys was, and giving me a little push on the shoulder; and I pushed him back, and he hit out at me, and the next minute him and me was havin' it there in the street in great shape, hammer and tongs; and the crowd wasn't just standing along on the curb now, but surrounding us in a ring, and we goin' it hit-bang all the time.

"The two boys, of course, stopped fightin' the minute we got at it, and the littlest one says to me:

"'Go it! Skeesicks!' Go it!' and seemed to be more delighted over it all than anybody. And we went it all right to a finish.

"Did you lick him, Uncle Hiram?" asked the lusty young nephew to whom the old gentleman had told this story.

"We'ell," said Uncle Hiram, "I ain't hardly fer me to say; but that fight taught me one lesson, that the old Adam is lurkin' in us all. We ar, all of us anytime liable to lose our temper, and we want to be always watching out."

A POINT FOR SCIENTISTS.

Why the Spontaneous Combustion of Young Trees?

Destruction of trees by spontaneous combustion seems to be almost impossible, and yet it has occurred frequently on the banks of the River Cam, near Cambridge, England. At one point in the river the process has been going on. Here and green willow trees, covered with a rich mass of foliage and in a flourishing condition on the river banks, suddenly burst forth into ignition and burn like tinder right down to the core.

In most of the cases the trees were little more than strippings, so that putrescence or fermentation can hardly be given as a reason for the phenomenon. The big, vigorous willows pourell forth clouds of smoke from their hitherburned stems, and when the fire had burned out presented an appearance of charred ruins, looking as if they had been stripped and shattered by lightning.

It is up to the scientists to explain away the fact that though a large percentage of the substance of trees is water, yet these willow trees burned without aid from other sources.

THE KAISER'S SURPRISE PARTY.

Incident Shows Prominent Trait in William's Character.

An amusing story is told in the English papers about Kaiser Wilhelm's fondness for surprising his army and his navy. When the squadron was at Kiel, some time ago, the officers attended a court function in Berlin. A young naval commander, while mingling with the crowd of gayly uniformed courtiers, thought he espied another naval friend in front of him. His friend's back was turned toward him, so he pushed up to him and placing his hand on his shoulder said: "How are you, old fellow? Come, let us go and surprise the aquarium to-night." His supposed friend turned around, and, to his horror, the naval commander found that he had clapped Admiral Wilhelm on the back. The commander strolled aschool, but the Kaiser saw the joke. "Excellent idea!" he said, "Keep quiet and we will start at once." And the biggest kind of a torpedo raid was the result and, to the kaiser's great glee, he was able to torpedo every battleship and cruiser in port that night.

Waiting.

What do we know of pain or ruth
In that first age of living?
The immortality of youth
Its transient splendor giving?
What do we know of sorrow then,
Of self with self debating
To stay the impatient spirit when
It has most need of waiting?

Oh, lesson hardest to be learned,
What fortune we lose regaining it!
The wise discipline has been spurned,
Nor cared we to attain it;
For life is sweet in summer song,
Our hearts and souls elating,
We hurried into the eager throng,
And scorned the art of waiting.

Now wiser grown we've learned to wait,
To catch each high endeavor;
We've learned our strength to estimate
When it has gone forever.
We've gained the lore when steps are slow
Past youth, past love, past hating—
The wisdom we would fain forgo,
The peace that comes with waiting.

The Course of Electricity.

The path traversed by a heavy current of electricity in passing through the body is a matter of great importance. The most dangerous is from one hand to the other, because the resistance of the path is low and because the current passes near the heart. Hence it is a good rule, in handling live conductors, to use one hand. An important rule to observe in rescuing a person in contact with a live wire, and when it is impossible to cut off the current, is to push the victim off with the foot. Even should the current pass from one foot to the other through the rescuer the resistance of the path is considerable, and as the current does not pass near the heart serious injury is not likely to result.

Hard to Hold.

"Do be careful with the baby, George."

"Why, Ella?"

"Well, some one might take it and hold it for ransom."

"H'm, it would take a great amount of ransom to get any one to hold this baby."

Real Estate Exchange

Of Whitehead & Mitchell at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

The following is a partial list of farm, 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:

2.

Farm of 80 acres, well fenced, well watered—four-fifths cleared, the balance 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 Irish church in Royal Oak township. It is an excellent land, four good buildings and fences all in good repair; 30 apple trees, 100 prune trees and plenty of other small fruit. Buildings insured for $1,500. Price $4,000. Terms easy. This place is just outside of the lighter soil of Royal Oak and cannot be beaten for anyone desiring a small farm suitable for small fruit or poultry farming. Come and tell us how you ever 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 Birmingham on Pontiac R'y and one mile south of the postoffice in Birmingham, over good roads; contains 153¾ acres, of which 128 acres are cleared and 25 acres are in timber and well watered, all selected fruit and in good bearing. The soil is a rich clay loam and there are nine good buildings in all, and these are in good repair and insured for $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, cider-mill, one mile west of village; creamery, etc., fine flowing well piped to the creamery and to the house. The creamery plant is new and has an excellent stone foundation with basement; stables and all conveniences. We challenge the county to show a better creamery plant, during the season of 1900 th re were ra sed upon this 78 acres the sum of $4,500. Besides the acre, 130 bushels of corn to the acre, seven tons of clover hay to the acre, and this year there was an absolute failure all over the state. It never fails on good ground. Either in grain, cereals or pasture, it is well fenced and thoroughly tiled and lies on a gently sloping exposure for the south. It will get equalized if properly fertilized and is a profitable farming business. All things considered the farm is as well worth as any ten 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 desirable and profitable farms in Michigan, we ask you to write, telephone, or better yet, come and see us about it. If we can't 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.

Regant house and lot of feet front and 20 rods deep on Maple Ave. East, that is all acres. 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 frame houses, barns, fine lake frontage, 12 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, Oak and county, 24 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 let the entire farm to apply 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 80 acres of land in all, and the entire frontage is given over to a gravelly ocean 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. 35 acres of excellent orchard and 50 acres of hard wood timber complete the list, with the exception of the fact that the property will receive every possible attention and be given the opportunity of securing one of the most beautiful lake farms in the country for a song. This is the opportunity of a lifetime of making a personal inspection of the property will be unnecessary and will be gladly furnished.

8.

One of the best farms in Oakland county. It is almost enough to call it a village. It is known as the John Sultoph farm in the town of Troy, 220 acres, excellent buildings, two good flowing wells. Can be sold well at $100 per acre. Has a fine orchard, 5 miles from Birmingham, 2 miles straight north of Troy village on Livernois road. Has store, post-office, school, etc. D., B. & L. O. 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. Lot 66 feet front and 165 deep. Small fruit and good neighborhood.

12.

The Bayley farm in the town of Troy, 171 acres. Good farm house and farm buildings, flowing well, 15 acres of fine orchard, large pride of Troy; 20 acres good beech and maple timber, 20 acres profitable forehand. Circumstances render it advisable to sell at once, and the man who comes first will secure one of the best bargains in the county. Look it up.

13.

Farm in Southfield, 67 acres, of which 16 acres is timber, good beech and maple. Soil, clay loam. Creek runs through the farm. Farm is every lot the year round. New, small house and small barn. Terms easy. Call and see us and we think it will pay you to look it up. Will trade for Birmingham property.

14.

Two hundred and fourteen acres in sections 18 and 16, Southfield, with finest farm buildings in the town-ship. Large and productive orchards of all kinds of best varieties of fruit, 10 acres of very heavy timber. Will sell separately or with property and will divide the farm if desired. Terms liberal. Buildings insured for $5,000. Price as low as any on our list, all things considered. Ask us about it.

16.

Fine fruit farm of 68 acres about 3 miles from Birmingham, nice rolling land, 5 acres timber. No waste land, 2,300 peach trees, 500 prunes, 600 grapes, 20 apples, ½ acres raspberries, etc. Good house nearly new and good barn. Will take clear property here for part pay. Tell you more about it if you ask us.

18.

A small farm of 3 acres, being the south part of section 8, Southfield township, Oakland county. Four good buildings; house, barn, fowl-house and pig-pen. Fruit of all kinds in bearing. Premises abundantly supplied with cold pure water from never-failing spring, piped to house, furnishing plenty of water for stock or other purposes all the year round. Soil, clay loam, excellent soil, gravelly loam in high state of cultivation. Situated on Telegraph road, 2 rooms; woodshed, cellar, cistern and all conveniences; 14 miles from Birmingham, over roads which are the best in the county. Electric railway within 80 rods from Kirby's mill. Excellent neighborhood. Will sell at a bargain for cash or business, without a cent for repairs or improvements. Price $1,500. Terms easy.

20.

One of the finest farms in the grand old township of Bloomfield, celebrated all the far its fine scenery and productiveness. It is situated on the about halfway between Birmingham and Pontiac and not far enough from the electric railway to take advantage of all its conveniences and not be back-woodsy. Contains 100 acres, 80 acres of it acres of the finest orchard in the state, 6,000 apple trees, 600 plum trees, brick house with all conveniences, 20 rooms, 2 w lls, good windmill, barn 40x60, with basement, and other good outbuildings, all in good repair. Soil is perfect, clay loam, (5 minutes) to Pontiac. Excellent roads at all times of the year. Will sell on very easy terms. 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 Bean land in Delta county, Michigan, cedar, 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; 5 buildings and everything is ready for business. The price is $7,500 and a proper discount for cash will be given from this rate or will trade for Detroit property for part of the purchase money. Remember what the experts say about this land. Let us explain about the healthful climate of Colorado you have long trouble or asthma this is very your while to investigate.

33.

Twenty-three hundred dollars cash will buy one of the most profitable farms in the township of Southfield, consisting of 80 acres. The price is $60 per acre, but the balance of the purchase price will be allowed to continue on long time at 6 per cent, or will trade for a smaller farm or house and lot in Birmingham. This farm has good buildings, good cellars, wells, cisterns and all the conveniences. There are about 20 acres of timber 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, 3 acres of orchard, a good barn 36x60, comfortable house; 35 miles from Lexington; 4 miles east of a pleasant little village on the P. H. & H. R'y; will exchange for Birmingham property for cash or from horsebuyers for a poor loan with a small amount to invest and a little good chance to work out the balance, this will be worth coming to see us about. Now if you have been 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 do business. We don't care who is selling the property pays us the commission.

37.

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

42.

Brick house, good barn and seven acres of land suitable for platting on south side of Maple Ave., just Birmingham, opposite the Poppleton subdivision. Price $4,000. Will sell at a bargain rent of it. If you don't believe it, ask us about it and we will prove it.

38.

Two story house and lot on south side of Daines St., two doors from electric road on Saginaw St., 50 ft. front, 132 deep. Hot and cold water on both floors, water closet, bath, furnace and every modern convenience. Terms easy, or cash, balance on long time. Price $4,500. If you are curious or interested, just ask us for fuller particulars. If you are curious it will be curious if we can't interest you.

44.

Fine Stock Farm—the celebrated Collier Farm—160 acres in the township of Southfield. Buildings are well painted and in good condition. Large 18 room house, barn, with cellar divided into three compartments. House surrounded with large maple and locust shade 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, feed windows, window glass in all. Some hundred-tion, etc., etc. Horse barn with 10 box stalls and paddock. Horse barn has a box and 4 other stalls and paddock enclosed with high board fence. Tool house, enclosed with sliding doors. Office with large stallion or feeding box stall attached and paddock. Ball box stall with paddock. Corn crib and strong for the purpose and isolated from other buildings. Outside closet for the men. Outside closet for stock. Fruit: Large and bearing apple orchard well trimmed and in good condition. Baldwins, Greenings, Kings, Steeles Red, Northern Spies, Russets, Tolmans, pear trees, 80 peach, 40 cherry, 30 plum, all of best varieties. 3 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 stable; branch of Rouge 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.

55.

Village lots on Saginaw street, bounded north by land of Mollie L. Smith, east by D. U. R. & M. R'y, south by flower street, west by Saginaw street, 108 ft. front on Saginaw street, 128 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 $125.00 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, Farming on, Oakland county, Mich., in the finest farming locality of the county, with a 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 peaches each way. It constitutes the northerly 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.

59.

House and lot, No. 1420 Fourteenth Ave., Detroit, a little over a block from the Boulevard; paved street; house piped for furnace; small barn, stone fruit; buildings valued at $2,700, mortgaged for $1,200. 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, county of small fruit and garden trees; two buildings worth $1,800 and will sell for just what the buildings will be worth when finished. House and 7 rooms and pantry, cellar, good well, nice barn. Buildings were built within the two years ago. Price $1,500 and terms very easy.

61.

House of 11 rooms on lots 5 and 18 Castle's plat, fronting on Woodward and Lincoln streets, Birmingham. Good cistern and ample cellar. There are things about this house 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.

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 in the very heart of Riverside county, California, just in the first of it's bearing. Needn't worry about the dry weather it's irrigated. The price is $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.

65

A 66-acre farm adjoining the corporation limits on the north of Birmingham, formerly known as the Wilde Farm. The owner lives in Detroit and has no use for it and will sell at a very low figure. Excellent loamy soil, buildings and fences—one won't deceive you. Pretty little River Rouge runs through the land and a very along beautifully wooded shores. Better let us show it to you.

66

Good little farm in the township of West Bloomfield, Oakland county, 50 acres—50 cleared, 10 of oak timber, 2 acres of orchard, house and barn of but little value. Nice little lake on the farm, good springs and well of water of the very best. Wait a minute. The price is the thing to make you smile. It can be bought for $45.00 per acre. There.

67

Formerly known as the Rood Farm, within ten rods of the corporation line of Birmingham, in Corners between Pontiac and Birmingham, on the Pontiac branch of the D. U. R. Eighty-eight and 44-100 acres, all cleared but 5 acres of good growth timber, house and two barns in fair condition, fruit, loamy soil. Described as e ½ of n e ¼ sec 9, Bloomfield. Was formerly held at $6,500 but now, owing to existing circumstances it can be bought for $5,000 less. Terms very easy and long time given at very low rate of interest. Show it to you any day you say you want to go up with us and look it over.

69

Three miles west of Birmingham, formerly known as the George Durkee farm, now occupied and owned by R. D. Bird, Sr. One hundred and sixty acres of excellent land, good orchards, all kinds of fruit, apples, pears, peaches, plums. Very superior class of buildings, good and good neighborhood with beautiful location the land sloping gently away from the buildings across some of the richest and most profitable farming land in the county. The price is $70.00 per acre and the terms will be made very easy indeed. A poor man with a little ginger in his make-up and enough money in his pocket to make a start, has a reasonable payment down, can secure a home.

69

Ah, here it is! Just what you have been looking and longing for. The justly celebrated "Kool Kabin Stock Farm," formerly owned by the late O. W. Shipman. One hundred acres, level and 75-acres. No waste land, all being under the highest possible state of cultivation. Best buildings in the neighborhood. Two-story 12-room house, cow, horse, sheep and grain barns of large capacity, flowing well and windmill takes pure, cold water throughout all the buildings, soil dark clay loam made rich by hundreds of carloads of manure from Detroit stables, 7 miles of tile—well, you would take a column to describe all the advantages of this place and then you wouldn't be satisfied until you examined it, so you might as well make us take you out to look at it, first as last. It's only a mile from Birmingham, straight west over beautiful roads. Come on.

70

Used to be known as the John Lawson farm, 120 acres in the town-ship of Southfield, only a mile from Birmingham, 95 acres cleared, 25 acres hardwood timber, 3 acres best kind of orchard, 4 buildings in excel ent condition, all of them having been recently rebuilt. We will give you the price right off the bat, for we mean business and might as well tell you the lowest and be done with it. Eight thousand dollars will buy it and you can have your own way about paying for it. Figure only a little over 60 per acre and if it isn't worth that it isn't worth mentioning in the same society. Remember, if you really think of buying a farm and can't let us show you this one, you will be doing yourself an injury.

19.

A farm of 100 acres in the township of Royal Oak county, Mich.; 50 acres cleared, 30 acres of timber and the balance in orchard. The price is $4,000 cash. Price $40 per acre, terms to suit. Here is a good opportunity for a poor man to secure a home on a short time.

71

Ten acres, no buildings, 8 acres cleared, 2 acres fine and sandy loam, 2 miles west of Birmingham, Mich. Price $50.00 per acre.

72

Part of n e ¼ of sec 20, Bloomfield, 40 acres, 2 acres of timber, balance pasture land. 4 acres orchard—good fruit—in bearing. Located 8 miles west of the D. U. R. Electric R'y, free daily mail delivery, school house on the land and fine living water on the southerly end of the farm. Here is a good chance to get a home. It makes a fine little home in an excellent neighborhood and all roads to Birmingham business at a price within the reach of all. Ask us about No. 72. A postal will get it.

73

Two fine building lots on the Torrey plat in this village, numbers 8 and 9, fronting on Fremont street and Auchland Road. Fine, high and is a good big barn on the premises and the building cost $900.00 to build and there is room for a house on each lot. All kinds of fruit bearing on the lots. There, that's enough for you to know. Remember, the price is only $500 the pair is only $500. Big white sign on the south side of the lots. Call at the office, come and let us whisper to you about this property. That won't cost you anything whether you buy or not.

74

House and three lots on the corner of Fremont street and Auchland Road. Furnace, bath, and all usual accomodations. Two-story, 10 rooms, good neighborhood, and all the premises in good condition for immediate occupancy. The place will be sold for less than what the buildings should cost to build, owing to circumstances making it necessary—but that is none of your business of ours. If you want a bona fide, bang up bargain, just ask us about the Bird property, and we'll tell you a thing or two.

75

Cottage number 79 Oak Hill street, Pontiac, Mich. 4 rooms and attic. Half a mile from the court house. Price $600, cash or installments.

76

The new offering in the real estate column this week is the very little home of Mrs. Rich, consisting of nice house and barn, orchard, well, cistern and all the ordinary conveniences of a neat little home, well fenced and in a single foot of waste land on the premises. It is only half a mile north of the Woodward home boundary line, etc. Horse barn with 10 box stalls and paddock. Horse barn has a box and 4 other stalls and paddock enclosed with high board fence. Tool house, enclosed with sliding doors. Office with large stallion or feeding box stall attached and paddock. Ball box stall with paddock. Corn crib and strong for the purpose and isolated from other buildings. Outside closet for the men. Outside closet for stock. Fruit: Large and bearing apple orchard well trimmed and in good condition. Baldwins, Greenings, Kings, Steeles Red, Northern Spies, Russets, Tolmans, pear trees, 80 peach, 40 cherry, 30 plum, all of best varieties. 3 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 stable; 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.

"Have you any poor relatives, Percy?"

"None that I know, old chap."

"I see, old fellah—then you must have some rich ones!"

"Yas, be Jove! but none that know me!"—New York Times.

THE PROFITABLE PART.

Young Man—"I desire to study law. Do you think I could make a living at it?"

Old Lawyer—"Hardly. You might, however, by studying your clients."—Baltimore American.

PATRIOTIC RESENTMENT.

Mr. Knowsome—"Those are copies of the ships in which Columbus sailed from Spain to discover America."

Mr. Hojack—"Go on! You'll never make me believe that any foreigner discovered our great country."—Chicago News.

NOT HIS AFFAIR.

"How do you account for the rotation of the earth on its axis?" asked the professor.

"Well," answered the young man who is always at a loss, "I suppose the earth had to rotate on something."—Washington Star.

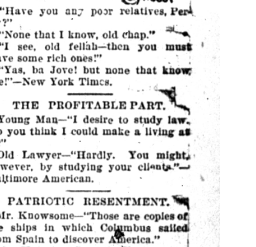
HE DARED.

Parke—"Peterkin has a lot of moral courage, hasn't he?"

Lane—"How do you know?"

Parke—"Why, I got half way through a story I was telling him when I asked him if he had heard it and he said he had not."—Detroit Free Press.

ECONOMY.



"You're going out to waste a lot more money in shopping, I suppose?"

"Oh, no, papa. I'm going to save money to-day. This is bargain day, you know."—New York Journal.

THE COST OF NEGLECT.

"I need a vacation badly, but I can't take it now," said Dr. Price-Prize. "Many of my patients are in such condition that I can't afford to leave them. They need constant nursing."

"Ah, yes," replied the man who knew, "I guess there are certain patients who, if you quit them, get well the first thing you know."—Catholic Standard and Times.