The Two Captains

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CHAPTER IV.—Continued.

"Northen."

"Sloop in sight?"

"Right ahead, sir, almost within hail."

"Is Captain Crystal showing himself?"

"I see him in the bows of the sloop waiting for us."

Pope lifted his head, and a minute later the little fabric was alongside, the hull of the sloop putting her out of sight of land. The bundles were handed up; the men sprang aboard after them.

"Lively my hearts!" shouted Pope, "and make sail."

He sprang to the tiller, and Crystal put his weight with the others, upon throat, peak and other halyards. The great sloping sail fluttered languidly then rounded silent as the big jib bore the little vessel's head off. They were under way and the ripple from the stem glanced like a needle into the wake.

The Downs now lay plain, but very distant. But one large blue shadow loomed formidably—the Ramillies—and as Pope looked a puff of white smoke, tiny in the far-off sheen, broke from her starboard broadside; which set Crystal swearing horribly.

"It is her signal," he shouted. "The news has reached her; we are suspected and shall be chased."

"The breeze means to freshen," exclaimed Pope coolly; "see the dark line of it yonder; let me get behind the Sands and I shall be happy. I never designed to go Margate way. We'll hug the South Sand Head Channel of the Ramillies, and go straight for the French coast, and then for a shift of helm for Hamburg."

"The Captain's right," said Bobbin. "The whole line of coast was now visible from Sandwich to the South Foreland. The ripples flashed, white water fled in feathers from the weather bow and Pope looked astern at the land well pleased.

"I'll tell you the whole story in a minute, Crystal," said he, and he was proceeding when Crystal interrupted him.

"Look!" said he, in his hoarse notes.

"Look!" said he, in his hoarse note, pointing.

The Dutch frigate of last night," exclaimed Pope, after turning his head.

She was coming down Channel on a taut bow-line, and made a fine figure as she drew clear of the Foreland.

"What's that?" suddenly exclaimed Crystal, and Maddison, who had come on deck, cried out, "They're a-chasing of us!

Both he and Crystal looked toward Broadstairs, and thither Pope directed his eyes, where, without aid of a glass he might see what should prove a six-oared galley sweeping from the little pier-end. Her oars sparkled swiftly.

"The glass!" he roared.

Maddison grasped the tiller while the Captain looked. There were others in that boat than those who pulled her. She seemed full of men. Pope caught sight of the glint of bayonets. She was coming along as steadily swift as the rapid determined pulse of the long and herding lines of flashing ash could drive her. The brine stood like frost at her bows, and the foam rushed aft as though she had been driven by a propeller.

"A revenue boat," says Pope, with one of his oaths, handing the glass to Crystal, "and she's after us."

Clouds, white and swift with the light of the sun and the life of the wind, were overspreading the western seaboard, and they mingled with many leaning shafts of canvass heading out of the Downs. There was a spirit in the freshening of the wind, and the Oak snored as she drove through it. All along the horizon to port were the Goodwin Sands. They were brilliant now with creaming lines of yeast, and the yellow shoal showed a firm surface upon which you could have played football.

"They're bound to give up; that pace'll break their hearts," exclaimed Crystal, after a few minutes of silence during which he had been watching the chasing boat astern.

"If they don't mind," said Steve, "they'll be foul of that there Dutchman."

"By heavens! Steve's right," cried Pope, flushing up with sudden excitement and wresting the glass out of Crystal's hand, "What does the idiot mean by holding on?"

He applied the glass to his eye. The Dutch frigate, under a full press was sweeping through it grandly. Could it be imagined that the pursuing boat would attempt to pass under those thunderous bows! The naval officer steering the boat might have been insane with resolution not to deviate from the path of pursuit. The rowers had their backs upon the danger; the others were not there to deliver commands; so that all in a second it was too late. The six oars sparkled as they rose in tragic arrest under the bows of the sweeping ship. On board the Oak they saw a number of men running on the frigate's forecastle. Through the glass Pope spied her people struggling for life in the frigate's wake.

"That," he cried, pointing with the telescope to the white water astern of the frigate, "was her reason for bringing up in Margate Roads last night."

"Ay," said Crystal, "hang me if there isn't even a Providence for pirates," and he and Pope laughed with al their might.

The Dutchman measured a score of her own lengths before she backed her topsail and lowered boats. Five men only were picked up, and they were too exhausted to explain the errand they had been upon. In fact, it was doubtful if the Dutchman would have understood them. The frigate remained hove-to, while one of the boats put the English seamen ashore at Broadstairs; by which time the Oak, unnoticed by the seventy-four, had fetched the southern limb of the Goodwin Sands when, easing off her sheets, she went away for the French coast.

CHAPTER V.

The Crew of the Gypsy.

At Hamburg the three hired men were discharged with their handkerchiefs liberally tasseled; and they left Consetting to meet Captain Pope in London on such and such a date at the sign of the Camperdewn.

When Pope had settled his affairs in Hamburg, he manned the Oak with four Dutch seamen and sailed to the Thames. I am not able to give further particulars of the Hamburg expedition than these, because I never could get to hear who had taken the plate off Pope's hands; how it had been got ashore without detection; the sum of money it had fetched, and the like. But this part though it was doubtless full of excitement, is not material to the interest of the story.

HERBERT SPENCER IN YOUTH.

Stern of Character, Yet Human Enough to Enjoy a Joke.

The eighty-third birthday of Mr. Herbert Spencer has brought out, among other things, extracts from the anonymous diary of a friend of his early days, when he was on the engineering staff of the London & Birmingham railway. Spencer, apparently, was neither companionable nor particularly popular.

His stern and somewhat harsh character stood forth in all its nakedness, as at his then early age he had neither tact nor knowledge of men sufficient wherewith to clothe his imperious temperament. He lived in an atmosphere of antagonism—a Radical among Tories, a dreamer among aristocrats, an advanced free thinker among sturdy supporters of the mother church. But young, thoughtless and careless as we were, we soon realized that a young fellow of keen, penetrating intellect had come among us, before whom we could not hold our own in argument either in metaphysics or in engineering, when we presumed to differ.

Still he was human enough to enjoy, and to perpetrate, a practical joke upon a comrade. Heusman by name.

He inserted a piece of tracing paper daily inside the leather lining of Hensman's hat. In a few days the hat was a tickle fit. Remarks were made on the "swell" he was palpably enlargement of his cranium, which he verified by stating that his hat gave evidence of the truth of the observation by the gradual tightening of the fit. Great sympathy was expressed on the alarming symptom, and great fun was caused by Hensman's consternation.

The idea of Herbert Spencer playing practical jokes will probably be new and startling to most people.

SHIRTS GROW ON TREES THERE.

That, at Least, Is the Statement of an Old Sailor.

"Shirts grow on trees where I came from," said the old sailor.

"How so, shipmut?" a pale clerk asked.

The sailor emptied his glass and wiped his mouth with the back of his hand. "I'm a-speakin'," he said, "of the South seas. You know them islands over there?"

"Sure," said the clerk.

"Well, that's where I mean that shirts grow on trees. There's a kind of a willow tree on them islands with a soft, pliable bark. A native selects a tree with a branch about just a little bigger round than he is. He makes a ring with his knife around the trunk through the bark, and he makes another ring four foot below. Then, with a slit of knife, he draws the bark off, the same as a boy does in makin' a willow whistle, and he's got a fine, durable saint. All he needs to do is to dry it out, make two holes for the arms, and put a lacin' in the back to draw it together.

"In the parts of the year the shirts are gathered. Men and women both go out at that time to look for trees that fit them. These bark shirts are treated so as to be soft and flexible. They don't look bad. Gosh hanged if they look bad at all, for shirts that grow on trees."—Philadelphia Record.

Making Macaroni.

Macaroni is made in forty different shapes and sizes. A special kind of very hard wheat is used in this manufacture.

Lighthouse Service.

The United States lighthouse service costs $4,500,000 a year.

LIVE STOCK

How Blackleg Spreads.

The state veterinarian of Missouri says: It is often very difficult to tell how blackleg gets introduced into certain neighborhoods. It often breaks out in a county where nothing of the kind has ever been heard of before and where the manner of its introduction is not apparent. Yet it is known that the disease never breaks out anywhere unless by some means the germs have been introduced there. Let us remember that the disease is due to a very small germ, the swelling which it causes containing millions of them. Although these germs do not thrive in the presence of the oxygen of the air, they have sufficient vitality to live, in the form of spores, for an indefinite period on pastures or any grounds that once become contaminated with them. As a rule the hide is taken from the carcass of the calf that dies with blackleg and sold and the carcass is left lying around on the farm. Hogs, dogs, crows, flies, etc., get of the carcass and spread pieces of it over the country, and in so doing spread the germs of the disease. Taking these facts into consideration it is really strange that there is so little blackleg instead of so much. Once scattered over the surface of the ground, the germs are washed into the streams and carried long distances and during overflows are spread over low ground. When the carcasses are left lying on the surface of the ground the germs have a chance to become generally distributed.

The Status of the Grange.

In the quarterly bulletin issued when the year began, Master Bateel der said:

The grange enters upon the new year in splendid condition in all sections of the country and prepared to fight the battle for the farmers in every legitimate manner. The success of the organization in 1902, both in membership and influence, has given the members renewed courage and increased vigor from ocean to ocean, and will stimulate them to still greater work in the year to come. It has finally dawned upon the people of the country that this organization has assumed a permanent character, and is to be treated with all the respect and consideration accorded older and more pretentious organizations. It has taken its place by the side of the school as an educational factor, next to the church as a great moral power, and has demonstrated its right to a place in the front ranks of the world's numerous and worthy fraternal organizations.

The grange has won this reputation by an honest, earnest, straightforward course, neither catering to the sympathies of people by the advocacy of specious measures, nor deceiving the people by shifting its course with every shift in public sentiment. For several years this organization has proclaimed to the world its position in legislative matters, and has not had occasion to recede from the position taken upon any of them. This is more than can be said of any of the leading political parties of to-day.

Castor Beans.

The castor bean is a tropical plant; hence, it cannot be successfully cultivated at the North. It is frequently seen growing there, however, as an ornamental plant. It is a perennial in warm climates and sometimes attains a height of thirty feet, and will live for several years. It is a native of Southern Asia and Northern Africa, and has been naturalized in Southern Europe and other warm climates. In the West Indies it grows with great luxuriance. It has been cultivated to a limited extent as a field crop as far north as 40 degrees; but the climate of the Southern States is best adapted to it. In the latter section Southern Florida it strongly shows its perennial tendencies. A castor plant is said to have been grown in a garden in Galveston, the stem of which attained seven inches in diameter. The plant continued to yield for five or six years.

A hundred bushels of beans have been raised per acre in localities in Texas adapted to its culture. The value of the beans consists in the oil which they yield. When pure the oil is of a light yellow color, but when inferior in quality it has a greenish and sometimes a dark yellowish tinge. Exposure to the sun's rays bleaches it to a certain extent. It is used in medicine as a cathartic. It is also used in lubricating machinery, carriage wheels, leather, and so forth. In Hindostan it is quite extensively employed for burning in lamps.—C. L. Flint.

Prof. Thomas Shaw says that Ayrshire cattle form the only class of dairy stock in the counties of Ayr, Wigtown, Bute, Argyle, Dumfries, Kincubright and Perth in Scotland.

Where the Grange Thrives.

A report made by Bro. J. H. Satting of Manchester Grange No. 501, Ontario County, N. Y., to the Ohio state grange states that the county named boasts of 16 granges, the largest having 117 members. The total grange membership is 821. Relative to meetings he says:

"Current topics are discussed; bills before the state legislature and congress are often read and discussed; resolutions are drawn up and signed and sent to our representatives and are often effective. Thus we influence for the good of all.

"Exchange of seed and stock often occurs at meetings; methods of producing the best crops are asked for and freely given. Music, instrumental and vocal, enlivens the young and elderly as well. Quotations of famous authors are often rendered in response to roll call; biographies of first settlers of each town are often given in condensed form. County Pomona granges are attended by delegates who are expected to report the most interesting parts of these meetings.

"The Patrons' Fire Relief Association saves thousands of dollars to members. Usually the cost is about half that in stock companies. The grange is this section is a success in every respect."

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:

2.

Farm of 80 acres, well fenced, well watered—never-failing stream; 10 acres timber, 15 miles from Birmingham, 4 miles from electric railway in Detroit and Pontiac. Terms easy.

3.

Twenty-nine and two-thirds acres of land near the Rouge River, in Redford township, Wayne county, all good, good buildings and fences all in excellent land, four good wells, steam tenant house and barn, 2 acres fruit, 10 acres timber, nearly all the rest cleared and under cultivation; 2 miles from electric railway; 1 mile from Redford village; 1 mile from Detroit city limits. Price for $1,000. Price $1,800. Terms easy. The place is for sale owing to the death of the owner, 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. R., and 15 miles south of the court house in Birmingham, over good roads; consists of 160 acres, all under cultivation except 30 acres; 30 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 worth at the valued $3,000 and upon which there is $3,500 insurance. They consist of good two-story brick house with ten rooms, furnace heating, with bath and hot and cold water; large horse-barn, chicken-house, shop and tool house (creamery), etc., fine living well at house and at creamery and to barns. The large barn (30x80) is new and has an excellent basement, well lighted with basement stables and all conveniences. We challenge comparison with any for productive soil. During the season of 1900 th re were raised upon this farm 28 tons of Sugar Beets to the acre; 120 bushels of corn to the acre; 40 bushels acres of wheat raised 140 bushels wheat and 100 bushels potatoes. This is a farm that will never fails on good crops whether hay, or other staples. Fruit: Large and bearing apple orchard, well trimmed and in good condition. Baldwins, Greenings, Kings, Steeles Red, Spitzenburgs and Russets; 100 pear trees, 50 peach, 25 cherry, 25 plum and all of best varieties, 1 apricots, 2 quince, currants, grapes, strawberries, 3 acres timber or wood lot. Water: Good well with iron pump at house; good well with iron pump at basement branch of River Rouge runs across entire south end of farm, and is the best water for stock. Fences: Fences are in first class shape, many of them entirely new. Condition of soil: Farm has carried an average of 40 head of cattle and horses for years. The feed of any kind sold and entire farm heavily manured. No commercial fertilizers used. Better inquire about this farm it may pay you.

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 VanKevry 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 Waterford, Oakland county, 2½ miles from the Detroit & Pontiac Electric Ry. 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 else where. These circumstances combine to make it necessary to sell the farm at once and have induced the owner to offer it on the extremely low price of $50 per acre. The farm comprises 200 acres 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 12 acres of hardwood timber bordering the lake. The fences are in good shape and the buildings are insured for $1,000. 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 country for a nom 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 Burtolph farm in the township of Troy, 160 acres, excellent buildings, two good flowing wells. Church and school 1 mile; 3 miles of title; fine orchard, 5 miles from Birmingham. Main highway south of Troy corners, where there is a church, store, post office, creamery, etc. The D. U. R. runs past the door. Cars every hour to Detroit, Rochester, Utica and Lake Orion. Price $40 and terms easy.

10.

Large, roomy two-story house on Townsend St. in Birmingham, good cellar, ample cellar room, ordinary conveniences, 10 ft. front and 100 ft. deep. Fine fruit and good neighborhood.

12.

The Bigler farm in the town of Troy, 127½ acres. Good farm house and barn, well fenced, flowing well at the barn which is the wonder and pride of all. 20 acres good beech and maple timber, 4 acres fine grafted orchard. Cream station under 1 mile and mail delivered once, and the man who comes first will secure one of the best barg ins 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. Cross roads through farm. Water in every lot the year round. Well and windmill and stock tank. Terms easy and price so low that it will pay you to look it up. Will trade for Birmingham property.

14.

Two hundred and four teen acres in sections 18 and 36, Southfield, with fine buildings, on both the lots—one, Large and productive orchard of all kinds of best varieties of fruit, 40 acres of very heavy timber. Will sell or exchange for city property. Give us a call and tell us what you desired. Buildings on each tract. Price as low as any on our list, all things considered. Ask us about it.

16.

Fine fruit farm of 65 acres about 3 miles from Birmingham, fine rolling land, 2 acres timber. No waste land; 2,300 peaches, 100 plums, 800 grapes, 300 apples, 1,200 cherries, 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.

10.

A small farm of 5 acres, being part of the we ½ of section 2, Southfield, Oakland county. Good house, good buildings; house, barn, chicken house and implement shed. Premises beautifully supplied with fruit. Well fenced, flowing well, which is piped to barn, furnishing plenty of water for stock and all purposes all the year round. Good fences, excellent soil, clay loam, and in a high state of cultivation. House, two-story and wing, 9 rooms; cellar, cistern and well at door. Situated 15 miles from Birmingham, over roads which are the best in the county. 2 miles from good school; 10 rods from Kelly's store. Post office and telephone. This little farm is ready for business, without a dollar of repairs or improvements. Price $1,500. Terms easy.

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 Hurff farm about midway between Birmingham and Pontiac and just far enough from the electric railway to take advantage of the low commutation rate of 10c. Convenient; 240 acres gravelly loam, 100 acres of orchard in full bearing, all best peach and 700 plum trees, brick house with all conveniences, 2 wells, 2 cisterns, 2 barns (one barn 40x80, with ample sheds; good school near the farm, and 1 mile to electric line. Six miles (15 minutes) to Pontiac. Excellent roads and mail delivery. 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 Texas land in Delta county, Texas, for sale by experts to be the finest fruit land in the world. Two-thirds of the farm is cleared and there are about 40 acres of the best and finest varieties of fruit; 2 buildings and everything is ready for business. The price is $7,000 and a proper discount for cash will be given on this fine tract. Will trade for Detroit property for part of the purchase money. Remember that this is not a speculation, but a chance to obtain about the healthiest and most delightful climate in the world. Colorado is the only state which can compare with Texas in this respect. If you want to go west, write us and we will tell you all about it. Address Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

33.

Twenty-three hundred dollars cash will buy one of the most profitable farms in the township of Southfield, adjoining the city of Pontiac. 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 be exchanged for city property. The house and lot in Birmingham; three good building lots in Pontiac and $1,000 cash are all the personal conveniences. There are other things which we might mention, but this is the main question.

34.

Two fine little forty-acre farms up in the finest part of the township of Bloomfield, 2 miles from Birmingham, 3 miles from Pontiac, 1 mile from Bloomfield; a good barn and outbuildings on each. Apple orchard on each farm. Good fences. Good soil. Appl ing and post office on the R. F. D. No. 1 out of Birmingham. Good roads and mail delivery. Will sell cheap and on easy terms. Or will trade for farm in Bloomfield. For full particulars call on or address Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

37.

Fine new house located on best part of Pontiac's southern suburb, Birmingham. Price $2,500. Terms to suit those to build. At this price it would be to your interest to look it over. Let us show you or inquire about it.

42.

Small house, good barn and seven acres of maple land and timber, fine planting and orchard spot, on Auburn Ave. east, Birmingham, opposite the Poppleton subdivision. Price $1,500. Terms easy. Only 10 per cent of it. If you don't believe it, ask us about it and we will prove it to you.

38.

Two story house and lot on south side of Dalton St., two doors from electric road on Baldwin ave., 50 ft. front, 110 ft. deep. Hot and cold water on both floors, bath, furnace, electric lights and every modern convenience. Terms $500 cash, balance on long time, at 6 per cent. If you are prious or interested, just ask us for fuller particulars. If you are not curious it will be curious if we can't interest you.

44.

Fine Stock Farm—the celebrated Coffee Farm—in Bloomfield township, Oakland. Buildings are well painted and in good condition. Large 10 room frame house with cellar divided into three compartments. House supplied with large handsome elm trees. Horse barn with stall for 8 horses, with separate carriage room. Bank barn with granary, overing which is a commodious barn with cement floor and 3 or 4 additional stalls, sliding doors, good windows, window guards, stone foundation, etc., etc. Horse barn with 10 box stalls and harness room. Horse barn with 4 box and 6 other stalls and paddock enclosed with high board fence. Wagon shed. Tool house, enclosed with sliding doors. Shed for bull. Shed for feeding box stall attached and paddock. Ball shed. Corn crib. Hog house. Well stored for this purpose and isolated from other buildings. Outside cellar for roots. Outside cellar for stables. Fruit: Large and bearing apple orchard, well trimmed and in good condition. Baldwins, Greenings, Kings, Steeles Red, Spitzenburgs and Russets; 100 pear trees, 50 peach, 25 cherry, 25 plum and all best varieties, 1 apricots, 2 quince, currants, grapes, strawberries, 3 acres timber or wood lot. Water: Good well with iron pump at house; good well with iron pump at basement branch of River Rouge runs across entire south end of farm, and is the best water for stock. Fences: Fences are in first class shape, many of them entirely new. Condition of soil: Farm has carried an average of 40 head of cattle and horses for years. The 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 O. Smith, east by D. U. 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 $600.

60.

Lots 48 and 49 Randall's Addition, price $130.00 for the two lots (which is very cheap). Will exchange for small house and lot in Birmingham.

57.

Farm of 48 acres, being the s e ¼ of the s e ¼ of section 2, Farmington, Oakland county, Mich., in the finest farming locality in the county, with 8 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 $2,400 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 and furnace; small variety of choice fruit; building valued at $2,700, 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 good bearing wells and well set 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 cellar, ample cellar room. There are things about this place which we want to talk to you about and which it 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.

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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, bearing in the first of it bearing. Needn't worry about the dry weather, it's irrigated. The party will take $5,500 down and the balance on long time; or 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 Lamb farm. The owner lives in Detroit and has no use for it. Is sold at a very low figure. Excellent loamy soil, buildings and fences could not be bought for less money. Pretty little River Rouge runs through the east part of it along beautifully wooded shores. Better let us show it to you.

66

Good little farm in the township of West Bloomfield, containing 40 acres, well cleared to of oak timber, 2 acres of orchard, house and barn of fair little value if fixed up a bit. Fine farm, good neighborhood and worth all of the very best. Wait a minute. The price is the thing to make you interested. It can be bought for $45 per acre. There!

67

Formerly known as the Reed Farm, within ten rods of the electric railway near Kinnaird's Corners, between Pontiac and Birmingham, on the Dunlap branch of the D. U. H. & M. R'y, and 44-100 acres, 3 acres orchard, 5 acres second growth timber, good buildings, all in fair condition, heavy loamy soil. Described as e ½ of n e ¼ sec. 3, Bloomfield. Can be bought for $5,500 but now, owing to existing circumstances, it can be bought for $5,000 less. Terms very easy and long time given. Call and see us about it. Show it to you any day you say you want us up with us and look it over.

68

Three miles west of Birmingham, formerly known as the George Durkee farm, now occupied and owned by A. Bell. 80 acres, 50 one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land, good orchards, 10 acres of timber, good buildings, all in fair repair. Very superior class of buildings, and good neighborhood to live in. No waste land. The land sloping gently away from the buildings across some of the richest and most profitable farming lands in the county. Will be sold very low per acre and the terms will be made very easy, indeed, a poor man with a little money in his make-up and enough money in his inside pocket to make a reasonable payment down, can soon pay for it.

69

Ah, here it is! Just what you have been looking and longing for. The justly celebrated "Kool Kabin Kozy" farm, in Commerce township, of O. W. shipman. One hundred sixty-three and 50 100 acres. No waste land. All 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 water 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, say, I would take a column to describe all the advantages of this place and then you wouldn't be satisfied until you had examined it, so you might as well let us take you out to look at it, first as last. It is 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 township of Southfield, only a mile from Birmingham, 25 acres cleared, 5 acres hardwood timber, 5 acres best kind of orchard, buildings in exce nt 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. That's only a little over $60 per acre and if it is worth that it isn't worth mentioning in polite society. Honest now, if you really think of buying a farm and don't let us show you this one, you will be doing yourself an injury.

Real Estate

19.

A farm of 100 acres in the township of Rose, Oakland county, Mich., 2 miles west of Holly, 3 miles east of Fenton, 4 miles north of Davisburg. Fairly good buildings, fairly good soil, fairly good fences, fairly good water. Price $4,000. Terms easy. Will trade for Detroit property.

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Ten acres, no buildings, 6 acres cleared, 4 acres elm and ash timber, 1½ miles west of Birmingham, Mich. Price $1,000 per acre.

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Part of n e ¼ of sec 9, Bloomfield, 35 acres, 5 acres timber and pasture land, 5 acres orchard—good varieties, 1 mile from Pontiac, 1½ miles west of the D. U. R. Electric Ry. Good buildings, 2 wells, one at house and one at barn, and fine living water on the southerly end of the farm. Good fences, good soil, clay loam variety. It makes a nice little home in an exceptionally fine locality. Will be sold at a fair business at a price within the reach of all. Address box 74. A postal will get it.

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Two fine building lots on the Torrey plat in this village, numbers 4 and 7 fronting on Pine street, 66 feet each and 165 feet deep. And there is a good big barn on the premises which will cost a person to build, and there is a well and cistern on the premises. Will be sold at a low price for cash or will be traded for property in the village. Call and see us about it. Don't be backward about coming forward. Come and tell us what you want to do and we will tell you what we can do. Now don't say you won't, but say you will if you don't, and if you don't you will be sorry for it. Don't put off buying property now with the rest of the people.

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House and three lots on the corner of Pine street, Saginaw and Bagley streets, Pontiac, and all usual accomodations. Two stories, 11 rooms. Good neighborhood, and all the conveniences of the city. Will be sold for cash occupancy. The place will be sold for less than it can be built roads would cost to build, owing to circumstances making it necessary—but that is none of your business—it is for sale. If you want a bona fide bang up bargain, just ask us about the third property, and we'll tell you a thing or two.

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Cottage, number 90 Oak Hill street, Pontiac, Mich., corner of Auburn Ave. Half a mile from the court house. Price $05 cash or installments.

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The new offering in the real estate column this week is one of the best farms in Oak Hardy, consisting of nice house and barn, orchard, well fenced and watered, handy convenience of a neat little house, well fenced and cultivated garden spot of easy tools to work with, and all in only half a mile south of the village limits of Birmingham and the roads are good when there are any good roads would cost to build, owing to circumstances making it necessary—but that is none of your business—it is for sale. If you want a bona fide bang up bargain, just ask us about the third property, and we'll tell you a thing or two.

DID NOT LIKE COGNOMEN.

Why Gen. Hooker Objected to Appellation of "Fighting Joe."

Like most other true and great soldiers, Gen. Joseph Hooker, to whose memory a splendid statue was unveiled in Boston last week, had no liking for the character of a fighter who fights just for the sake of fighting. The words "Fighting Joe" are not used anywhere in the inscription on the Hooker monument, it being the general testimony of his comrades that he particularly objected to the appellation. He is said, to have himself stated the reasons as follows: "'Fighting Joe Hooker' always sounds to me as if it meant 'Fighting Fool.' It has really done much injury in making the public believe I am a furious, headstrong fool, bent on making furious dashes at the enemy. I never fought without good purpose and with fair chances of success. When I have decided to fight I have done so with all the vigor and strength I could command."

REAL FOUNDER OF Y. M. C. A.

First Idea of Great Work Credited to Sir George Williams.

The founder of the first Young Men's Christian association is a fine-looking man of 82 years, living at 12 Russell square, London. He is Sir George Williams, knighted in 1894, the fiftieth anniversary of the Y. M. C. A. He and a few fellow clerks in the employ of Hitchcock & Rogers, now Hitchcock, Williams & Co., resolved themselves together for purposes of domestic worship and mutual help, and from that small beginning grew the great society of to-day in Europe and America. Of course Williams, being a good boy and faithful employe, fell in love with Hitchcock's daughter, Helen, and married her, becoming later a member of the firm. The possibilities are that the society would have failed but for his gift of $25,000 to use a hall and speed the work of the organization.

UNVEILS A WAR MONUMENT.

South Bend Displays Its Memorial to Soldiers and Sailors.

The $35,000 soldiers and sailors' monument, St. Jose h county's tribute to the men who lost their lives in defense of the nation, was dedicated at South Bend, Ind., last week. Almost the entire county is said to have joined in honoring the soldier and sailor dead. Fully 20,000 visitors to the city witnessed the dedication.

The total height of the monument is seventy-two feet and the base is twenty feet square. The shaft section, which is in one piece, is twenty-three feet in height and weighs about twenty-six tons. The cap section weighs fifteen tons. The height of the bronze color-bearer surmounting the top of the shaft section is four feet, and each of the four figures at the lower corners is seven feet high.

The five bronze statues were modeled and cast by Rudolph Schwarz of Indianapolis, Ind., a native of Austria. The surmounting figure is a color bearer. The other four figures represent the cavalry, artillery, infantry and navy.

Hades No Terror to "Supers."

When Henry Irving was rehearsing for his production of "Faust" he experienced much difficulty in restraining the exuberance of the supers, who persisted in being light-hearted even in hades. Sir Henry is proverbially long-suffering about such matters, but his patience finally gave out and he thundered: "Kindly remember that you are supposed to be in hell, not picnicking at Hamstead heath."

Schools Are Crowded.

Boyne City is growing so rapidly that the public schools cannot accommodate the number of children, and it is proposed to rent one of the local churches next fall to take care of the overflow.

Robs a Justice.

Some unregenerate person without respect for the dignity of the law and its administrators stole $120 in cash which Justice E. B. Sheldon of Hillsdale left in the pocket of a vest hanging in his office.