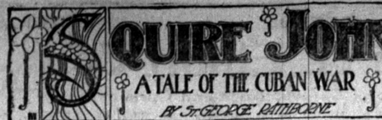

CHAPTER IX.—Continued.

They are whirled through Washington and down the coast line, through the Carolinas, with a rapidity that never ceases until finally they reach Jacksonville.

Even here the delay is short, and on the mail for Cuba goes, flying along the bank of the romantic St. John's river, under the weird palmettos and past swamps where the cypress trees stretch out their arms, shrouded in wonderful streamers of grey Spanish moss that float in the breeze like trailing banners.

And thus they sped into Tampa, on the Gulf Coast. Jack has no desire to linger now. Some other day he may come back to see the charms of Florida, for the glimpses he has had of the orange and pineapple region have aroused a desire to see more; but just at present his one aim is to be in Havana when the steamer arrives, so that he may not lose sight of the girl who daily grows more precious in his regard, since the more difficult the game the higher we appreciate the victory.

They board the Mascot and under a darkened sky leave Tampa behind.

The sea is boisterous, as is usual with the Atlantic, and few passengers remain on deck. Even Smithers swears he is sleepy and seeks his bunk.

Jack, who is as staunch as an old sea dog, really enjoys the commotion, and, finding a sheltered spot on deck, he smokes his pipe, watches the plunging of the gallant little steamer through the foamy billows and ponders on the strange fortune having him in tow.

Morning comes. Ahead, the fair island of Cuba rises out of the sea, as it were. There is a stretch of low ground, and then suddenly looms up the frowning fortress of Morro Castle, guarding the beautiful harbor of Havana, into which no steamer may enter during the night.

Several Spanish men-of-war are at anchor in the harbor; for the island of Cuba is in the throes of another revolution or rebellion, which Spain has sworn to crush at any cost. Other vessels are discovered, and scores of smaller craft. The effect as the sunlight falls upon the scene is indeed amazing.

Taking a vehicle, our friends are soon threading Obispo, or Bishop street, on the way to the chief hotel of the city, which faces the Prado, or public square, said to be several miles in length.

Jack is interested in all he sees, but Smithers rather draws back in the carriage, as though not desirous of being recognized by some one whom he has reason to believe may be in Havana.

There is that in the air that declares this land, in spite of its many drawbacks, to be the theater of romance—an utterly indescribable charm that steals over the senses. The gaily dressed people, the lounging Spanish soldiers encountered everywhere, the strings of mules bearing burdens, often bedight with colors and bearing tinkling bells, but belabored with the same brutality as in Spain, Morocco, or Egypt—these and the general holiday aspect of the place, with decorations to catch the eye and draw attention to window display, combine to make a scene that drives away dull care; while at night the sound of music on every hand, the flash of fireflies, and the scent of orange blossoms in the air make one begin to believe there is, after all, a land of enchantment, and that if the eyes be shut to the coarser side of the picture, Havana is its abiding place.

And it is this strange country Jack has come with the desperate resolve to win the love of his wife—to stand between that sweet Highland lassie and the dangers which some intuition tells him must beset her path in this land, where the twang of the serenader's guitar is interrupted by the crack of the insurgent's rifle

CHAPTER X.

A Little Cuban Beauty.

On the way up Obispo street Jack changes his mind, and asks his companion with regard to other hotels than the one on the Prado, since in

She has advanced quickly to his side.

all probability Senor Roblado will conduct his little company thither upon landing; and however happy Jack might be to sleep under the same roof as the fair maid of Scotia, he realizes that such a thing may involve discovery, and set back their plans.

Smithers appears to hesitate, as though revolving something in his mind.

"I might risk it," he says, softly.

"Come, sing out what you think," urges Jack.

"Let me give the driver an address," continues Job, as though he has decided.

So their route is changed, and presently they plunge into another street, where new scenes attract attention. Ah Sin smiles to see the familiar signs of Chinese laundries, while Jack pokes his head out to watch the most astonishing delivery of fresh milk on record, the cow being driven to the door of each customer, and the quantity desired extracted on the spot, with no question as to its purity.

Noticing their tortuous course, Jack is beginning to show some curiosity with regard to their destination, whereupon Smithers proceeds to enlighten him in a manner that only serves to whet the appetite of Travers for mystery.

"I am going to the house of a friend who will welcome you, because he is under obligations to me. More than this I cannot say just now, but in time may tell you a strange story concerning my former adventures in this mad town. All I ask is, that should you at any time, while under this friend's roof, notice anything that strikes you as singular, you will make no remark."

Of course Jack at once promises, though the fact remains that his curiosity has been more than ever aroused by Job's words.

Suddenly the vehicle brings up; they have arrived at their destination.

"Remain seated a little until I see my friend and tell him of your coming."

So saying the agent springs out and passes some words in Spanish with the driver.

Jack sees him open a door in a high wall, and is struck with the fact that Smithers appears to be quite at home.

Presently he appears again. No one could tell from his solemn face whether he carries good news or bad; at a funeral or a wedding the sphinx would appear the same.

"It's all right, sir. Driver drop the luggage; and here's an extra bit of silver for the delay."

Once beyond the door in the wall, Jack finds himself in a garden. Flowers gleam amid the green foliage, and their rich fragrance scents the air. Come, this is something like Paradise, only for the everlasting fleas that inhabit the sandy soil and persist in making life miserable for the stranger within the gates.

Smithers takes him into the house with a familiarity that proclaims his acquaintance with the place. A few black servants flit about, but no master appears. Jack is a poor hand at asking questions, and prefers to wait until it is his comrade's pleasure to lift the curtain. At meal time they will doubtless be made acquainted with the kind owner.

Ah Sin has given over the luggage to a couple of stout blacks, who appear to be dressed in something like livery. Really they must have happened into the palace of a nabob. Smithers must have had swell acquaintances when in Havana. Perhaps his name is not Smithers at all—that might be a name assumed for the purpose of hiding his identity. Can the strange story he has half promised to tell have some connection with this land of paradise? One can easily imagine any romantic tale when surrounded by such an atmosphere.

Jack has changed his garb and made himself look quite attractive; like some men, he has the knack of doing it, with a figure Apollo might envy, thick curly hair, and a careless way of knotting the flowing tie that somehow or other attracts admiring glances, especially from female eyes. Just now Jack is not caring a picayune about any damsel on earth other than Jessie Cameron.

Perhaps that is just why Fate pleases to bring him in contact with a counter irritant.

Tiring of waiting for Smithers, and being a little curious, Jack steps out into the court. No one is there. Birds sing in cages, but the gleam of bright-hued flowers in the garden somehow seems to beckon him under the arch, and almost before he knows it he has drawn near the fountain.

He has seen no one, but as he stoops to lave his hand in the sparkling water a low sigh catches his ear. Glancing up, he discovers that not more than six feet away half concealed in the tropical growth just beside the fountain, is a female figure.

As yet he has only a glimpse of an apparently faultless form, below the average in size, dressed richly after a style that might bespeak the Cuban or Spanish lady.

Jack is a little embarrassed.

The little lady—possibly the daughter, or mayhap the wife of this host—has not noticed his presence as yet.

If he could only withdraw as silently as he has apparently come! But at the first move on his part he sees her turn as though she too would quit the spot.

A meeting is therefore inevitable.

Another instant and Jack finds himself looking into the remarkably fine face of a little Cuban beauty.

He opens his mouth to apologize for his lack of courtesy in thus disturbing her privacy, but his tongue refuses to act, clinging to the roof of his mouth with surprise.

As for the girl, she seems to share his astonishment.

Evidently this is not the first time Senor Jack and the black-eyed damsel have looked into each other's face.

"Lola!"

His lips form the musical name, and at the sound of his voice her face brightens with sudden pleasure.

"Then my eyes do not deceive me. It is really you, Senor Jack. I did not dream such a thing. But indeed you are welcome. I need hardly tell you that."

She has advanced quickly to his side, holding out both hands, which he is bound to take. The eager light in her eyes, the flush upon her face, combine to form a lovely picture, and Jack would hardly be human if he failed to be affected in some degree by it.

"This is a great surprise to me. I had no idea of ever meeting you again. Believe me, I am glad to see you looking so well and so happy," he says, warmly.

"Ah, senor, hardly that. I shall never know the same happiness as of old again. That terrible shock changed me from a girl to a woman. And, senor, there has not a day gone by that I have not thought of you, and prayed the Virgin to watch over you. I had not hoped to ever see you again. It is a great pleasure. You opened my eyes to the baseness of that man who had won my girlish heart, and when he insulted me—the coward—it was your arm that struck him down, friend of yours though he had been. Ah, yes, Senor Jack, two years have since flown, but I shall never forget."

There is a witchery in her presence which he feels but cannot explain. Around her hovers a sweet perfume, such as the daughters of the East delight to weave into their hair or about their flowing garments. Jack feels the power of her flashing eyes, now so dreamy or full of unshed tears; but he is in a position to resist, for close against his heart as a shield he keeps the picture of sweet Jessie Cameron, and with this sentinel on guard none dare enter that citadel.

He has marked it "taken."

"I am surprised to find you in Havana. When last I saw you it was in the old city of Santa Fe, in New Mexico," he remarks, as he releases the fluttering hands.

"And perhaps you thought Mexico

Has changed his garb.

my home; but I am a Cuban, Senor Jack, and there is no place in the world like this dearly-beloved isle."

"There are many charming features about it, I confess; and I am pleased to discover that your life has not been ruined by that wretched fiasco in the past. I shall forget it if you wish, and remember it no more."

"You are kind. How can I thank you, Senor Jack. Since that day have you ever seen him?"

How strongly she emphasizes the pronoun, and what a look flashes over her face!

(To be continued.)

A TALE OF WOE.

Adulteration of the Fragrant Pumpkin Pie in Chicago.

Out in Chicago a startling discovery has been made. Some mean soul has revealed a lunchroom man's secret, and the public is aghast to learn that pumpkin pies are not always pumpkin pies—that is to say, the pies are there but the pumpkin is not. The crust is short and tasty, but the matter within is not what it seems. In consequence a wail of woe has gone up in the Windy City, and there is a stern and resolute cry for justice. Boiling in their own hot lard is considered none too severe a punishment for the "pie founder" who has the hardihood to make adulterations of this great and world-famed yankee article of good eating, and there is a set purpose to rescue Chicago from the hands of the sacrilegious pieman and restore the halcyon days of pumpkin pie "as mother used to make it." They may be able to make eggs by artificial process—in fact, they do it, in Chicago—and they may delude many into eating Packing town beef with hypodermic injections in it, but the fell hour for revolt has come when the simple, simon-pure pumpkin is not in the pie. Every community in this broad land will sympathize with Chicago in its hour of distress—mental and digestive—for every innocent child of ten knows that the only way to make a pumpkin pie is to pluck the luscious red globe from its vine in the autumn when it is temptingly ripe, to stew it with a housewifely caution, tasting frequently and greedily inhaling its fragrant aroma; to season it to the taste with sugar, butter and spices, and then to allow it to repose delicately between the snappy rich crusts that have just come out of the oven. Poor Chicago! This blow is too much!—Baltimore News.

AUTO BOAT RACING LATEST.

Sport Has Resulted in Improvement of Motor Craft.

Out of bicycle racing evolved the present-day bicycle, handsome convenient, light, serviceable and inexpensive. Automobile racing has had like effect, and the clumsy motor cars of a year or two ago are replaced by cars of greatly improved design. So it is also with motor boats, says Field and Stream, the new sport of "auto" boat racing already beginning to show its effects in the general improvement of power boats.

Competition means segregation, and the tail-enders go to the boneyard. Hence the humble half owner of a two-horse tender has a reserved seat at a knothole whenever there is anything doing in the motor-boat arena. During the season just passed the knotholes have been hard worked, and not a few of the watchers have climbed the fence and taken a hand. For it has become a fad to own an "automobile boat."

Argument Unanswerable.

Commissioner Woodbury of the department of street cleaning tells this anecdote of a friend of his who was walking through Central park the other day. Being in somewhat of a hurry, he started to cut across the grass at one place, but was stopped by a park policeman, who remonstrated with him.

"What difference does it make?" asked the New Yorker. "The grass is half dead, anyway."

"Sure, an' what if it is?" responded the indignant guardian of the peace. "Sure an' if yez had a sick friend would yez be takin' a walk on his stomach?"—New York Times.

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 50 acres, well fenced, well watered—never-failing stream; 10 acres timber, 1½ miles from Bloomfield Center and electric railway to Detroit and Pontiac. Terms easy.

5.

Elegant house and lot 66 feet front and 20 rods deep on Maple Ave. East, (half an acre). Fine barn and every modern convenience. Furnace, bath, closet, etc. Can be bought for what the buildings cost. Will exchange for improved city property for portion of the purchase price.

6.

The VanEvery farm on the north shore of Wing Lake, 160 acres, two good houses, three barns, fine lake frontage, 10 acres fine orchard, 15 acres timber. Excellent fishing, boating and bathing. Terms easy.

10.

Large, roomy two-story house on Townsend St. in Birmingham, good barn, city water and all ordinary conveniences, 120 ft. front and 103 ft. deep. Small fruit and good neighborhood.

12.

The Bayley farm in the town of Troy, 127½ acres. Good farm house and farm buildings; flowing well at the barn which is the wonder and pride of Troy; 20 acres good beech and maple timber, 4 acres fine grafted orchard. Circumstances render it advisable to sell at once, and the man who comes first will secure one of the best bargains in the country. Look it up.

13.

Farm in Southfield, 67 acres, of which 10 acres is timber, good beech and maple. Soil, clay loam Creek runs through farm. Water in every lot the year round. New, small house and small barn. Terms easy and price so low that it will pay you to look it up. Will trade for Birmingham property.

16.

Fine fruit farm of 68 acres about 2 miles from Birmingham, nice rolling land, 5 acres timber. No waste land; 2,300 peaches, 100 plums, 500 grapes, 20 apples, 1½ acres raspberries, ½ 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.

19.

A small farm of 8 acres, being part of the w½ of section 3, Southfield township, Oakland county. Four good buildings; house, barn, fowl-house and pig-pen. Buildings insured for $1,200. Premises abundantly supplied with cold pure water from flowing well, which is piped to barn, furnishing plenty of water for stock or other purposes all the year 'round. Good fences, excellent soil, gravelly loam in high state of cultivation. House, two-story and wing, 9 rooms; woodshed, cellar, cistern and all conveniences; 3½ miles from Birmingham, over roads which are the best in the country; 40 rods from good school; 80 rods from Kritty's mill. Excellent neighborhood. This little farm is ready for business, without a cent for repairs or improvements. Price $1,500. Terms easy.

33.

Twenty-three hundred dollars cash will buy one of the most profitable farms in the township of Southfield, consiting of 96 acres. The price is $50 per acre, but the balance of the purchase price will be allowed to continue on mortgage at 6 per cent, or will trade for a smaller farm or house and lot in Birmingham; three good buildings, good cellars, wells, cisterns and all the usual conveniences. There are other things which we will whisper in your ear upon application.

38.

Two story house and lot on south side of Daines St., two doors from electric road on Saginaw st., 80 ft. front, 110 ft. deep. Hot and cold water on both floors, water closet, bath, furnace and every modern convenience. Terms $500 cash, balance on long time. Price $2,800. If you are curious or interested, just ask us for fuller particulars. If you are only curious it will be curious if we can't interest you.

42.

Brick house, good barn and seven acres of land suitable for platting on south side of Maple Ave. east, Birmingham, opposite the Poppleton subdivision. Price $3,500 and it is worth every cent of it. If you don't believe it, ask us about it and we will prove it.

44.

Fine Stock Farm—the celebrated Collier Farm—235 acres in township of Southfield. Buildings are well painted and in good condition: Large 12 room frame house, with cellar divided into three compartments. House surrounded with large handsome elm trees. Horse barn with stalls for six horses and separate carriage room. Bank barn with granary, overhead track, cow stables underneath with cement floor and 5 or 6 additional stalls, sliding doors, good windows, window guards, stone foundation, etc., etc. Horse barn with 16 box stalls and paddock. Horse barn with 4 box and 8 other stalls and paddock enclosed with high board fence. Straw shed. Tool house, enclosed with sliding doors. Office with large stallion or foaling box stall attached and paddock. Bull box stall with paddock secure and strong for this purpose and isolated from other buildings. Outside closet for house. Outside closet for stables. Fruit: Large and bearing apple orchard well trimmed and in good condition, Baldwins, Greenings, Kings, Steeles Red, Jonathans and Russets; 500 pear trees, 300 peach, 25 cherry, 25 plum, all of best varieties, 5 apricots, 2 quince, currants, grapes, strawberries, etc. 5 acres timber or wood lot. Water. Good well with iron pump at house; good well with iron pump at stables; branch of River Rouge runs across entire south end of farm and is NEVER DRY. Farm is well tiled. Fences all in first class shape, many of them entirely new. Condition of soil: Farm has carried an average of 40 head of stock during past five years. No feed of any kind sold and entire farm heavily manured. No commercial fertilizers used. Better inquire about this farm it may pay you

55.

Village lots on Saginaw street, bounded north by land of Mollie G. Smith, east by D. G. H & M. R'y, south by Bower street, west by Saginaw street, 108 ft. front on Saginaw street, 178 feet deep on north side and 148 feet deep on south side; all in the village of Birmingham, Mich. One of the finest building sites in the village. Price $600

56

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

57

Farm of 40 acres, being the s e ¼ of the s e ¼ of section 2, Farmington, Oakland county, Mich., in the finest farming locality of the county, with 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 $15.00 per acre and you can have your own way about the terms of payment as long as you have cash enough to secure it. A postal will get you fuller particulars.

58

Good little farm in the township of West Bloomfield, Oakland county, 90 acres—80 cleared, 10 of oak timber, 2 acres of orchard, house and barn of but little value, Nice little lake on the farm, good neighborhood and soil of the very best. Wait a minute! The price is the thing to make you consider. It can be bought for $45.00 per acre. There!

59

House and lot, No. 1420 Fourteenth Ave., Detroit, a little over a block from the Boulevard; paved street; house piped and furnace; small barn; some fruit; buildings valued at $2,700; insured for $1,000. Will trade for Birmingham village property or for a small farm of not more than 5 acres.

60

House and two lots 150x200 just north of the corporation line of the village of Royal Oak, plenty of small fruit and shade trees; two buildings worth $1,500 and will sell for just what the buildings would cost to build. House and 7 rooms and pantry, cellar, good well, nice barn. Buildings were built less than two years ago. Price 2,000 and terms easy.

61

House of 11 rooms on lots 5 and 18 Castle's plat, fronting on Merrill and Martin streets, Birmingham. Good cistern and ample cellar. There are things about this place which we want to talk to you about and the price is so low that we are ashamed to tell you right out loud. If you will call and see us about it, we will whisper.

72

Part of n e ¼ of sec 27, Bloomfield, 41 acres, 4 acres of timber and pasture land, 3 acres orchard—good fruit—4 buildings valued at $900. 1½ miles west of the D. & P. Electric R'y, free daily mail delivery. Good well, cellar, cistern, and fine living water on the southerly end of the farm. Price $2,200 and terms easy on long time. It makes a nice little home in an excellent neighborhood, all ready to commence business at a price within the reach of all. Ask about No. 72. A postal will get it.

71

Ten acres, no buildings, 6 acres cleared, 4 acres elm and ash timber. 1½ miles west of Birmingham, Mich. Price $50.00 per acre.

75

Cottage, no. [illegible] Oak Hill street, Pontiac Mich., 4 rooms and attic. Half a mile from the court house. Price [illegible] cash or installments.

77

One lot on Saginaw street, just south of land owned by John German, 50 feet frontage. Any one wishing to purchase will find this a bargain. For particulars inquire of Mollie G. Smith or at the Exchange Bank.

86

Eighty acres of excellent land with good buildings (insured for $3,000), fine orchard, four acres of best varieties of grafted fruit, half mile east of Northwood on the D. & P. electric line and half mile west of the Rochester line, 12 miles from Detroit and about a mile from Royal Oak village. Price $8,000. Terms, enough cash to secure and the balance on long time at a low rate of interest. Worth inquiring more particularly about.

87

House and three lots on the corner of Townsend and Henrietta streets—an excellent location. One of the best built and most comfortable residences in the village, with 120 feet front on Townsend and 103 feet deep. Modern ten room house with closets, cellar, well, woodshed and summer kitchen. Now, this is strictly "on the dead" and must not be repeated—but if you really have any intention of buying a home in this village within a year, you can't afford to overlook this place, because the price is only $2,600 and more than that—but that's a state secret and you can't find out a thing further, until you see Whitehead and ask him about it, Cross-my-heart-hope-I-may-never-see-the-back-of-my-neck-if-'taint so!

89

Lot on the east side of Baldwin Ave., in the Randall Addition. Fine building site. Price only $100.00.

90

Finest farm we know of, 154 acres one mile south of the village of Birmingham. Nine good buildings, 20 acres of timber, 4 acres of orchard, finest orchard in the country, one mile from the postoffice and one mile west of the electric railway. Flowing well. House heated with furnace. Price $95.00 per acre. Want to know more a bout it? A postal will bring full particular.

91

Farm, 102 acres in the north part of Royal Oak township, 7 acres orchard, fine fruit, good buildings, good gravelly clay loam, very productive, buildings are insured for $3,000, price $90.00 per acre. Will exchange for Birmingham or Pontiac property.

93

149 acres adjoining corporation limits of Birmingham, 29 acres timber, 10 acres of excellent orchard. Excellent buildings—insured for $4,100. Beautiful branch of the little River Rouge furnishes living water for stock the year round. No waste land. Price $100.00 per acre. Other things about it which we have not space to tell about here, but they will interest you.

94

One of the best farms, without exception, in the township of Southfield, 123 acres and no waste land. Well fenced and thoroughly tiled. 10 acres excellent orchard, 10 acres good heavy timber. Two buildings valued at more than $3,000 and the place can be bought on easy terms for $65.00 per acre. There, if that don't get you to thinking we won't try any more. A cent's worth of postal cards will tell you all about it by return mail.

95

103 1-3 acres in Southfield township, within 20 rods of a good school, no waste land, living water runs through the farm the year round, farm well fenced and thoroughly drained, buildings worth $4,300. Six acres of orchard, 10 acres of timber, two flowing wells, an ideal stock farm and at so low a price that we are not allowed to say right out loud what it is.

96

Yep! Here's your chance at last. Will exchange for Detroit city property. Farm of 160 acres in Southfield township, very productive soil, in a high state of cultivation, not a foot of waste land on the place, flowing wells, excellent buildings, best wire fences, farm thoroughly drained, 75 grape vines, 25 apple trees, 50 raspberries, two barns, fine dwelling, one swine house (capacity 100), icehouse and milk house combined, everything ready to do the finest and most profitable dairy business in the country, but failing health makes it advisable to dispose of this desirable property. Price $95.00 an acre.

97

One hundred and eighty acres in the township of Bagley, Otsego county, Mich. No buildings, price ten dollars per acre. That's all.

99

An ideal country home for anyone. House worth $2,000 with all the conveniences you can have in the big, wicked city. Eighty-five acres, 5 acres oak timber. Soil a rich, loamy gravel, 6 acres fine orchard, whole farm fenced with best woven wire fencing with cedar posts, miles and miles of tile drain and about a mile from the electric road between Birmingham and Pontiac. Will exchange for improved city property. Price $110.00 per acre and when you take into consideration the cost of the improvements, it is well worth the price. No? Well, you just let us take you to see it and then if you don't say we are all right we will take it all back. Won't cost you anything to poke around a little and find out about it.

100

Farm of 77½ acres on the Twelve mile road, 1½ miles east of the Electric Railway on Woodward avenue, two-story house, good barn and buildings which are insured for for $1,500. Dark loamy soil, admirable for truck gardening; plenty of fruit of all kinds. Price $6,500.

101

Farm of 31 acres in sections 22 and 15, Southfield; 2 acres best grafted fruit, 5 buildings insured for $2,100; all plow land, well drained and under a high state of cultivation. Price $3,000.

102

Two story brick residence in the village of Franklin, Mich., and one of the finest in the country, with beautiful surroundings, nestled among the hills and valleys of the prettiest little village in Eastern Michigan. The cellar is divided into vegetable, provision, laundry and furnace room The house has thirteen rooms and five closets, hot and cold water, furnace room, water closets, and in fact every convenience that you could possibly have in the city. Two barns, 2 woodhouses, pig pen, hen house and corn house combined, work shop for odd hours on odd jobs, iron fence around entire lot, cement walks, house fronts west and north on a corner lot of one acre. The house alone cost $6,000 to build, and the money was well expended. Plenty of fruit—an ideal place for city people who would like to settle down in a pleasant little country village and rest. Price (we are ashamed to say it), is only $4,000, half cash balance on long time and easy terms. If you live in the big wicked city and would like to see a place that would suit you, we will take you to see this place and be glad to get acquainted with you whether you buy or not.

103

Eighty acre farm in White Lake township W. ½ S. E. ¼, Sec. 32; 70 acres cleared, 10 acres timber and huckleberry swamp. (Don't laugh this swamp netted the owner over $150.00 last summer). Three acres of orchard, house of 7 rooms, good neighborhood, 4½ miles from Milford, 3 miles from Commerce, proposed electric road comes within a mile of the house. Price $2,000. Say, what do you want, anyhow?

104

House and barn and south half of four lots corner of Fremont and Pierce streets, Birmingham; comfortable little home for small family 52 feet front on Pierce street and 160 on Fremont. Price $1,200; tearms easy. Will trade for other property.

105

Beautiful little 28 acre farm in Troy, on the Romeo branch of the D. U. R.; fine buildings flowing well, 7 acres of timber, 1 acre of orchard thoroughly drained and fenced with woven wire fence and cedar posts; 3 buildings worth $2,000 house of 8 rooms, 800 bearing grapes. Well, if that don't satisfy you, you would'nt come any how. Just think! Get off the car right at your own door, one hour from the city hall; fare 15c Price $3,300. Come on and let us show it to you

106

House and two lots on Stanley avenue, Birmingham. 156x130; well, cistern, cellar, fruit; house worth $1,000 and that's all we ask for the place Wouldnt that take you to the fair?

107

One of the finest residences in the village of Birmingham, 200 feet front on Brown and 200 on Daines street; 2 story house with furnace, 8 large rooms, well cistern, cellar, plenty of fruit; one block from electric cars for Detroit. Price $3,500.

108

About 15 acres of vacant property in the village of Birmingham, suitable for platting; 500 feet on west side of Woodward avenue, along the line of the electric railway; will plat into 65 lots 50x120 each, and a thousand dollars cash will buy it with the balance of the purchase price on long time at low rate of interest. Honest, we are almost ready to take it ourselves. There is money in it for anyone who has time to devote to the selling of it, and who could take monthly payments, etc.

109

Lot 52½x150 in Randall subdivision, with nice little one story cottage, on Greenwood avenue Price $750.

135

The Boyd farm in the township of Troy, 18 miles from Detroit, 4½ from Birmingham; on Rochester Electric, trolley station at the house. R. F. D. mail; 47 acres for the most part heavy loam, none better; five good buildings, flowing well, large barn rebuilt recently, dairy house, chicken house, pigpen and corn house. No waste land. Price $67.50 per acre. Glad to show you over the place any day. So handy, you know get right off the cars and there you are.

112

Nice little farm of nineteen acres in the township of Troy, 1½ miles from the electric railway good for chicken raising, plenty of timber for fire wood. Log house and small frame barn and other buildings. Price $1,400.

113

Vacant lots No. 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, Castle's plat, Birmingham, Mich. About 242 feet front on Townsend street and 125 feet on Merrill street. Good building sites, fine drainage and good locality. Price upon application; it's too cheap to mention in public.

114

Fine farm in the township of Southfield; 80 acres, of which 75 are cleared, and the balance in good maple timber. Two acres of orchard, 5 buildings worth $3,000, and this exceptionally fine place can be bought for $5,000. Nuf ced!

116

Farm in Southfield. Really you will begin to think we have the whole town of Southfield for sale. Well, we have a lot of it, and there is no better farming land in the world. Only they have been asking too much for it. Now they are just getting down to reason and some are very cheap. 'Frinstance, 61 acres at $60 per acre; 4 buildings, nice spring of ever-flowing water, all good plow land, except 1½ acres of scattering timber. No marsh land on the place. There!

117

Now, here's one that don't look quite so cheap, but just consider that it is the finest building site between Birmingham and Pontiac, with an excellent orchard of six acres, good barn and fairly good house. Seventeen acres of the finest kind of land, and $2,500 will be enough cash down and the balance can be paid at your own sweet will. Right on the electric railway.

118

Seven acres just outside the city limits of Pontiac, on Elizabeth Lake Road, less than one-half mile from electric cars. Buildings new, house 9 rooms, bath room, well and cistern, or will sell the buildings and one or more acres of land. Will sell the whole business for $2,200 with cash enough to insure, and will take the balance on the installment plan, if necessary.

119

Two lots house, barn and chicken house, corner of Greenwood and Harmon in Birmingham, Mich., and it is one of the most comfortable and pleasing homes in the village. Buildings are nearly all new, good cellar, well sewer was constructed along the east line of the property last summer and is all paid for. Buildings are insured for $1,000 and the place will cost you only a trifle more than that. You really could not build the buildings and sidewalks for what is asked for it. Ask the man at the Exchange Bank.

120

Farm formerly belonging to Edward Coater and located on the east shore of Pine Lake, in the townships of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield; one of the loveliest locations in all the lake region of Oakland county; 120 acres with 1½ story frame dwelling and seven rooms, in a very beautiful oak and hickory grove. Farm touches Long Lake in the eastern portion and Pine Lake on the west. The price is less than sixty dollars per acre and the portion bordering on the Pine Lake part is laid out in lots which are well worth five times the whole amount asked for the farm. 3½ miles from the city of Pontiac and at the opposite end of Pine Lake from the steam and electric railway stations at Orchard Lake. Worth investigating and we are here to answer all your questions, either by mail or in a personal interview—which we would greatly prefer.

121

One hundred and three acres just outside of the corporate limits of the city of Pontiac, on the electric railway, 2 acres orchard, 12 acres of oak timber, 9 buildings in poor repair (the buildings don't cost anything at the price we are asking, so you needn't kick about 'em,) beautiful living spring of pure water, excellent soil. Formerly leased by D. M. Ferry & Co., for seed farm. The veriest hint that you would like to investigate and we'll get our bonnet on and be ready to go with you to look it over. Farms of this kind are getting mighty popular just now and when we tell you that it can be bought for ninety dollars per acre, you will understand that you'd better hurry.

122

Farm of 73½ acres at $85.00 per acre. Good gravelly loam, well fenced and drained. 7 acres of excellent orchard, 8 acres timber, 5 buildings valued at $3,500. Terms easy, and long time. One of the best farms in Southfield, about 3 miles from Birmingham. Take you to see it any time. It's worth looking over.

123

Nice little 40-acre farm near Big Beaver, (S. ½ of N. ½ of S. E. ¼ Sec. 22, Troy.) Barn 32x46 and 2-story house with 11 rooms. An acre of good orchard and 5 acres of timber; a little over a mile from the Rochester Electric Railway. Less than $50 per acre will buy it, and the terms are so easy that any man who means business can pay for it.

124

Here it is and well worth the money. It's the justly celebrated Watkins Stock farm just west of the village, adjoining the corporation line, and there is 320 acres of it and not a foot of waste land on the premises. We will frankly say without fear of contradiction that that there is no finer farm in the state of Michigan. What's that? Too big! Well, that's as you may look and what you want. Say! Tell you what we'll do; we'll just sell you either side of the road with the buildings, which are properly distributed, and there you are, with a farm of 120 acres or 200 acres, just as you wish, and it's way down below $100 per acre that we are asking for it, too. 8 acres of timber and 10 buildings, engines, windmills. But there! What's the use! You must come and let us take you to see it. Only ten minutes drive from our office.

125

Lot No. 11, Blakeslee Addition to the village of Birmingham, Mich., nice frontage on Saginaw street, west side, in excellent neighborhood. No buildings. Price, $250.

126

Vacant lots 16, 17, 18 of Willson's Sub-division Royal Oak village, 30x110 each. Price, $100 each. Terms easy with small payment down.

127

House and lot on Fremont street in Birmingham, Mich., 60x103 feet. House nearly new, 9 rooms and closets, well and cistern. Price, $1,100.

128

Five-room cottage, Hood's Addition, Birmingham, on Stanley street. Comfortable little home, good well, cistern, fruit, garden, etc. Price, $700.

129

One of the finest residences on Saginaw street, Birmingham, 12 or 15 rooms, closets, furnace, bath, hot and cold water; every convenience which you would have or expect to have in the city; without exception the finest location in our village; brick house, 2 stories, practically new, cost $6,000 to build it; lot about 125 feet; front on Saginaw street, and about 200 feet deep. And the price is so low that we wouldn't feel justified in mentioning it in this public manner. Really, if you want the best house and lot in our town at a cost far less than it cost to put it in its present condition, you surely would do yourself an injury if you don't call on us and let us take you to see it. That's right!

Large 10-room frame house on Saginaw street; basement under all; good furnace, bath, 2 handsome oak mantels with grates, large attic, fine large barn, hen house, flowing well, all kinds of small fruit, nice lawn, with magnificent elms for shade. Will sell buildings and some of the land for $4,500 or the whole place for $5,500. It is right on the car line, and there is about two acres of land and the most sightly and picturesque view of the village. Come and see what it is and you will never be sorry for having made the investigation.

130

Modest little cottage on Stanley street, 103 feet front, 60 feet deep, comfortable little house and plenty of fruit and other conveniences. One of the cheapest places on our list and well worth the money. $700 will buy it, and there are things we could tell you that explains the reasons that it is offered for 25 per cent less than it is worth.

131

New 2-story house, 8 rooms, bath, cellar, fruit, desirable location on Randall's Addition, Birmingham. Price, $2,150.

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133

Five acres, no buildings, good light loamy soil no waste land. Ten beautiful maples on the front, 20 rods from post office, rural free delivery twice daily, store, mill and electric waiting room 20 rods from front, electric railway runs past the property. Price $550.00. Ideal place for a country home built to suit you. On Rochester electric line about 16 miles from city hall, 2 miles from Royal Oak, 4 miles from Birmingham, and if you don't speak right up quick, you'll lose it.

134

Improved farm, 80 acres; 5 acres timber, [illegible] acres orchard; soil clay loam; good ten room house with large cellar; hay barn, horse barn, tool house, work shop and corn house and all other necessary buildings. Have about $2,000 worth of personal property which will be sold with the farm if desired and the whole thing goes for $5,500 if sold this season. Go with you to look at it if you want us to. The place is located 1½ miles south of Canton, Wayne county, Mich., on the Ann Arbor electric.

136

Eighty to one hundred acres as you choose. Part of the old Henry Grinnell farm in the n ½ of sec 31 in Bloomfield. You know what the Grinnell farm is; well, this is part of it. No buildings, timber or fruit. Excellent grazing land and the better part of it under cultivation. Wait a minute! Price only forty dollars per acre. But you mustn't wait too long for its got to be sold and that price will do it, too!

137

Fifty acres one mile west of Rochester on the Pontiac road. Soil generally black muck, suitable for celery or other gardening. Six room house barn 30x36 good new orchard and plenty of small fruit. Encumbrance on easy terms at 5 per cent. which can run. Buildings insured for $2,150. Finest little home in the county; one mile from electric road at Rochester; price $80.00 per acre and would not be sold at that except for the failing health of the owner. Postal card will bring you full particulars.

138

Eighty acres in township of Redford, Wayne county, Mich., about two miles from the Northwestern electric railway. Orchard and small fruit; 3 buildings valued at $1,000. Soil good, light ground suitable for gardening; about 11 miles from Detroit. Price $4,500, terms easy. Tell you all about it for the asking.

Value of Grass for Poultry.

Though thoroughly appreciating the value of good grass range, with all that goes with it in the way of insects, worms, seeds and exercise, as well as grass, we would not wish to fully indorse the statement as to the saving in grain effected by a good grazing ground unless such statement was supported by details sufficient to demonstrate the correctness of his opinion. In our own experience we have never regarded grass, hay or bulky green foods as valuable to substitute for any considerable part of the grain ration. We have always found that chickens well supplied with green food and meat food were heartier feeders of grain than those fed grain alone, except in the extreme hot weather, when, if left to themselves, they will generally eat so much green stuff and so little grain that both growth and egg production are checked.

According to our experience and way of estimating values, these accessories of the grain ration do not so much economize in actual cost of food as increase the capacity for digesting and utilizing the staple grain foods. That is, they increase production. We have found, too, that they increase it, as a rule, much more than enough to pay for the increased cost of food. Another point to be considered is that the use of rations so balanced not only increases the efficiency of the digestive organs, but by preserving their efficiency prolongs the useful life of the fowl. As Mr. Strickland says, a bulky ration distending the stomach serves certain useful ends. The trouble with the all-grain ration is that it is too concentrated. It burns out the digestive apparatus. Fowls can stand it for awhile, and may grow better or lay better on it than they would on a ration constaining much green stuff, but they will not last so long.

Some say and think it the better policy to force the fowls for all they are worth, and when they are exhausted turn them off, but the wisdom of that policy is open to doubt. Indeed it has been discredited in many experiences.

In most northern sections grass cannot be grown during the winter. Where our winters are quite reliably "open" enough to give fowls a good many opportunities for foraging, winter rye is the favorite crop for poultry, and it could be used much more than it is.

Proper Food for Hens.

Clover, alfalfa or grass is a perfectly balanced food for stock and poultry, and to one who never gave the matter much attention, the quantity poultry will eat is an astonishment to him. This will be seen very plainly when hens are confined to runs; they eat up every blade of grass in an extensive yard and then pine to get out for more. In the normal condition of things, a hen will live on grass; but if she is laying, she must have something in addition to furnish the egg material, and this can be supplied more cheaply than in any other way by giving her corn. Long observation convinces us that corn fed to laying hens makes the yolk of eggs a richer yellow and gives solidity to the whites. Eggs laid by a half-fed hen have whites that are thin and watery and the yolks are often pale and thin, falling flat when the egg is broken instead of standing up in the shape of a half globe.—Kansas Farmer.

Saving Young Fruit Trees.

As the plant life upon which the rabbit lives is killed by frost, the farmer should look to his young fruit trees. The rabbit is the greatest enemy to the young orchard and he sometimes begins his assaults upon the trees very early in the fall. As soon as it is noticeable that he is looking with favor upon the bark of the trees, they should be wrapped. Any printing office can furnish the farmer at a low cost, with heavy manila paper, the kind upon which sale bills are printed. Two or three layers of this paper securely tied with binder twine will save the tree from the pest.

Fattening Lambs.

In fattening lambs they should be put on feed gradually and may be fed any of the grains as a fattening ration. Corn is the best grain feed for this purpose. By way of variety they may be fed oats, barley, peas or other feed, but care should be exercised in thus making changes so as to not over feed at any time. Corn and good clover hay have been found to be the best fattening ration. This produces cheap mutton of good quality in a short space of time. Free access to water and salt should be given at all times. When on dry feed lambs will drink a great deal of water.

Pleasure in Saddle Horse.

There are a certain percentage of farmers in every country who have a special liking for light harness horses. They always drive a good team and get the same pleasure in working with them that others do with their pure bred cattle, hogs or sheep. It is strange that the saddle horse has not become more popular with northern farmers who have a taste for the light horses. The pleasure to be derived from working with him is fully as great as with the light driver, and the demand for him seems to be constantly increasing.