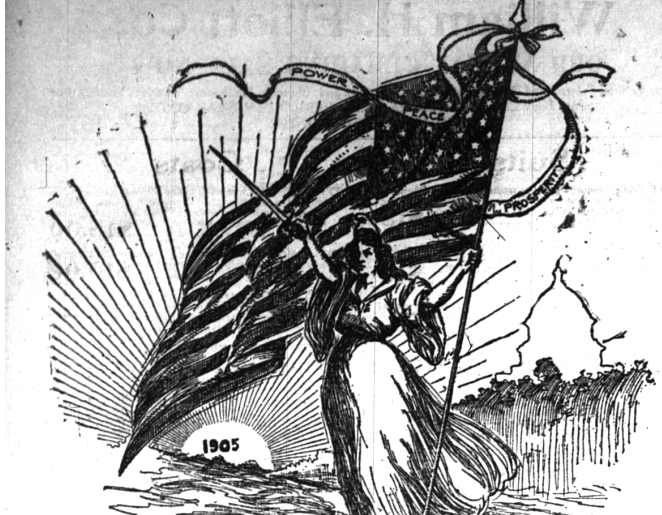
THE DAWNING YEAR.



GLOBE TROTTERS' NEW YEAR'S

A grizzled, sun-tanned, hard-featured man, whose face bore the stamp of hardship and adventure, was sitting in the smoking room of a New York hotel. He happened to glance at a calendar and saw that the day was Dec. 31.

"By Jove!" he exclaimed. "So to-morrow is New Year's day. Unless something happens before then, it will be the quietest New Year I've spent in twenty-three years.

"In all that time I have never been so near my old home in Scotland as I am now. Often I've tried to get home, but somehow or other New Year has always found me in a tight corner in some out-of-the-way part of the world.

"The man's experience is typical of that of many of the globe-trotters in this age, when people are so fond of 'going to, and fro in the earth and walking up and down in it," like a certain personage in the Book of Job.

New Year's day, 1897, found one Englishman facing death from hunger and thirst on board a life raft 300 miles southeast of Madagascar.

His ship foundered seven days before in a hurricane. The boats were smashed by the fury of the waves and some of the crew washed overboard. The rest made a raft out of planks and spars, but during the night high seas swept over the frail structure and carried away most of the water and food.

"All we had left," said the man who went through this terrible experience, "were a few tins of potted meat, a small barrel of biscuit and the smallest of the water casks. That was all we had to keep life in twenty-five hungry men.

"We made it last as long as we could, but in four days everything was gone. Some of the men fell into despair and talked about throwing themselves overboard. Perhaps they would have done so, but during the night of the fourth day half a dozen big sharks swam around the raft in circles. The sea was phosphorescent and we could see them plainly in the waves of livid fire which they stirred up as they swam around. Even the half-crazed men who had talked about drowning themselves shrank from death in a shark's maw and stayed upon the raft.

"Next morning I saw by a pocket diary which I carried that the day was Dec. 30. To keep up the men's spirits I told them I had dreamed we were going to be rescued on New Year's day. That appealed to the superstition inherent more or less in all sailors, so I kept on telling them a ship would come along and pick us up on that day sure, until I began to believe it myself. We even discussed gravely whether the sail would heave in sight in the morning or the afternoon, and one man who said he guessed it would be toward evening became quite unpopular.

"New Year's morning broke with a dead calm on the oily, blistering sea and a blazing sky that aggravated our thirst tenfold. There was not a ship in sight all morning—nothing except that glassy sheet of water and that cruel, cloudless sky above us. It was the same in the afternoon, and our hopes fell as the sun sank slowly toward the western horizon.

"Just as we were beginning to despair, one of the men screamed hysterically and pointed to a thin trail of smoke on the sky line. It was a New Zealand liner headed straight for our raft. In a couple of hours her doctor was giving us a hearty dinner and slops and weak brandy and water."

This same man spent another New Year's day off Cape Horn. He sailed from Valparaiso in a British "windjammer," expecting to reach his Scottish home in time to spend his first Christmas there for many years. But calms delayed her for weeks in the South Pacific ocean, and when she got off Cape Horn she ran into a tearing gale, which brought her mizzen topmast down on deck and ripped out all her sails. For days she drifted helplessly, exposed to the full fury of the western gale.

The crew labored industriously at rigging up spare and bending new sails. It was a task of tremendous difficulty, for giant combers rolled over the forecastle head continually, filling the vessel amidships with green seas.

Suddenly in the midst of this toil an apprentice piped out:

"I say, fellers, this is New Year's day. Have you all forgotten it?"

"Belay your tongue," retorted the grim old mate. "There won't be any New Year dinner to-day, except your usual whack of lobscouse."

The skipper was superintending the work from the poop rail and heard the conversation.

"Cook!" he bawled out. "Lay aft here!"

The cook came out of his galley and the captain asked what he could give them for a fancy dinner.

"Nothin' but split peas, sir, an' salt horse and marmalade. There ain't no turkeys in my store-room, sir," he said.

"Let's catch one o' them birds," suggested an old tar pointing to several albatrosses which were circling about the wake of the ship. "We'll stretch a point this day and be forgiven for it, I guess."

After several attempts an albatross was captured with a big fishhook baited with salt pork and dragged aboard triumphantly. Served up nice and brown and swimming in gravy, it looked so much like a real turkey that it warmed up the men's hearts and made them think of the holidays they had spent at home. But when they tasted it the resemblance ceased. It was fishy and tough. The meat was like knotted rope yarn and the gravy suggested tar. However, it was a New Year dinner all the same, and it was enjoyed as keenly as the finest feast ashore that day.

An American traveler, who is well known commercially in the West Indies, was mixed up in one of the perennial revolutions of Hayti in his hot and foolish youth. Unhappily, he allied himself with the weaker side, and one New Year's eve found himself one of a small band of desperadoes defending the stockaded town of Miragoane against a government army, which outnumbered them 100 to 1.

During the night the government soldiers forced their way into the town. Only about thirty of the defenders were left alive.

"Stand them up in a line and shoot them," commanded Gen. Manigat.

But they were too weak to stand. All of them were wounded, half-starved and fever-stricken. So the government troops propped them up in chairs and shot them as they lolled there. Only the white man was spared, in order that his case might be inquired into.

When he protested to Gen. Manigat against the cruelty of shooting helpless captives that triumphant warrior merely blew a cloud of cigarette smoke and remarked calmly: "C'est la guerre."

"Late on New Year's eve," said the American, "they tried me by court-martial. When I woke up on New Year's morning I was in the calaboose, sentenced to be shot at sundown. It wasn't very pleasant waiting. I was quite glad when a gold-laced officer entered the cell toward evening, with a paper informing me that his excellency, the citizen president, had been pleased to pardon me, in consideration of the request of the American minister and of the fact that it was New Year's day.

"I believe they had never intended to shoot me, but only to frighten me, for they hardly dared to touch a white man whose country owned a navy that might bombard their ports. Anyhow, I got out of jail in time to eat my dinner with some American and English friends on a coffee plantation near Miragoane."

New Year's Superstitions.

The following superstitions in connection with New Year's are still believed in various parts of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales: On New Year's morning go to a well or fountain and leave an apple and nosegay, and the water will keep fresh and be more wholesome all the year. If a dark complexioned man crosses your threshold first on New Years day you will be prosperous; if a blonde, unlucky, and if a red headed man dire disaster will surely follow. Before locking the door for the night on New Years eve place a gold coin near it and let it remain there until the church bells ring next morning, and you will have plenty of money all that year. So strong is the belief in the adage of the dark complexioned man in some places that he is paid a small gratuity to call early and walk through the first floor of the house, entering by the back door and leaving by the front.

CITY OWNERSHIP IN BRITAIN.

Leading Opponent of Policy Praises the System and Its Results.

The American who dreads municipal ownership for fear of its being used to create political machinery and rob the public and who declares that we must first establish the merit system may be astonished, says a writer in the World To-Day, when he learns the extent of the development of British municipal trading under these conditions.

Seeking to learn "the other side" of municipalization in Great Britain, the investigator is at every turn referred to Arthur Kay, a distinguished citizen of Glasgow and head of the great merchandising house of Arthur & Co., as the arch enemy of municipalization. He is president of the Citizens' union and the Taxpayers' federation. When asked, "Do you think Glasgow should own and operate its trains?" he answered: "Certainly. The owning and operating of these tramways has been highly profitable and thoroughly satisfactory, the accounting is correct and nobody opposes it."

"But you think the trams should be operated for profit in relief of rates?"

"Not at all. They should be run on a low factor of safety, and profits be sunk in betterments or reduction of charges."

"But this is socialism?"

"Well, they call it socialism—municipal socialism."

And this from the man who was to have given the final word against municipalization! In Great Britain there is opposition, but to municipal ownership as such, but only to its excesses.

ATMOSPHERE AS A PRISM.

Refracts the Sun's Rays and Produces the Peculiar Green Color.

The green ray at sunset is sufficiently well known to make unnecessary any mention of the beauty of the spectacle and the ordinary conditions of its observation. The ray may be seen on beautiful evenings on the seashore and elsewhere, although the intensity is variable; in general, it is necessary that the state of the atmosphere be such that the horizon may be clearly distinguished as the solar disk sinks behind it.

In explanation of the green ray recourse has been had to the theory of an optical illusion, due to the yellow-orange light of the sun, which at the moment of the disappearance of the last small portion of the sun becomes affected by the complimentary color, green-blue.

This has not been satisfactory, and has been suggested by a writer in La Nature, that the atmosphere acts as a prism, refracting the last luminous ray from the sun at the time of its disappearance and decomposing and spreading it out according to the succession of colors of the spectrum. The red, orange and yellow rays are the less deviated and are confused with the solar point of which they have the color, but the eye perceives clearly the green and blue rays while the indigo and violet, which are the most deviated and the most luminous, cannot be seen.

Frog Culture by Millions.

The cultivation of frogs is a new industry, but it can be made profitable, as there are thousands of acres of swampland in Pennsylvania, worth little, which could be utilized. About two million will be distributed in the state. Some of the applications received by the department are very amusing, and they will be stored away among the state archives. A New Bedford applicant wants to know if the frogs "will flourish and do well in ponds that have been constructed for fish, but abandoned, or ponds that are made to cut ice off, as they are fed with clean water." A Breadysville, Bucks county, farmer, asks for from 500 to 1,000 frogs, as thousand frogs with which to stock Neshaminy Creek, which, he says, "seems to be run out of fish, so let us have some bullfrogs." A Tullytown man writes for a supply to stock "our millponds with, as they are excellent ponds for that purposes." A Philadelphia man writes to know if if the frogs are green, and "if they will keep babies awake nights by their croakings." A Clearfield county man asks if the frogs are "good eating," and whether they are "red frogs or only hoptoads."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

The Best of Life.

Not till life's heat is cooled,
The budding rush slowed to a quiet pace,
And every purblind passion that has ruled
Our noiseler years, at last
Spurs laid in the grass, withdrawn from the race,
We care no more who loses or who wins;
Ah; not till all the best of life seems past
The best of life begins.

To toil for only fame,
Hardly applauded by the fickle guests of praise,
For place or power or gold to gild a name
All paths will bring us, were to lose our days
We, on whose ears youth's passing bell has rung,
In blowing bubbles, even as children do,
Forgetting we grow old.

But the world widens when
The hope of trivial aim that ruled us lies
Broken among our childhood's toys, for then
We win to self-control!
And make ourselves in manhood, and there rise
Upon us from the vast and windless height
Those clearer thoughts that are unto the soul
What stars are to the night.
—Spectator.

Prove Property and Take Away.

"This winter weather reminds me of a story about Senator McClellan," said Representative Spaulding of North Dakota, at Washington.

"It was delightfully pleasant out in my state when that young blizzard struck New York early in November. Eastern people are always sympathizing with the North-west on account of its 'Dakota blizzards,' so the mayor of Bismarck telegraphed Mayor McClellan, offering his sympathy and asking if he could do anything to help New York out.

"To which Mayor McClellan, 'come and take your damned blizzard away.'"

Examines Brazilian Coal Fields.

Dr. I. C. White, state geologist of West Virginia, sailed for Brazil recently, where he will examine and report on the coal fields of Rio Grande do Sul.

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 Bloomfield Center and electric railway to Detroit and Pontiac. Terms easy.

5.

Elegant house and lot 66 feet front and 30 rods deep on Maple Ave. East, (half an acre). Fine barn and every modern convenience. Fruit, shade, 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, 20 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 108 ft. deep. Small fruit and good neighborhood.

12.

The Bayley farm in the town of Troy, 120½ 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 16 acres is timber, good beech and maple. Soil, clay loam. Creek runs through farm. Water in it 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 3 miles from Birmingham, nice rolling land, 5 acres timber and small apple orchard, 2,500 peach trees, 400 grapes, 20 apples, ¼ acres raspberries, ¼ acres strawberries, etc. Good house and barn. Price $60 per acre. Will take other property for part pay. Tell you more about it if you call at.

19.

A small farm of 8 acres, being part of the west section 8, Southfield township, Oakland county. Fine soil, good buildings, new house and pig-pen. Buildings insured for $1,200. Premises always supplied with cold pure water from flowing well, which is the key to furnishing plenty of water for stock or other purposes in dry weather. Also a fine, excellent soil, gravelly loam in high state of cultivation. Also, one-half acre of young orchard, woodshed, cellar, cistern and all conveniences for a home. Birmingham electric cars are the best in the country; 40 rods from good school; 80 rods from Kirby's mill. Excellent neighborhood. This little place 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 handsomest places in the township of Southfield, consisting of 16 acres. The price is $50 per acre, but the balance of the purchase price will be allowed to remain on mortgage at 6 per cent, or will trade for a smaller farm or vacant lots in Birmingham. Good house, buildings, good cellars, wells, cisterns and all the small conveniences. There are other things which we will whisper in your ear upon application.

38.

Two story store and lot on south side of Oakes St., two doors from electric road on Bagley ave., Detroit, 118 ft. deep. Has city water on both floors, water closet, bath, furnace and every modern convenience. Terms $500 cash, balance on long time. Price $3,000. If you are curious or interested, just ask us for fuller particulars. If you are very curious it will be curious if we can't interest you.

42.

Brick house, good barn and seven acres of land adjoining the village limits on the township of Southfield, consisting of 16 acres. The price is $50 per acre, but the balance of the purchase price will be allowed to remain on mortgage at 6 per cent, or will trade for a smaller farm or vacant lots in Birmingham. Good house, buildings, good cellars, wells, cisterns and all the small conveniences. There are other things which we will whisper in your ear upon application.

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Stock Farm—166 acres, celebrated Collier Farm—4½ acres in township of Southfield. Buildings are well painted and in good condition; Large 12 room frame house, modern, divided into three compartments. House surrounded with a handsome elm trees. Horse barn with stalls for six horses and separate carriage room. Barn with granary, cross-head track, cow stables underneath with cement floor and 3 or 4 additional stalls, sliding doors, good windows, window guards, stone foundation, etc., etc. Horse barn with 16 box stalls and paddock. Wagon shed, 8 bays. Sheep and other stalls and paddock enclosed with high board fences. Hog house with cement floors, with sliding doors. Office with large stallion or feeding box. Attached to which is a brood mare box stall with paddock secure and strong for that purpose and located from other buildings. Outside closet for house. Outside privy for stables. Fruit: Large and bearing apple orchard well trimmed and in good condition. Baldwins, Greenings, Kings, Steeles Red, Johnathans and Russets; also a few hundred peach, 25 cherry, 25 plum, all of best varieties, 3 acres grapes, 1 quince, currants, gooseberries, 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. No better inquire about it. Farm it may pay you.

55.

Village lots on Saginaw street, bounded north by land of Mullen et. Smith, east by D. U. R. & M. Ry., south by flower store and building, Saginaw street, 108 ft. front on Saginaw street, 172 feet deep on north side and 148 feet deep on south side; all in the village of Birmingham. One of the finest building sites in the village. Price $6.00

56.

Lots 48 and 49 Randall's Addition, price $350.00 for the two, or will sell either cheap. Will exchange for small house and lot in Birmingham.

57.

Farm of 40 acres, being the east ½ of the n. e. ¼ of section 7, Farmington, Oakland county, Mich., in the finest farming section of the county, with 8 fairly good buildings. There is no incumbrance on the property and the farm is only 2 miles from the Farmington electric road. 3 acres of timber, elm, hickory, etc., etc. The price is only $45.00 per acre and you can have your own way about the terms of payment as long as you have cash enough to secure it. A postal will get you fuller particulars.

58.

Good little farm in the township of West Bloomfield, Oakland county, 30 acres cleared, 10 of oak timber, 3 acres of orchard, house and barn of but little value. Small fruit on the farm, good neighborhood and not a bad place to live. Will trade for Birmingham village property or for a small farm of not more than 5 acres.

59.

House and lot, No. 1430 Fourteenth Ave., Detroit, a little over a block from the Boulevard; paved street, city piped and furnace, small farm, some fruit, buildings all new and well insured for $2,000. Will trade for Birmingham village property or for a small farm of not more than 5 acres.

60.

House and two lots 150x66 just north of the corporation line of the village of Royal Oak, plenty of good fruit and shade trees; two buildings worth $1,500 and will sell for just what the buildings would cost to build. House and 3 rooms and pantry cellar, good well, nice barn. Buildings were built less than two years ago. Price 2,000 and terms easy.

72.

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 we will whisper.

73.

Part of the N ½ of sec 29, Bloomfield, 45 acres, 2 acres of timber and pasture land, 7 acres orchard—good fruit—balance cultivated. Only 1¼ miles west of the D. & F. Electric Ry. line and daily delivery. Good well, cellar, cistern, and fine living water on the northeast corner of the farm. Price $2,000 and terms easy on long time, or will take a nice little house and lot in a cellent neighborhood, all ready to occupy. Birmingham electric cars run within ¼ of all the above lots. A postal will get us to call.

71.

Two acres, 66 buildings, 6 acres cleared, 2 acres elm and ash timber, 1¼ miles west of Birmingham, Mich. Price $50.00 per acre.

Cottage, on [illegible] Oak Hill street, Pontiac, Mich., 4 room [illegible] attic. Half a mile from the court house. [illegible] for 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 Middle & Smith or at the Exchange Bank.

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 50 feet front on Townsend and 295 feet deep. Modern two room house with closets, cellar, well, woodshed and summer kitchen. Now this is strictly "on the dead" and must not be reported as if you really have any intention of buying a home in this village within a year, you can't afford to overlook this place. Property, don't cost you $5,000 and more than that—but that's a state secret and you can't tell out a thing further than until you see Whitehead and ask him about it. Crown-o-heart trapped-may-never-see-the-back-of-my-neck-if-false sot.

89.

Lot on the east side of Baldwin Ave., in the Randall Addition. Fine building site. Price only $200.00.

90.

Finest farm we know of, 154 acres one mile south of the village of Birmingham. Fine good buildings, 30 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 about it? A postal will bring full particular.

91.

Farm, 102 acres in the north part of Royal Oak township, 7 acres orchard, 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.

160 acres adjoining corporation limits of Birmingham, 30 acres timber, 10 acres of excellent meadow 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 $95.00 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 80 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 $4,000, 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 a first-class city property. Farm of 160 acres in Southfield township, very productive soil, in a high state of cultivation, not a foot of waste land in the place, good buildings, excellent buildings, best wire fences, farm thoroughly drained, large orchard, 3,500 peach trees, 50 apple trees, two barns, fine dwelling, one swine house (only one swine house and milk house combined, everything ready to do the finest and most profitable dairy business in the country, only failing is that we have no time 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 building, price ten dollars per acre. That's all.

99.

An ideal country place for anyone. House worth $2,000 with all the conveniences you can think of, right in the wicked city. Eighty-five acres, 5 acres oak timber, 3 acres young grove, 4 acres fine orchard, whole farm fenced with best woven wire fencing, all on 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 $100 per acre, take it or leave it. Don't laugh at this swamp netted the owner over $150.00 last year. Will sell on easy terms. 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 and cheap. Price $1,200, terms 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, 10 acres timber, 10 acres of land thoroughly drained and fenced with woven wire fence and cedar posts, balance in high state of cultivation, only 3 miles from Birmingham, a beautiful little place for a home and a fine location for gentleman's stock farm. Price $3,500. Come to see us about it.

106.

House and two lots on Stanley avenue, Birmingham, 150x150; well, cistern, cellar, fruit; house worth $1,500, will sell for $1,200 for the place. Wouldn't that take you to the fair?

107.

One of the finest residences in the village of Birmingham, one forty-foot front on Brown and 200 on Daines street; 9 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; 300 feet on west side of Woodward avenue, along the line of the electric railway; will plat into 50 x 150 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 50x150 in Randall subdivision, with nice little one story cottage, on Greenwood avenue. Price $750.

112.

Nice little farm of nineteen acres in the township of Troy, 1¼ 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. 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50, Castle's plat, Birmingham, Mich. Only an 8ar 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 bulletin.

114.

Fine farm in the township of Southfield, 84 acres, of which 70 are cleared, and the balance in good maple timber. Two acres of orchard, fruit in bearing, good buildings, and the whole place can be bought for $5,000. But cold

135.

Eighty acres in township of Redford, Wayne county, Mich., about two miles from the North western electric railway. Orchard and small fruit; buildings valued at $2,000. Also one light ground suitable for gardening; about 11 miles from Detroit. Price $4,000, terms easy. Tell you all about it for the asking.

136.

Eighty to one hundred acres as you choose. Part of the old Grinnell homestead in the 8w ¼ of sec 32 in Bloomfield. You know what the Grinnell farm is, don't you? Well, part of the buildings, timber or fruit. Excellent grazing land and the best part of it is within a stone's throw. Wait a minute! Price only forty dollars per acre. But remember it will not long for its got to be sold and that price will do it, too!

135.

The Boyd farm in the township of Troy, 18 miles from Detroit, 4½ from Birmingham, on Rochester Electric, trolley now running; house 8, 3, D, mall; 97 acres for the most part level, some heavy timber, good buildings, flowing well, large barn refitted recently, new poultry and chicken house, pigpen and corn house. No waste land. Price $6,000 for the place. Will trade for land over the place any day. So handy, you know; get right off if the cars don't have you six.

134.

Improved farm, 80 acres; 5 acres timber, 3 acres orchard, sandy clay loam; good 10 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 $8,500 if sold this season. Go with you to look at it if you say so. The place is located 1½ miles south of Canton, Wayne county, Mich., on the Ann Arbor electric.

133.

Five acres, no buildings, good light loamy soil, no waste land. Two beautiful maples on the front, 20 rods from post office, rural free delivery twice daily, store, mill and electric waiting room in rods from the place. Electric railway runs past the property. Price $500.00. Ideal place for a country home built to suit. Within the Rochester electric line about 16 miles from city hall, 7 miles from Royal Oak, 4 miles from Birmingham, and if you don't speak right up quick, you'll lose it.

130.

Modest little cottage on Stanley street, 100 feet front, 60 feet deep, comfortable little house and plenty of fruit and other conveniences. One of the cheapest lots on the market and well worth the money. $700 will buy it, and for any other things we could tell you all about the reasons that it is offered for 75 per cent less than it is worth.

131.

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

132.

129.

One of the finest residences on Saginaw street, Birmingham, 12 or 14 rooms, closets, furnace, bath, hot and cold water, every convenience which you would have or expect to have in the best home without exception. The finest place in our village; brick house, 3 stories, practically new, cost $8,000 to build; 8 acres of orchard, 1 acre in saginaw street, and about 200 feet deep. And the price is so low that we wouldn't feel justified in mentioning it in this magnificent bulletin. Really, if you want the best house and lot in our town at a cost far less than it cost to put it in up-to-date 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 entire house, furnace, bath, 4 fine some oak mantels with grates, large attic, 2½ large barns, barn house, flowing well, all kinds of small fruit, and 2 acres of land, beautifully shaded for shade. Will sell buildings and some of the land for $4,500 or the whole place for $5,000. It is right on the car line, and there is about two acres of land on which to dispose of the balance. Quiet and picturesque view of the village. Come and see what it is and you will never be sorry for having made the investigation.

122.

Farm of 75½ 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. Flowing well and living time. One of the best farms in Southfield, about 3 miles from Birmingham. Can't help you to see it any time. It's worth looking over.

123.

Nice little 40-acre farm near Big Beaver, (8. S. of N. ½ of N. ½ of sec 19, Troy.) Have a good 2-story house with 11 rooms. An acre and a half orchard and 4 acres of timber; a little over a mile from the Rochester Electric road. Don't say no $50 per acre will buy it, and the terms are so easy that any man who pays his 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 electric car line, and there is 130 acres of it and not a foot of waste land on the premises. We will frankly say without fear of contradiction that it is the finest farm in the state of Michigan. What's that? Too high did you say? That's as you may look and what you want. Say! Tell you what we'll do; we'll sell you 40 acres off of the east end of the farm with the buildings, which are properly distributed, and that's what they are, with a farm of 130 acres or no acres, just as you like, and the house and barn alone is worth $1,000 per acre that we are asking for it, too. 8 acres of timber and no buildings, engines, windmills. But there! What's the use? You must come out and see it for yourself. Only ten minutes drive from our office.

125.

Lot No. 21, Blakeslee Addition to the village of Birmingham, Mich., nice frontage on Saginaw street, well side, in excellent neighborhood. No buildings. Price, $250.

126.

Vacant lots 16, 17, 18 of William's Sub-division, Royal Oak village, 50 feet wide and 150 feet deep each. Terms easy, with small payment down.

127.

House and lot on Fremont street in Birmingham, Mich., corner Pierce street, 8 rooms, new, 9 rooms and closets, well and cistern, fruit. 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.

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; 5 buildings in poor repair (the buildings don't cost anything at the price we are asking for the land) and a well that is guaranteed to bring up ring of pure water, excellent soil. Portion of land is high and will make an ideal seed farm. The veriest hint that you would like to in estigate and we'll get our bonnet on and be ready to go with you. Price $200 per acre. Part of this kind are getting mighty popular just now and who we will tell you about it for only forty dollars per acre, you will understand that it would better hurry.

120.

Farm formerly belonging to Edward Coates and located on the east shore of Pine Lake, in the township of Bloomfield, Oakland county, Michigan; one of the loveliest locations in all the lake region; 100 acres, 60 acres under cultivation, story frame dwelling and seven rooms, in a very beautiful spot, with Pine Lake directly on it; touches Long Lake in the eastern portion and Pine Lake in the western. The price is less than sixty dollars per acre and the location unsurpassed on the Pine Lake part is laid out in lots which are well worth the money, but the whole property asked for the farm, 3½ miles from the city of Pontiac and at the north end of Pine Lake from the steam and electric railway stations at Orchard Lake. Would be glad to have you call here to answer all your questions, either by mail or in a personal interview—which we would greatly prefer.

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 and sewer connections, and the house is one of the property last summer and is all paid for. Buildings cost $2,000 and the place could not cost you only a little more than half. You really could not build the buildings and sidewalks for what is asked for it. Ask the man at the Exchange Bank.

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. 7 orchard, 5 timber, 1 acre; 4 buildings, nice spring of ever-flowing water, all good plow land, except 15 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; no waste 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. House and barn, 8 rooms, bath room, well and cistern, or will sell the buildings and one acre of land as a site. Will sell the whole business for $2,500 with cash enough to insure, and will take the balance on the installment plan, if necessary.

PASSING ANOTHER MILE POST.

The New Year—"When I turned into the road I hit something."