**Reasons Why Many Children Are Slow to Learn.**

Many a boy has been a dullard at school and has made a failure of his after life simply because there was some defect in his ears which made it impossible for him to hear distinctly or some defect in his eyes which made it impossible for him to see things as they are, says the Saturday Evening Post. The brain gets not only the most of its information through the ears and the eyes, but also the most of its skill in the all-important faculty of judgment. And if the ears do not hear well and the eyes do not see correctly, both information and training are necessarily defective and awry.

Those facts are obvious; yet thousands on thousands grow up, struggle, fail wholly or partially, die without having the simple and perhaps easily curable why of their misfortunes. And in every school to-day there are these curable so-called dullards.

Every pair of young eyes and young ears should be suspected until they have been competently examined.

## A LITTLE TOO EARLY.

*Farmer* Thought 2 a. m. Appropriate Time for Breakfast.

Farmers are always early risers, but a pension examiner, traveling in Kentucky, had an experience which taught him what the rural idea of "early" is. He put up at a farmhouse for the night and asked to be called for an early breakfast. In what seemed to him ten minutes after he had gone to sleep he was awakened by knocking on the door.

"Get up in there!" a voice shouted. "It's gittin' up time. Your breakfast is ready."

The examiner arose in the dark, slowly dressed, and came into the breakfast room.

"What time is it?" he asked.

"It's about 2 o'clock, I reckon."

"Well, what the thunder do you mean by waking me at 2 o'clock?"

"Didn't you say you wanted an early breakfast?" said the farmer with deep concern.

**The Projectiles We Use.**

We have now armor piercing projectiles, deck piercing projectiles, semi-armor piercing projectiles, common forged and cast steel projectiles, cast iron projectiles, shrapnel and so on, in endless variety. As the work the gun, whether ashore or afloat, will have to do can be pretty clearly predicted, we should appear as though one, or at most two, kinds of projectiles were enough. These two would naturally have, the one a high penetrative power and the other a large capacity for internal charge, giving great destructive power when the shell is burst. No one who has not examined carefully the effect of bursting a shell in a closed space can have an idea of its destructiveness. A small six-pounder shell, of about 2¼ inches diameter, containing three or four ounces of powder, burst in an ordinary room and breaking into twenty or thirty fragments, would probably destroy everything in the room.—Scientific American.

**Speech Saved From the Flood.**

Mr. Curtis of Kansas, a new member of the Committee on Ways and Means, did not make a speech on the Cuban reciprocity bill, although he had a tariff speech ready for use.

"I want to save it," he said, "for a general tariff debate, should one occur. I think I have a real gem of that speech, for it was incidentally the means of saving the one book of my library that escaped from the ravages of the flood that swept over Topeka last summer.

"I was reading on the subject, and had the second volume of Colton's 'Life of Clay' in hand. I laid it upon a tin box, resting on the top of the bookcases, and when the waters flooded the house everything but that went.

"How it escaped I don't know. It is the sole relic of a library that I had been gathering since 1879, when I began the study of law."—New York Sun.

**The Trust in Burma.**

The wily oriental soon assimilates such occidental methods as suit his purpose, and it is hardly surprising that, in due course, such institutions as the "trust" and the "corner" should have appeared even in a happy-go-lucky country like Burma. Most men who have been even to India know what splendid little ponies are to be had from Pegu, and how admirably adapted they are for polo playing. It will be readily understood, then, that considerable interest has been occasioned at Rangoon by the formation among Burman pony dealers of a veritable "corner," the result of which has been that Rs. 350 is asked for anything with four legs, while good ponies are priced at Rs. 600 and Rs. 700.—London Navy and Army.

**A Twister.**

The German Salzbacher, who has charge of a nearby wine cellar, is noted for his unique usage of the English language, especially when he becomes excited.

The other day one of the little boys who fills bottles for him asked Salzbacher for some corks, receiving instead this answer!

"When I tol' you vot you vant, you ask me bo; now I don't got some, you vant any, yes?"—Philadelphia Telegraph.

**A Sentiment.**

The sky shall write about thine eyes
That smile on me from depths of skies;
The sea that radiantly doth rise
Shall paint thy smile on whitecaps, too.

And as the fleeting years shall turn
From morn to morn its pages new
Some likeness fancy shall discern
Which brings your cherished self to view

The leaf, the bud, the bird-song light,
The flowers that nod, the stars that shine
Shall seek to tell thy charms aright
And take a proper valentine.
—Washington Star

**France Uses More Sugar.**

In consequence of the reduction of the French import duties on sugar, which came into force on Sept. 1 last year, the amount consumed in France in the three months following showed an increase of 77,000 tons.

## FRAUDS IN A BALE OF HAY.

**Frauds in Watch Cases.**

According to a article in the Cincinnati Commercial, a fifty-one pound stone was recently found in a bale of hay secreted in a bale of hay of eighty pounds.

This is not as "big" as finding a lump of lead of nearly one-half the weight of the solid gold watch case secreted in the center of the case.

Gold watch cases are sold by weight, and no one can see where this lead is secreted until the springs of the case are taken out and the lead will be found secreted behind them.

These cases are made by companies who profess to be honest but furnish the means to the dishonest to rob the public. It is not pleasant for anyone to find that he has jugged a lump of lead in his watch case.

Another trick the makers of spurious solid gold watch cases try to stamp the case "U. S. Assay." The United States does not stamp any article made out of gold and silver except coin, and the fakir, by using this stamp, wants to make the public believe that the government had something to do with the stamping or guaranteeing the fineness of watch cases.

Another trick of the watch fakir is to advertise a watch described as a solid gold filled watch with a twenty or twenty-five year guarantee. These watches are generally sent C. O. D., and if the purchaser has paid for the watch he finds that the Company which guaranteed the watch to wear is out in existence.

The Dueber-Hampden Waten Company of Canton, Ohio, who are constantly exposing these frauds, will furnish the names of the manufacturers who are in this questionable business.

**The Ohio Swine Breeders' Association.**

Had an interesting and instructive meeting at Columbus, Ohio, January 12th. Officers elected were: President, J. J. Snyder, Paris, Ohio; vice president, S. S. Puckett, Yellow Springs, Ohio; secretary-treasurer, Carl Frolgan, Dayton, Ohio; executive committee: For the term of three years, W. A. Eudaley, Middletown, O.; for two years, E. S. Tussing, Canal Winchester, O.; for one year, J. L. Befinger, Mexico, O.

**The Editor of the Rural New Yorker**

Than whom there is no better Potato Expert in the Country, says: "Salzer's Earliest Potato is the earliest of 28 earliest sorts, tried by me, yielding 464 bu. per acre." Salzer's Early Wisconsin Timber, across the Rural New Yorker 738 bu. per acre. Now Salzer has heavier yielding varieties than above. See Salzer's catalog.

JUST SEND 10c IN STAMPS

and this notice to the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and receive lots of farm seed samples and their big catalog, which is brim full of rare things for the gardener and farmer, easily worth $100.00 to every wide-awake farmer.

It describes Salzer's Teosinte, yielding 160,000 lbs. per acre, of rich green fodder, Salzer's Victoria Rape, yielding 60,000 lbs. of sheep and hog food per acre, together with Salzer's New National Oats, which has a record of 200 bu. per acre in 20 states, so also full description of Alfalfa Clover, Giant Incarnat Clover, Alsike, Timothy and thousands of other fodder plants, Grasses, Wheat, Speltz, Barleys, etc. (W. N. U.)

**Start River Oyster Farm.**

Mammoth Springs, Ark., dispatch: Col. H. G. Carey of Springfield, Ill., and R. S. Kirkpatrick of Newport, Ky., are about to establish an "oyster farm" on the shoals of Salt River, just above this town

**To Wash China Silk Dresses.**

China silk dresses may be quite successfully washed in cold water with bran machine. Then wash in warm soapsuds, rubbing between the hands, rinse through several clear waters. Use starch in the last rub the soap on the dress. Wring as dry as possible, wrap in a sheet or clean cotton cloth and iron while slightly damp.
ELEANOR R. PARKER.

**Governor's Relative Dies.**

Baraboo, Wis., special. Mrs. Anson Case, mother of Mrs. R. M. Latcllette, is dead. Besides the governor's wife, she is survived by her husband and one son.

## FARMERS ORGANIZE.

What promises to become a most powerful factor in the produce markets and from which farmers will reap the greatest benefit took life in the organization of the Farmers Grain and Live Stock Commission Co., at Chicago, Ill. This Company will handle shipments of grain and stock at all the primary markets, will have feeding stations for stock, and will operate elevators, etc. The project has a strong backing from influential farmers and business men and will no doubt receive universal endorsement.

All I have been teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.—Emerson.

To take the fuel of lust into the heart is to invite its fires to consume

## $100 Reward, $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

The star of faith will shine long after the light of fame has disappeared.

The shield of faith was not meant to protect the conscience.

## DR. COFFEE

**Discovers Mild Remedies That Restore Sight to Blind People.**

Dr. W. O. Coffee, a noted oculist, 360 Good Block, Des Moines, Iowa, has discovered mild medicines that people can use in their eyes at home and cure Cataracts, Scums, Granulated Lids, Ulcers on the Eyes, Weak Sore Eyes and any kind of eye trouble.

Dr. Coffee has just printed 50,000 of his famous 80-page book on Eye Diseases and wants to send a copy free to every reader of this paper. This book tells how to care for the eyes and prevent blindness and how his mild treatment cures all diseases at home at small expense. Write Dr. Coffee to-day for his book. Don't wait to go blind.

There's probably nothing on earth that can get so badly stuck on itself as a sheet of postage stamps.

**Wiggle-Stick** LAUNDRY BLUE

Won't spill, break, freeze nor spot clothes. Costs 10 cents and equals 30 cents worth of any other bluing. If your grocer does not keep it send 10c for sample to The Laundry Blue Co., 14 Michigan Street, Chicago.

When twins arrive, we imagine that even the doctor laughs.

Money refunded for each package of PUTNAM FADELESS DYES if unsatisfactory.

Idleness is the key of beggary and the root of all evil.

**IF YOU USE BALL BLUE,**
Get Red Cross Ball Blue, the best Ball Blue. Large 2 oz. package only 5 cents.

Every man reveals himself when he describes another.

**FITS** permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. $2 trial bottle and treatise free. DR. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 931 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Free lunts make fast linns.


# 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 40 acres, well fenced, well watered, never-failing stream; 10 acres timber, 15 miles from Bloomfield Center and electric railway to Detroit and Pontiac. Terms easy.

**3.**

Twenty-nine and two-thirds acres of land near Irish church in Royal Oak township. It is an excellent land, four good buildings and fences all in good repair; 80 apple trees, 100 plum trees and plenty of other small fruit. Buildings insured for $1,800. Price $2,800. Terms easy. The place is just outside of the lighter soil of Royal Oak and cannot be beaten for anyone requiring a small farm suitable for small fruit or poultry keeping. Come and let us show you over the place some day.

**5.**

8-agnat house and lot on east front and 30 rods deep on Maple Ave. East, (half an acre). Fine barn and many modern conveniences. 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, hunting 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, 127½ acres. Good farm house and farm buildings; flowing well at the barn which is the wonder and pride of Troy; 30 acres good beech and maple timber, 8 acres fine grafted orchard. Unfortunate 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, 62 acres, of which 40 acres is under cultivation, 8 acres timber, 14 acres marsh, Rouge River 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 44 acres about 3 miles from Birmingham, nice rolling land, 5 acres timber No waste land; 2,300 peaches, 108 p lums, 50 grapes, 80 apples, 14 acres raspberries, 1 acre strawberries, etc. Good house nearly new Price $60 per acre. Will take other property for part pay. Tell you more about it if you ask us.

**10.**

A small farm of 3 acres, being part of the west ½ of lot 3, 6 miles from township, Oakland county. Four room building with cellar, good well, house and pig-pen. Buildings insured for $1,200. Premises shaded with fine trees. Plenty pure water from flowing well, which is piped to barn, furnishing a plentiful supply for stock or other purposes all the year round. Good fences, apple trees, raspberries in bulk and other cultivation. House, two-story and wing, 8 rooms and bath; cellar, cistern and all conveniences. Barn, 30x40 feet, with shed 16x40 feet. One of the best in the country; 40 rods from good school; 18 rods from church. Excellent neighborhood. This little farm is ready for business, without any repairs or improvements. Price $1,800. Terms easy

**19.**

A farm of 100 acres in the township of Bloomfield, Oakland county, Mich., 80 acres cleared, 20 acres mixed hardwood timber. Barn worth $100. Well, sandy loam. Price $3,000. Terms, $1,000 cash, balance on long time at 6 per cent. Here is a good chance for some one who wants to acquire a good home in a short time. Better investigate.

**33.**

Twenty-three hundred dollars cash will buy one of the best fruit farms in the township of Southfield, consisting of 36 acres. The price is $70 per acre, but one-half of the purchase price will be allowed to continue on mortgage at 6 per cent, or will trade for city property. Has house and lot in Birmingham; three good buildings, good cellars, wells, cisterns and all kinds of small fruit. Will whisper in your ear upon application.

**54.**

Nice little forty-acre farm up in Sanilac county for $55 per acre; 30 acres cleared, 8 acres of timber; a good house and barn; desirable log house; 6½ miles from Lexington; 4 miles east of Applegate p. o. office on M. C. R. R. Will exchange for Birmingham property or a small farm in Oakland county. Will pay $1,000 to amount to invest and a right good chance to work out the balance, this will be worth coming to see us about. Now don't go along all your life working for someone else and without a home. Come and see us and we can do and see if we can help you out. It don't cost any thing if we don't trade and if we do, the man who's selling the property pays all the commissions.

**42.**

Brick house, good barn and seven acres of land on Woodward Ave., on south side of Maple Ave. east, Birmingham, opposite the Poppleton subdivision. Price $3,000 and it is worth every cent of it. If you don't believe it, ask us about it and we will prove it.

**64.**

Fine Stock Farm—the celebrated Collier Farm—165 acres in township of Southfield, buildings all in good repair and in good condition; Large 12 room frame house, with cellar divided into three compartments. House surrounded with large shade and fruit trees. Hinged barn with stalls for six horses and separate carriage room, granary, corn crib, pig pen, overhead track, cow stables underneath with cement floor and 8 cows can be tied in it; world famous hoop windows, window guards, stone foundation, etc. Hinged barn 40 by 60 feet, box stalls and paddock. Horse barn with 4 box stalls and other stalls and paddock enclosed with high board fence. Large orchard. Tool house, granary with sliding doors. Coffee with large station so that 50 head of stock can be watered at once. Ice box still with paddock secure and strong for storing ice for summer use. Hog house. Hog pen. Outside closet for house Outside closet for barn. Fruits: Large and bearing apple orchard well trimmed and in good condition: Baldwins, Greenings, Kings, Steeles Red, Conaheart, Northern Spy, Seeks, Russets, etc. Peach, 30 cherry, 85 plum, all of best varieties, 5 apricots, 4 quinces, 2 acres raspberries, 1 acre strawberries, etc. 3 acres timber or wood lot. Water flood well with never-failing supply, good water with iron pump at stables; brand new pump at Rouge runs across entire south end of farm and is NEVER DRY. Water in every lot the year round. Condition of soil: This farm has carried an average of 40 head of stock during past five years. Its 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 M. Smith, east by lot 14, E. S. Ely, south by Bower street, west by Saginaw street, 106 ft. front on Saginaw street, 132 feet deep on north and 147 feet deep on south side; all in the village of Birmingham, Mich. One of the finest building sites in the village. Price $650

**50.**

Lots 43 and 45 Randall's Addition, price $125.00 for the two lots (which is very cheap). Will exchange for small house and lot in Birmingham.

**57.**

Farm of 40 acres, being the s e ¼ of the s e ¼ of section 2, Farmington, Oakland county, Mich., in the finest farming locality of the county, with fairly good buildings. There is no waste land; rolling to excellent clay loam soil. Only one mile from the Birmingham electric road. 2 acres timber, nice, handsome, etc., and the price is only $40.00 per acre and you can have your own way about the terms of payment and if 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 practically new, contains 6 rooms, some fruit; buildings valued at $2,000, rented at $20.00. Will trade for Birmingham or village property or for a small farm of not more than 40 acres.

**60.**

House and two lots 132 x 300 just north of the corporation line of the village of Birmingham, plenty of small fruit and shade trees; two buildings, one a good 8,000 feet mill and the other a barn; buildings would cost to build. House and barn in fair repair, good well, fine barn. Buildings were built for a planing mill. Price $2,000 and terms very easy.

**61.**

House of 11 rooms on lots 3 and 12 Quimby plat, fronting on Merrill and Martin streets, Birmingham. Good cistern and well of water. There are things about this place which we cannot tell you about and the price is so low that we are ashamed to name it. Come and see us and you will and see us about it or we will not.

**68.**

Are you tired of Michigan's wet and dry climate? Do you long for a better climate—the land of sunshine and flowers? Then come and see us very talkee we have been looking for. We have a fine piece of 10 acres in the Escondido county, California, just in the edge of the orange belt. Don't worry about the city weather; it's living out of doors all the time. Come and see us and see us about it or we will not. We will treat you right.

**68.**

Good little farm in the township of West Bloomfield, Oakland county, 30 acres cleared, and as of oak timber, 2 acres of orchard, house and barn of last 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 $2,400 per acre. Theeie!

**67**

Formerly known as the Eood Farm, within ten rods of the electric railway near Rimmell's Corners, between Pontiac and Birmingham, on the Pontiac branch of the D. U. R. Eighty acres and 44-100 acres, 3 acres orchard, 6 acres second growth timber, house and barns in fair condition, heavy loamy soil. Described as the s ½ of n e ¼ of s e ¼ Bloomfield. Was formerly held at $6,000 but now, owing to existing circumstances, it can be bought for $5,000 less. Terms very easy and long time given if you have only a little interest. Show it to you any day you say you will and up with us and look it over.

**69**

Ah, here is fat just what you have been looking and longing for. The justly celebrated "Enil Kabin Stock Farm," formerly owned by the late O. W. Shipman. One hundred sixty-three and 9-hundredths acres. No waste land, all being under the highest possible state of cultivation. Best buildings in the neighborhood. Two-story 12-room house, cow, horse, sheep and grain barns of large capacity, flowing well and windmill; tables of pure, cold water through out all the buildings, soft dark clay loam made rich by hundreds of carloads of manure from Detroit and other large cities of the—well, say 'twould take a column to describe all the advantages of this place and then you wouldn't be satisfied until you examined it, so better not waste the time to write out to look at it, first as last. It's only a mile from Birmingham, straight west over beautiful roads. Come on.

**71**

Ten acres, no buildings, 6 acres cleared, 4 acres of timber and lies on Pontiac trail 4½ miles from Birmingham, Mich. Price $50.00 per acre.

**74**

Part of n ½ of sec 23, Bloomfield, 44 acres, 4 acres of timber and pasture land, 4 acres orchard—good fruit—buildings valued at $500, 1¼ miles west of the D. & F. Electric Ry. free mail delivery. Good well, cellar, cistern and fine living water in the south-west part of the farm. Price $2,800 and terms easy on long time. If you want a home in the line of an excellent neighborhood, all ready to commence business at once, see us about this at all. And us about No. 74. A postal will get it.

**75**

Cottage, number 30 Oak Hill street, Pontiac, Mich. 4 rooms and attic. Half a mile from the court house. Price $600 cash or installments.

**77**

Two lots on Saginaw street, bounded on the north by land of John German, on the east by D. U. R. M. R. R., on the south by land of William Milton, on the west by Saginaw street; 100 feet frontage. Anyone wishing to purchase will find this a bargain. For particulars inquire of Mollie G. Smith at the Exchange Bank.

**83**

The new offering in the real estate department of the Exchange Bank this week is a little farm of 38 acres, adjoining the village, 8 acres timber which is all large but scattered, an acre of orchard and a building. Inquire assured for $1500. Ask Whitehead at the Exchange Bank.

**84**

A beautiful and productive farm—no better in the county—and only a mile from the electric road, near the village of Pontiac; three miles from Birmingham, four miles from Pontiac, lovely timber and handsome building; a surprising plenty of water the year 'round. Not a foot of waste land, ten-room house and good outbuildings, orchard, etc., etc. Ten acres of timber, oak and hickory; 5 acres of good orchard (new peaches and cherries coming) and altogether an ideal stock or dairy farm. Nothing to conceal but everything to show you about this place, which will be sure to please you—if you care to be pleased at all. More particulars? Nope. Costs us too much. But, say, you will ask about it on a postal (only costs you a cent) and we will gladly tell you first. Honest, it's cheap at the price asked for it.

**85**

A nice little farm of 7 acres a mile west of the electric road in the village of Birmingham and only 1½ miles west of that village. No sand, but good gravelly loam, ten acres of timber, 2 fine buildings and everything in good repair, all ready to settle down and live the life of Riley. If you will tell you what it can be bought for, first as last, Five Thousand Dollars will buy it, with enough down to secure it and the balance on long and easy terms. Now, will you be good and let us tell you more about it on application, either in person or by mail?

**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 Station on the D. & F. line and a half mile west of the Rochester line, 12 miles from Detroit and 4 miles from the village of 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 165 feet deep. Modern ten room house with closets, cellar, well, wood shed and summer kitchen. Now, this is strictly "on the level" and you will find it worth while if you really have any intention of buying a home in this village within a year, you can't afford to overlook this. Price, complete, only $4,000 and $5,600 and more than that but that's a state secret and you'll never get it out of us, not until you see Whitehead and ask him about it. Cross us in the deal and may never see the back of my neck if that isn't so.

## MISUNDERSTOOD HIM.

Mr. Pompous (newly elected)—"I want to have my picture taken."

Photographer—"Yes, sir. Cabinet, sir?"

Mr. Pompous—"No; House of Representatives."—New York American.

## A CHANGE OF MOMENT.

"I've got my eye on a girl who has a million dollars in her own name."

"Well?"

"Well, I was wondering if I should get her to change her name if any of her change would be in my name."—Philadelphia Press.

## HER IDEA OF IT.

Mrs. Newed—"I'm afraid my husband has ceased to love me."

Mrs. Homer—"What change do you find?"

Mrs. Newed—"None; that's just the trouble. He has quit leaving any in his pockets."—Chicago News.

## TWO OF HIS STRONG POINTS.

The Young Man—"I don't take any credit to myself for being able to spell better than other people can. Spelling is a gift."

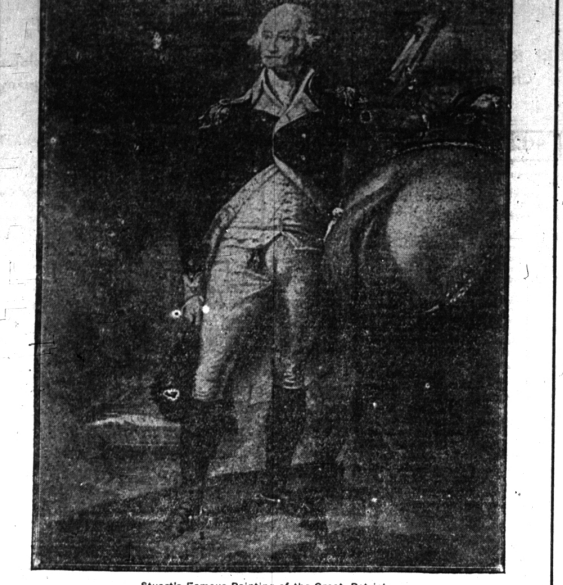
Miss Snappeigh—"You acquired your modesty, I presume, by diligent application."—Chicago Tribune.

## READY TO RELIEVE HIM.

"It is a generous and helpful world," said the multimillionaire.

"Indeed?"

"Yes; when it was announced that I desired to die a comparatively poor man there was a general movement to assist me in the enterprise."—Washington Star.

Stuart's Famous Painting of the Great Patriot.

# THE GREAT VIRGINIAN

The eighteenth century history of our country groups itself about one central figure. We never escape from the presence of the great Virginian, and yet it was a time rich in human product. It is not easy to comprehend the causes which produced this amazing fruitage of ability.

Among the men who caused and carried the Revolution were many who in brilliant qualities far surpassed George Washington. Seen through the mist of years, they rise in our imagination and are seen grouped about the grave Virginian's sturdy figure, as in the church at Innsbruck the bronze statues of friends and allies surround the tomb where the great Kaiser, Maximilian, kneels in prayer.

What was there in the man which still makes him stand for us a larger human figure than Hamilton, or John Adams, or Jefferson. In some ways the difference seems clear. His unselfishness was without a flaw. His sense of duty was like a religion. He had in perfection both moral and physical courage; he who is without fear is rarely without hope, and it may have been this which gave him such unfaltering hopefulness as seemed to have the force of inspiration, the self-sustaining power of prophetic insight. No doubt other men also possessed these characteristics, but none had them in so high a degree. This does help us to comprehend him, but does not adequately describe a great historic personage who has become for us to-day no more than a splendid lay figure.

His slow, sure mind, his heroic patience, his strong passions, his splendid physical manhood, nowhere, on any page, express themselves in terms of life. Is this because the lives of the greatest always leave something of the causes of greatness unrevealed? It may be so. Or is this stately figure still waiting for the revealing biographer who will give us such a life-like presentment as Carlyle has left of Frederick and of Cromwell? It would seem to be easy, for what life reports itself more simply? What more rich in interest and in incident? What personality was ever more clearly built up by efforts which raise, stone on stone, the masonry of character? Its value to the thoughtful lies less in the attained serenity of the statuesque Washington, present to the common mind, than in a correct apprehension of the process by which the crude Virginia boy grew into the maturity of the official years of our first president.

There rises before me, as I write, the figure of the half educated, overserious, country bred lad. Forced to depend on his own exertions, he learns to survey land and accepts as daily wages—a thing not fancied by the Virginia gentleman of that day. We see him at the camp fires of the trader and the Indian, and in the stillness of the Ohio forests, plotting surveys and measuring trees. At nineteen he is sent as envoy to the aggressive French on the frontier; next, as a militia major, he strikes the first blow in the Seven Years' War, little thinking what it was to bring forth, and what to teach. At the age of twenty-three he comes out of the defeat with Braddock, one of the few who won praise and honor. The long border struggle, which followed is a record of exasperating struggles with ignorant governors, inefficient legislators, drunken militia and untrained officers. We come next to the fox hunting squire, the accomplished farmer, a master of slaves, still longing for war—the profession of arms. Did he dream that he should see too much of it, and would some day write that he hoped for a great republic of mankind, where the growth of commerce would become the most certain peacemaker and all war would be at an end? At forty-four he was in command at Cambridge. Last of all, he is twice President. Then come two happy years at Mount Vernon, and on a December night the tired man finds in death that which earth denied—the peace which is past understanding.

My purpose to-day is to speak to you of Washington as I find him in his written words, where most he seems to be alive. I want you to share with me what I got out of months of patient study of Mr. Ford's collection of his letters.

These are in fourteen volumes—eight thousand pages in all. He was the most productive of American writers. There are three thousand documents, some two thousand entirely from his own hand. Mr. Ford tells me that, in all, this untiring man has left us about ten thousand letters.

The handwriting demands a word of comment. How clear it is! How steadily the same, with never a sign of haste! I have seen the letter he wrote to announce Arnold's treason. It betrays no sign of the emotion that awful hour must have caused—an hour which, informed with the sad loneliness of the great, wrung from this tranquil soldier, "Who is there now I can trust?"

Like most great rulers, George Washington was a silent man. To be called upon for public speech embarrassed him. He was shy, reserved, undemonstrative, and, De Lauzun says, diffident. John Adams said, "Half his reputation was due to his talent for silence." Well had it been for his critic had he had that virtue for both tongue and pen. This reserved gentleman confessed himself readily to paper. He who in talk and diaries said nothing personal of his views, or of what he seemed to himself to be, in his letters gives us freely to know what he thought he was, morally and mentally. It is an autobiography quite innocently revealed.

"With all his love of ceremony and his personal dignity—a man with whom no one took liberties—it is interesting to see, as we have already seen, how humbly and how simply he writes of his defects. He says, 'I have no genius for war.' He finds it hard to learn this business—warfare—and at the same time to practice it. He excuses Sullivan's defeat. "All of us," he says, "want experience in moving men upon a large scale; our knowledge of military matters is limited."

As a critic of war he was the first to insist again and again that the command of the sea was all-important. What the British fleet will do puzzles him, but not the plans of his adversaries on land. He predicts Burgoyne's disaster, and tells Greene that such defeats as his are victories.

We have been told that he was no great general. If, with half-fed, ill-clad men, with constant lack of arms and powder, and at last with inertia everywhere and a country in ruins; if, with such means he baffled a foe rich in men, money and sea power; if with little he accomplished all he set out to do, there must at least be a label for this form of greatness.

Turning from his fiery courage and reckless exposure in war, there are in these letters many evidences of tenderness and humanity. They are shown early in life, when he says that he would readily die in torture to save the frontier people from Indian cruelty. They appear in his extreme unwillingness to make reprisals on innocent men. He steadily refused, as he says, "to avenge cruelty by cruelty." He reproaches a general for such conduct, and pleads mercy for the Tories while Sir Henry Clinton is carrying on a savage warfare of murder and rapine.

This man had no children. He was the ancestor of a nation. Let no reputation of his praise lose for you the true value of the man. He left to us the heirs of his renown, a record of unfailing courage, a story of heroic conduct, an example of lifelong duty —the unequalled life of an unequalled day.—From an address by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell.

**Imitates American Locomotives.**

The Bavarian government has decided to construct a large number of new locomotives upon the models of the American locomotives introduced by the railways of Bavaria four years ago.

Washington elm at Cambridge, Mass. It was under this tree General Washington took command of the American army.