THE FATAL REQUEST OR FOUND OUT

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CHAPTER XVIII.—Continued.

"Wait a bit," was the impetuous answer, "there is more to come still." He told him about the visit to the detective, and the detective's opinion of the matter. Then, with a little hesitation in his manner, he related his strange experience on the night of his return; the voice which he heard telling him where to look, and the discovery of the photograph in the very place indicated. Having reached this point in his narrative he paused to judge of the effect it had produced upon his hearer.

Dr. Cartwright said nothing, and Ted went on to tell how the imperfect copy of the letter, which he had made himself from the remains of the original, had been completed and filled up in another hand.

The doctor withdrew himself into ambush, as it were, behind his spectacles. Then he opened his mouth—"A remarkable co—".

"No, hang it all!" was the interruption; "don't let us have any more coincidences; I'm sick of the very sound of the word. Call it anything you like but that."

Dr. Cartwright shook his head. "But what else could it be? My professional opinion"—in quite another tone of voice—"is, that the sooner you hand this room over to the housemaid the better. Meanwhile, suppose you show me the original document that was burnt?"

The young man produced it from the same secret hiding place as before, and laid it out before him without a word. There was silence for some moments, which was only broken by the sound of the doctor's voice, as he repeated the words to himself, as he succeeded in deciphering them. At the end of five minutes he gave it up.

"It's of no use puzzling my brains

"No sign of any writing but your own."

and injuring my eyesight over this any longer. Let me see your copy of the letter—that mysterious copy which the ghostly hand filled in for you. I suppose you have kept it under lock and key ever since?"

"I have done better than that," was the answer. "I have carried it about my person ever since."

"I suppose you have some specimens of your late father's handwriting that I may compare it with?"

His friend put his hand to his breast pocket and produced an envelope.

"This is it," he said. "As to comparing it with any other writing, it happens that, without noticing it, I made the copy upon the back of a sheet of paper upon which my father had written the first words of a letter—a letter, which, for some reason or another, was never finished."

The doctor took the envelope which was fastened down, opened it and drew out the inclosure. As he held it, the other man could see on the outer page the date, "April 23d," and the words, "My dear—." He watched the doctor's face. He saw its expression change from interest to bewilderment, and felt that he was triumphing over the scepticism which had possessed his friend at the outset. "You notice the difference in the two handwritings in which the copy is made?" he asked. "You observe that part of a sentence is written in one and the rest in another?"

"Well, I can't quite say that I do," was the unexpected reply.

"What do you mean?"

"Why, it's plain enough. Look here!" The doctor held the sheet of paper out toward him.

He saw the broken, incoherent sentences which he had himself written. He saw and recognized his own handwriting. The other had disappeared.

CHAPTER XIX.

Dr. Jeremiah Is Astonished.

For a moment there was a dead silence. Then the young man still holding the sheet of paper in his hand, dropped into the nearest chair, and the same words fell from his lips which he had uttered before under somewhat similar circumstances—"Am I going mad?"

"Not at all," was the cheerful response. "Don't you see?" he went on, clapping him on the back. "You dreamt it; that was all."

The other raised a haggard face toward him. "But how about the writing which I saw, and of which, even though it has now mysteriously disappeared, I can recall every word."

"It certainly is very strange," said Dr. Cartwright. "But, at the same time, there is an explanation possible."

"And that is?"

"That in your sleep this arrangement suggested itself to your mind so forcibly, that you were able to retain the impression on waking and, what you thought you read with your outward eyes was, in actual fact, only visible to those of your imagination."

The young man gave an impatient sigh. "Have it your own way. Of course I can't expect you to accept my statement as the truth."

"My dear fellow!" said the doctor, "let us both agree to maintain our own without seeking to disturb the other's opinion. But, for all that, I should like, if you have no objection, to submit the origin of this discussion to two tests, and, if you have a microscope anywhere about the premises and can also procure a lamp, as there is no fire in the grate, we can proceed with the investigation at once."

Both articles were forthcoming with very little delay.

The doctor examined the blank spaces on the paper carefully through the microscope, then shook his head. "There is no sign of any writing but your own. I suppose you will stick to your original opinion in spite of this?"

"I do," was the answer, given most emphatically.

"I thought you would," answered his friend. "I suppose that now you have told me all there is to be told?" He rose from his chair.

"Keep your seat," said the young man; "I have not done with you yet. First, please give me your pledge of secrecy."

The doctor, somewhat puzzled, gave his promise.

"Now," said Ted, "where is the morning paper?"

"I left it in the other room. Do you want it?"

"Yes, I'll get it," he replied, and quitted the room.

"Read that advertisement, doctor," he said, when he returned, and he handed the paper to the physician.

Dr. Cartwright read blindly through a small announcement among the "Situations Vacant," and then looked wonderingly up at the young man.

"I'm going to apply," said Ted.

"What!" gasped the doctor. "You mean to say that you're going to trick yourself out as a servant on the off chance of locating your father's murderer. Why, you're mad, sir, mad. Here, let me read the thing again:

Man-servant wanted at once. Apply personally, J. Ferrers, Belmont House, Hampstead."

"Ferrers," broke in Ted, impulsively. "That name of all names. There can be no mistake. I tell you I'm going to apply for that situation, and so get a chance to study the man."

"Very well," said Dr. Cartwright, after a pause. "Go ahead with your plan, and I'll help you all I can. I'll explain that business has made it necessary for you to leave home for a time."

With Ted, to think was to act, and he wasted no time in shaving off his mustache and repairing to Belmont House. He created such a favorable impression that he was at once installed in his new position under the assumed name of Edwards. He was not able to discover anything for many days. Mr. Ferrers kept his room for the most part, and was careful to lock the door when he left, for even the shortest time. With great difficulty Ted—or Edwards, as we must now call him—got an impression of the lock and had a key made but could get find no opportunity to use it.

But one tremendous discovery rewarded the man-servant, made, and one which he had not anticipated. When his eyes fell on James Ferrers, the pretty daughter of the man he was tracking down, his heart was no longer in his keeping. He had first seen pretty James Ferrers in the Royal Academy, and the smile she had then given him for returning a dropped program had set his pulses throbbing and stamped her image on his soul. Now, by a strange caprice of fate, he was brought into touch with her again, but they were not on equal footing now. She was mistress, he was a servant—nay, more a spy.

Besides, had he not sworn to avenge his father's murder. The situation was torture.

"It cannot be," he groaned. "I may not—I must not love her. I have my mission."

But, try as he would, he could not altogether hide his affection. His eyes followed Agnes about, and if she did not notice it, there was one other who did. This was Perkins, the housekeeper, who had ever been suspicious of "the young man." Not for a moment did she allow him to escape her scrutiny, and he was often handled in his task by her prying eyes. He dared not make any prolonged search, for Perkins would have had him denounced as a thief and he should probably have been dismissed.

Then came a break in his attempt to unravel the mystery. His mother was taken seriously ill, and he hasteaed home, only in time to hear her dying message. When the funeral had concluded he returned to his task, leaving his sister in Dr. Cartwright's care.

CHAPTER XX.

Extracts from a Young Man's Diary.

"I find my self-imposed task harder and more torturing to my feelings than ever. Heaven knows how I am to muster strength and determination to carry it through. As it is, I am torn by conflicting feelings; my resolution varies a hundred times a day. I only returned to my situation two days ago. I had fully determined in my own mind, before doing so, that the only way in which to remain master of myself was to put myself, as far as possible, beyond the reach of temptation, by allowing myself to see as little of, and by holding no sort of communication whatever with, the enchantress, who has made havoc of my interest and most justifiable resolutions, and taken my heart and brain captive.

"I returned to this house full of the resolution of keeping my plan and purpose constantly before me—of remembering whose son I was and whose daughter she is. And how long did I keep faith with myself? How long did I preserve this precious resolve inviolate? Only until she encountered me—quite unexpectedly on my part—and, animated by some celestial sympathy did divine impulse, spoke to me of my mother, pitied my bereavement, wished she could have done something, and even went so far as to say that she could sympathize with me, because she was motherless and friendless!

"'Poor fellow!' I heard her murmur to herself as she turned away.

"'Poor fellow!' What title would she bestow upon me if she knew the truth—the truth, which must out sooner or later? Villain! Spy! Be traitor!

"But I must not allow myself to think of this, for, if I do, I am lost. Let me employ my pen on some other and less distracting subject.

"I have made a discovery since my return—or, rather, it has been made for me. One of the first items of information worthy of notice, which I received, from cook, who was apparently bursting with that and a sense of her own added importance, in having played such a prominent part in the affair, was a 'Lor' bless me, as they do you think, young man?' Master's been and made 'is will, which I was the chief witness.'

"This was a piece of news worth having. Why has he suddenly taken this step? Does he suspect foul play? Does he begin to fear man's vengeance or God's? Is he menaced by some mortal illness, the chances of which I have before contemplated or does he mean to commit suicide and thus elude the just punishment which might await the discovery of his crime?

(To be continued.)

NUTS THE IDEAL FOOD.

Are Most Highly Concentrated Form of Nutriment.

Nuts have always been food, but never with such esteem as now. Modern medicine, at last eschewing mineral poisoning and ferocious bleeding, cutting and hewing, is substituting common sense in the place of many outgrown creeds and mysteries of the curing cult, so long imposing upon the world with the priestcraft of science. It has taken to the more natural methods of diet and sanitation, and nut food is the most important element of this new regimen. One of the up-to-date vegetarian restaurants, the staple for soups and stews and roasts of newly invented scientific titles is the nutritant material of nuts.

Edible nuts are very rich in oil, with only a small percentage of the so-called carbohydrates, such as starch and sugar, and they also contain a large proportion of nitrogenous constituents. They are thus the most highly concentrated form of nutriment and nature knew what she was about in providing such wrappings and rinds as make it difficult to come at these most precious bits of food. Evidently her idea was that if Adamic men were to undertake to live by nuts alone, under the greenwood tree, they would ruin their stomachs with too much riches, that Adam had to take plenty of time for getting at the nut's meat, and pick away, if on nut diet, at his food all day, as the birds and fowls do.—Boston Transcript.

Wonderful Human Hand.

The human hand is so wonderfully formed, it has so fine a sensibility, that sensibility governs its motion so correctly, every effort of the will is answered so instantly, as if the hand itself were the seat of that will, its actions are so free, so powerful, and so graceful, that Adam had to possess a quality instinct in itself, and we use it as we draw our breath each moment, unconsciously, and have lost all recollection of the feeble and ill-directed efforts of its first exercise, by which it has been perfected. In the fingers we could never begin to form the mechanism of which result strength, mobility and elasticity. On the length, strength, motion and mobility of the thumb depends the power of the hand. Without the fleshy ball of the thumb, the power of the fingers would avail nothing, and, accordingly, the large ball formed by the muscles of the thumb is the distinguishing character of the human hand.

Italy's King Loves a Sportsman.

The King of Italy is devoted to all outdoor sports, more especially tennis, shooting, yachting, motoring and fishing. There is a story that once on returning from a very bad day's fishing, the King met a poor man who had been very much more successful. The latter stopped to greet the man and asked for a light. The man noticed that the fish the King was carrying were few in number and small, and not recognizing the King, chaffed him on his bad luck. "You might do the King," said the man, "with a little lot." Why?" asked the King, slightly embarrassed. "Well," said the man, "everyone knows that he's all right as a King, but he's no sportsman."

Spain Is Waking Up.

A recent report from Bilbao states that there is a very strong possibility of the import trade in nitrate of soda and sulphate of ammonia for agriculture purposes being considerably increased, owing to the efforts to improve the methods of cultivation in Spain. About 4,000 tons of nitrate are used every year at Bilbao in the production of acids and chemical manure.

Pine in Luzon.

In the island of Luzon there are nearly a million acres of rolling pine land, with no underbrush or tropical vegetation, where the climate is like that of the Upper Alleghany mountain in June.

FARM CELL

Breeding Army Horses.

It is a well known fact to most of our readers that during the recent war in South Africa, Great Britain obtained most of her cavalry, artillery and transport horses and mules in this country. It will be news to most of them, however, to learn that our horses proved more lasting and reliable than those obtained in any other country. It is even said that American horses were found better than, those bought in Canada, which is difficult to believe—but perhaps to be explained on the score that Morgan blood is found in the foundation stock of many of the horses procured in our own country, while Canada cannot boast of such capital foundation material. The Morgan has given us perhaps the best serviceable army horses. They had plenty of lasting, staying abilities, good, sound bone, fine, good-wearing feet and lots of nerve for work, combined with docility of disposition which is highly desirable. It is hardly alleged that certain portions of the west have been found peculiarly adapted for the production of sound, hardy army horses in Montana especially were found hundreds of sturdy, fleet and sound horses that gave the best of satisfaction in the field and one naturally turns to that part of the country as most suitable for the production of the class of horses in question. To come to such a conclusion is however quite erroneous in our opinion. The fact that Montana has given perhaps the best class of army horses to date is largely explained by the fact that the native mares have been of the tough brocho sort used to hard living and exhaustive runs over extensive territory. Again the mountainous pastures in high altitudes have developed good lung power while the lime formation has doubtless had much to do with the production of fine flinty bone and sound, tough hoofs. Indeed, many equally good locations in the country for the production of such horses. Such districts are found, where nitrogenous foods luxuriate and where the climate is somewhat rigorous and the soil full of mineral matters rather than rich in humus. There are millions of acres of such land in northern Wisconsin, Minnesota, Dakota and Nebraska, while over the line in the Alberta country settlers may well assist in the production of army horses of the right type and character. It appears evident that before long the government will give special attention to this business of army horse production and appoint ex-officers to work with a commission of expert horse breeders to guide the selection, approval and registry of stallions and mares suitable for the production of the class of horses required. The right sort is said to be dying out, on the plains, and it is time to commence stocking suitable districts with the chosen class of breeding animals for the work in question. What the breeding stock will be remains to be seen but it is likely that preference will be given to horses possessing some Morgan blood, although a full supply of such location of stock, if used to find. When such have been located it is proposed to register them and provide for standard fees to be charged for the service of the stallions upon approved mares also recorded and to limit the progeny which will be bought for the army at fair prices to be decided by market values at the time of purchase. Montana should take a lively interest in this proposition, but the other districts we have indicated should certainly have a share of the business and should the government decide to establish breeding farms in suitable districts we would like to see one placed in each of the locations we have suggested. We do not mean that these are the only suitable locations for such breeding farms but we would consider them eminently well adapted for the production of the class of horses needed in the army. The soil and climate are just what is required and the horses there produced will certainly be found to possess that lively, possessed of stamina and vim and sufficient size to meet all of the requirements. We understand from the Chicago Tribune that Representative McCreary has introduced a bill in congress looking to government encouragement and partial control of this class of breeding.—Farmers' Review.

At Farrowing Time.

In an address to Kansas farmers John Cownie said: "Have your pigs come about the same time—within a week or two—so that they will all be of one age and one size. That is one great secret in successful swine raising. It will save a great deal of difficulty at farrowing time. I used to have a great deal of trouble at farrowing time in losing sows. I remember one year I lost fifteen sows that could not give birth to their pigs. You have all, no doubt, had trouble of that kind. I have lost some valuable sows, direly tired, because they could not give birth to their pigs. At that time I did not know what was the matter. Now I know all about it. That may be saying a good deal. But I never lose a sow now in farrowing time, not one. There is no grain produced that is more fat-producing than corn. We fed our young hogs altogether too much corn. The reason that these sows died was that they had been fed too much corn and their pigs were too large and fat, and they could not give birth to them. I had fed corn, as my neighbors had done. Now I scarcely feed an ear to my brood sows. They are not fed a great deal and there is no trouble in farrowing; haven't lost a sow for a dozen years. I feed a sow to make bone and muscle. I am not feeding the sow then; I am feeding the embryo pig, and what I want in that pig is bone and muscle. I remember once I had fifty sows farrow in two weeks; had as fine a lot of hogs as I ever raised. I was proud of those hogs."

Catholics in America.

There are about 11,000,000 Catholics in the United States.

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; 30 acres timber, ½ mile from Howell; 1 mile from electric railway 's Detroit and Pontiac. Terms easy.

3.

Twenty-nine and two-thirds acres of land near Irish church in Royal Oak township. It is an ordered land, four miles south of Royal Oak, one mile west of the Detroit & Pontiac electric railway, one mile south of the electric line in Birmingham, over good roads, consists of 1834 acres, of which 123 acres are cleared and the balance is covered with timber. The land is select and fruit and in good bearing. The soil is a rich clay loam and there are quite good buildings which are valued at $3,000 and upon which there is $1,500 insurance. They consist of good two-story brick house with ten rooms, furnace heating, whole house; large barn, shed, hop-house, granary, corn-crib, wagon-house, milk-house, creamery, etc., fine driving well piped to the creamery and the barns. Fruit: Apples are now being raised upon this farm and the soil is adapted upon this farm to the raising of sugar Beets to the acre; 130 bushels of corn to the acre. Seven acres of wheat raised this season. Potatoes was an absolute failure all over the state. It is well adapted to the raising of all kinds of cereals or pasture. It is well fenced and thoroughly watered. Excellent stock farm. Pasture to the south. It is all ready to commence a profitable farming business. All things duly considered this farm is worth more than cost of One Hundred Dollars per Acre and we have to base our figures at. If you have the most remote desire to purchase a farm of one of the most attractive and profitable farms in Michigan, we ask you to write us and we will be glad to come and see it. If you want to look the farm over we will be very glad to take you to see it. We will treat you well and if you are disappointed in nothing else and if you do not buy you will never hear us complain of the time wasted in showing you the premises.

5.

Elegant house and lot on fleet front and 20 rods deep on Main St., Northville. House has 10 rooms, barn and every modern convenience. Furnace, bath, closet, etc. Can be bought for what the buildings cost. A rechange for property for other property for portion of the purchase price.

6.

The VanDevry farm on the north shore at King Lake, 80 acres, 10 acres timber, good barns, fine lake frontage, 3 acres fine orchard, 12 acres fruit. Excellent fishing, boating and bathing. Terms easy

7.

Beautiful lake property for sale, located on the east side of Gilbert Lake in the township of Novi, Oakland county, Mich., 2 miles from the Detroit & Pontiac electric city with half hour service each way. Constitutes the northerly part of the farm formerly known as the Henry Gerdner property and is owned by Mrs. Agnes Mrs M. Frances O'Brien, of Detroit, M. ich., who finds it inconvenient to manage the property and prefers to sell but rather than let the improvement sits where. These circumstances combine to make a bargain for the right party at once and have led creditor to offer it at the low price of $2,000 on easy terms. The farm comprises 100 acres of land in all, and the gently sloping shores go down to a gravelly beach, affording good accommodations for boating, fishing and bathing. The house is commodious and contains nine rooms. It has also two good barns and other buildings for the convenient accommodation of stock, tools, etc. Excellent orchard and 50 acres of hardwood timber bordering the lake. The buildings are in good shape and the buildings are insured for $,000. The terms will be made extremely favorable and persons having cash can secure rare bargains. Parties desiring to see the property will receive every consideration and will be given the opportunity of securing one of the most beautiful lake farms in the county for a few hours' time. Before any one thinks of making a personal inspection of the property at any time, conveyances will be gladly furnished.

8.

One of the best farms in Oakland county. It is almost enough to say when we tell you that it is the John Bullingall farm in the township of Troy, 2½ miles from Birmingham, 2 miles straight south of the corners, where there is a church, store, post office, etc. The farm is 1 mile from Detroit, and there are every hour to Detroit, Pontiac and Lake Orion. Price low and terms easy.

10.

Large, roomy two-story house on Townsend St. in Birmingham, good barn, city water and all ordinary conveniences, 120 ft. front and 160 ft. deep. Small fruit and good neighborhood.

12.

The Ryder farm in the town of Troy, 127½ acres. Good farm house and farm buildings. Soil of a sandy loam. Fruit: Apples, a large and prime of fruit, 30 acres good bearing and inspected by the state inspector. Cream station is built in the orchard. Cream delivered at the door. The first will secure one of the best barg. ins in the county. Look it up.

13.

Farm in Southfield, 67 acres, of which 10 acres is timber, good fourth acid maple. Soil, clay loam. Fruit: Apples, a large crop and prime of fruit, 10 acres good bearing and inspected by the state inspector. Now, small house and small barn, 2 miles from Birmingham. Price $,000. It will pay you to see it if it. Will trade for Birmingham property.

16.

Fine fruit farm of 68 acres about 3 miles from Birmingham, nice rolling land, 5 acres timber. No waste land. Soil, sandy loam. Fruit: 30 grapes, 20 apples, 15 acres raspberries, 4 acres strawberries, 1 acre peaches. Price $60 per acre. Will take other property for part pay. Tell you more about it if you ask us.

19.

A farm of 100 acres in the township of Bloomfield, Oakland county, Mich., 50 acres cleared, 50 acres timber, 10 acres fourth acid maple. Soil, sandy loam. Price $,000 per acre. Will exchange for a long time at 5 per cent. Here is a golden opportunity for a man who wants a good farm in a good town. Better investigate.

20.

One of the finest farms in the grand old town city of Bloomfield, Oakland county. See us for scenery and productive soil. It is the Hazell farm about half way between Birmingham and Pontiac and just far enough from the electric cars to make advantage of all. 2 convenient houses and 2 barns, 2 orchards, 1 of 20 acres, 1 of 10 acres of the finest 4-acre orchard in the state, 1,000 peach and 700 plum trees, in bearing. Good conveniences, 20 rooms, 2 v ls, good windmill, barn 50x60, with basement, and other buildings on the farm, and land is perfectly tiled, 90 miles (15 minutes) to Pontiac. Excellent roads at all times. Price $,000 per acre for quick sale. Better let us tell you about it. A postal card will do it.

27.

Want to go west? Have a fancy for owning 160 acres of red bees land in Dakota county, Nebraska. Said by experts to be the finest fruit land in the world. Two-thirds of the farm is cleared and there is an orchard of 40 acres of the hardiest and finest varieties of fruit. Buildings and everything is ready for business. The price is $7,000 and proper discounts for cash will be given. Some take sale or want to trade for property and lots for part of the purchase money. Remember that this is the finest land in the world. Let us tell you about the healthful climate of Colorado if you have been troubled with a cough or lung trouble or consumption.

33.

Twenty-three hundred dollars cash will buy one of the most profitable farms in the township of Southfield, consisting of 80 acres for sale at $60 per acre, but the balance of the purchase price will be allowed to continue on mortgage at 7 per cent, or will trade for a smaller farm and give the difference. Has three good bearing orchards, three good barns, good house, good cellars, well, cistern and all ordinary conveniences. There are other inducements. Price $2,300 cash. Look it up. Mitchell.

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How little forty-acre farms up in Seattle count for now. Only 20 acres of it cleared, but it is already a good bark and a comfortable house. Only 2½ miles from the city. Will be glad to show it. Appointment office on the P. S. & N. Ry. we'll take you out in automobile. Price $1,000 cash. Terms on balance. For a poor man with a small amount of money to start with here's a good chance. work out the balance, this will be worth more than it is now. But don't go along all you have in it. Something for someone else to have some time. Come and tell us what you can do and we'll see what we can do. We want to get rid of it and don't deal, and if we do, the man who buys it will be glad of it. Price $1,000 cash. Mitchell.

57.

Two new houses located on 1st of Cranberry, Southfield, Birmingham, P. O. Price $2,000 cost that to build. At this price it would be all right to occupy. Would trade for vacant lots. Inquire about it.

38.

Two story house and lot on south side of lake. Two rooms on first floor, three on second floor, 30 ft. front, 110 ft. deep. Not any cold water but fresh water from well and cistern. Also an outhouse and every modern convenience. Terms $500 cash, balance on long time. Price $2,800. If you want to own property that will sell for more than it costs to build, this is the place. Call at our office and get particulars. If you are only curious it will be useless if we can't interest you.

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Brick house, good barn and seven acres of land suitable for platting on south side of Maple Lake road, Birmingham, Mich. Will be platted into subdivis on. 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.

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Fine Stock Farm—the celebrated Cobb Farm—for sale in desirable southern Michigan. Buildings are well painted and in good condition. Large 18 room frame house, with cellar divided into three compartments. House surrounded with large handsome elm trees. Horse barn 34x36 feet, with basement and separate carriage room. Bank barn with granary, over head for 40 tons of hay. Sheep barn with cement floor and 5 or 6 additional stalls, sliding doors between each. Large plank floor, steel stanchions, etc., etc. Horse barn with 10 box stalls and pad ocks. Wagon shed with room for 6 other stalls and paddock enclosed with high board fence. Straw shed. Tool house, enclosed with sliding doors. Ice house. Stallion 4 feeding box; small attached and paddock. Ball park with 4 sliding seats. Best varieties, 3 apricots, 2 quince, currants, grapes, straw berries, etc. 3 acres timber or wood lot. Water Good well with iron pump at house; good well with iron pump at stables; branch of Huron & Rouge river passes within south end of farm and is NEVER DRY. Farm is well tiled. Fences all in first class shape, and entirely new. Land in condition of soil: Farm has carried an average of 60 head of stock during past five years. To feed of any kind sold and entire farm heavily manured. No commercial fertilizers used. Better inquire about this farm it may pay you

65.

Village lots on Saginaw street, bounded north by land of Miller Smith, east by D. U. R. & M. Ry, south by Bowes street, west by Saginaw street, 100 ft. front on Saginaw street, 174 feet deep on north side and 146 feet deep on south side; all in the village of Birmingham, Mich One of the finest building sites in the village Price $650

DO.

Lots 48 and 49 Randall's Addition, price $ 3 a.m. for the two lots which is very cheap. Will exchange for small house and lot in Birmingham

57.

Farm of 40 acres, being the s.e. ¼ of the s.e. ¼ of section 2, Farming on, Oakland county, Mich in the finest farming locality of the county, with fairly good buildings. There is no immediate rance on the property and it is less than a mile from the Farmington electric road. Plenty of timber, elm, basswood etc., and 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.

59.

House and lot, No. 1030 Fourteenth ave., Detroit, a little over a mile from the Woodward paved street, house piped and furnace; small barn, some fruit; building valued at $2,700 cost. Will exchange for lots in the Birmingham village property or for a small farm of not more than 5 acres.

60.

House and two lots 150 x 200 just north of the Birmingham line on Woodward avenue, Detroit, plenty of small fruit and shade trees; two buildings worth $2,000 cost to build. House and buildings would cost to build. House has 7 rooms and pantry, cellar, good well, nice barn. Buildings were built less than two years ago. Price $1,500 and terms very easy.

61.

House of 11 rooms on lots 5 and 13 Castle's plat, fronting on Merrill and Martin streets, Birmingham. Good cistern and ample cellar. There are also two barns which we will rent or will to talk to you about and the price is so low that we are ashamed to name it to you aloud. If you will call and see us about it, we will whisper.

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Are you tired of Michigan's wet and dry extremes? If you are come to Florida and bask in the land of sunshine and flowers? Well, now you are talking. We have been looking for a Florida farm—in a strange corner of it across the bay from Tampa—in Manatee county, Florida, just in the first edge of boating. So it will be somewhat like city weather; it's tricksted. The party will take $5,000 down and the balance on easy terms. Or we will trade with you for a small farm in Bloomfield or Farmington township. Look it up. Mitchell.

66

Good little farm in the township of West Bloomfield, Oakland county, 20 acres—so cleared—all kinds of fruit, apples, pears, peaches, plums. House and barn of but little value. Now little lake in the farm; good neighborhood and well on the very edge of the village of Walled Lake. Price for the 20 acres $,000 cash. It can be bought for $,500 per acre. Mitchell.

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Formerly known as the Reed Farm, within ten rods of the electric railway near Kimball's Corners between Birmingham and Pontiac and the Pontiac branch of the D. U. R. Eighty-eight and 40-100 acres, cleared and ready to work, except 10 acres timber and 2 acres of orchard. Good house and barn, 30x40 and 16 feet high. Good well on the farm. Soil, sandy loam. Will sell for $,500 but now owning to existing circumstances, and long time given at very low rate of interest we will sell it at a reduction from that price to any one who will step up and talk it over.

68

Three miles west of Birmingham, formerly known as the George Barker farm, now occupied and owned by Mr. Gilbert. One hundred and sixty acres of excellent land, good orchards all kinds of fruit, apples, pears, peaches, plums. Very superior class of buildings and good neighborhood with beautiful location. Land sloping gently away from the buildings across some of the richest and most profitable farming lands in the county. The price is $,000 per acre and the terms will be made very easy indeed, a short man with a little money in his make-up and enough money in his inside pocket to make a reasonable payment down, can soon pay for it.

69

Ah, here it is! just what you have been looking and hoping for, a farm. Right on Walled Lake. Kabin Stock Farm formerly owned by the late C. W. Shipman. Two hundred and forty acres, 200 acres. No waste land, all being under the highest possible state of cultivation. Good buildings in the neighborhood. Two-story 12-room house, cow, horse, sheep and grain barns of large capacity. Rowing well and windmill taken pure cold water throughout all the buildings, solid dark clay loam soil. Have a hundreds of carloads of manure from Detroit stables, 2 miles of it—well, sir! you will take a carriage to describe all the advantages of this place and then you wouldn't be satisfied until you examined it so you could see for yourself. Come out to look at it first and last. It's only a mile from Birmingham straight west over beautiful roads. Come on

70

Used to be known as the [illegible] farm 120 acres in the township of Troy, 2 miles south of Birmingham, 40 acres timber, 2 acres fine orchard, 4 buildings in excellent condition, all of them having been recently rebuilt. We will give you the price and terms for the asking. Look us up in business and might as well tell you the lowest and be done with it. Two thousand cash down will buy it and you can have your own way about paying for it. Price $,000 per acre. Only $6.00 per acre and if it isn't worth that it isn't worth mentioning in polite society. Honestly now, if you really think of buying a farm. And don't let us show you this one, you will be doing yourself an injury.

72

Part of my ¼ of sec 23, Bloomfield, 40 acres, 4 acres of timber and pasture land, 4 acres orchard—good fruit—buildings valued at $600, ½ mile west of the D. & P. Electric Ry, 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. If others have failed to see it as an excellent investment, all ready to commence farming at a price only within the reach of all. Ask us about No. 72. A postal will get it.

73.

Ten acres, no buildings, 6 acres cleared, 4 acres elm and ash timber, 1½ miles west of Birmingham, Mich. Price $600 per acre.

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Cottage, number 9 Oak Hill street, Pontiac, Mich. 4 rooms and attic. Half a mile from the court house. Price $1,000, or will exchange.

76

Two lots on Saginaw street, bounded on the north by land of John Inman, on the east by D. U. R. & M. Ry, on the south by land of Miller Smith, on the west by Saginaw street, 100 ft. front on Saginaw street and 146 feet deep on the south side. Price $650 each. Apply to Mrs. Mary Smith, 1 mile west of Birmingham, Mich., or to Mrs. Mollie G. Smith on the premises.

77

A farm of 80 acres to be exchanged for property in Detroit. Farm is situated in Plymouth township, consists of 35 acres of fine gravelly soil, 15 acres timber, balance in cultivation. Has good buildings, fine water supply, and is in fine location. Has acres of timber, two acres of which is sugar bush. Will exchange for property which must be in good location. No house given in exchange for less than $3,000. Owner has property for sale from Detroit and will sell or exchange on exceptionally favorable terms. Price $3,000. Mitchell is interested in this.

78

A big bargain, chance to get fine land, fruit and fruit farm combined, consisting of 40 acres of land, 20 acres cleared, ground and the rest of the acres timber, 2 acres of orchard on big tamarack land. Considerable pasture land and some marsh land. Good buildings, house, barn, hickory and tamarack. Soil is rich gravelly loam, and is in a good state of cultivation. Land rolling. Fine large house of 12 rooms, with bath, hot and cold water, and all modern conveniences. Large barn 40x60 ft., 10 ft. posts and 20 ft. stone basement, two stock barns attached to barn and connected with hickory. Also a large 2-story, 2-story, two story, hogh house and corncrib, two story, sheep barn, tank house and windmill. Tank house 12x12 two hen houses 10x10 and 8x10, 2 of open sheds 8x10 and 8x12. Fine driving park farm is well watered by 4 living springs and well of fine water. Also windmill and perfect water system throughout the house and barn, also 3 adjoining lakes, good stocked with fish. Farm is fenced with pickets, posts and wire fence, fine grounds, one of hard maple and one of second growth hickory. Also a fine young apple orchard of apples, pears, peaches, plums, cherries and also different varieties of berries. Good neighborhood; ½ mile to school and church; 1½ miles to M. E. church; 1½ miles to Pine Lake summer resort, and 2 miles to village and to miles to Lansing (Capital), where there is a fine market for farm products. Good roads and never failing supply of water. Natural gas within heating and lighting facilities. Will sell very desirable opportunity to secure a valuable property. Terms easy. Price $,000. Survey Goodwin farm and prices are lower than ever offered before. There are some things to tell you about this farm and if you will call he even drop a postal we'll do the rest.

81

Forty-two acres of ½ miles from the Rochester branch of the Electric Railway, 2 miles from good school, church, stores, etc. Fair Big Beaver. Two deliveries of mail every day. This is a good shoice for natural gas on the south end of the farm. 35 miles from Birmingham, 15 miles from Detroit. House in good repair and the best of buildings in excellent shape and land in high state of cultivation. Soil is sandy loam and clay. Will give immediate possession and will sell stock, tools, hay and grain if you want them. Price $,000 cash, or will exchange for property in Detroit. Will give terms very low in order to close out at once. One thousand dollars cash will buy it and the balance can be paid on long time and at low rate of interest. Don't tell you the price right here. Honest we are ashamed to—it is a whisper, but just call and whisper and you will get a price which will interest you at once. But we'd like to have forgotten. There's acres of the best orchard in the country and small fruits in abundance. Inquire! It has been a market garden farm for several years.

82

House and barn and a very nice little home all together on Lot 46 of the Willett's Plat, Pleasant Lake, Novi township, Oakland county, and owned and occupied by John O'Connell, and his family. Have to see it to appreciate it. Don't know what to say, so come out and whisper and you'll get a price which will interest you at once. But we'd like to have forgotten. There's acres of the best orchard in the country and small fruits in abundance. Inquire! It has been a market garden farm for several years.

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The new offering in the real estate department of the Exchange Bank is a pretty little farm of 38 acres adjoining the village, 8 acres timber and the balance cleared. Good house, acre of orchard and 4 buildings, the latter insured for $2,000. Ask Whitehead at the Exchange Bank.

FOR A SCRAPBOOK, $12,500.

Record Price Given for Volume Many Centuries Old.

A tiny book of vellum, centuries old and a beautifully illustrated, with a hand-painted miniature, was sold yesterday at Messrs. Sotheby's auction rooms for the record price of £2,500.

The manuscript was part of the celebrated collection of the Rev. Walter Sneyd. Its size is 4¾ inches by 3 inches, and it is said to have been over 600 years. It has no title, and may be described as a literary and pictorial medley on philosophical and Biblical subjects, many of the illustrations, which are the chief value of the volume, having no connection with the text. There are in all 190 leaves, containing 267 miniatures.

Various episodes in the life of a monk are portrayed, one picture giving the appearance of a monk playing golf; another of what looks like a conjuring performance by monks and nuns completes the list.

Nearly every page has small incidental drawings of grotesque animals, human beings, birds and devils.

There was a keen contest for the possession of the book, the bidding starting at £200, and ending at £2,500, the price offered by Mr. Quaritch. —London Mail.

Wrestling.

This reproduction from an old English print shows how men used to wrestle while mounted on the backs of other men.

Peculiar Habit of Bird.

The white tern has the curious habit of never bringing less than two fish at a time to its young. It carries the fish crosswise in its bill and sometimes returns from its excursions with no less than four fish that carried. It is easy enough to understand how it captures the first fish, but naturalists are unable to comprehend how the bird manages to retain it while securing additional ones. Its ability to hold three fish in its bill and still capture a fourth is particularly puzzling.

Daily baths or ablutions according to individual conditions, cold or warm, or warm followed by cold.

Strengthening the will in carrying out whatever is useful and in checking the craving for stimulants, anodynes and other injurious agencies.