# JOHN BURT

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## CHAPTER XXIV—Continued.

They strolled into the conservatory. For the first time he was alone with Jessie Carden, and a sense of exalted happiness surged over him.

Blake had formulated no plan of campaign for the conquest of Jessie Carden. The light of her eyes and the radiance of her beauty were to him as ignes fatui, and drew him on.

He talked of California and of Rocky Woods, but his eyes spoke love and his deep rich voice was tender. Fair woman is seldom blind to the spell cast by her charms, and it is probable that Jessie was aware of Blake's admiration; but she neither recognized nor took advantage of it.

Though he knew that the odds were overwhelmingly against him, and that one false step meant irretrievable defeat, he shut his eyes to the perils which encompassed him. He knew the risk he ran in appearing in public with Jessie Carden, but he did not hesitate to secure a box for the Booth performance.

There were four in the theater party—the general and Edith, Blake and Jessie Carden. Blake escorted Jessie to the front of the box and took his place by her side. The boxes were thronged with fair women, but all eyes were turned on Jessie Carden and her handsome escort. She had been absent from New York for two years, and only a few recognized her. James Blake was even less known, though his name had been made familiar by the name of Wall street achievements with which he was publicly identified.

The first act was nearly over when a thick-set young man, with a soft, florid face, sauntered into the box directly across the orchestra from Blake and Jessie. Both recognized the newcomer as Arthur Morris, and both felt a secret joy that he was present. Like a flash the thought came to Blake that, by means of his

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rival, he could enhance the chances of a speedy success with the woman by his side.

"Do you notice the gentleman sitting alone in the box opposite?" he asked as the curtain fell.

"Yes," answered Jessie, raising her eyes and looking at Blake with a puzzled smile. "Why do you ask?"

"That's Arthur Morris, the banker. Would you like to meet him?"

"I shall be delighted!" exclaimed Jessie, who could not resist the temptation.

At that instant Morris directed his opera-glass for the first time at the Blake box. The smile of joy when he recognized Jessie turned to one of blank amazement when he saw James Blake. In response to Blake's signal the dazed Morris was picking his way through the crush. Blake led Jessie to the rear of the box.

"Miss Carden, permit me to present my friend, Mr. Arthur Morris."

Jessie smiled and offered her hand.

"I'm glad to meet any friend of Mr. Blake's," she said.

"By Jove, old man, this is a joke on you, or me—or both of us!" stammered Morris. "Charmed to meet you again, Miss Carden! How are you, General Carden? This is a good one on you, Blake! I've been acquainted with Miss Carden for years—five years, is it not, Miss Carden?"

Jessie's laughing eyes admitted the truth and Blake looked properly confused.

"I shall have to forgive you," Blake said to Jessie, "but you are taking an unfair advantage of a wild Westerner."

"You have the reputation of being lucky," said Morris, laying his hand familiarly on Blake's shoulder, "but I didn't know that your good fortune extended to an acquaintance with Miss Carden."

There was a shade of insolence in his tone, and an air which did not escape any of his three listeners. It hinted that he was General Carden's employer; that the latter was under obligations of him, and that Jessie was pledged to pay the debt. But Blake was a good actor and finished the comedy between the acts. He held the key to the solution. Of all the figures in this complicated drama, he alone knew the motives which influenced the other players.

"I might say the same to you, my dear Morris," said Blake with airy confidence. "Were it in good form I would willingly wager a supper that I met Miss Carden before you did. Have I your permission, Miss Carden, to challenge Mr. Morris to such a wager?"

"You have," laughed Jessie.

General Carden's face was a study, but Morris was too dumfounded to notice it. Blake's words had reminded him of the night he first met the young magnate from California. He had only one card to play.

"I accept your wager," he said.

"When I was a boy I lived in Rocky Woods," began Blake. "Miss Carden probably has told you that she spent the summers with Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, who still have a country place near there. Miss Carden was then a little girl, but I remember her distinctly. That's all. If you demand evidence, I have not the slightest doubt that Miss Carden or the general will furnish it."

To Jessie's amusement and General Carden's relief Morris declared that he did not doubt Blake's word. The fires of jealousy burned fiercely in him, but he concealed his rage.

"I admit myself done, old chap," he declared. "We shall have a jolly dinner in honor of my defeat. Say Tuesday, at Sherry's? Will that be convenient, Miss Carden? Good! There goes the curtain."

Morris smiled gaily and excused himself, and Blake and Jessie resumed their places.

"You have a wonderful memory, Mr. Blake," said Jessie, behind her fan. "I could not help thinking, while you were enlightening Mr. Morris, that perhaps you had unconsciously confused your Rocky Mountain career with that of your boyhood friend, John Burt."

The smile on Blake's lips died and the color mounted to his temples.

"Perhaps—perhaps I did," he said, after an awkward pause. A thousand thoughts and fears came to him. He dared not lift his eyes for fear of encouraging the gaze of the man he had wronged. The voices on the other side seemed to reach him as innocent words, "your boyhood friend, John Burt," had hurled him for the moment from the heaven of bliss to the nadir of remorse. Opportunely for his confusion, Edith called Jessie's attention to some trifling matter, and in the interval he regained his composure.

The play ended, and Arthur Morris again joined the Blake party as they waited for the crowd to leave. He declined Blake's invitation to supper, pleading a previous engagement.

"I am chaperoning the governor." he laughed, pointing to his father, whose ponderous bulk blocked an adjacent aisle. "By the way, Blake, did you follow my tip on L. & O.? Bought a little, did you? That's right; keep on buying it. It's going up, as I said it would. You needn't be afraid of it."

## CHAPTER XXV.

### The Mantle of Charity.

It was late on Sunday morning when Blake awoke. For years he and John had dined at four o'clock on Sundays, and they had continued the custom in New York. Blake looked forward to what had ever been a pleasure, with an aversion not unmixed with fear.

He rang a bell and his valet responded.

"Mr. Burton will dire with me at four o'clock," he said. "Until he leaves I am not at home to anyone. Make no mistake about this, Roberts. I want a light breakfast."

Blake carelessly glanced over a newspaper. With a yawn he was about to lay the paper aside, when he noticed a headline descriptive of the Booth performance of the preceding evening. It was a long article, and Blake was so engrossed in its reading that he paid no attention to the valet's announcement that his bath was ready.

To the abject astonishment of that trained and sedate servant, Blake gave a cry of terror and sprang from his couch, upsetting a small table as he rushed towards the window.

In the full flood of light he again read a paragraph which had frozen the blood in his veins. It was as follows:

"Among the box-holders at this notable performance was James Blake, the famous Wall street operator and financier, whose recent adventure in New York was signalized by a market movement not yet forgotten. Mr. Blake's guests were General Marshall Carden, Miss Jessie Carden and Miss Edith Hancock, of Cohasset, Massachusetts. Miss Carden returned a week ago from a two years' sojourn abroad, where her musical and artistic talents attracted nearly as much attention as her rare beauty."

"My God! this is awful—awful—awful!" groaned Blake. "Get out of here!" he shouted to his man. "What the devil do you mean, standing there gaping at me? Bring me a glass of brandy, and be quick about it!"

He hurled the paper from him and sank back into a chair.

The door bell rang, and at the sound every nerve tingled with terror. Was it John Burt? James Blake was not a coward—as he had proved a score of times when his mettle was put to the test—but from the moment he went down to defeat beneath sturdy blows he had respected his boyhood conqueror.

The valet opened the door and Blake heard the piping voice of a telegraph messenger. He drew a long breath and tore open the envelope. The message was from John Hawkins, and stated that he would arrive in New York on the following morning.

The little clock spasmodically jingled the hour of noon. In four short hours he would face John Burt! He drank the brandy at a gulp, and plunged into a cool bath. He glared at the tempting breakfast, but could not taste it.

"Take that stuff away and bring me more brandy," he ordered.

Again he read over the dreaded paragraph. It had a fascination he could not resist. He sent for all the Sunday journals and eagerly scanned them for mention of the theater party, but to his great relief found that it appeared only in the one paper. Again he helped himself to the brandy.

"Come to think of it, John don't read that cursed paper!" he exclaimed half aloud. "It's only an accident that I happened to see it. If I hadn't been there last night I never would have glanced below the headline. What chance is there for John to see it? Not one in a million!"

He paced up and down the room, and paused to survey his reflection in a mirror. His face was drawn, and dark circles showed under his eyes. The decanter was his only friend. The grave face of the valet did not disclose the astonishment he felt over the conduct of his employer. Blake was almost abstemious in his habits, and his sideboard was more of an ornament than a utility. In this he had wisely patterned himself after John Burt.

"Shall I serve breakfast now, sir?" asked Roberts.

Blake answered with a sullen negative and tossed off his fourth brandy. It sounded a new note in the scale of stimulation.

"I don't see why I should go into such a beastly funk over this affair!" he muttered. "It's no crime to be in love with a woman. She doesn't belong to him. They're not even engaged. Suppose he does love her? So do I. What if he did meet her first? A woman is not something to be discovered and spread-eagled like a gold mine."

As the hours sped by and the dark red line in the decanter dropped lower and lower, Blake's courage aroused to such a pitch that he welcomed the coming of John Burt.

"By God, we'll settle this matter now and here!" he exclaimed as he lurched unsteadily about the room. "John Burt nor any other man shall stand between me and Jessie Carden! I'll meet him face to face! I'll——"

The hall bell rang with that clear precision which comes from the pressure of an insistent hand. At the same instant the little clock hammered the hour of four.

(To be continued.)

### Beard Did It.

A recent graduate of one of the great universities secured a place with a well known firm at a modest salary. He fulfilled all his duties satisfactorily, but there seemed to be something lacking. Business callers did not seem to take him seriously, and one would occasionally inquire:

"Say, bub, where's the boss?"

The graduate finally decided to raise a board. At the end of a week his employer came to him and said:

"It's rather a delicate subject, but I'm glad that you have realized that it is your youthful appearance that has been keeping you back. You will take charge of the shipping department tomorrow."

"And some people say that appearances count for nothing," remarked the graduate. "It took me four years to get a college education, and in four weeks I'll have a beard. I made $10 a week on the strength of the education, and got promoted the first week on the strength of the beard."—New York Sun.

### Record Locomotive Building.

The Stratford works of the Great Eastern Railway, in England, have the record of a locomotive engine built in ten hours—a large freighter with a tender. Before the actual construction was begun the various parts were laid close at hand, ready for fitting together. The workmen began work in the morning and continued until the breakfast bell rang. Then the partly-built engine was photographed. After a half hour's rest the workmen returned to the task and continued till the dinner hour, when another photograph was taken. Thus the work proceeded till the engine was completed, with the exception of a coat of paint. This was quickly laid on by a spraying machine, and in less than half an hour the job was perfectly dry. The locomotive was then sent on a trial journey a few miles up the line and all proved satisfactory, so it was sent with a baggage train. It has been in active service ever since.

### A Prophet Without Honor.

The late Hugh Stowell Scott, famous as Henry Seton Merriman, author of "The Sowers," "The Vultures" and other novels, was a man of extraordinary reserve and self-command. The following story is told of him:

His father, who was a director of the London Graphic, had an unaccountable objection to his son's following a literary career, and tried to make a business man of him. The son wrote in secret under a pseudonym, and, although his work was successful, he never betrayed his literary identity to his father.

On one occasion his father placed before him one of the young author's own stories, saying, "Now, if you could write a book like this, it would be another thing altogether."

And still the son kept silence.—Harper's.

### What the Senator Thought.

"We southern men," said "Joe" Blackburn, "often look at a pretty woman much as we would at a picture, admiringly, courteously, but never impertinently. It was in this way that I not long ago rested my orbs upon a handsome young woman who was walking up and down the platform at the station at Washington waiting for her train.

"Soon she turned and saw me.

"'Rubbee!' she exclaimed, and shrugged her shoulders with a frown.

"I took off my hat.

"'Madam, said I, 'beg a thousand pardons.' I took the liberty of admiring you because I thought you were the real thing.'"—New York Times.

# Best Selling 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, well cultivated, 40 acres in timber, 3 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 orchards, fences all in good repair; 65 apple trees, 100 plum trees, 50 peach trees, other small fruit. Buildings insured for $1,400. Price $3,000. Terms easy. This is just outside of the lighter soil of Royal Oak and commands a better for anyone acquiring a small farm suitable for small fruit or poultry farming. Come and let us show you over the place some day.**

### 5.

**Elegant house and lot of feet front and 20 rods deep on Maple Ave. East, (half an acre). Fine barn and every modern convenience, including 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 Sylng Lake, 160 acres, two good houses, three barns, large silo, machinery, 15 acres of wood, 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 modern conveniences. 100 ft. front and 165 ft. deep. Small fruit and good neighborhood.**

### 12.

**The Bayley farm in the town of Troy, 125½ acres. Good farm house and farm buildings, flowing well, 10 acres in orchard, 40 acres timber, price of Troy; 80 acres good beech and maple timber, 4 acres big grafted orchard. Circumstances render it advisable to sell at once, and the man who comes first will secure one of the best bargains in the country. Look it up.**

### 13.

**Farm in Southfield, 67 acres, of which 10 acres is timber, good beech and maple. Soil, clay loam. Clear, rolling and healthy. Fair to very fair. Good house and barn. 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, 4 acres timber. No waste land, 2,300 peach trees, 1,000 pear trees, 10 apples, 1½ 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.**

### 18.

**A small farm of 3 acres, being part of the west of section 8, Southfield township, Oakland county. Fair house, 1 year old; barn, 30 x 40; chicken house and pig-pen. Buildings insured for $1,300. Fine orchard, abundantly supplied with pure water from flowing well, which is piped to house, furnishing plenty of water for stock or other purposes all the year round. Good fences, excellent soil, gravelly loam in high state of cultivation. House, two-story and wing, 8 rooms; woodshed, cellar, cistern and all conveniences; 8½ miles from Birmingham, and the roads are the best in the country; 40 rods from good school; 19 rods from Ridge road. Excellent neighborhood. This little farm is ready for business, without a cent of repairs or improvements. Price $1,800. Terms easy**

### 19.

**A farm of 108 acres in the township of Bean, Ogemaw county, Mich.; 50 acres cleared, 2 acres mixed hardwood timber. Barn worth $100. Well, sandy loam. Price $10 per acre, terms 1/3 cash, balance on long time at 5 per cent. Most good opportunity for a poor man to acquire a good home in a short time. Better investigate.**

### 33.

**Twenty-three hundred dollars cash will buy one of the most profitable farms in the township of Southfield, consisting of 86 acres. The price of $62 per acre, but the balance of the purchase price will be allowed to continue on mortgage at 6 per cent, or will trade for a smaller farm or building lot in Birmingham. Good house, barn, buildings, good cellars, wells, cisterns and all the usual conveniences. There are other things which we will whisper in your ear upon application.**

### 54.

**Nice little forty-acre farm up in Sanilac county for $25 per acre; 30 acres cleared, 2 acres of orchard; a good barn and comfortable log house; 5½ miles from Lexington; 4 miles east of Applegate post office on the F. & M. R'y. Will exchange for Birmingham property or a small farm here in Oakland. For a poor man with a small amount to invest and a good chance to work out the balance, this will be worth coming to see us about. Now don't go along and think life working for someone else and without a home. Write us at once and we will be glad to see if we can help you out. It don't cost anything if we don't deal, and if we do we make who's selling the property pays all the commission.**

### 38.

**Two story house and lot on south side at Oakland St., two doors from electric road on Saginaw St., 30 ft. front, 110 ft. deep. Gas and well water on both floors, water closet, bath, house and every modern convenience. Terms $600 cash, balance on long time. Price $1,800. If you are curious or interested, just ask us for further particulars. If you are curious it will be curious if we can't interest you.**

### 42.

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

### 44.

**Stock Farm of celebrated Collie Farm—76 acres in township of Southfield, buildings are well painted and in good condition; large 10 room house, modern, with cellar divided into three compartments. House surrounded with fine handscape and paddock. Large barn with stalls for six horses and separate carriage room. Bank barn with cellar under two head track, cow stables underneath with seven door and 5 or 6 additional stalls, sliding doors, good windows, window guards, water in cellar, bin, etc., etc. Horse barn with 10 box stalls and paddock. Hen house 20 x 100 with 4 other stalls and paddock enclosed with high board fence. Tool house, carriage house, painted with sliding doors. Office with large stallion or carriage stall attached. Cow barn with 20 box stall with paddock secure and strong for this purpose and isolated from other buildings. Outside closet for house. Outside closet for stable. Fruit: Large and bearing apple orchard well trimmed and free from scale. Baldwins, Greenings, Kings, Steeles Red, Northern Spies, Russets, Golden Russets, Peach, 35 cherry, 55 plum, all of best varieties, 1 apricot, 2 quince, 2 pear trees, 2 red raspberries, etc. 3 acres timber or wood lot. Water: Good well with pump in house; good well with iron pump at stable; two cisterns. Rear Rouge runs across entire south end of farm and is 12 to 15 feet wide and 2 to 3 feet deep. Is first-class shape, many of them entirely new. Condition of soil: Clay loam, 40 acres in state of 40 head of stock during past five years. No feed of any kind sold. Only what is made into manured. No commercial fertilizers only. Better inquire about this farm it may pay you.**

### 55.

**Village lots on Saginaw street, bounded north by land of Mollie G. Smith, east by D. U. R. R. R'y, south by flower street, west by Saginaw street, 165 feet on Saginaw street, 165 feet deep on north side and 148 feet deep on south side; all in the village of Birmingham, Mich. One of the finest building sites in the village. Price $650**

### 56

**Lots 48 and 49 Randall's Addition, price $135 as 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 5, Farmington, Oakland county, Mich., in the finest farming locality of the county, with 5 fairly good outbuildings. There is no incumbrance on the property and it is less than a mile from the Farmington electric road. Good timber, elm, basswood, etc., and the price is only $40 per acre and you have plenty of time in way about the terms of payment as long as you have an equitable one to secure it. A postal will get you fuller particulars.**

**Good little farm in the township of West Bloomfield, Oakland county, 40 acres—50 cleared, 10 of oak timber, 2 acres of orchard, house and barn of best little value. Nice little lake on the farm. Good fences, well and all else of the best. Will a minute. The price is the thing to make you remember. It can be bought for $45 per acre. There!**

### 59

**House and lot, No. 120 Fourteenth Ave., Detroit, a little over a block from the Woodward avenue paved street; house piped and furnace; small barn, some fruit, fine shade trees; lot 50 x 150; 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 150 x 200 just north of the corporation line of the village of Royal Oak, plenty of small fruit and shade trees; two buildings worth $1,500 and will sell for just what the buildings would cost to build. House and 7 rooms and modern conveniences; well and cistern. Buildings were built less than two years ago. Price $1,800 and terms very easy.**

### 61

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

**Are you tired of Michigan's wet and dry weather? Do you long for a better climate—the land of sunshine and orange groves? Well, if so, we are the very fellow we have been looking for. Story's on Tuesday morning drove 10 acres in Sacramento county, California, just in the first of it's bearing. Needn't worry about the dry weather it's irrigated. The party will take this land and the balance on long time; or he will trade with you for a small place in Royal Oak or Birmingham township. Ask us about it.**

**One of the best farms in Oakland county. It is almost enough to say where it is—it is next to the John Sullivan farm in the town of Troy, 80 acres, excellent buildings, two good flowing wells, Carp pond well stocked, 2 miles of title; fine orchard, 8 miles from the city of Pontiac, 3 miles south of Troy corners, where there is a church and a fine township school, etc. D. U. R. R'y runs past the door. A good market to Detroit, Rochester, Romeo and Lake Orion. Price low and terms easy.**

### 71

**Ten acres, no buildings, 8 acres cleared, 2 acres in fine apple orchard, 2 miles west of Birmingham, Mich. Price $90 per acre.**

### 72

**Part of n e ¼ of sec 20, Bloomfield, 44 acres, 4 acres of timber and pasture, 2 acres orchard—good fruit—; 4 small buildings valued at $900, 1¼ miles west of D. & F. Electric R'y, 12 miles daily mail delivery. Good well, cellar, cistern, and fine living water on the southerly end of the farm. Price $3,000 and terms easy on long time. It makes a nice little home in an extra fine neighborhood, all ready to commence business at a price within the reach of all. Ask us about No. 72. A postal will do.**

### 75

**Cottage, number 99 Oak Hill street, Pontiac, Mich., 4 rooms and attic, lot 50 x 150, half a mile from the court house. Price $675, cash or installments.**

### 77

**One lot on Saginaw street, just south of land owned by John Sterman, to feet front and 20 deep. Anyone wishing to purchase will find this a bargain. For particulars inquire of Mollie G. Smith or at the Exchange Bank.**

### 83

**The new offering in the real estate department of the Exchange Bank this week is a pretty little farm of 28 acres, adjoining the village. It is worth more than it will large but scattered, as is the case with most of our holdings, but insured for $1,500. Ask Whitehead at the Exchange Bank.**

### 86

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

### 87

**House and three lots on the corner of Townsend and Henrietta streets—an excellent location. One of the best built and most comfortable residences in the village, with 120 feet front on Townsend and 165 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 repeated—but if you really have any intention of buying a home in this village within a year, you can't afford to overlook this place. Because the price is only $2,800 and more than that—but that's a sure secret and you can't find out a thing further, until you see Whitehead and ask him about it. Cross my heart, hope I may never see the back of my neck if I tain't so!**

### 89

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

### 90

**Finest farm we know of, 155 acres one mile south of the village of Birmingham. Nine 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. Plowing well. House heated with furnace. Price $85.00 per acre. Want to know more about it? All right, a postal will bring full particulars.**

**Farm, 108 acres in the north part of Royal Oak township, 7 acres orchard, fine fruit, good buildings, good gravelly clay loam. Good productive buildings are insured for $3,000, price $90.00 per acre. Will exchange for Birmingham or Pontiac property.**

### 92

**Farm of 510 acres in Clinton county, Mich., fine stock, hay, grain and fruit farm, very adaptable to stock raising on a large scale. Good schools. Will sell in portions to suit purchaser. Short distance north of the Capitol city. Worth investigating.**

### 93

**140 acres adjoining corporation limits of Birmingham, 30 acres timber, 10 acres of excellent beech timber, excellent buildings—insured for $4,500. Beautiful branch of the Rouge River flows through the farm. Never failing water for stock the year round. No waste land. Price $100 per acre. Other things about it which we have not space to tell about here, but they will interest you.**

### 94

**One of the best farms, without exception, in the township of Southfield, 125 acres and no waste land. Well fenced and thoroughly tiled, 10 acres excellent orchard, 15 acres good heavy timber. Two buildings valued at more than $3,000 and the place can be bought on easy terms for $65 per acre. There, if that don't get you to thinking, we won't try anymore. A cents worth of postal cards will tell you all about it by return mail.**

### 95

**195 1-5 acres in Southfield township, within 20 rods of a good school, no waste land, living water runs through the farm the year round, farm well fenced and thoroughly drained, buildings worth $4,800, 8 acres of orchard, 4 acres of timber, two flowing wells, an ideal stock farm and at so low a price that we are not allowed to say right out loud what it is.**

### 96

**Yep! Here's your chance at last. Will exchange for Detroit city property, Farm of 120 acres in Southfield township, very productive farm, in a high state of cultivation, not a foot of waste land on the place. Good buildings, excellent buildings, best wire fences, farm thoroughly drained, 75 grape vines, 25 apple trees, 20 pear trees, 20 plum trees, fine dwelling, one swine house (capacity 100), hen house and milk house combined, everything ready to do the finest and most profitable dairy business in the world, but falling health makes it advisable to dispose of this desirable property. Price $95.00 an acre.**

### 97

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

### 98

**Farm of 240 acres and 8 miles from the D. U. R. Electric railway between Pontiac and Birmingham, not a foot of waste land on the farm, 15 acres of orchard, six buildings, dwelling with 12 rooms (brick), bath room, good wells with two windmills, 1½ miles from Pontiac, tenant house and all necessary conveniences. Good, big, well painted barn and sheds. Just inquire about it, we will tell you more, or what is better, if you will call, we will take you to see it. If you are in earnest about it, we will say right here that it can be bought way down below a hundred dollars an acre. Do it now.**

### 99

**An ideal country home for anyone. House worth $3,000 and modern conveniences you can have in the big, wicked city. Eighty-five acres, 5 acres oak timber, 8½ acres orchard, 4 acres fine orchard, which farm tenant has set with woven wire fencing with cedar posts, miles and miles of tile drain and about a mile from the electric road between Birmingham and Pontiac. Will exchange for improved city property, price $110.00 per acre and when you take into consideration the cost of the improvements, it is well worth the price. No! We don't ask you to take you to see it and then if you don't say we are all right we will take it back. Won't cost you anything to poke around a little and find out about it.**

**A beautiful and productive farm—one better in the country—and only a mile from the electric road, near the little hamlet of Circle, three miles from Birmingham, four miles from Pontiac, lovely little stream runs through the place, forever sending plenty of water the year round. Not a foot of waste land, one-fourth of it timber, buildings which are worth $5,000. Ten acres of timber, oak and hickory; 5 acres of good orchard (100 good new bearing peach trees) and altogether an ideal stock or dairy farm. Nothing to conceal but everything to show you about this place, which is well worth more than you can be pleased at sell. More particulars than space allows to mention. But, say, if you will ask about it on a postal card (only cost you a cent) we will gladly do the rest. Honest, it's cheap at the price asked for it.**

### 100

**Farm of 77½ acres on the Tuscola mile road, 40 acres cleared, balance timber, nearly all hardwood, twenty-four acres sown to winter wheat, two good wells, good house and barn, good orchard, worth $1,500 insured for $1,200. Fine barn, good soil, adapted to market garden, plenty of fruit of all kinds. Price $3,500.**

### 101

**Farm of 75 acres in section 25 and 30, Southfield; 2 acres best grafted fruit, 4 buildings insured for $1,500, 2 acres of plow land, well drained and well cultivated, 3 acres timber. Price $2,600.**

### 102

**Two story brick residence in the village of Pleasant Ridge, Oakland county, about as fine a country, with beautiful surroundings, about as fine hills and valleys of the prettiest little village in the state of Michigan. Lots 50 x 150 divided into vegetable, poultry, laundry and flower gardens. Fine, big, well cared for shade and five closets, hot and cold water, furnace room, water closet, bath, and all modern conveniences that you could possibly have in the city. Price, $3,000 and terms easy. Why, you can live in the country and have all the fun of being a place that would surprise, we will take you to see this place and be glad to get acquainted with you whether you buy or not.**

### 103

**Eighty acre farm in White Lake township, W. ½ of s e ¼ of section 36, 40 acres cleared, 10 acres timber and huckleberry marsh, about 1 acre of this swamp settled, the owner over $100 under the market price, 2 good wells, house, 10 rooms, good neighborhood, 2½ miles from Milford, 3 miles from Commerce, 10 miles from Rochester, Romeo and Lake Orion. Price low and terms easy.**

### 104

**House and barn and south half of four lots, corner of Piermont and Pierce streets, Birmingham; comfortable little home for small family, 32 feet front on Pierce street and 160 on Piermont street. Price $1,200; terms easy. Will take other property.**

### 105

**Beautiful little 8½ acre farm in Troy, on the Romeo road, 2½ miles from the Pontiac road, flowing well, 7 acres of timber, 1 acre of orchard, fine soil, 1 mile from the village of Troy, and the fence and cedar posts; 3 buildings worth $2,000, house of 8 rooms; too bearing grapes. Well, if that don't sell you we will try and do better by you. Just think! Get off the car right at your door, drive a few rods into the city hall, fine city. Price $3,500. Come on and let us show it to you.**

### 106

**House and two lots on Stanley avenue, Birmingham, 132 feet front and 165 feet deep, worth $1,000 and that's all we ask for the place. Wouldn't that take you to the fair?**

### 107

**One of the finest residences in the village of Birmingham, 100 feet front on Brown and 300 on Daines street, 2 story house with dormers, 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, 1 mile south of the electric railway; will plat into 65 lots 50 feet each and a thousand dollars can sell buy it with the balance of the purchase price on long time at low rate of interest. Richest land we ever saw, almost ready to take it ourselves. There is no reason why it is for anyone who has lived close to the selling of it, and who could take monthly payments, etc.**

### 109

**Lot 52½ x 150 in Randall subdivision, with nice little one story cottage, on Greenwood avenue. Price $750.**

### 110

**Two story house and one lot in Campbell subdivision, rents for $8.00 a month, good neighborhood. Price $900; enough to secure.**

**Store and residence on Saginaw street; 182 feet front and 169 feet deep; one of the best locations for a business or professional man in the village. The price is low enough to make it attractive, and if you are interested we can show you the property in such a minute. Do it now! Just grab a postal card and tell us your address, and what you want to know and you'll get it right off the bat.**

### 112

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

### 113

**Vacant lots No. 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, Castle's plat, Birmingham, Mich., about 142 feet front on Townsend street and 165 feet on Merrill street. Good building sites, fine drainage and good locality. Price upon application; it is too cheap to mention in public.**

### 114

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

### 115

**New house and one lot on the Randall subdivision, house not quite finished, but will sell for what it has cost to make it in the present shape. Don't you want to know about it? We say to you about these places. Just insist that we go with you and present it to you, will you?**

### 116

**Farm in Southfield. Really you will begin to think we have the whole town of Southfield for sale, if you keep on at it. Well, if that is better farming land in the world. Only they have been asking too much for it. Now they are just getting down to reason and they are very cheap. Primateane, 61 acres at $60 per acre; 4 buildings, 2 spring of never-failing water, all good, plow land, except 1½ acres of timber, worth nothing. No marsh land on the place. There!**

### 117

**Now, here's one that don't look quite so cheap, but upon close inquiry it is the finest building site between Birmingham and Pontiac, with an excellent house and 10 acres, good barn and fairly good house. Seventeen acres of the finest land of land, and $4,500 will be enough cash down and the balance can be paid at a price ever sweet will. Right on the electric railway.**

### 118

**Seven acres just outside the city limits of Pontiac, on Elizabeth Lake Road, less than one-half mile from electric cars. Buildings new, house 9 rooms, big barn, well and cistern. We will sell the buildings and one or more acres of land. Will sell the whole business for $3,000 if we can enough to insure, and will take the balance on the installment plan, if necessary.**

### 119

**Two lots house, barn and chicken house, corner of Greenwood and Harmon in Birmingham. This property is one of the most comfortable and pleasing locations in the village. Buildings are nearly all new, good cellar, well, sewer was connected along there, and one of the property last summer and is all paid for. Probably we can sell the whole place, but the place will cost you only a trifle more than that. You really could pay for the buildings and sidewalks for what is asked for it. Ask the man at the Exchange Bank.**

### 120

**The fine farm 115 miles south of Birmingham and a little over a mile west of Parker's school house on the electric railroad, and commonly known as the Parsons farm, in the town of Southfield and 6 in Royal Oak; 8 good buildings, 100 acres of land. Price right. No waste land. Terms easy or will exchange for Detroit city property.**

### 121

**One hundred and three acres just outside of the corporation limits of the city of Pontiac, on the electric railway, 4 acres orchard, 12 acres of oak timber, 9 buildings in poor repair (the buildings don't cost anything at the price we are asking, so you needn't kick about 'em), beautiful living spring of never-failing water, fine property issued by D. M. Ferry & Co., for seed farm. The owners limit this property to be investigate and we'll get our honest on and be ready to go with you to look it over. Farms of this kind are getting mighty popular down here and when we tell you that it can be bought for ninety dollars per acre, you will understand that we'll better hurry.**

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Looked the Part.

The Cop—Yes, sir, yer honor, an' as I was passing by the corner the prisoner here, who was blockading the sidewalk, sprang at me throat and struck me wid his fist, and it was only by superhuman effort dat I brung him here.

### He Coughed Up.

"Say, dad," began the senator's son, "those big guns that they shoot torpedoes out of just give a sort of cough when they get down to business, don't they?"

"Yes."

"You are a big gun, aren't you, dad?"

"They say that I am."

"Well, I need a hundred."

### What Did He Mean?

They were discussing views.

"I wouldn't run away with any girl. I remember going up to the old man and asking him for his daughter. He told me to go to Hades."

"And did you go?"

"Well," he mused hesitatingly and reflectively, "I married the girl."—New Yorker.

### A Benefactor.

Weary Walker—I'm ashamed o' yer! Sawin' up wood for kindlin'.

Ragson Tatters—Aw, gon! dis is locust wood.

Weary Walker—Wat's dat got ter do wid it?

Ragson Tatters—Why, you chump, dis is de kind o' wood dat policemen's clubs is made out of.

### Joys of Wedlock.

"We may as well come to an understanding right now," said the angry husband. "It may be hard for you to hear the truth from me, but——"

"Indeed it is," interrupted the patient wife, "I hear it so seldom from you."

### Thoughtful Indeed.

"Van Slick is very thoughtful."

"How so?"

"Why, he has arranged an automatic atomizer on his auto which sprinkles perfume along the street and overcomes the odor of the gasoline."

### Painless.

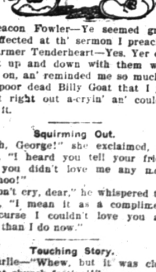
"Do you believe in the old maxim, 'No pains, no gains'?"

"Hardly. With me it's 'Any pain, no gain.'"

"Indeed! What business are you at?"

"Oh, I'm a dentist."

Very Sad.



Deacon Fowler—Ye seemed greatly affected at th' sermon I preached.

Farmer Tenderheart—Yes. Yer chin went up and down with them whisker's on, an' reminded me so much of our poor dead Billy Goat that I just burst right out a-cryin' an' couldn't help it.

### Squirming Out.

"Oh, George!" she exclaimed, bitterly, "I heard you tell your friend that you didn't love me any more. Boo hoo!"

"Don't cry, dear," he whispered tenderly, "I mean it as a compliment. Of course I couldn't love you any more than I do now."

### Touching Story.

Charlie—Whew, but it was close in that church festival!"

Tom—Did you feel relieved when you got outside.

Charlie—I should say so. My pockets were clean."

### Get Rich Quick.

Gunter—They say Barker has been married three times. Did he make any money out of marrying so often?"

Guyer—"I should say so. He made so much money out of marrying as a $1 Joe minister."