JOHN BURT

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CHAPTER XXX—*Continued.*

"How much ... & O. have you?" he demanded.

"Thirty-five thousand shares," replied Mr. Mason.

"How many have you sold?" addressing his son.

"About seventy-five thousand."

"Hu-m-m-m. Fine outlook! Forty thousand shares short on a stock, with only a hundred thousand shares in all," growled Randolph Morris. "By God, if I pull out of this thing with a dollar I'll place it where you can't find it with a set of burglar's tools!"

Randolph Morris glared at his son, fumbled for his glasses and bent over the tape.

"Fifty-five bid for L. & O." It read. "Bid sixty for any part of ten thousand shares. Gimme that telephone! Go to the exchange, Mason, and get on the other end of this wire, and I'll give you the orders."

Shortly before noon a news agency made public a statement which hastened the crisis. It read:

"The deal in L. & O. was engineered by Mr. James Blake, the dashing young operator whose advent in New York was signalized by the recent upheaval in prices. For several weeks Mr. Blake has quietly bought the striking blocks of L. & O. To-day he secured ten thousand shares from General Marshall Carden, which, with the holdings of Mr. John Hawkins, gives the syndicate of which Mr. Blake is the head absolute control of this valuable property. Another railroad company has been a bidder for control, but the Carden stock gives Mr. Blake the coveted advantage.

"It is rumored that a well-known and powerful banking house is short this stock to the amount of nearly forty thousand shares. It opened at 29½ and rapidly advanced to 75, and then by leaps and bounds reached 125. It is believed that only a few calculated shares are yet in the market, and that the stock is cornered.

"Later.—It is rumored that the banking house of Randolph Morris & Company has suspended."

CHAPTER XXXI.

Father and Son.

One by one the directors of the bank had entered the room where Randolph Morris was making his fight against overwhelming odds. Some he recognized by an almost imperceptible bow, but no words came from his lips as he bent over the tape. The faces of the directors were pale and drawn from tension.

When L. & O. had rounded to eighty dollars a share, Randolph Morris changed his tactics and attempted to check the rise by throwing all his holdings on the market. In less than an hour he hurled thirty-five thousand shares into the speculative whirlpool.

It was like stemming Niagara with a straw. The price did not sag. The powerful interests back of L. & O. pledged three millions of dollars for this stock and clamored for more.

In response to a demand for margins, Randolph Morris deposited several millions cash and valid securities. Alarmed by rumors, patrons of the bank formed in long lines and demanded their deposits. There was no gleam of hope, but grim in defeat the old banker stood by the wheel and watched the ship of his fortunes as she swiftly neared the reefs of ruin.

A clerk entered and handed to Randolph Morris the yellow slip of paper containing the bulletin. He opened it slowly, crumpled it in his hands and threw it on the floor.

Grasping his massive gold-headed cane, he brought it down on the glass dome which covered the delicate mechanism of the ticker. One of the flying fragments cut his cheek and a few drops of blood slowly trickled down his face.

"The corporation of Randolph Morris & Company is bankrupt!" he said, rising to his feet and looking into the faces of his astounded associates. "The Board of Directors will convene at once and take formal action to that effect. Be seated, gentlemen, and come to order. You may make the motion for suspension, Mr. Mason."

When Randolph Morris adjourned the directors' meeting he looked about for his son, but he was not in the room. He found Arthur Morris within the caged enclosure occupied by the paying teller. In his hands were several packages of money.

"What are you doing there?" demanded Randolph Morris.

"Cashing a check," was the sullen reply.

"You are a thief as well as a fool," roared Randolph Morris, his hand on the door and his features convulsed with passion. "No officer of a bank on the point of suspension has a right to accept or withdraw funds, and you know it."

He grabbed Arthur Morris by the shoulder and dragged him through the narrow doorway.

"My curse goes with that money!" he shouted, his face convulsed with rage. "You have dragged me down to shame and poverty in my old age, I hope, by God, that everything you touch with that money will give you pain! I wish to God——"

His voice was choked, the blood surged to his temples, his hands clutched at his throat, and with a gasp for breath he fell heavily to the floor.

Before Arthur Morris realized what had happened, others were by his father's side. The stricken old financier partially recovered consciousness before a physician arrived, but again sank into a most alarming condition.

"Apoplexy," said the physician, in answer to a question. "Is this his first attack?" he asked Arthur Morris.

"I don't know," was the reply. "I've seen the governor so mad he couldn't speak, several times, but never so bad as this."

As he spoke Randolph Morris opened his eyes and they rested on his son.

"Take him away," he said, averting his eyes. "Take him away, and give me a chance to live."

"You're all right, governor," said Arthur Morris, as the doctor gave him a signal to stay out of sight. "Keep cool and you'll come out on top. I feel as bad as you do about it, but there's no use in kicking. Brace up and take your medicine like a man; we may win out yet."

To which encouraging advice Randolph Morris made no reply, and the son left the room.

As Randolph Morris was tenderly carried down the steps, through an angry crowd, and placed in an ambulance, he opened his eyes and looked longingly at the building which bore his name. Thus he made his last journey away from the roar and turmoil of Wall street; a mental, physical and financial wreck, cast on the shores of oblivion by a storm terrific and unforeseen.

Arthur Morris, stripped of all power by the action of the directors, stood amid the wreck of his fortunes.

He was a witness to the compromise by which a representative of James Blake & Company agreed to terms, which, while protecting the depositors, called for the sacrifice of the millions which once stood in his name. The fifty thousand dollars he had succeeded at the last moment in drawing found himself shaking hands and laughing with strangers. He felt a strong grasp on his shoulder and turned to see James Blake.

"We settle with Randolph Morris & Company at 175," he whispered. "Your share of the profits is nearly a million and a half. I'll call at your house this evening and give you a check for the exact amount."

"I can find no words to express my feelings," said General Carden, deeply affected. "I do not think that I am entitled to so large a share of these profits. I—I really do not know what to say to you, Mr. Blake. God bless and reward you."

"Don't thank me," replied James Blake.

A strange expression came over his face and a look of pain to his dark eyes.

"I am not—I should not——" He paused, released General Carden's hand and turning abruptly, rushed across the room and vanished into an inner office.

In the turmoil of his own feelings General Carden paid little attention to this strange action. Six hours before he had entered these rooms all but penniless. He left them more than a millionaire.

In a darkened room in a remote quarter of the city, a gray-haired man gasped for breath and moaned in his delirium. A great financial battle had been fought in the barrooms and none of the chivalry of physical warfare.

Thoughts such as these came to John Burt when the news circulated that Randolph Morris had been stricken in his office. The blow aimed at the sons had fallen with crushing force on the father. In the hour of victory John Burt was silent and sad, and John Hawkins was not slow to glean the reason.

"I wouldn't worry over Randolph Morris," he said, with a gruffness which was assumed. "The old man will recover. One stroke of apoplexy won't kill him."

"Write to Randolph Morris," said John, addressing Blake, "and say that his personal property is exempt in this settlement. He has scheduled it as having a value of nearly a million dollars. I shall not take it from him. He's an old man, with daughters and others dependent on him."

"Good for you, Burt!" exclaimed John Hawkins. "It isn't business, but business is hell—as old Sherman said about war. I'm going to my hotel to take a nap. Where can I see you this evening? Dine with me at the hotel at nine o'clock. What d'ye say? You, too, Blake."

(To be continued.)

YACHT COST HIM NOTHING.

How Commodore Monroe Was Made Eligible for Position.

Just what the Larchmont Yacht club will do, now that Gus Monroe is dead, the gossipers are wondering. With Mr. Monroe the Larchmont Yacht club was a hobby. He worked harder to make that organization succeed than many men work at their business. He was identified with the club for many years, and, as a matter of fact, all that time he was an officeholder.

In 1883 he was chosen commodore. He did not own a yacht then.

"Bill," he said to his friend, W. S. Alley, "they want me to be commodore, but I can't be, because I haven't a boat."

"Is that all that prevents you from accepting the nomination?" asked Mr. Alley.

"That's all," was the reply.

"Then I'll give you my yacht, the Schemer. I'll have the boat properly transferred to you in consideration of $1. You can keep her as long as you like, but when you want to get rid of her you must give me the opportunity to take her back again for $1."

"That's a go," said the commodore.

The Schemer, which was the most famous sloop in her day, was duly transferred, and Mr. Monroe paid Mr. Alley $1.

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Causes of Nervous Prostration.

"Believe me," said a Spruce street physician who makes a specialty of treating nervous disorders, "it isn't overwork that superinduces nervous prostration. The man who succumbs to nervous strain are not the men who work continually under high pressure. The man who has no relaxation has no time to dispose of his health, and brooding by fatal to a man whose nerves are highly strung. If a man is constantly busy in mind from morning until night he isn't in any danger of nervous trouble. It's only when he relaxes and gives himself a certain amount of leisure that he is danger. A man is built very much like a car of machinery. It's the relaxation that tells. Take Russell Sage, for instance. He celebrated his 88th birthday to-day, and he is in the harness all the time. Should he give up even a part of his daily routine the probabilities are that he would be a dead man in six months. The man whose nerves trouble him is the man of comparative leisure."—Philadelphia Record.

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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 85 acres, well fenced and well watered, 6 acres timber, 70 acres timber, 15 miles from Bloomfield Center and electric railway to Birmingham, Mich. Price $3,000.

3.

Twenty-nine and two-thirds acres of land near Irish church in Royal Oak township. It is a beautiful piece of land, well tiled, house all in good repair; 45 apple trees, 100 plum trees and plenty of other small fruit. Building insured for $1,600. Price $3,000. Terms easy. This piece is just outside of the lighter soil of Royal Oak and will cannot be beaten for anyone wanting a small farm suitable for small fruit or poultry proposition. Come and let us show you over the place some day.

6.

Elegant house and lot 66 feet front and 30 rods deep on Maple Ave. East, (half an acre). Price $2,000. Terms easy. Convenience, furnace, bath, closet, etc. Can be bought for what the buildings cost. Will exchange for improved city property for portion of the purchase price.

6.

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

10.

Large, roomy two-story house on Townsend St. in Birmingham, good barn, city water and all ordinary conveniences, 150 ft. front and 168 ft. deep. Small fruit and good neighborhood.

12.

The Bayley farm, in the town of Troy, 171 acres. Good house and large barn; buildings flowing well at the barn which is the wonder and admiration of Troy; 50 acres good beech and maple timber, 4 acres fine profitable apple orchard, 3 acres timber. Excellent fishing, boating and bathing. Within a few minutes' ride of Detroit and about a mile from Royal Oak village. Price and terms, enough cash to secure and the balance on long time at a low rate of interest. Worth inquiring more particularly about.

13.

Farm in Southfield, 67 acres, of which 18 acres is timber, good beech and maple. Soil, clay loam. Creek runs through farm. Water in every lot; fair orchard. 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 48 acres about 2 miles from Birmingham, nice residence, 8 rooms; 2 acres timber. No waste land; 2,500 peaches, 100 plums, 500 grapes, 50 apple trees, 1 acre raspberries, 1 acre strawberries, etc. Good house nearly new and cistern in house. Just other property for part pay. Tell you more about it if you ask us.

19.

A small farm of 5 acres, being part of the W ½ of section 8, Royal Oak township. Inland country. Four good buildings; house, barn, fowl-house and corn-house. Buildings insured for $1,600. Premises abundantly supplied with cold pure water from deep well. Land is piped to barn, furnishing plenty of water for stock or other purposes all the year round. Good fences, excellent soil, gravelly loam. A high state of cultivation. House, two-story and wing, 8 rooms; Goodell, Avery & Co. heater; all conveniences; 20 miles from Birmingham, over roads which are the best in the county. Orchard in prime bearing; 80 rods from Kirby & Smith Excellent neighborhood. Farm in this farm is ready for business, without a cent for repairs or improvements. Price $1,800. Terms easy.

32.

Twenty-three hundred dollars cash will buy one of the most profitable farms in the township of Southfield, consisting of 40 acres. The price is $50 per acre, but the balance of the purchase price will be allowed to continue on mortgage at 6 per cent, or will trade for a smaller farm or house and lot in Birmingham; three good buildings, plenty of fruit, good soil, well tiled, and all that time he was an officeholder.

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60

House and two lots in ... just north of the corporation line of the village of Royal Oak; plenty of small fruit and shade trees; two blocks to worth D. U. road and will sell for just what the buildings would cost to build. House and 7 rooms and pantry, cellar, and well, about 15 rods from electric cars; 2½ miles from M.C. R.R. depot, 4 miles from Commerce; good roads and good corner within 2 miles of the house. Price $2,500. Say, what do you want.

61

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

71

Ten acres, no buildings, 8 acres cleared, 2 acres elm and ash timber, 1¼ miles west of Birmingham, Mich. Price $2,500 per acre.

72

Part of n e ¼ of sec 29, Bloomfield, 40 acres, 30 acres cleared and fenced, 10 acres timber, 10 acres orchard—good fruit—2 buildings valued at $500 in all, about 1½ miles from Birmingham. Well, a daily mail delivery. Good well, cellar, cistern and fine living water on the southerly end of the farm. Will sell this piece for a short time. It makes a nice little home in an excellent neighborhood, all ready to commence business at a price within the reach of all. Let us about No. 72. Anyway I will ...k it.

75

Cottage, number 20 Oak Hill street, Pontiac, Mich., 4 rooms and attic. Half a mile from the court house. Price $975, cash or installments.

77

One lot on Saginaw street, just south of land owned by John German, 50 feet frontage. 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 40 acres, situated in Southfield, a scarce timber which is all large but scattered, an acre of orchard and a house. Well, cistern and fine living water on the southerly end of the farm. Price $2,200. Terms easy. This piece is just outside of the lighter soil of Royal Oak and will cannot be beaten for anyone wanting a small farm suitable for small fruit or poultry proposition. Come and let us show you over the place some day.

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 Detroit & Pontiac R.R., 2 miles from Royal Oak, 7 miles from Detroit and about a mile from Royal Oak village. Price and 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, right on the best half of Townsend—desirable residences in the village, with 120 feet front on Townsend and 132 feet deep. Modern ten room house with closets, cellar, well, woodshed and chicken kitchen. Now this is strictly "cash or dead" and must not be repeated—but if you really have the money for 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 the terms are easy. This is a state secret and you can't find out a thing further, until you call and see us. Now, don't be bashful. Cross my heart hope I may never see the back of my neck if I am so

89

Lot on the east side of Baldwin Ave., in the Randall Addition. Fine building site. Price only $500.00.

90

Finest farm we know of, 154 acres one mile south of the village of Birmingham. Nine good buildings, one orchard of three acres, good, finest orchard in the country, one mile from the postoffice and one mile west of the electric railway. Price $8,000 per acre. Other things about it which we have not space to tell about here, but they will interest you.

91

Farm, 100 acres in the north part of Royal Oak township, 7 acres orchard, fine fruit, good buildings, good gravelly clay loam, 20 acres timber. Buildings are insured for $3,000. price $90.00 per acre. Will exchange for Birmingham or Pontiac property.

93

140 acres adjoining corporation limits of Birmingham, 30 acres timber, 10 acres of excellent orchard. Excellent buildings—insured for $4,000. beautiful branch of the Rouge river runs and furnishes living water for stock the year round. No waste land. Price $500.00 per acre. Other things about it which we have not space to tell about here, but they will interest you.

94

One of the best farms, without exception, in the township of Southfield, 123 acres and no waste land. Well fenced and thoroughly tiled, 10 acres excellent orchard, 10 acres good heavy timber. Two buildings valued at more than $5,000 and the place can be bought on easy terms for $8,000 per acre. There, if this don't get you to thinking we won't say any more. A dollar's worth of postal cards will tell you all about it by return mail.

95

103 1-2 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 $7,000, 50 acres of timber, 13 acres of timber, two flowing wells, an ideal stock farm and at only a price that you are not allowed to say right out loud what it is.

96

Yep! Here's your chance at last. Will exchange for Detroit city property. Farm of 160 acres in Southfield township, very productive and in a high state of cultivation, not a foot of waste land on the place, flowing wells, excellent buildings, best wire fences, farm thoroughly tiled, 15 acres timber, 12 acres apple orchard, 30 acres, two barns, fine dwelling, one acre house, capacity 100, hen house and milk house combined, everything ready to do the finest and best of general dairy business. A rare chance but failing health makes it advisable to dispose of this desirable property. Price $50.00 an acre

97

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

98

Farm of 140 acres half a mile from the D. U. R. electric railway between Pontiac and Birmingham, not a foot of waste land, for the farm 15 acres of orchard. Six buildings, a dwelling with 22 rooms (brick), bath room, good wells with two windmills, cellar under the house, tenant house and all necessary conveniences. Now say, if you want a good farm at a low price inquire about it. we will tell you more, or what is better, if you will call, we will take you and see it. If you are in earnest about it, we will see right there that it can be bought way down below a hundred dollars an acre. Do it now.

99

An ideal country house for anyone. House worth $5,000 and all the conveniences you can have in the big, wicked city. Eighty-five acres, 5 acres oak timber. Set a rich, loamy gravel, 6 acres fine cedar posts, balance fenced with hog-woven wire fencing with cedar posts, miles and miles of tile drainage, about a mile from the electric road between Birmingham and Pontiac. Will exchange for improved city property at $100.00 per acre and when you take into consideration the value of the improvements, it is well worth the price. No? Well, then you can take you to see it and then if you don't say we are all right we will not say a word. Come and see you anything to poke around a little and find out about it.

100

A beautiful and productive farm—no better in the county—and only a mile from the electric road, near the little hamlet of Circle, three miles from Birmingham. Farm of 80 acres, nearly all lovely little stream runs through the place for sliding purposes and for the cattle to drink, a foot of waste land, ten-room house and good buildings which are insured for $3,000. Ten acres of timber, oak and hickory; 5 acres of good orchard; 200 good new bearing peach trees; and together as a whole or single as you may prefer; 72 conceal but everything to show you about this place, but we will say that it is a bargain that you can be pleased at all. More particulars we will say, if you call. Better still, if you ask about it on a postal only costs 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 Twelve mile road, 1½ miles east of the Electric Railway on Woodward avenue, in Royal Oak township. Good buildings which are insured for for $2,500. Dark loamy soil, suitable for truck gardening; plenty of fruit of all kinds. Price $6,500.

101

Farm of 81 acres in sections 22 and 15, Southfield, 1 acres cleared, 10 acres timber. Buildings insured for $2,100; all plow land, well drained and under a high state of cultivation. Price $3,000.

102

Two story brick residence in the village of Franklin, Mich., and one of the finest in the country, with beautiful surroundings, nestled among the hills and valleys of the prettiest little village in Eastern Michigan. The cellar is divided into hot water heater, coal bins and furnace room. The house has thirteen rooms and five closets, hot and cold water, bath room, water closets, and in fact every convenience that can be found anywhere in the city. Two barns, 2 woodhouses, pig pen, hen house and corn house combined, would shop for odd jobs on odd jobs, two fence enclosed lots, cement walks, house fronts west and north on a corner lot of one acre. The house alone cost $5,000 to build, and the money was well expended. Plenty of fruit—an ideal place for city people who would like to settle down in a pleasant little country village where the children are ashamed to say it, is only $5,000, half cash, balance on long time and easy terms. If you love to live right where you can be pleased, and a place that would suit you, we will take you to see this property and be glad to get acquainted with you whether you buy or not.

103

Eighty acre farm in White Lake township, W. ½ of the S. E. ¼ of section 19, 6 acres timber and huckleberry marsh. (Don't laugh! The marsh netted him $100 last year and will this summer). Three acres of orchard, house of 7 rooms and pantry, cellar, and well, about 15 rods from Commerce; 2½ miles from M.C. R.R. depot, 4 miles from Commerce; good roads and good corner within 2 miles of the house. Price $2,500. Say, what do you want.

104

House and barn and south half of four lots, corner of Piquette and Pierce streets, Birmingham; comfortable little home for anyone. Lots 33 feet front, on Pierce street and 160 on Piquette street. Price $1,800. Terms easy. Will trade for other property.

105

Beautiful little 32 acre farm in Troy, on the Romeo branch of the D. U. R.; fine buildings flowing well, 7 acres of timber, 1 acre of orchard, thoroughly drained and under a high state of cultivation and cedar posts; 3 buildings worth $3,000 and insured for $2,000. Price $3,500. Terms easy. Now, we'll bet that don't satisfy you, you would at once say, what is the matter with that farm, that the right way down our hour from the city hall; fare 12c. Price $3,500. Come on and let us show it to you.

106

House and two lots on Stanley avenue, Birmingham, 1561-1581 well, cistern, cellar, fruit; house worth $2,000 and will sell for $1,800; 200 feet on west side of Woodward avenue, along the line of the electric railway; will sell these lots 200 feet deep, and a thousand dollars cash will buy it with the balance of the purchase price on long time at low rate of interest. Honest, we say almost ashamed to tell about it, but the main money in it for anyone who has time to devote to the selling of it, and who could take monthly payments, etc.

109

Lot 54x172 in Randall subdivision, with nice little one story cottage, on Greenwood avenue. Price $750.

110

Two story house and one lot in Campbell subdivision, cost for $500 a month, good neighborhood. Price $900, enough to secure.

111

Store and residence on Saginaw street; 185 feet from the corner of Pike street. Best location for a business or residence property in the village. The price is low enough to make it attractive, and if you are interested we can show you the property in about a minute. Do it now! Drop 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 town ship of Troy, 1¾ miles from the electric railway, good for chicken raising, plenty of timber for fire wood. Log house and small frame barn and other buildings. Price $1,200.

113

Vacant lots No. 26, 27, 28, 29 and 32 on Castle's plat, Birmingham, Mich. About 242 feet front on Townsend street and 132 feet on Merrill street. Good building sites, fine drainage and good locality. Price upon application; it's too cheap to mention in public.

114

Fine farm in the township of Southfield; 86 acres, of which 75 are cleared, and the balance in good maple timber. Two acres of orchard, 3 buildings worth $3,000, and this exceptionally fine place can be bought for $3,000. Nuf ced!

115

New house and one lot on the Randall subdivision. House not quite finished, but will sell for what it cost to make it habitable in its present shape. Don't you believe a word about what we say to you about these places. Just insist that we go with you and prove it to you, will you?

116

Farm in Southfield. Really you will begin to think we have the whole farm of Southfield for sale. Well, we have a lot of it, and there is no better farming land in the world. Only they have been asking too much for it. Now they are just getting down to reason and some are very cheap. Fruit farm of 10 acres all in bearing; 4 buildings, nice spring of ever-flowing water, all good, plow land, except 1½ acres of watering timber. No marsh land on the place. Never!

117

Now, here's one that don't look quite so cheap, but just consider that it is the finest building site between Birmingham and Pontiac, with an excellent orchard of six acres, good barn and house in good repair, seventeen acres of the finest kind of land, and $4,500 will be enough cash down and the balance can be paid at your own sweet will. Right on the electric railway.

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Seven acres just outside the city limits of Pontiac on Richards' lake road, less than one-half mile from electric cars. Buildings new, house 9 rooms, bath room, well and cistern, or will move the buildings off and put on a small lot and sell. Will sell the whole business for $2,200 with cash enough to insure and will take the balance on the installment plan, if necessary.

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Two lots house, barn and chicken house, corner of Greenwood and Harmon in Birmingham, Mich., and it is one of the most comfortable and pleasing homes in the village. Buildings are nearly all new, good cellar, well and cistern, complete in the best kind of order of the property last summer and is all paid for. House contains 7 rooms and bath. Soon and you will cost you only a trifle more than that. You could not build the buildings and sidewalks for what is asked for it. Ask the man at the Exchange Bank.

120

The fine farm 1½ 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 Jones farm, is the property of Southfield and is in Royal Oak. 8 good buildings, 80 acres, heavy gravel soil, large fruit. Terms easy or will exchange for Detroit city property.

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One hundred and three acres just outside of the corporate limits of the city of Pontiac, or Now say, if you want a farm of 100 acres of oak timber, 9 buildings in poor repair (the building don't cost anything in the price we are asking, so you needn't talk about 'em,) beautiful living spring of pure water, excellent soil. Properly taken care of by D. M. Ferry, or the old farm. The veriest hint that you would like to buy the farm and we'll get the owner and he'll be ready to go with you to look it over. Farms of this kind are getting quite popular just now and when we tell you that it can be bought for ten or fifteen dollars per acre, you will understand that you'd better hurry.

122

Farm of 73½ acres at $8,500 per acre. Good, gravelly loam, well fenced and drained, 7 acres of timber, 2 acres of orchard. Buildings valued at $3,500. Terms easy, and long time, if desired. One half hour by D. U. R. electric cars, 7 miles from Birmingham. Take you to see it any time. It's worth looking over.

123

Nice little 80 acre farm near Big Beaver, (S. ½ of N. ½ of S. E. ¼ sec. 22, Troy.) Barn 32x60 and 2-story house with 11 rooms. An acre of good fruit and a nice little orchard. A little over a mile from the Rochester Electric Railway. Less than you'd think to buy it, but you can bet your life that any man who means business can pay for it.

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Here it is and well worth the money. It's the finest 5-acre fruit farm in the whole state, and one of the village, adjoining the corporation line, and there is 200 acres of it and not a foot of waste land on the premises. Now, we frankly say without fear of contradiction that that there is no finer farm in the state of Michigan. What's that? Too big! Well, that's as you may look at it and what you want. Tell you what we'll do: we'll just sell you either side of the road with the buildings and the orchard and well located, and there you are, with a farm of 125 acres, just as you wish, and it's a very low down below $100 per acre that we are asking for it, too. 8 acres of timber and no buildings, enough to make a farm by itself. Nice and roomy and we'll just bet you that you never be sorry for having made the investigation.

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Five acres, no buildings, good light loamy soil, no waste land, the best diversified lots you ever saw; one hundred and fifty feet front, 20 rods from post office, rural free delivery and telephone connection and electric cars waiting 20 rods from front, electric railway past the property. Fine location for a home or place for a country home built to suit you. Five Rochester electric cars per hour. Price only $1,200. Will you look it over? Will you build a home in Birmingham, and if you don't speak right up quick, you'll lose it.

129

One of the finest residences on Saginaw street, Birmingham; 12 or 13 rooms, closets, furnaces, bath, hot and cold water, cellar, cistern, and all which you would have or expect to have in a first-class residence. Best location in or near the village; brick house, 2 stories high, and commanding a fine view of the village and the high school on any street; front on Saginaw street and 200 feet deep. Another piece is so low that we wouldn't feel justified in mentioning it in the same paragraph. Anyway, if you want the best house and lot in our town at a price that is right, we'll bet a dollar there are those who would tell you that explains the reasons that it is offered for 25 per cent less than it is worth.

130

Modest little cottage on Stanley street, 105 feet front, for the family, comfortable little house and plenty of fruit and shade trees. Another one of the cheapest places on our list and well worth looking over. Price $1,200. Tell you where any time we could tell you that explains the reasons that it is offered for 25 per cent less than it is worth.

131

New 2-story house, 8 rooms, bath, cellar, fruits; 66 feet in location on Randall's Addition, Birmingham. Price, $1,150.

132

Large 10-room frame house on Saginaw street; basement under the whole house, with cement floor; some oak mantels with grates, large attic, floored; good well, never failing well, all kinds of small fruit, nice lawn, with shade trees and room for shade. Will sell buildings and some of the land for $3,500 or if we should sell the lot, which is right on the car line, and there is about two acres of land and the buildings, and that is a fair use view of the village. Come and see what it is and you would never be sorry for having made the investigation.

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SCIENCE AND INVENTION

Cleansing Public Reservoirs.

The department of agriculture is experimenting with a process of treating public water supply with a solution of copper sulphate at the rate of 1 part in 1,000,000 parts. The purpose of this is to destroy certain forms of agla or plant growths, which so frequently render water foul appearing and ill smelling, although the sanitary quality of the water is not affected. These growths flourish best in the purest waters, pressed through sand filters, and for this reason large storage of filtered water is not advisable unless the reservoirs are covered. As to the effect upon the consumer, a person drinking three pints of water per day, with 1 part to 1,000,000 parts, would in a year consume but seven to eight grains of sulphate. As a mater of fact, however, the treatment would be continuous. Two or thre applications a year would probably suffice, and besides this the sulphate would enter into combination with the organic life and would then be precipitated. Certain of the algae are killed by solutions of only 1 part in 2,000,000, but it is possible that others will require much stronger solutions. In this case, which remains to be determined by test, the reservoir may be shut off from us during treatment, or there may be a supplementary process to precipitate any copper sulphate remaining in solution.

Improved Chiffonier.

There has just been patented a chiffonier, or dresser, of decidedly useful construction, and the honor belongs to an Indiana citizen. The accompanying cut shows the chiffonier, with its new feature, which is nothing more nor less than a washstand extension.

The New Chiffonier.

It can be seen that the washstand slides into the end of the chiffonier and closes the end shelves or compartments when the stand is not in use. The whole arrangement is particularly ingenious and forms a compact and useful article of furniture for milady's room.

Electric Switching Engines.

The great weight of storage batteries, which is so serious an objection to their use on passenger cars and smaller carriages, is an advantage in switching locomotives, as it gives necessary adhesion. Such a locomotive is being tested in the yards of the Prussian state railways. Among its special merits it claims that of being always ready and that of costing less than steam for ordinary service. The battery of 200 cells is charged once a day from a source of constant current at 110 volts. The total weight of the locomotive is 59,000 pounds, of which 22,000 pounds is the weight of the battery and 9,500 pounds that of the other electric apparatus.

What Lighting Is.

It has generally been supposed that the luminous material forming the electric spark is made up of minute particles torn from the poles of the discharge and heated to a white heat by it. But a Russian experimenter, Bernecoff, reports to the Paris Academy of Sciences the results of experiments which show that the poles suffer no such dismemberment, and that the heated material comes solely from the air or gas through which the spark passes. In a lightning flash the air is simply heated momentarily to incandescence along the path of the discharge.