Romance

My Love dwelt in a northern land,
A long way off from me;
Was here, and far on either hand
The long wash of the waves was seen;
And leagues on leagues of yellow sand,
The woven forest boughs between!

And through the silver northern night
The sunset slowly died away,
And herds of strange deer, lively-white
About the coming of the light,
They fled like ghosts before the day!

I know not if the forest green
Still girdles round that castle gray;
I know not if the boughs have been
The white deer vanish ere the day;
Above my Love the grass is green,
My heart is colder than the clay!

—Andrew Lang.

A TOUCH OF LIFE'S IRONY

BY ZOE RINEHART

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Suffering much pain? Oh, no; not enough left of me to feel much pain, I guess. There's nothing of me below the belt but pulp. A fellow in a fix like that is past feeling, I reckon, and that's something to be thankful for, if a fellow has anything to be thankful for in a time like this. It's only a question of a few hours, they say.

No. 6 and the Coast Limited came together like—well, like nothing this side of perdition, I guess. I was in the chair car, and the first thing I knew after the crash, I found myself in closer quarters than I was ever in before, or ever will be in again. They finally got me out and brought me here.

There's one thing. I've no folks to be cut up over this affair. It'd be mighty tough for a fellow to be taken home to his family all mashed in like this. I've some friends that have been notified, and they'll see I'm put away decently and in order, so to speak.

It'll be a little hard on Sue. Do you know, as I've been laying here, waiting for the end of this business, I've been doing a little bit of thinking.

It's queer the way a man's life turns out after all. Three hours ago I was on my way as fast as steam could carry me, to Sue and the kids. She's got three, and everybody says they look more like Mart than like Sue. I was happy, if that's what you'd call the feeling a man has when he's about to get what he's been hankering after in his waking hours and in his dreams for fifteen years. And now look at me.

I was going to marry Sue. Yes, tomorrow was to have been my wedding day. You see, Sue's been a widow for five years now. And since Mart died of typhoid, she's had a pretty tough time getting along with the youngsters and all. Sue wasn't raised to work, that is, to work to earn her daily bread. But Mart didn't leave her much.

Say, man, if you know—as you most'n likely don't—what it is to see a woman you've loved with a heart-breaking love for fifteen years—I say if you know what it is to see that woman having a hard time to live, suffering and pining and maybe starving in secret, and know that you've no right to comfort her, and that there is no way to make her take of your plenty—God! If you know what that is, you know something of what the pains of hell must be like.

I loved her long ago. I worshipped the ground she set her dainty feet on fifteen years ago, when we were all three—Sue, Mart and I—young people together in the old neighborhood.

Sue knew it, of course. But I wasn't a good-looker, nor a bright talker, as Mart Day was, and he got the inside track, and came in under the wire ahead of me.

They were married. Well, of course, when a thing like that happens there's nothing for the fellow that gets left to do but "grin and bear it," as I've heard my old mother say.

Some may think differently, but I've never held it's a sin for a man to love a woman even if she's married, provided he loves her in the right way, and lets her alone. For I take it that it's a man has loved a woman with all the mind and heart and soul the Lord has given him, he can't very well pull his love up, root and all, in a minute, and throw it away, just because she's gone and married another man.

I never saw Sue after she married

Sue.

Mart. Never saw her again until she'd been a widow for three years. Her pink cheeks were faded, and there were gray streaks in her hair, and the children were around her. But, my God! I loved her still.

And then I began to hope that I'd been wandering up and down the world trying to stifle and kill, sprung up, full-sized, and took a mighty hold on my soul.

But there was no wrong in it then. Any man had a right to woo her, for she'd been a widow for three years.

But I didn't woo her. I couldn't, I loved her better than the very life-blood in my veins, but I didn't seek her out. I saw she loved him still—him who had been her husband, for whom she had borne children. Though he was dead and gone, she loved him still. God! If I had only been the other man—aye, dead, as he was, but loved—by her.

She was poor. More than that, she was frail, and didn't know how to do things that bring in money to buy daily bread. And there were the children, still too young to help.

She was proud, too, proud as Lucifer. She chose to suffer in silence rather than accept anything that sav-

Asked her to be my wife.

ored of charity. I saw it all, her pride, and her sorrow, and her poverty.

I had money. I hadn't had anybody to spend it on during all the years the woman I loved was married to another man. You'll never know the hours, the days, I spent thinking of schemes to help her without her finding me out. But she saw through all pretexts sooner or later, and she wouldn't let me help her in any real way.

She had a long spell of sickness, and got up from it paler and weaker than she had ever been. Then I went to her—I knew I couldn't help her in any other way—I went to her and asked her to be my wife.

And she promised. She promised with tears of gratitude to marry me. Told me looking into my eyes that she didn't love me, but only respected and honored me. But for the sake of the children—his children—she would be my wife. Heavens, man, can you put yourself in a place like that?

But I loved her. You may not understand my sort of pity or me, or worse yet, you may feel a contempt for me, when I tell you that my heart fairly burst with the wildness of its joy.

Fifteen years is a long time to love a woman, to love her hopelessly, to hunger for the sight of her face and the touch of her hand, and yet know that they belong to another. Now she was to marry me. True, she didn't love me. But that wasn't her fault. I suppose I couldn't have all of heaven on this earth.

I said it was queer the way a man's life works out. A man may fail in the purpose of a lifetime through a stupid little blunder of some fellow he has never seen. To-morrow I would have married Sue, but to-day a chump forgot to flag a train.

Yet I don't say I have any kick coming against fate. Still, I think I could die a little happier if I'd only been—the other man.

No, there's nothing you can do for me; I'm quite comfortable. Thanks just the same. I haven't long to wait, you know. Good-bye.

Something as Good.

A lady who is a lover of books entered a book store in Detroit.

"Have you the last Literary Digest?" she asked.

The clerk was a young woman, and evidently a novice at bookselling.

"I'll see," she said, and presently returned to say the magazine wanted was not in stock.

"I'm very anxious to get a copy," said the lady.

"I'll look again," said the obliging clerk, and in a few minutes returned.

"I'm sorry, but the last copy has been sold. But I have something here that I think will do as well"; and she handed the amazed customer a copy of "What to Eat and How to Cook It"—Detroit Free Press.

"Even in Dreams."

"We must have overslept," said Mrs. Binks, sitting up in bed. "John!" she called, shaking him by the shoulder, "get up—it's awfully dark this morning. Raise the blin'."

John rubbed his eyes sleepily. In his dreams he caught her concluding words and muttered scornfully:

"Raise the blind? On a king high? Well, I guess not!"

And his snores continued where they had been interrupted.

A QUICK RECOVERY.

A Prominent Topeka Rebecca Officer Writes to Thank Doan's Kidney Pills for It.

Mrs. C. E. Bumgardner, a local officer of the Rebeccas, of Topeka, Kans., Room 10, 812 Kansas Ave., writes: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills during the past year for kidney trouble and kindred ailments. I was suffering from pains in the back and headaches, but found after the use of one box of the remedy that the troubles gradually disappeared, so that before I had finished a second package I was well. I therefore heartily endorse your remedy."

(Signed) Mrs. C. E. Bumgardner.

A FREE TRIAL—Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents.

Imitation Tides in Great Lakes.

The actual tides of a lake are excessively small. Nevertheless, noticeable alterations of level often occur, which are long regarded as mysterious. Recent observations in Switzerland make it certain that in these oscillations are due to differences in air pressure at different points on the lake. If the lake is large enough for the barometer to be high at one end while there is still a low pressure area over the other, water will be forced toward the place where the pressure is lower and an oscillation of level will result.

The Effect of Fried Eels.

A teacher in the primary department of a city school one morning recently asked the children what made them so restless. One little fellow raised his hand and said: "We had fried eels for breakfast at my house this morning."

Make a Religion of Hospitality.

Hospitality offered to the stranger under the roof is almost a religion with the Arabs. Bedouin householder, although to be the "stranger" is a difficult matter. Except among her own people the young Syrian girl is kept in haremlike seclusion. There is one way only in which the curious American can get into one of those homes, and that is in the guise of a buyer.

English Accident Insurance.

For a trifling sum—2 cents for every $500—the person who buys a railroad ticket in England receives a ticket entitling his heirs to insurance money in case he should be killed on the journey. The other day a workman insured his life for $2,500 in this way, and his widow received the money. Now there is a great rush for rich insurance.

Good Natural Tonics.

For general use are a brisk walk or a bicycle ride. They rouse the whole system, aid all the processes of life, and eliminate the waste products of the body. Stay-at-home, sedentary people are robbing themselves of medicine which Nature dispenses gratis.

Pawn Tickets Paper Walls.

A man in a London suburb has covered the walls of one of his rooms with pawntickets. It is a somewhat expensive hobby. Each ticket has been procured by the man himself in a legitimate manner, but the articles pledged are, of course, only of small value.

But Did Joseph Know?

Joseph T. Buckingham of Boston, one of the best writers and grammarians of his time, said that "not one scholar in a thousand ever received the least benefit from studying the rules of grammar before the age of 15 years."—Lynn Item.

To Soothe a Bruised Finger.

If in hammering in a nail you by mistake hit your finger or thumb, hold the injured member in water as hot as you can bear for a few minutes. This draws out the inflammation and relieves the pain in a wonderful way.

Some men find it easier to get drunk than sober.

THE SIMPLE LIFE.

Ways That Are Pleasant and Paths That Are Peace.

It is the simple life that gives length of days, serenity of mind and body and peace of the soul.

Simple hopes and ambitions, bounded by the desire to do good to one's neighbors, simple pleasures, habits, food and drink.

Men die long before their time because they try to crowd too much into their existence—they climb too high and fall too hard. A wise woman writes of the good that a simple diet has done her:

"I have been using Grape-Nuts for about six months. I began rather sparingly, until I acquired such a liking for it that for the last three months I have depended upon it almost entirely for my diet, eating nothing else whatever, but Grape-Nuts for breakfast and supper, and I believe I could eat it for dinner with fruit and be satisfied with such food, and feel very much better and have more strength to do my housework.

"When I began the use of Grape-Nuts I was thin and weak, my muscles were so soft that I was not able to do any work. I weighed only 108 pounds. Nothing that I ate did me any good. I was going down hill rapidly, was nervous and miserable, with no ambition for anything. My condition improved rapidly after I began to eat Grape-Nuts food. It made me feel like a new woman; my muscles got solid, figure rounded out, my weight increased to 126 pounds in a few weeks, my nerves grew steady and my mind better and clearer. My friends tell me they haven't seen me look so well for years.

"I consider Grape-Nuts the best food on the market, and shall never go back to meats and white bread again." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason.

Look in each pkg. for the little book, "The Road to Wellville."

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:

5.

Elegant house and lot 66 feet front and 80 rods deep in Plymouth, Wayne County, Mich. Bath, closet, etc. Can be bought for cash or exchanged for improved city property for portion of the purchase price.

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 Bayley farm in the town of Troy, 1791 acres. Good farm house and farm buildings, being well on the bank which is the wonder and pride of Troy; 20 acres good beech and maple timber, 4 acres fine grafted orchard. Good gravel road; all tillable land set at once, and no man who comes first will secure one of the best bargains in the country. Look it up.

38.

Two story house and lot on south side of Oakland st., two doors from electric road and bank, 24 ft. front, 116 ft. deep. Hot and cold water in both floors, water closet, bath, furnace and every modern convenience. Terms $500 cash, balance on long time. Price $4,800. If you are looking for a home, this is one of the finest particulars. If you see only curious it will be curious if we can't interest you.

42.

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

44.

Fine Stock Farm—the celebrated Colley Farm—in Troy township on Southfield. Buildings are well painted and in good condition; 12x24 foot frame house, with cellar, divided into three compartments. House surrounded with large handsome elm trees. Horse barn 68 feet long, with pole shed and large carriage room. Bank barn with granary, overhead track, cow stables underneath with cement floor and 3 or 4 additional stalls, sliding doors, good windows, window plants, stone foundation, etc., etc. Horse barn with 16 box stalls and paddock. Horse barn is 60 feet long and 2 other stalls and paddock enclosed with high board fence. Straw shed. Tool house, enclosed with stalls for 2 cows with large addition of feeding box stall attached and paddock. Ball box stall with paddock secure and strong for this purpose and isolated from other buildings. Outside cellar for house. Outside cellar for stables. Fruit: Large and bearing apple orchard well trimmed and in good condition, Baldwins, Greenings, Kings, Steeles Red, Jonathans and Russets; 600 pear trees, 300 peach trees, 35 plum, all of best varieties, 4 apricots, 2 quince, currants, grapes, straw berries, 2 acres timber or wood lot. Water: Good well with iron pump at house; good well with iron pump at stables; branch of River Rouge runs across farm and never dries up; farm is NEVER DRY. Farm is well tiled. Fences all in first-class order, many of them entirely new. Condition of soil: Farm has carried an average of 40 tons of hay forth; past five years. No feed of any kind sold and entire farm heavily manured. No commercial fertilizers used. Better inquire about this farm it may pay you.

55.

Village lots on Saginaw street, bounded north by land of Adaline M. Smith, east by D. U. R. R. 87, south by Bower street, west by Saginaw street, 108 ft. front on Saginaw street, 178 feet deep on south side and 132 feet deep on north side; all in the village of Birmingham, Mich. One of the finest building sites in the village. Price $600

56

Lots 48 and 49 Randall's Addition, price $135 each, for the two, which will be taken in part exchange for small house and lot in Birmingham.

57

Farm of 20 acres, being the s e ¼ of the s e ¼ of section 13, Bloomfield, and running as far as in the finest farming locality of the county, with a fairly good building. There is a mortgage incurrance on the property and title less than a mile from the Farmington electric road. 5 acres of timber, oak, basswood, elm, etc., and the price is only $15.00 per acre and you can have your own way about the terms of payment as long as you have cash enough to secure it. A postal will get you fuller particulars.

58

Good little farm in the township of West Bloomfield, Oakland county, 50 acres—60 cleared, 10 of it timber, 2 acres of orchard, house and barn of fair size and in good repair. Not little lake on the farm, good neighborhood and soil of the very best. Will exchange for city property and owner must be willing to pay cash if he wants to make you consider. It can be bought for $45.00 per acre. There!

59

To Soothe a Bruised Finger.

House and lot, No. 104 Fourteenth Ave., Detroit, a little over a block from the Boulevard; paved street; house piped and furnace; small barn; some fruit; buildings valued at $2,500; insured for $1,000. Will trade for Birmingham property worth the money. Price is the thing to make you consider. It can be bought for $45.00 per acre. There!

60

House and two lots 150x200 just north of the corporation line in the village of Royal Oak; plenty of small fruit and shade trees; two buildings would make a good set for just what the buildings would cost to build. House and 7 rooms and pantry, cellar, good well, nice barn. Buildings were built less than two years ago. Price 2,000 and terms easy.

61

House of 11 room on lots 5 and 18 Castle's plat, fronting on Merrill and Martin streets, Birmingham. Good cistern and ample cellar. There are conveniences 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 about it we will whisper it.

77

Part of n e ¼ of sec 27, Bloomfield, 44 acres, 2 acres of timber and pasture land, 2 acres orchard—good variety of fruit—good for 5 to 15 miles west of the D. & P. Electric R'y; free daily mail delivery; good well, cistern and fine living water on the southerly end of the farm. Price $4,000; terms easy on long time. It makes a nice little home in an excellent neighborhood; all ready to occupy—boasted a few days—and will be sold at $4,000 as about No 1a. A bargain will exist.

75

Cottage, no [illegible] Hill street, Pontiac, Mich., 4 rooms [illegible] front; fine court house. [illegible]

77

One lot on Saginaw street, just south of land owned by John Germain, 50 feet frontage. Anyone wishing to purchase will find this a bargain. For particulars inquire of Mollie G. Smith or at the Exchange Bank.

87

House and two lots on the corner of Townsend and Henrietta streets—an excellent location. One of the best building sites for private residences in the village, with 130 feet front on Townsend and 165 feet deep. Modern ten room house with closets, city water, well, woodshed and summer kitchen. Now this is strictly "on the dead" and not to be sold at present, but if you really have any intention of buying a home in this village within the next year or two do not overlook this place, because the price is only $4,000 and more than that—but that's a state secret and we can't tell you 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'm not 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. Fine good buildings, 20 acres of timber, 8 acres of orchard, finest orchard in the country, one mile from the electric railway, 2 miles west of the Woodward way. Flowing well. House heated with furnace. Price $95.00 per acre. Want to know more about it? A postal will bring full particular.

91

Farm, 102 acres in the north part of Royal Oak township, 7 acres orchard, fine fruit, good buildings, good water, 2 miles from electric road, buildings are insured for $1,000, price $90.00 per acre. Will exchange for Birmingham or Pontiac property.

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 $65.00 per acre. There, if that don't get you to thinking we won't say any more. A cent's worth of postal cards will tell you all about it by return mail.

95

103 1-2 acres in Southfield township, within 40 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 $4,500, 12 acres of orchard, 15 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 160 acres in Southfield township, very productive soil, in a high state of cultivation, not a foot of waste land on the place, two wells, excellent buildings, best wire fences, farm thoroughly drained, 78 grape vines, 4 acres of other berries, two barns, fine dwelling, one entire house (capacity 100), icehouse and milk house combined, everything ready to step right on and most profitable dairy business in the country, but failing health makes it necessary to dispose of this desirable property. Price $95.00 an acre.

100

Farm of 73½ acres on the Twelve mile road, 1½ miles east of the Electric Railway on Woodward avenue, two-story house, good barn and buildings which are insured for $2,500. Dark loamy soil, admirable for truck gardening; plenty of fruit of all kinds. Price $6,500.

101

Farm of 31 acres in sections 25 and 19, Southfield; 2 acres best grafted fruit, 5 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., 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 vegetable, provision, laundry and furnace room. Has thirteen rooms, bath and five closets, hot and cold water, furnace room, water closets, and in fact every convenience that you could possibly have in the city. Two barns, a woodshed, a chicken house and corn house combined, work shop for odd hours on cold jobs, iron fence around entire lot, cement walks in front and north on a corner lot of one acre. The house alone cost $8,000 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 and rest. Price (we are ashamed to say it) $4,000, half cash, balance on long time and easy terms. If you live in the big wicked city and would like to see a place that would suit you, 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 S. E. ¼, Sec. 32; 75 acres cleared, 10 acres timber and huckleberry swamp. (Don't laugh at this swamp, netted over $150 an last summer). Three acres of orchard, house of 7 rooms, good well, school house 2 miles from Milford, 3 miles from Commerce, proposed electric road comes within a mile of the house. Price $2,000. Say, what do you want, anyhow?

104

House and barn and south half of four lots, corner of Fremont st. and Saginaw street, Birmingham; comfortable little home for small family, 32 feet front on Prince street and 132 on Fremont. Price $1,200; terms easy. Will trade for other property.

105

Beautiful little 48 acre farm in Troy, on the Romeo branch of the D. U. R.; fine buildings, flowing well, 2 acres of timber, 1 acre of orchard, thoroughly drained, all fenced with woven wire fence and cedar posts; 3 buildings worth $2,000, house 12 rooms, bath, furnace, cellar, etc. If that don't satisfy you, you should "come on," how. Just think! Get off the car right at your own door, only 30 from the city hall; fare 15c. Price $3,500. Come on and let us show it to you

106

House and two lots on Stanley avenue, Birmingham, 150 to 300; well, cistern, cellar, fruit; house 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 200 on Harris street; house contains 10 rooms and bath 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; 500 feet on Avon and 1,000 feet on Lafayette, along the line of the electric railway; will plat into 65 lots 50 feet each, and sell them for cash will buy 2 lots with the balance of the purchase price on long time at low rate of interest. Honest, we are almost ready to take it ourselves. There is money in it for anyone who has time to devote to the selling of it, and who could take monthly payments, etc.

109

Lot 50x150 in Randall subdivision, with nice little one story cottage, on Greenwood avenue Price $750.

112

Nice little farm of nine and seven acres in the town ship of Troy, 1½ miles from the electric railway good for chicken raising, plenty of timber for fire wood. Log house and small frame barn and other buildings. Price $1,400.

113

Vacant lots No. 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, Castle's plat, Birmingham, each 50 feet front on Townsend street and 125 feet on Merrill street. Good building sites, fine drainage and good locality. Price upon application; it's too cheap to mention in public.

114

Fine farm in the township of Southfield, 84 acres, of which 74 are cleared, and the balance in good maple timber. Two acres of orchard, buildings worth $3,000, exceptionally fine place can be bought for $5,000. Nuf ced!

99

An ideal country home for anyone. House worth $2,000 and the price is $1,000 if you can have in the big, wicked city. Eighty-five acres, a beautiful timber lot, 5 acres, loamy gravel, 8 acres fine orchard, whole farm fenced with best woven wire fencing, hedge 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 $10.00 per acre and when you take into consideration the cost of the improvements, it is well worth the price. No? Well, you just let us take your word for it and you'll be all right, or if we're all right we will take it all back. Won't cost you anything to poke around a little and find out about it.

116

Farm in Southfield. Really you will begin to think we have the whole town of Southfield for sale. Well, we have a lot of it, and there is no better farming land in the world. Only they have been asking too much for it. Now they are just getting down to reasons and some are very cheap. For instance, 6 acres at $60 per acre, buildings, nice spring of ever-flowing water, all good plow land, except 1½ acres of scattering timber. No marsh land on the place. There!

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, bath room, well and cistern, or will sell the buildings and one more acre of land. Will sell the whole business for $2,200 with cash enough to insure it, and take the balance on the installment plan, if necessary.

119

Two lots house, barn and chicken house, corner of Greenwood and Harmon in Birmingham, Mich., and it is one of the most comfortable and pleasing homes in the village. Buildings are nearly all new, good cellar, well never was constructed along the east line of the property last summer and is all paid for. Buildings are insured for $1,000 and the place will cost you only a trifle more than that. You really could not build the buildings and sidewalks for what is asked for it. Ask the man at the Exchange Bank.

120

Farm formerly belonging to Edward Coster and located on the east shore of Pine Lake, in the townships of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield; one of the loveliest locations in all the lake region of Oakland county; 120 acres with 1½ story frame dwelling and seven rooms, in a very beautiful oak and hickory grove. Farm touches Pine Lake in the eastern portion and Pine Lake on the west. The price is less than many dollars per acre and the portion bordering on the Pine Lake part is laid out in lots which are well worth $50 each, and the whole amount asked for the farm, 3½ miles from the city of Pontiac and at the opposite end of Pine Lake from the steam and electric railway stations at Orchard Lake. Worth investigating and we are here to answer all questions, either by mail or in a personal interview—which we would greatly prefer.

121

One hundred and three acres just outside of the corporate limits of the city of Pontiac, on the electric railway; a number of acres of oak timber, 5 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 pure water, excellent soil. Formerly leased by D. M. Ferry & Co., for seed farm. The veriest hint that you would like to see enlightened we will get our bonnet on and be ready to go with you to look it over. Farms of this kind are getting scarcer every year, and when we tell you that it can be bought for ninety dollars per acre, you will understand that it's a better buy.

122

Farm of 73½ acres at $80.00 per acre. Good gravelly loam, well fenced and drained. 7 acres of excellent orchard, 3 acres timber, 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 $65.00 per acre. There, if that don't get you to thinking we won't say any more. A cent's worth of postal cards will tell you all about it by return mail.

123

Nice little 40-acre farm near Big Beaver, (S. ½ of Sec. 36, T. 3 N., R. 11 E., Troy), 1½ miles from a 2-story house with 13 rooms. An acre of good orchard and 3 acres of timber. Buildings a mile from the Rochester Electric Railway. Less than 60 per acre will buy it. Now, Mr. Michigan, that's what you mean business can pay for it.

124

Here it is and well worth the money. It's the justly celebrated Watkins Stock farm just west of the village, adjoining Royal Oak, and on which there is 320 acres of it and not a foot of waste land. Is the property worth $100 per acre without fear of contradiction that there is no better farm in Oakland county, Michigan, for that? Too big! Well, that's as you may look at what you want. Buy! Tell you what we'll do, we'll sell you either side of the road with the buildings, which are properly distributed, and limit you to 160 acres and 40 acres or 200 acres, just as you wish, and it's way down below 100 per acre. Some fine timber and not, 100, 8 acres of timber and 10 buildings, entirely new, and the price is low. There! What's the use? You must come and let us take you to see it. Only ten minutes drive from our office.

125

Lot No. 11, Blakeslee Addition to the village of Birmingham, Mich., on the front on Saginaw street, west side, in excellent neighborhood. No buildings. Price $600.

126

Vacant lots 16, 17, 18 of Willson's Sub-division, Royal Oak village, 50x110 each. Price, $200 each. Terms easy, with small payment down.

127

House and lot on Fremont street in Birmingham, Mich., fronting 66 feet. House has 5 rooms and closets, well and cistern. Price, $1,100.

128

Five-room cottage, Hood's Addition, Birmingham, Mich., fronting Saginaw street, 50 feet; home, good well, cistern, fruit, garden, etc. Price, $900.

129

One of the finest residences on Saginaw street, Birmingham, 12 or 13 rooms, closets, furnace, bath, hot and cold water; every convenience which you would like to have and well in the city; without exception the finest location in our village; brick house, etc., practically new, cost $6,000 to build it; lot about 125 feet; front on Saginaw street, and about 200 feet deep. And the price is only $4,500, half cash, balance on long time and easy terms. If you live in the big wicked city and would like to see a place that would suit you, we will take you to see this place and be glad to get acquainted with you whether you buy or not.

155

Eighty acre farm in White Lake township, W. ½ S. E. ¼, Sec. 32; 75 acres cleared, 10 acres timber and huckleberry swamp. (Don't laugh at this swamp, netted over $150 an last summer). Three acres of orchard, house of 7 rooms, good well, school house 2 miles from Milford, 3 miles from Commerce, proposed electric road comes within a mile of the house. Price $2,000. Say, what do you want, anyhow?

104

House and barn and south half of four lots, corner of Fremont st. and Saginaw street, Birmingham; comfortable little home for small family, 32 feet front on Prince street and 132 on Fremont. Price $1,200; terms easy. Will trade for other property.

105

Beautiful little 48 acre farm in Troy, on the Romeo branch of the D. U. R.; fine buildings, flowing well, 2 acres of timber, 1 acre of orchard, thoroughly drained, all fenced with woven wire fence and cedar posts; 3 buildings worth $2,000, house 12 rooms, bath, furnace, cellar, etc. If that don't satisfy you, you should "come on," how. Just think! Get off the car right at your own door, only 30 from the city hall; fare 15c. Price $3,500. Come on and let us show it to you

106

House and two lots on Stanley avenue, Birmingham, 150 to 300; well, cistern, cellar, fruit; house 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 200 on Harris street; house contains 10 rooms and bath 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; 500 feet on Avon and 1,000 feet on Lafayette, along the line of the electric railway; will plat into 65 lots 50 feet each, and sell them for cash will buy 2 lots with the balance of the purchase price on long time at low rate of interest. Honest, we are almost ready to take it ourselves. There is money in it for anyone who has time to devote to the selling of it, and who could take monthly payments, etc.

109

Lot 50x150 in Randall subdivision, with nice little one story cottage, on Greenwood avenue Price $750.

112

Nice little farm of nine and seven acres in the town ship of Troy, 1½ miles from the electric railway good for chicken raising, plenty of timber for fire wood. Log house and small frame barn and other buildings. Price $1,400.

113

Vacant lots No. 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, Castle's plat, Birmingham, each 50 feet front on Townsend street and 125 feet on Merrill street. Good building sites, fine drainage and good locality. Price upon application; it's too cheap to mention in public.

114

Fine farm in the township of Southfield, 84 acres, of which 74 are cleared, and the balance in good maple timber. Two acres of orchard, buildings worth $3,000, exceptionally fine place can be bought for $5,000. Nuf ced!

99

An ideal country home for anyone. House worth $2,000 and the price is $1,000 if you can have in the big, wicked city. Eighty-five acres, a beautiful timber lot, 5 acres, loamy gravel, 8 acres fine orchard, whole farm fenced with best woven wire fencing, hedge 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 $10.00 per acre and when you take into consideration the cost of the improvements, it is well worth the price. No? Well, you just let us take your word for it and you'll be all right, or if we're all right we will take it all back. Won't cost you anything to poke around a little and find out about it.

116

Farm in Southfield. Really you will begin to think we have the whole town of Southfield for sale. Well, we have a lot of it, and there is no better farming land in the world. Only they have been asking too much for it. Now they are just getting down to reasons and some are very cheap. For instance, 6 acres at $60 per acre, buildings, nice spring of ever-flowing water, all good plow land, except 1½ acres of scattering timber. No marsh land on the place. There!

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, bath room, well and cistern, or will sell the buildings and one more acre of land. Will sell the whole business for $2,200 with cash enough to insure it, and take the balance on the installment plan, if necessary.

119

Two lots house, barn and chicken house, corner of Greenwood and Harmon in Birmingham, Mich., and it is one of the most comfortable and pleasing homes in the village. Buildings are nearly all new, good cellar, well never was constructed along the east line of the property last summer and is all paid for. Buildings are insured for $1,000 and the place will cost you only a trifle more than that. You really could not build the buildings and sidewalks for what is asked for it. Ask the man at the Exchange Bank.

120

Farm formerly belonging to Edward Coster and located on the east shore of Pine Lake, in the townships of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield; one of the loveliest locations in all the lake region of Oakland county; 120 acres with 1½ story frame dwelling and seven rooms, in a very beautiful oak and hickory grove. Farm touches Pine Lake in the eastern portion and Pine Lake on the west. The price is less than many dollars per acre and the portion bordering on the Pine Lake part is laid out in lots which are well worth $50 each, and the whole amount asked for the farm, 3½ miles from the city of Pontiac and at the opposite end of Pine Lake from the steam and electric railway stations at Orchard Lake. Worth investigating and we are here to answer all questions, either by mail or in a personal interview—which we would greatly prefer.

121

One hundred and three acres just outside of the corporate limits of the city of Pontiac, on the electric railway; a number of acres of oak timber, 5 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 pure water, excellent soil. Formerly leased by D. M. Ferry & Co., for seed farm. The veriest hint that you would like to see enlightened we will get our bonnet on and be ready to go with you to look it over. Farms of this kind are getting scarcer every year, and when we tell you that it can be bought for ninety dollars per acre, you will understand that it's a better buy.

IRONICAL IFS.

If you live in a stone house don't throw glasses.

If a man is wedded to art he should possess a model wife.

If your harvest is a failure remember you selected the seed.

If a noiseless powder ever comes into general use you'll not hear it.

If you have a hair-raising story to tell spring it on a bald-headed man.

If an original idea ever strikes some people it will simply paralyze them.

If a barber only goes over a man's face once he is less apt to strain his voice.

If a girl's father objects to a young man's suit he should employ another tailor.

If you lack courage eat buckwheat cakes—they'll make you come up to the scratch.

If handsome is as handsome does some good-looking girls are anything but handsome.

If a man could peruse his own biography it would probably surprise him more than any one else.

If a girl is unable to win her own ideal she has to content herself with marrying some other girl's.

If you carve your name on the heart of a friend it will be far more lasting than if carved on a marble slab.

If the lion and the lamb ever lie down together it's a pretty safe bet that the lamb will be missing when the lion gets up.

SCRAMBLED THOUGHTS.

Self-deception is the worst kind of deception.

Don't mistake the armor of religion for a cloak.

The man who says the least is seldom misquoted.

The ulcer of envy is healed by the unguent of pity.