LAFITTE of LOUISIANA

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CHAPTER XXVI.

Night in New Orleans, where the former gay life of the streets had for many weeks been hushed by the threatened calamity of an attack, or possible siege.

The air of the city, muggy and lifeless as the thunder showers of the day had left it, was still more unbearable inside the walls of the gaol, where, on the upper floor, in a cell whose one narrow iron-barred window faced the east, lay Pierre Lafitte.

The gaoler's wife came in with a jug of water, and filling a cup, held it to the stricken man's lips while gently raising his head.

"M'sieur Pierre, I trust you will not be angry with me that sent this afternoon to Father Phillipe, and asked that a priest be sent here for your comforting."

"Is it Father Phillipe of the Coeur de Jean?" he asked.

"Surely, m'sieur; and a saint himself," she answered quickly.

"Very well, then, madame; you may send the priest to me," said Pierre, wearily, and, wondering if by any chance he might here find a channel through which to communicate with Jean, for he had recalled the name as that of one of the latter's friends.

The woman soon returned, bringing a lighted lamp, which she placed upon the floor, near the foot of the bed, and Pierre, closing his eyes to shut away the glare, did not see the tall, black-robed form that entered, heard, and then motioned her to leave the room.

As she did so, the priest walked to the window and stood looking out, his back turned to the bed, until the last echo of the woman's footsteps had died away. Then striding hastily to the door, he closed it softly, and, throwing back his cowl, revealed the pale face of Jean Lafitte.

"Pierre, my brother," he said, talking care to lower his passionate voice to almost a whisper, as he dropped upon his knees beside the bed. "My poor Pierre, tell me who has brought this upon thee."

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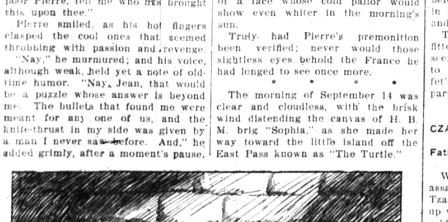

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5.

Elegant house and lot on 66 foot front and 90 rods deep on Maple Ave., East, (half an acre). Price barn and every modern convenience. Furnace, hot water, all the latest in which is the wonder and pride of Troy; 30 acres good beech and maple land, balance choice fruit orchard. Circular stamped envelope if advisable to sell at once, and the 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 Oakes St., two doors from electric road on Stag Inaw st., 80 ft. front, 160 ft. deep. Hot and cold water on both floors, water closet, bath, furnace and every modern convenience. Terms $500 cash, balance long time, $1,800. If you are curious or interested, just ask us for fuller particulars. If you 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. Price $3,500 and it is worth every cent of it. If you don't believe it, ask us about it and we will prove it.

44.

Fine Stock Farm—the celebrated Collier Farm—80 acres in township of Southfield. Buildings are well painted and in good condition, consisting of 10-room frame house, with cellar divided into three compartments. House surrounded with large handsome shade trees. Frame barn with stalls for six horses and separate carriage room. Brick barn with granary, overhead track, cow stables underneath with cement floor and room for additional stalls, sliding doors, good windows, window sashes, entire foundation, etc., etc. Horse barn with 10 box stalls and paddock. Sheep barn with 8 box and 4 single stalls and paddock enclosed with high fence. Implement shed, 30 feet square, enclosed with sliding doors. Office with large stallion or bull pen. Corn crib, hog house and paddock. Hen house with paddock secure and strong for 500 chickens, and isolated from other buildings. Outside closet for men. Tool house. Ice house. Fruits: Large and bearing apple orchard, trees all in good condition, Baldwins, Greenings, Kings, Steeles Red, Pomeroy Red, Russets, and 500 pear trees, 300 peach, 30 cherry, 25 plum, all of best varieties, 3 apricots, 2 nectarines, 2 quince, 2 grapes, strawberries, etc. 5 acres timber or wood lot. Water. Good well with iron pump at house; good well with iron pump at barn. Soil of Rivard Rouge runs across entire south end of farm and is worth $200 per acre. Farm is well tiled. Perhaps in first class shape, many of them entirely new. Condition of soil: Farm has carried an average of 40 head of stock during 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 Mullen, south by Dow, east by D. H. R. R.'s, south by flower street, west by Saginaw street, 198 ft. front on Saginaw street, 132 feet deep on north side and 165 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 on for the two lots (which is very cheap). Will exchange for small house and lot in Birmingham.

57

Farm of 40 acres, being the s e ¼ of the s e ¼ of section 2, Farmington, Oakland county, Mich., in the finest farming locality of the county, with 8 fairly good buildings. There is no incumbrance on the property and it is less than a mile from the Farmington electric road. 5 acres of timber, elm, basswood, etc., and the price is only $75 per acre and you can have it on easy way about the terms of payment as long as you said to be somewhere in the great park, part of which contained a forest of primeval trees. Here only were heard cheerful sounds of human activity, for wood-cutters were at work; and after trying in all directions Serglus at last made overtures to them to inquire if they had observed the Czar passing. Judge of his own surprise when he found the wood-cutters to be Alexander himself and his son, the present Czar. They were in their shirt sleeves, the boy aiding in stacking the wood that had been cut. And in this way Alexander had been seeking forgetfulness of the world and sorcease of the sorrow of having been born a Russian Czar.

Engineers Find Bearings in Fog.

"When I was a guard," said Mr. Richard Bell, Mt. P., yesterday, "I could sit in my van with my eyes shut and tell where the train was at any moment. Working one section continuously one gets to learn the rythmic song of the road and how it varies at each signal box, station, curve, gradient, tunnel and bridge.

"The sixth sense, which is more than mere hearing, is of the utmost value to a driver during fog. Denied the use of his eyes, he still does not lose his way when he is on a familiar road.

"A driver cannot learn a new road when he is stoking, which should occupy all his time. He should always be allowed to travel as third man on the footplate, unfettered by work, and in two or three days, by keeping his eyes and ears open, he would learn the road."—London Daily Mail.

A False Alarm.

The zeal with which the souvenir postal fiends pursue their friends in their endeavors to add to their collections sometimes proves embarrassing. He was telling her of his vacation plans, which, it seems, hovered between a trip to Europe or a visit to Jamaica.

"Either place will suit me," she commented. He looked startled, gazed wildly at the door, and wondered how he could make his escape.

"Yes," she went on, reflectively, "I need some cards from the West Indies, and then there is that new set just issued in England—the Ledbury series—which I positively must have."

President Eliot and the Small Boy.

President Eliot of Harvard college always enjoys the quick retorts of small boys in the street. On one occasion a little urchin looked up curiously at him, and President Eliot said: "Hello, boy, what time is it by your nose?"

"Dunno," came the retort. "Mine ain't runnin'; is yours?"

24

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95

103 1-2 acres in Southfield township, within 40 rods of a good school, no waste land, living water running through the farm the year round, farm well fenced and thoroughly drained, buildings worth $4,500. Six acres of orchard, 10 acres of timber. This is an ideal stock and grain farm and at so low a price that we are not allowed to say right out what it is.

96

Yep! Here's your chance at last. Will exchange for Detroit city property. Farm of 80 acres in Southfield township, 40 acres cleared, rest in high state of cultivation, not a foot of waste land on the place. Fairly good set of buildings, best wire fences, farm thoroughly drained, 2 grape arbors, 2 apple trees, no peaches, two barns, fine dwelling, one story house (capacity 100), icehouse and milk house and hog pen combined. This is one of the most profitable dairy business in the country, but failing health makes it advisable to dispose of this desirable property. Price $16.00 an acre.

97

An ideal country home for anyone. House worth $2,000 with all the conveniences you can have in town, and a little more. Small barn, only 3 acres oak timber. Sixty rich, loamy gravel, 4 acres fine orchard, whole farm fenced with ornamental 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 $3,000 per acre, but will sell for less if consideration the cost of the improvements, it is well worth the money. Don't ask us what we will take you to see it and then if you don't say we are all right we will take it all back. Never mind, you anything to poke around a little and find out about it.

100

Farm of 77½ acres on the Twelve mile road, 1½ miles east of the Electric Railway at Woodward avenue, Birmingham, Mich., 60 acres cleared, balance of timber, soil sandy loam, clay subsoil, good orchard, plenty of fruit of all kinds. Price $6,500.

101

Farm of 31 acres in sections 25 and 15, Southfield; 2 acres best grade of timber, buildings not worth $2,000, all good, 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, situated among the hills and valleys of the prettiest little village in Oakland county, Michigan. The cellar is divided into vegetable, fruit and coal bins, with furnace room. The house has thirteen rooms and five closets, bath room, store room, linen room, water closets, and in fact every convenience that could possibly be wished for. Also two barns, 2 woodhouses, pig pen, hen house and corn crib, all combined, with milk house. 3 hours on odd jobs, iron fence around entire lot, 2 street entrances. House fronts west and north on a corner lot of one acre. The house alone cost $6,000 to build, and the money was well expended. Plenty of fruit—and that's a place for city people who would like to settle down in a pleasant little community village and get out of doors are ashamed to say it), is only $4,000, half cash, balance on long time, interest 6 per cent. 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 one and be glad to get acquainted with you whether you buy or not.

103

Eighty acre farm in White Lake township, W. ½ S. H. ¼, Sec. 32, 70 acres cleared, 10 acres timber and buckwheat enough. (Don't laugh this season is better than the average for that summer). Three acres of orchard, house of 9 rooms, good cellar, good barn, 40 rods to Milford, 3 miles from Commerce, proposed electric line this place will run right at the house. Price $2,000. buy, what do you want, anyhow?

104

House and barn and south half of four lots, corner of Fremont and Pierce streets, Birmingham, comfortable little home for small family, 4 fruit trees, on Pierce street, 2 grape vines on Fremont. Price $1,200, terms easy. Will trade for other property.

106

House and two lots on Stanley avenue, Birmingham, 16x30; well, cistern, cellar; fruit; house worth $1,000 and the whole will sell for $1,200. Wouldn't that take you to the fair?

107

One of the finest residences in the village of Birmingham, 200 feet front on Brown and 400 on Daines street, 7 story house with furnace, 8 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, 500 feet on west side of Woodward avenue, along the line of the electric railway, will plat into 85 lots and no rash, and a thousand dollars cash will buy it with the balance of the purchase price on long time at low rate of interest, and we are almost ready to take it ourselves. There is plenty for anyone who has time to devote to the selling of it, and who could take monthly payments, etc.

109

Lot 8, 51 x 150 in Randall anodivision, with nice little one story cottage, on Greenwood avenue. Price $750.

112

Nice little farm of nineteen acres in the township of Troy, 3½ miles from the electric railway and good for chicken raising, plenty of timber for fire wood. Log house and small frame barn and other buildings. Price $1,400.

114

Fine farm in the township of Southfield, 84 acres, of which 75 are cleared, and the balance in good second growth timber. Two acres of orchard, 3 buildings worth $3,000, and this exceptionally fine place can be bought for $5,000. Nuf ced!

116

Farm in Southfield. Really you will begin to think we have the whole town of Southfield for sale. Well, we have it, and you will see the better farming land in the world. Only they have been asking too much for it. Now they are just about right, down to a price that is very cheap. Purtinance, 40 acres at $50 per acre; buildings, nice spring of never-failing water, all good, plow land, except 15 acres of scattering timber. No marsh land on the place. There.

118

Seven acres just outside the city limits of Pontiac, on Elizabeth street, 1½ miles from the electric car line, 1 mile from electric cars. Buildings new, house 7 rooms, all in good repair, and we are going to sell the buildings and one or more acres of land. This will be a whole business for $2,500 with cash enough to start you and will sell the balance on the installment plan, if necessary.

119

Two lots house, barn and chicken house, corner of Greenwood and Harmon in Birmingham, Mich., for sale. One of the most comfortable and pleasing homes in the village. Buildings new, nearly all new, good cellar, well, sewer was constructed along the east line of the property last summer and is all paid for, and the lots are high, dry and sightly. The price will cost you only a trifle more than that. You really could not duplicate the buildings and side walks for what is asked for it. Ask the man at the Exchange Bank.

120

Farm formerly belonging to Edward Coster and located on Orchard Lake road, for sale, in the townships of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield; one of the loveliest locations in all the lake region of Oakland county. House and barn 1½ story frame dwelling and seven rooms, in a very beautiful grove of native forest trees. Farm touches Long Lake in the eastern portion and Pine Lake on the west. The farm contains about sixty dollars per acre and the portion bordering on the Pine Lake road is laid out in lots which are well worth five times the whole amount asked for the farm. 3¼ miles from the city of Pontiac and 3 miles from Orchard Lake village, from the steam and electric railway stations at Orchard Lake. Worth investigating and you are here to answer all your questions, either by mail or in 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, 2 acres orchard, 12 acres oak timber, 4 buildings in poor repair (the buildings don't cost anything at the price we are asking, so you needn't kick about them), fine living spring of pure water, excellent soil. Formerly leased at $4 per acre, but is for sale at farm. The veriest hint that you would like to investigate and we'll get out bonnet on and be ready to start you in town. Come across us this kind are getting mighty popular just now and we have only one left at the price. Only ninety dollars per acre, you will understand that you'd better hurry.

120

Lot No. 11, Blakeslee Addition to the village of Birmingham, Mich., nice frontage on Saginaw street, west side, in excellent neighborhood. No buildings. Price, $250.

126

Vacant lots 16, 17, 18 of Willcox's Sub-division, Royal Oak village, 50 feet front and 150 deep each. Terms easy, with small payment down.

127

House and lot on Fremont street in Birmingham, Mich., facing Pierce. House nearly new, 5 rooms and closets, well and cistern. Price, $1,200

128

Five-room cottage, Hood's Addition, Birmingham. Fine stanchy street. Comfortable little home, good well, cistern, fruit, garden, and lot. Price, $900.

122

Farm of 73½ acres at $65.00 per acre. Good gravelly loam, well fenced and drained, 7 acres of excellent orchard, 8 acres timber, 4 acres timber valued at $3,500. Terms easy, and long time. One of the best farms in Southfield, about 3 miles from Birmingham. Take you to see it any time. It's worth looking over.

123

Nice little 40-acre farm near Big Beaver, (S. of N. ½ of S. E. ¼, Sec. 29, Troy.) Barn 32x40 and stable 16x30, with 11 rooms. An acre of good orchard and 5 acres of timber. A little over 2 miles from the Rochester Electric Railway. Less than $2,000 per acre will buy it, and the terms we can say that any man who means business can pay for it.

124

Here it is and well worth the money. It's the justly celebrated Wm. Smith place, on the north end of the village, adjoining the corporation line, and there is 320 acres of it, and every foot of water land on the premises. We will not say a word in the way 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 what you want, may be! We will put that well to; we'll just sell you either side of the road with the buildings, which are property good, but the rest, and there you are, with a farm of 160 acres or no acres, just as you wish, and it's way but little from $100 per acre that it will be sold for, too. 8 acres of timber and 10 buildings, engines and windmills. Whatever you want. You must come and let us take you to see it. Only ten minutes drive from our office.

129

One of the finest residences on Saginaw street, Birmingham, 12 or 15 rooms, closets, furnace, hot and cold water, every convenience which you would have or expect to have in the city; without exception the finest location in our village; brick residence, practically new, cost $6,000 to build it; lot about 125 feet front on Saginaw street, and extending back. And the price is so low that we wouldn't feel justified in mentioning it in this manner. Whatever the say, if you want the best house and lot in our town at a cost far less than it cost to build it in its present condition, you surely would do yourself an injury if you don't call on us and let us take you to see it. That's right!

Large 10-room frame house on Saginaw street, basement under all, good furnace, bath, a handsome oak mantels and grates, large attic, five large barn, hen house, flowing well, all kinds of small fruit, lot 132 feet front, magnificent shade for shade. Will sell buildings and some of the land for $4,500 or the whole place for $5,500. It is right on the car line, and there is about two acres of land and the most sightly and picturesque corner on the village. Come and see what it is and you will never be sorry for having made the investigation.

133

Five acres, no buildings, good light loamy soil, no waste land. Ten beautiful maples on the front. Only a mile and a half from free delivery twice daily, store, mill and electric railway room; no rock from 2 to 6 feet. Will sell this for $1,000 and a nice home built to suit you. On Rochester electric line about 2 miles from city hall, 2 miles from Royal Oak, 4 miles from Birmingham, and if you don't speak right up quick, you'll lose it.

134

Improved farm, 80 acres; 8 acres timber, 6 acres orchard; no waste land; good tile; new house with large cellar; 8-ply barn, horse barn, sheep barn, all new and in first class shape, and other necessary buildings. Have about $4,000 worth of personal property that I will throw with the farm if desired and the whole thing can be had for $8,000 cold this season. Go with you to look at it if you want to say the word. Price is located 14 miles south of Canton, Wayne county, Mich., on the old Arbor electric.

136

Highty to one hundred acres as you choose Part of the old Henry Grinnell farm in the n ½ of section 25, Troy, Mich. Don't know what Mr. Grinnell farm is, well, this is part of it. Nothing but timber, etc. Just the thing for clearing land and the better part of it under cultivation with a small tile. Price $50 per acre, $60 per acre. But you mustn't wait too long for its going to be sold and that price will do it, too!

138

Highty acres in township of Redford, Wayne county, Mich., about two miles from the North Line electric railway. Orchard and small fruits; buildings valued at $1,000. Soil good light ground suitable for gardening, about 1 mile from Detroit city limits. Price, $2,000, terms Tell you all about it for the asking.

140

House and lot in the Campbell subdivision on north side of Forest avenue, Detroit, furnace, cellar under the whole house, open stairway, hardwood finish in natural woods, all kinds of fruit a bargain at $2,500. Say, the house cost more than that to build!

141

Want something cheap and well worth more money? All right, here it is. Lots 21 and 22 Lake View Park, Detroit, new city water, good cellar and cistern. The price is $500 but this is on the side. Spot cash will buy it. There, you!

142

Well, it isn't much of a house, but there's lots of nice fruit on the premises and the lot has 100 feet frontage on Ann street and is 100 feet deep, within one block of Woodward avenue. The electric cars at the corner of Frank street. $900, spot cash will do it!

143

Three acres, house and barn on the south west limit of the village. Land will if look good soil new buildings, good well and cistern. Nice little home with lots of room, well worth $1,500 but there are circumstances which prompt the owner to reluctantly part with it at $1,200. Buildings insured for $700. There is a mortgage for $500, and it can run if desired, so now, see. You will get you one of the nicest little places in town. You can raise that money, and if you don't there is something else that you can raise! All the vegetables we need, and a few extra and enough to sell to your neighbors to buy your groceries.

144

Farm in southeast of the village, to buildings; rolling, sandy loam; land with some clay; well drained; 30 acres cut timber; fruit in plenty, 15 acres orchard. Bu