END OF OLD HAUNT

"THIEVES MARKET" OF MEXICO TO BE DONE AWAY WITH.

For Years the Scene of Deeds of Dark Crime—There Trade in Stolen Articles Was the Chief Element of Business.

"The thieves' market of the city of Mexico, famed in guide book and tourist romance, is undergoing at present an encroachment that threatens to place it shortly in the realms of real history," said Mayor Dudley of that city, according to the Denver News. "The ground is being cleared over nearly half the space formerly occupied by the market and the permanent booths are being torn down and re-erected in the smaller space left.

"Tradition has it—and most happily for romance in this fascinating land, traditions in most cases are still as good coin as fact—that the 'thieves' market' stands on the ground of what was once part of the spacious gardens of the 'new house' of Montezuma.

"In the long days gone by this garden of spacious proportions was the scene of many dark and dismal crimes and many were the robberies and acts of violence that occurred there, for it was on a highway much used, and when night had fallen was very dark and dangerous.

"The tale goes of the murder by a powerful officer of the sweetheart of one of his retainers, a crime that rankled in the breast of the poor Indian until, not long afterward, he took revenge and his master lay dead, killed in a drunken stupor by the wronged servant.

"The wronged man, rifling the master's pockets, carried away with him from the house all the trinkets and valuables on which he could lay his hands. Then he hied himself to the protecting shade of Montezuma's gardens, where he hid himself under the trees until the coming day should waken the city and he could pass beyond the guard without molestation. But when he had been hidden only a short while, the alarm having spread, a servant, more zealous in his own interests than to revenge his master's murder, found the guilty man and quickly and thoroughly dispatched him.

"A neighboring gully, which had perhaps served a similar purpose before in these thrilling days, concealed the body, and the third murderer made away with the goods, this time to keep them safe and secure until the excitement had blown over.

"Then, on the very spot which he had stained with the blood of his fellow servant, the wretch set up a tiny stand, with the twice stolen goods as the basis of a little stock, which he sold to the tourists of that day as they passed by the stand in their visits to the famous gardens.

"From this rather thrilling beginning grew a classic market, until today there is the world-famed 'Volador,' where things fly in and out, once and for many long centuries a 'thieves' market.' It is not so many years ago that one counted this market as one of the places wherein to look for goods that had flown away from the house in some mysterious fashion, but now one can say only sadly (from the buyer's point of view) that that day is long past."

Adam's Wealth.

The Rev. Washington Gladden has said—among other things—that Adam couldn't become a millionaire. By Adam he meant the father of the human race, an unfortunate man against whom many charges have been made without fear of contradiction. But while it is true that Adam had no balance in the bank, and held neither stocks nor bonds, he was really monarch of all he surveyed, and there is no reason to believe his eyesight was poor. There never yet was a millionaire who had a private park that could hold a rush light to Adam's. Why, the venerable old pioneer's zoological collection alone, far surpassed anything in that line that has been seen since—to say nothing of the pomological treasures that adorned his very dooryard. When a man can claim everything in sight and without fear of dispute, it is difficult to see how he could be reckoned as an individual of moderate means.

Adam not a millionaire, Mr. Gladden!

Why, he was the sole landed proprietor of his time. He owned the earth. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Appetite.

An appetite is a monstrous thing,
A dragon with poison tongue,
That seems such a harmless little toy
In the days when it is young.
But hugged to the breast it waxes great
And fangs its lover or soon or late.

An appetite is a frightful thing,
A serpent with slimy folds,
That grows with every growing year
Till in grasp of steel it holds
The victim who struggles, but all in vain,
For the power of habit is seldom slain.

An appetite is a monstrous thing
That wreaks its will on fools,
A playful thing that tempts and wooes,
That wheedles awhile, then rules,
And finally tightens its folds and, lo?
To the ash heap of death the fool must go.

Gets $20,000 for Service.

Mrs. C. Durga of Bethel, Vt., has received $20,000 by the will of Alfred Burte of Liverpool, England, almost a total stranger. A few years ago while Mr. Burte was visiting in Bethel, Mrs. Durga did some writing for him and would take no pay. She had not heard from him since.

Oppose Corsets for Girls.

A circular lately issued by the Prussian Minister of Public instruction requests the provincial school boards and the federal governments in the German empire to prohibit the wearing of corsets by the pupils of girls' schools and colleges.

Royal French Descendant.

Col. "Bill" Sapp, a leading Kansas Democrat, is a descendant of a royal French house. One of his ancestors was a teacher of the great Napoleon at a military academy.

Vanderbilt Autos.

John Jacob Astor owns twenty-two automobiles and W. K. Vanderbilt fourteen.

SEARCH FOR AN AFFINITY.

One Woman Who Was Fated to Fail in Every Love Affair.

In one of the departments there is a little woman, a quiet, timid-looking little body, still in the early 30s, whose life story reads like the wildest of romances, says the Washington Post. She was born in Florida.

At 16 she became engaged to a young man, and jilted him for an Englishman. The jilted young man blew out his brains, or at least let fresh air into the place where his brains ought to have been, and so died. The Englishman had a younger brother who fell in love with the Florida girl—we'll call her Julia, because that is not her name. The elder brother, finding out how matters stood, withdrew, whereupon Julia, instead of marrying the younger brother, ran away with a seafaring man. The seafaring man had unpleasant habits, so Julia divorced him.

A year later she decided to remarry him, but before she could carry out her intention he was lost at sea. Within six months she married an elderly man, and left his as soon as she discovered that he had a wife and family out in Iowa. She then engaged herself to a young man who died of fever on the day set for the wedding. After that she married a Dane, divorced him, married a Richmond man, and separated from him after two years. All this, and she is not yet 33. One of her intimate friends told me all about it, and when she had finished telling me she sighed sympathetically.

"Poor Julia!" she said. "She always wanted to marry and have a home, but fate was against her. She never found anybody she could really love, and goodness knows, she's tried."

WAS HER CHARITY TREE.

Southern Lady's Beautiful Way of Helping Good Cause.

"The oddest charity I ever saw in a small way," said the Colonel, "was in the quiet university town of Athens, Ga., last summer. I was walking with a friend through the principal street, when we passed a house where a nice-looking white-haired woman was sitting on the porch. Close to the front gate was a large cumquot, or Japanese orange tree, which was laden with ripe, delicious fruit. My companion expressed a desire for some, and I approached the woman on the stoop, offering to pay for what she would permit us to take.

"'You may pluck as many as you please, sir,' she said, 'and if you care to give me something I shall be pleased. All the fruit that grows on that tree goes to charity.'

"I gathered a pocketful of cumquots and gave fifty cents, which was received most gratefully. I learned that the woman was the widow of a Confederate officer, who had nothing but her homestead and who took in embroidery to live. The proceeds from that cumquot tree, which amounted to $20 some years, was impartially divided among local charities in which she was interested. Anybody in Athens would as soon have stolen flowers from the graves in the cemetery as steal fruit from that charity tree."

Pick of the Jobs.

There are some very desirable jobs in the world if a man could deliberately take his pick. Being president of a steel trust doesn't look so bad to one who has never tried it. It would be quite a snap to be czar of Russia if that ruler could just ship his subjects out of the country and import a lot of tame ones.

Some people might be able to stand it for a few days if they could be superintendent of the big canal, while for others life would take on an unwented sweetness if they could be the iceman.

All of these jobs have their good points, and any one who likes them may take one of them provided he can get it, but the small boy has a different idea. The job that takes his eye is that of the man who paints up the scores for the ball game. With that job in his mitt he would tell the man to go to who came around seriously asking if life was worth living.—Springfield Journal.

The "I-Knew-Him-When" Club.

George Ade, the playwright, who is said to be making more than $100,000 a year, met a friend in the Fifth Avenue hotel recently, says Leslie's Weekly. He mentioned the fact that he had been on a trip West. It was in Chicago as a newspaper reporter that Ade began to write. The other man asked casually whether he enjoyed the trip.

"Yes," said Ade, "about as well as could be expected. Met a lot of the fellows I used to know on the Chicago papers. They were very nice to me. But when my back was turned they all probably said, 'Why, I knew that fellow when he was a simple reporter on a Chicago paper.' Yes, don't you forget it, they are all members of the 'I-Knew-Him-When' club."

While George Ade sparkles in his conversation and in his writing, it is worth while considering his work seriously, because it has significance.

Czar Has Nest Egg.

The Czar of Russian, it is said, has $25,000,000 invested in English securities, and it is also declared that he would in an extreme crisis fly and live in England, as other monarchs have done before him. Then he has a second string to his bow in the $6,000,000 invested in American rails, iron and coal.

World's Crop of Silk.

The world's crop of silk in 1904 was 20,268,000 kilograms, against 18,135,000 in 1903. Japan's export was 5,535,000 kilograms, an increase of 927,000. The total exports from far East points were 12,165,000 kilograms. The rest of the 1904 crop was from western Europe and the Levant.

Bridge and Boiled Cabbage.

Vegetarianism is all the vogue among those who take thought what they shall eat and what they shall drink, says the London Outlook. Bridge and boiled cabbage came in together, and who shall say which has the firmer hold upon persons of fashion?

PHONE AID TO MATRIMONY.

Girl with One in Her Home Always Popular with Young Men.

It is needless to say that the telephone is a great institution, says the Utica Press. It has long been an absolute essential in every place of business. Just now there is a great increase in the number of phones in private houses. It is possible to talk with pretty much everybody at his or her home. The companies are evidently endeavoring to boom that branch of their business, because they are advertising extensively. The other day a St. Louis paper had a big display ad at the top of which was a picture of an attractive young lady telephoning and represented as saying: "Is that you, Harry?" The text beneath it includes this statement: "It is a well-known fact that the girl who has a telephone is the girl who has the most friends and consequently has the best time."

This appeal to the young people is adroit and doubtless will serve to make the St. Louis exchange bigger and busier. The parents who have marriageable daughters will do well to consider this ingenious contrivance and modern aid to matrimony. It is something of a bother for a young man to call or even to write a note asking the young lady to go to the theater, go for a walk or drive or a ride to the park, but if he can transmit the message by telephone it is an easy way of making an appointment. Many a delicious message is telephoned these days and there is reason to believe the statement made by the St. Louis company. It applies, of course, with equal force in every American city. The young ladies for whom a life of single blessedness has no charms are not exactly buying a lottery when they hire a phone. They can get much pleasure and comfort out of it as they go along, for it is a constant contributor to convenience. It is worth the price, with the enhanced matrimonial possibility thrown in as an extra inducement.

STATUS OF THE BABY.

Two Species Meet and Recognize Their Mutual Obligations.

The home baby and the hotel baby met on the northeast corner of the park entrance.

"I am surprised," said the hotel baby, "to see the way you dress. Are you not aware that those loose gowns are no longer in vogue in the best corridors?"

"Oh, I just slipped this on, lounging around," said the home baby. "Nothing like being comfortable, you know."

"I suppose," said the hotel baby, "that you would never hesitate to sacrifice good form to comfort. With me, it's different. I have to maintain a certain standing. My mother, for example, never dares to go down to the table without her full complement of rings on. It is just as necessary that I should preserve the family appearance."

"Dear me," said the home baby. "How tiresome. Can't you sneak away at times down the coal hole, or out in the back alley and let yourself loose?"

"Never!" said the hotel baby, with dignity. "Somebody is always watching me."

"I tell you what you do," said the home baby; "you come home with me. The outside world cannot see us there. We'll kick up our heels and just have a real good time."

The hotel baby drew himself up to his full height.

"God will see us," he said reproachfully, "and you know, you little unregenerate heathen, that He doesn't approve any more of people who live in homes."

Free Certificate for Himself.

The following story is told of the late Dr. James C. Swan, a physician of the old school, who practised his profession for a great many years in Bridgewater, Mass., and the surrounding towns.

This generous if not alluring offer was made by him to the pernicious father of an insane young man:

The old man wished to secure his son's admission to the insane asylum, but seemed unwilling to pay for the necessary certificate. After hearing his plea of poverty, which the doctor knew to be false, and hearing him also tell of the many expenses to which he had put by his ungrateful children, the physician waved his hand to end the recital.

"Now, see here," he said, sharply; "you just pay me for this one, and I'll give you a certificate for yourself, whenever you wish it, for nothing."

Value of General Culture.

We must educate everybody in our respective neighborhoods in order that we may have the benefit of competition and of appreciation, writes Governor C. B. Aycock in the National. You may educate your son and daughter to the fullest extent possible, giving to them the learning of all the world and put them after their education in a community where there are no other educated people, and they will fail to develop and grow as they would if they lived in a community where there was general culture. The man who stands easily head and shoulders above his neighbors will never be very tall. If he is to surpass his neighbors and be really great, he must have neighbors who are almost great themselves. He cannot work out of himself the best there is in him until he is forced to do so by the competition of others almost or quite as strong as he.

Divisions of the Drama.

Mrs. Cragie, better known to novel readers under her pen name of "John Oliver Hobbes," has just come forward with a new dramatic generalization, though she frankly admits that in stating it she is but the self-appointed mouthpiece of a small girl of her acquaintance who frequently accompanies her theater-loving parents to the play. According to this nine-year-old authority all drama is to be divided as follows:

"Tragedy is where you wear fancy dress and get murdered.

"Just plays is where you're like other people and die of illness or commit suicide.

"And comedy is where you go through with a great deal and yet live."—New York Times.

WHY EYESIGHT FAILS

INFERIOR ARTIFICIAL LIGHT FREQUENTLY THE CAUSE.

Illuminants of the Past, One and All, Have Serious Defects—Acetylene Gas, with Its Clear, Unwavering, Yet Soft Flame Cannot Hurt the Eyes

Chicago, June 20.—No one can go into our schools or meet a group of children on the street without noticing how large a number of them wear spectacles. The proportion seems to increase yearly, and there are many more who ought to wear glasses. The experience of one teacher might be duplicated by the score. She knew Alice was inattentive and she thought she was unusually stupid. She said so to the principal and sent a note to the mother, requesting that the child be helped at home if she wished her to keep up with her class. One day after a blackboard explanation, the teacher called upon the child and found that she had not seen what had been written. She was kept after school and by dint of much sympathetic questioning Miss C. found that Alice had never been able to see what was put on the board and that her head had ached so often and so hard that she frequently failed to hear what was said.

Such a condition may be caused by lack of proper food, but in our American homes it is usually due to the poor quality of the artificial light. The yellow, insufficient light of the ordinary kerosene lamp, with its smoky chimney, is about as bad for the eyes as can be imagined. The flickering light from a coal gas jet is but little better, and even the electric light, brilliant as it usually is, has an unsteadiness due to variations in power, and a glare peculiarly trying to the delicate nerves of sight. The comparatively new illuminant acetylene gas produces as nearly perfect an artificial light as has yet been found. It gives a clear white, unwavering light, very brilliant yet perfectly soft, and so nearly like the rays of the sun that even colors appear as in daylight.

Fortunately, acetylene is very easily and cheaply produced, and the simple apparatus necessary can be purchased and installed in any home at a very moderate cost, and the acetylene can be piped to convenient points in the house where a light is needed. It is then lighted and extinguished and used exactly like common city gas.

Acetylene is rapidly coming into common use in homes, churches, schools and institutions of all kinds, and it is reasonable to expect that as its use in the home increases, there will be fewer defective eyes, particularly among children. Poor eyesight and the many ills resulting therefrom will undoubtedly be much reduced by the use of this new illuminant.

CHRISTENING CUP OF GOLD.

Extravagant Present Ready for Some Heir to Millions.

For the baby born with a gold spoon in its mouth and which is to grow up to dine on gold dinner services, there is a christening cup of gold floating around New York just now. The cup being valuable, is not made in the form of a handled mug, useful only for infancy, but like a regular tea or coffee cup with a saucer and spoon to match. The set was made in Paris upon the order of a grandee of Spain, and was intended as a gift at the christening of the infant son of one of Spain's highest officers. It is in empire design, the cup in graceful lines with a standard and handle raised above the level of the cup at the top. This handle is in the design of a lion, supposedly the lion of Spain. The saucer and spoon agree with the style of the cup. For some reason the grandee, the high officer, or circumstances fell out, and the presentation was never made. Now the cup has drifted to New York, in the hands of private people, and is waiting to be purchased for one of New York's millionaire babies for $400

Dinner and a Little Change.

One day a well-dressed stranger called at a Lawrence hotel and told the landlord that he was broke and very hungry. The landlord took him to the dining room and gave orders for the dinner. When he got up from the table a $20 bill dropped from his handkerchief which he drew from his pocket. A waiter picked it up and handed it to the landlord, who confronted him with the fact and at once took out 75 cents (25 cents is the regular price) and returned $19.25 to the stranger, who was apparently dumfounded and speechless. Later on the vigilant landlord learned that the bill was counterfeit.—Kansas City Journal.

SAVED CHILD'S LIFE.

Remarkable Cure of Dropsy by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Sedgwick, Ark., June 19.—The case of W. S. Taylor's little son is looked upon by those interested in medical matters as one of the most wonderful on record. In this connection his father makes the following statement:

"Last September my little boy had dropsy; his feet and limbs were swollen to such an extent that he could not walk or put his shoes on. The treatment that the doctors were giving him seemed to do him no good, and two or three people said his days were short, even the doctors, two of the best in the country told me he would not get better. I stopped their medicine and at once sent for Dodd's Kidney Pills. I gave him three Pills a day, one morning, noon and night for eight days; at the end of the eighth day the swelling was all gone, but to give the medicine justice, I gave him eleven more pills. I used thirty-five Pills in all and he was entirely cured. I consider your medicine saved my child's life. When the thirty-five Pills were given him, he could run, dance and sing, whereas before he was an invalid in his mother's arms from morning until night."

Smallest Installation.

What is said to be the smallest electric installation in the world is to be found in the village of Bremen, near Dormbach, Thuringia. It comprises a single arc lamp installed in a church, the lamp being operated by a small dynamo driven by the wheel of the village mill.

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 20 rods deep on Maple Ave. East. (half an acre). Fine barn and every modern 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.

10.

Large, roomy two-story house on Townsend St. in Birmingham, good barn, city water and all ordinary conveniences, 120 ft. front and 100 ft. deep. Small fruit and good neighborhood.

12.

The Bayley farm in the town of Troy, 127½ acres. Good farm house and farm buildings; flowing well at the barn which is the wonder and pride of Troy; 20 acres good beech and maple timber, 4 acres fine grafted orchard. Circumstances render it advisable to sell at once, and the man who comes first will secure one of the best bargains in the country. Look it up.

38.

Two story house and lot on south side of Oaines St., two doors from electric road on Saginaw st., 80 ft. front, 110 ft. deep. Hot and cold water on both floors, water closet, bath, furnace and every modern convenience. Terms $800 cash, balance on long time. Price $3,800. If you are curious or interested, just ask us for fuller particulars. If you are 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—185 acres in township of Southfield. Buildings are well painted and in good condition: Large 12 room frame house, with cellar divided into three compartments. House surrounded with large handsome elm trees. Horse barn with stalls for six horses and separate carriage room. Bank barn with granary, overhead track, cow stables underneath with cement floor and 5 or 6 additional stalls, sliding doors, good windows, window guards, stone foundation, etc., etc. Horse barn with 16 box stalls and paddock. Horse barn with 4 box and 5 other stalls and paddock enclosed with high board fence. Straw shed. Tool house, enclosed with sliding doors. Office with large stallion or foaling box stall attached and paddock. Bull box stall with paddock secure and strong for this purpose and isolated from other buildings. Outside closet for house. Outside closet for stables. Fruit: Large and bearing apple orchard well trimmed and in good condition, Baldwins, Greenings, Kings, Steeles Red, Jonathans and Russets; 500 pear trees, 300 peach, 25 cherry, 25 plum, all of best varieties, 5 apricots, 2 quince, currants, grapes, strawberries, etc. 5 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 entire south end of farm and is NEVER DRY. Farm is well tiled. Fences all 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 Mollie G. Smith, east by D. G. H. & M. R'y, south by Bower street, west by Saginaw street, 108 ft. front on Saginaw street, 178 feet deep on north side and 148 feet deep on south side; all in the village of Birmingham, Mich. One of the finest building sites in the village. $60

56

Lots 48 and 49 Randall's Addition, price $135.00 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. 3 acres of timber, elm, basswood, 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, 90 acres—80 cleared, 10 of oak timber, 2 acres of orchard, house and barn of but little value. Nice little lake on the farm, good neighborhood and soil of the very best. Wait a minute! The price is the thing to make you consider. It can be bought for $45.00 per acre. There!

59

House and lot, No. 1430 Fourteenth Ave., Detroit, a little over a block from the Boulevard; paved street; house piped and furnace; small barn; some fruit; buildings valued at $2,700; insured for $1,000. Will trade for Birmingham village property or for a small farm of not more than 5 acres.

60

House and two lots 150x200 just north of the corporation line of the village of Royal Oak, plenty of small fruit and shade trees; two buildings worth $1,500 and will sell for just what the buildings would cost to build. House and 7 rooms and pantry, cellar, good well, nice barn. Buildings were built less than two years ago. Price 2,000 and terms easy.

61

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

72

Part of n e ¼ of sec 27, Bloomfield, 44 acres, 4 acres of timber and pasture land, 5 acres orchard—good fruit—4 buildings valued at $900. 1½ miles west of the D. & P. Electric R'y, free daily mail delivery. Good well, cellar, cistern, and fine living water on the southerly end of the farm. Price $2,[illegible] and terms easy on long time. It makes a nice little home in an excellent neighborhood [illegible]

75

Cottage number 79 Oak Hill street, Pontiac, Mich., 4 rooms and attic. Half a mile from the court house. $ 650, 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.

87

House and three lots on the corner of Townsend and Henrietta streets—an excellent location. One of the best built and most comfortable residences in the village, with 120 feet front on Townsend and 103 feet deep. Modern ten room house with closets, cellar, well, woodshed and summer kitchen. Now, this is strictly "on the dead" and must not be repeated—but if you really have any intention of buying a home in this village within a year, you can't afford to overlook this place, because the price is only $2,600 and more than that—but that's a state secret and you can't find out a thing further, until you see Whitehead and ask him about it. Cross-my-heart-hope-I-may-never-see-the-back-of-my-neck-if-'taint so!

Price $95.00 per acre. Want to know more about it? A postal will bring full particulars.

89

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

90

Finest farm we know of, 154 acres one mile south of the village of Birmingham. Nine good buildings, 20 acres of timber, 4 acres of orchard, finest orchard in the country, one mile from the postoffice and one mile west of the electric railway. Flowing well. House heated with furnace.

91

Farm, 102 acres in the north part of Royal Oak township, 7 acres orchard, fine fruit, good buildings, good gravelly clay loam, very productive, buildings are insured for $3,000, 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 $3,000 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 try any more. A cent's worth of postal cards will tell you all about it by return mail.

95

103 1-3 acres in Southfield township, within 20 rods of a good school, no waste land, living water runs through the farm the year round, farm well fenced and thoroughly drained, buildings worth $4,300. Six acres of orchard, 10 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, flowing wells, excellent buildings, best wire fences, farm thoroughly drained, 75 grape vines, 25 apple trees, 50 raspberries, two barns, fine dwelling, one swine house (capacity 100), icehouse and milk house combined, everything ready to do the finest and most profitable dairy business in the country, but failing health makes it advisable to dispose of this desirable property. Price $05.00 an acre.

99

An ideal country home for anyone. House worth $2,000 with all the conveniences you can have in the big, wicked city. Eighty-five acres, 5 acres oak timber. Soil a rich, loamy gravel, 6 acres fine orchard, whole farm fenced with best woven wire fencing with cedar posts, miles and miles of tile drain and about a mile from the electric road between Birmingham and Pontiac. Will exchange for improved city property. Price $110.00 per acre and when you take into consideration the cost of the improvements, it is well worth the price. No? Well, you just let us take you to see it and then if you don't say we are all right we will take it all back. Won't cost 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 on Woodward avenue, two-story house, good barn and buildings which are insured for $1,500. Dark loamy soil, admirable for truck gardening; plenty of fruit of all kinds. Price $6,500.

101

Farm of 31 acres in sections 22 and 15, 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., 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 vegetable, provision, laundry and furnace room. The house has thirteen rooms 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, 2 woodhouses, pig pen, hen house and corn house combined, work shop for odd hours on odd jobs, iron fence around entire lot, cement walks, 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—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), is only $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; 70 acres cleared, 10 acres timber and huckleberry swamp. (Don't laugh! this swamp netted the owner over $150.00 last summer). Three acres of orchard, house of 7 rooms, good neighborhood; 4½ 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 and Pierce streets, Birmingham; comfortable little home for small family, 52 feet front on Pierce street and 160 on Fremont. Price $1,200; tearms easy. Will trade for other property.

106

House and two lots on Stanley avenue, Birmingham, 156x130; well, cistern, cellar, fruit; house worth $1,000 and that's all we ask for the place. Wouldnt that take you to the fair?

107

One of the finest residences in the village of Birmingham, 200 feet front on Brown and 200 on Daines street; 2 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 13 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 65 lots 50x120 each, 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 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 52½x150 in Randall subdivision, with nice little one story cottage, on Greenwood avenue. Price $750.

112

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

114

Fine farm in the township of Southfield; 80 acres, of which 73 are cleared, and the balance in good maple timber. Two acres of orchard, 5 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 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. For instance, 61 acres at $60 per acre; 4 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 or more acres of land. Will sell the whole business for $2,200 with cash enough to insure, and will take the balance on the installment plan, if necessary.

119

Two lots, house, barn and chicken house, corner of Greenwood and Harmon in Birmingham, Mich., and it is one of the most comfortable and pleasing homes in the village. Buildings are nearly all new, good cellar, well, sewer 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 Coates 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 Long Lake in the eastern portion and Pine Lake on the west. The price is less than sixty dollars per acre and the portion bordering on the Pine Lake part is laid out in lots which are well worth five times 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 your 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, 2 acres orchard, 12 acres of oak timber, 9 buildings in poor repair (the buildings don't cost anything at the price we are asking, so you needn't kick about 'em,) beautiful living spring of pure water, excellent soil. Formerly leased by D. M. Ferry & Co., for seed farm. The veriest hint that you would like to investigate and we'll get our bonnet on and be ready to go with you to look it over. Farms of this kind are getting mighty popular just now and when we tell you that it can be bought for ninety dollars per acre, you will understand that you'd better hurry.

125

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 Willison's Sub-division, Royal Oak village, 50x110 each. Price, $100 each. Terms easy, with small payment down.

127

House and lot on Fremont street in Birmingham, Mich., 60x103 feet. House nearly new, 5 rooms and closets, well and cistern. Price, $1,100.

128

Five-room cottage, Hood's Addition, Birmingham, on Stanley street. Comfortable little home, good well, cistern, fruit, garden, etc. Price, $900.

122

Farm of 73½ acres at $85.00 per acre. Good gravelly loam, well fenced and drained. 7 acres of excellent orchard, 8 acres timber, 5 buildings 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. ½ of N. ½ of S. E. ¼ Sec. 22, Troy.) Barn 32x46 and 2-story house with 11 rooms. An acre of good orchard and 5 acres of timber; a little over a mile from the Rochester Electric Railway. Less than $80 per acre will buy it, and the terms are so easy that any man who means 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 the corporation line, and there is 320 acres of it and not a foot of waste land on the premises. We will 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 and what you want. Say! Tell you what we'll do; we'll just sell you either side of the road with the buildings, which are properly distributed, and there you are, with a farm of 120 acres or 200 acres, just as you wish, and it's way down below $100 per acre that we are asking for it, too. 8 acres of timber and 10 buildings, engines, windmills. But there! What's the use! 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, bath, 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 house, 2 stories, 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 so low that we wouldn't feel justified in mentioning it in this public manner. Really, if you want the best house and lot in our town at a cost far less than it cost to put 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!

130

Modest little cottage on Stanley street, 103 feet front, 60 feet deep, comfortable little house and plenty of fruit and other conveniences. One of the cheapest places on our list and well worth the money. $700 will buy it, and there are things 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, fruit; desirable location on Randall's Addition, Birmingham. Price, $1,150.

132

Large 10-room frame house on Saginaw street, basement under all, good furnace, bath, 2 handsome oak mantels with grates, large attic, fine large barn, hen house, flowing well, all kinds of small fruit, nice lawn, with magnificent elms 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 view of 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, 20 rods from post office, rural free delivery twice daily, store, mill and electric waiting room 20 rods from front, electric railway runs past the property. Price $550.00. Ideal place for a country home built to suit you. On Rochester electric line about 16 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; 5 acres timber, 5 acres orchard; soil clay loam; good ten room house with large cellar; bay barn, horse barn, tool house, work shop and corn house and all other necessary buildings. Have about $2,000 worth of personal property which will be sold with the farm if desired and the whole thing goes for $5,500 if sold this season. Go with you to look at it if you want us to. The place is located 1½ miles south of Canton, Wayne county, Mich., on the Ann Arbor electric.

136

Eighty to one hundred acres as you choose. Part of the old Henry Grinnell farm in the n w ¼ of sec 31 in Bloomfield. You know what the Grinnell farm is; well, this is part of it. No buildings, timber or fruit. Excellent grazing land and the better part of it under cultivation. Wait a minute! Price only forty dollars per acre. But you mustn't wait too long for its got to be sold and that price will do it, too!

138

Eighty acres in township of Redford, Wayne county, Mich., about two miles from the Northwestern electric railway. Orchard and small fruit; 3 buildings valued at $1,000. Soil good, light ground suitable for gardening; about 11 miles from Detroit. Price $4,500, terms easy. Tell you all about it for the asking.

140

House and lot in the Campbell subdivision on north side of Forest avenue. 10 rooms; furnace; cellar under the whole house; open stairway; hardwood finish in natural woods; all kinds of fruit; a bargain at $2,000. Say, the house cost more than that to build it.

141

Want something cheap and well worth more money? All right, here it is. Lots 49 and 50 Castle's plat. Nice little house, city water; good cellar and cistern. The price is $900 but—this is on the side—$800 spot cash will buy it. There.

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, and the electric cars at the corner of Frank street. $600 spot cash will do it.

144

Farm in Southfield of 130 acres; 10 buildings; rolling, sandy, loamy land with some clay; well drained; 30 acres oak timber; fruit in plenty, (5 acres orchard). Buildings alone are valued at $5,000. Can be bought for a very little over $40 per acre, say, $5,500. Stream of living water; buildings nearly new; stables for 30 head of stock; half a mile from Franklin village. Good neighborhood; R. F. D. daily. Say! What do you want anyhow? Come and let us show it to you.

145

Farm 75 acres 1½ miles east of Harris' corners in Troy township, 2 buildings valued at $2,000. Price $4,000 of which $1,800 must be cash; balance on long time at low rate of interest.

146

Farm, 57½ acres, good buildings; 8 acres timber, 2 acres orchard; one mile east of the Electric R'y, in Royal Oak township; in w ½ of s w ¼ sec 22; loam and clay soil. If you come with the good hard cash in your hand, you can buy it for $4,200. But if we are properly approached, we might consider half cash, rest on easy terms.

147

Nice little home for someone of small means; 1½ acres in n w ¼ of n e ¼ of sec 34, township of Troy; house 7 rooms; barn in good shape; well at both barn and house, never dry; ½ mile east of Rochester Electric; fare to Detroit 15c; R. F. D. All cash and no grumbling will buy it at $750. Hurry up!

148

Cosy little farm of 15 acres on the west town line of Bloomfield, 80 rods from Black Walnut Lake, good school within 20 rods; R. F. D.; good cellar; 6 miles from Birmingham; 2 miles from Electric R'y. Fine spring water; 4 acres excellent orchard; soil gravelly loam; 2 buildings valued at $1,000. Can be bought for $1,500, and $1,100 cash will buy it subject to mortgage of $400, which can run.

149

Twenty-five acres half mile from the Electric road, between Birmingham and Pontiac, just south of the newly established Cranbrook Farm, owned by George G. Booth, of Detroit. Since the advent of the wealthier people of Detroit to this immediate neighborhood, values have risen rapidly. Nice little branch of the River Rouge, never dry, runs through the premises; you can almost jump across it. Nice, dry banks, with fine trees. $3,000.

150

White Lake township farm, with the beautiful Huron River running through it; 119 acres, sand and clay loam; 7 acres oak timber; 2 miles north of Commerce village, 6 buildings; 2 acres of orchard; free and clear of incumbrance. In the immediate neighborhood of Cedar, Island, Ox-Bow and Long Lakes where there is excellent fishing, bathing and hunting. But the price is the thing. If you've got $2,000 cash and will come right away, it's yours. This price is good for only 30 days from date.

151

Farm of 160 acres in the township of Lamont, in Sanilac county, Mich. Here's a mighty good chance for a young man to work himself into a good farm at very little cost. There are 3 buildings on the place; good enough for anyone with moderate requirements to live in. Basement barn cost $1,000 to build (42x60); good frame house; sheep barn, pig-house, etc. 20 rods to Lamont P. O., store, telephone office. ½ mile to church; ¾ mile to good school. Marlette 8½ miles; Kingston (on the P., O. & N.) 7½ miles; good roads and nice neighborhood. Price, $25 per acre if sold at once.

152

Farm of 150 acres on Rochester Division of D. U. R. in the township of Troy, Oakland county, two miles south of the little village of Troy Corners. No waste land; about 6 miles of tile drain; good fences and buildings in good shape; two flowing wells; carp pond abundantly stocked. Rural free delivery of mail daily; electric cars for Detroit every hour; fare 15 cents; most productive soil in the township; must be sold to settle estate. Let us show you the premises.