The CONVICT COUNTRY; or, FIGHTING for a MILLION

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CHAPTER IX—Continued.

"Your chief is out of danger," finally said the doctor, turning to Pearson and Sharkey. "With proper care he will be able to be moved on a stretcher in two or three days."

"Your duty is done then, doctor," replied Pearson, who seemed to be the leader, now that the captain was disabled. "Now, in the matter of your joining our band; which would you prefer; to depart or to continue with us?"

"I am willing to join you, providing—" began the doctor.

"Providing we will guarantee you protection, an ample salary, and a chance at some future time to obtain revenge upon a certain doctor whom you have a grudge against, is that it?" interrupted Pearson.

"That is it," said Schiller.

"Are you willing to take the oath of allegiance to our cause."

"I am."

"'Tis well."

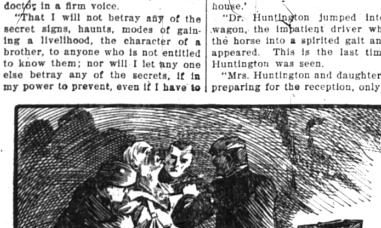
Evidently they had prepared for such a ceremony as that which followed, for they escorted the doctor into yet another room leading off from the one they were in. Here were fully as many horses stabled as there were men accommodated in the other room. In one corner was a pile of brush and decayed corn stalks.

"You will now repeat after me the oath that binds us together, bearing this in mind, that our promises to you will be fulfilled only after you have proved yourself worthy of trust."

"I do solemnly swear," said Pearson.

"I do solemnly swear," repeated the doctor, in a firm voice.

"That I will not betray any of the secret signs, haunts, modes of gaining a livelihood, the character of a brother, to anyone who is not entitled to know them; nor will I let any one else betray any of the secrets, if in my power to prevent, even if I have to



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kill, or be killed in the defense of the same. That I will never see a worthy brother wronged, nor knowingly wrong him; that I will do everything in my power to promote the interests of my associates, to upbuild and hold together my kind. That I will abide by the laws, and in every way do my best to improve the common lot of my fellows. That I will yield up my life to them, my body to molder and rot, should I fail in my duty to you! Amen! Do you so promise?"

"I promise!" was the answer.

"Then I will create you a member of the CONVICTS' CLUB. Bare your heart!"

Two of the desperadoes stepped to the doctor's side, while he feebly attempted to carry out the order, but through his ordeal he was as helpless as a child.

A red hot branding iron was brought from the stove, and before the doctor could cry out, or offer resistance, he was seized and held securely while on his bared breast was burned in the living flesh the initials "C. C."

"You are now the equal of any of us, and your life belongs to the king of the convict country!"

CHAPTER X.

Abduction of Doctor and Pearl Huntington.

Dr. Huntington heard of the pardon of Dr. Schiller, and was gratified in one sense of the word. He was not a hard-hearted man and really felt sorry for his guilty brother. Dr. Huntington recalled the words spoken by Dr. Schiller in reference to being revenged, and was constantly in fear of the result. But as the years went by after Schiller's release and no sign was made, Huntington felt easier.

Dr. Huntington was now a prosperous man, and a very successful practitioner. He had tasted the fruits of honest toil and enjoyed the flavor. He owned a beautiful residence, furnished throughout in sumptuous style; was blessed with a handsome and worthy helpmate, and still more handsome daughter. He has ceased to care for old England and its aristocratic family and had passed them from memory—a happy and contented man, engrossed in his profession, working for the best interests of his fellow townsmen and neighbors.

The daughter grew up to be an honor and credit to her parents. She was most beautiful, refined and simple, such as are all good girls brought up by pure parents. Her heart and hand had been sought for by many, but she was fancy free and heart whole as yet. Thus far in life her path had been strewn with flowers and the thorns had been carefully hidden from sight. A vision of beauty and grace, and as sweet as she was beautiful.

Having introduced the main personages of our story, we shall now take the liberty of inserting a clipping taken from the Plankinton Plaindealer of Friday, June 7th:

"Dr. Huntington, the well known practitioner and genial leader of society and his daughter, the beautiful Miss Pearl, have very mysteriously disappeared from the haunts which know them so well, as completely as the earth had opened and swallowed them. The facts of the case are these, as near as we can learn:

"At 7:30 o'clock last evening, the doctor was engaged with his patients, in his office, when the door bell rang violently.

"Mrs. Huntington answered the summons. The caller is described by her as a man of medium build and height, wearing a heavy beard and mustache. He said he wished to see Dr. Huntington immediately. A man has been nearly killed through a railroad accident, and the doctor must come right away!"

"The wife informed Dr. Huntington, and the visitor was admitted to the doctor's presence. Dr. Huntington hastily secured his medicine and instrument cases, a roll of cotton batting, some linen, and prepared bandages and left the office with the man, telling the patients good-bye for the day. In front of the door stood a bay horse hitched to an open wagon. The stranger got in first and held out his hand for the cases.

"'Just then Thaddeus Whalen, of the farm doctor lived to appear at Miss Reynolds' reception, which was held last evening, at which the doctor was to speak. The doctor replied:

"'Ah! Thad, glad you came along, as I don't know when I can get off. I'm called to attend a man who has been hurt down at Squire Briggs' house.'

"Dr. Huntington jumped into the wagon, the impatient driver whipped the horse into a spirited gait and disappeared. This is the last time Dr. Huntington was seen.

"Mrs. Huntington and daughter were preparing for the reception, only wait-

ing for the return of the doctor. An old friend of the family, Mrs. Lillie Thompson, of Oak street, dropped in shortly afterward, and the two older heads, getting tired of waiting, resolved to walk on toward the hall, thinking that the doctor and his daughter, who was to wait for him, would overtake them before their destination was reached. But neither the doctor nor his daughter attended the reception.

"At 9 o'clock, no word having been received from the doctor, Mrs. Huntington grew uneasy. Unable to enjoy herself, on account of the strange absence of her husband, Mrs. Huntington requested Mr. Whalen to escort her home. Arriving, they were surprised to find the house deserted—but upon the center-table in the parlor was found a note from Miss Huntington. It read:

"'Dear Mamma—Papa has been hurt in crossing the railroad track, and I have gone to him.

PEARL.'

"Upon reading the letter Mrs. Huntington became greatly excited and exclaimed:

"'This is Schiller's work!'

(Schiller, you will recollect, was the doctor who was convicted of malpractice and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary, upon the testimony of Dr. Huntington.)

"'Oh! fudge!' said Mr. Whalen.

"But Mrs. Huntington, even from the first, would not believe that her husband was hurt.

"Mr. Whalen succeeded in temporarily pacifying Mrs. Huntington, and calling upon Sylvester Smith, the two proceeded to the home of Squire Briggs to see if any one really had been hurt at his home, and were horror struck on hearing that such was not the case, and that they had not been sent for the doctor.

"Armed citizens have patrolled the railroad track up and down for miles, but could find no trace of blood to bear out the statement of the girl that her father had been hurt in crossing the track, and up to this time all is wrapped in mystery as to the disappearance of the two."

CHAPTER XI.

The True Facts of the Disappearance of Dr. Huntington and Daughter.

Dr. Huntington, after his interview with Thaddeus Whalen, was driven off in the carriage of the driver; down well-lit Main street, then off on Forest avenue, crossed the railroad track which circumscribed the town, and as the last rays of the summer sun disappeared behind the high trees at the edge of the wood, the twain came in sight of Squire Briggs' house. As the driver made no sign of slacking up to allow the doctor to alight, the medical man attempted to get out while the vehicle was in motion.

"The wounded person is at the hired men's quarters down at the far end of the farm," said the driver, placing a restraining hand upon the doctor's arm.

"Why, I thought the old cabin was deserted—too dilapidated to be of service as a dwelling," said the doctor suspiciously. He did not recollect of having ever seen the driver, his rig or his team before. If it had not been for fear of making a mistake, he would have refused to go further, and it was not without misgiving that he rode for two rods further, through a narrow lane, running through a narrow strip of timber.

The cabin spoken of was situated at the edge of the wood, in a far corner of the vast farm field. It was an old-fashioned log hut one room, size about forty by fifty feet, with a fireplace in one end, and a window on one side. The house and yard that enclosed it and not been tenanted for a considerable period. The former looked as if tumbling to decay, while grass had grown over the path leading from the tumbled down gate to the front door. The window was boarded up, but through the cracks in the window and the cracks in the walls caused by the mud falling away from between the logs, shone a dim light, which could not have been seen very far.

Arriving at the end of the lane, the team was hitched to the fence, and the doctor and driver walked toward the house door. There was a sound as of shuffling feet on the inside of the house, then the driver opened the door, motioning to the doctor to enter first.

The scene presented to the gaze of the doctor was one gotten up especially for his benefit, and calculated to throw him completely off his guard, which it did. On a rude bed placed before the fireplace, rested the form of a man, supposed to be wounded. Near the head of the bunk, on a three-legged stool, sat a tin cup, containing what looked like water. On the head of an upturned barrel in a candlestick, burned a candle that furnished the flickering light which illumined the rude interior. All these things were apparent to Dr. Huntington because plainly seen—but he did not see the form of a man behind the door.

The driver motioned again to the doctor to enter, and the doctor did so. As he crossed the threshold, the door was closed behind him. The supposed dying man quickly turned and blew out the light and while the doctor stood undecided how to act, he was pounced upon from behind, his arms pinioned, a rough gag thrust into his mouth, and he was thrown roughly upon the floor.

Then was all again and over the doctor stooped Dr. Schiller, the hated enemy and one time rival to the love of the woman Dr. Huntington had married.

(To be continued.)

UNCLE SAM IN BUSINESS.

Likely to Do Things on a Large Scale When He Operates at All.

Uncle Sam may not set up as a business man, but when he does enter business he is likely to do it in a large way, as he does for instance at the New York navy yard, where are located the largest naval storehouses in the United States.

In the general storehouses there is carried a stock of material, merchandise and supplies of the most varied character, including lumber, cordage, and provisions, clothing, shoes and libraries, including many articles of ship supplies and everything required for the sailors' personal wants amounting in value to upward of $10,000,000.

The business done in these storehouses during the fiscal year ended in 1904 amounted to more than $30,000,000.

Supplies are received here from many sources and from here they are shipped to all parts of the world. The shipments in the course of the fiscal year 1904 aggregated 21,000 gross tons and comprised more than 450,000 packages.

The official who administers this business, of a volume that would be counted big among the biggest businesses done by private concerns, is known as the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, this post being occupied by a pay director of the United States navy.

An Actor's Pipe-Dream.

John S. Flaherty, manager of the Majestic theater in New York, was walking along Broadway with a theatrical friend, when the latter's attention was attracted by a fine meerschaum pipe in a show-window. After admiring it for a time, the actor suggested that they go inside and ask its price.

"How much for that carved pipe in the window?" he asked.

"Only fifty dollars," said the clerk. "It's a beauty, and is the genuine article. Shall I show it to you?"

"But he did not show the pipe," said Flaherty, in relating the incident, "for the actor was out of the door and strolling down the street. When I overtook him, I heard him say to himself: 'Two weeks' allmony for a pipe? Well, I guess not!'"—The Sunday Magazine.

Labor Saving Device.

Bradley Martin Jr., described at a dinner party an eccentric Scottish keeper of his employ.

"This keeper," he said, "was once guiding a shooting party that hunted up near the top of a steep and high mountain. Suddenly, when they had reached a great height, one of the beaters gave a loud yell and seized himself by the back of the neck. Through his interlocked white fingers bright blood oozed. The man had been peppered with stray shot in the nape.

"The keeper, seeing the blood, and thinking the accident much worse than it really was, bawled out excitedly:

"'Run, Dugald! Run down the hill! Heaven only knows how far we'll have to carry ye.'"—San Antonio Express.

She Was It.

Miss Gaddie—Your brother and I were partners in a little game of whist at Hoyle's house last evening.

Miss Knox—Oh! I thought it might be you.

Miss Gaddie—Why, what did he tell you about it?

Miss Knox—He just said he had had a rubber at whist.

NORWAY IN HISTORY

RECORDS TRACEABLE FOR BUT NINE HUNDRED YEARS.

More or Less Intimately Connected With Sweden for Many Centuries—Formal Association of Government Began in 1814.

Norway marked another turning point in its history when it declared itself independent of Sweden, with which it has been associated since 1814. Historical period stretches no farther back than the ninth century. Behind that time are the sagas of the sagas. The petty tribal kings were united under Harald Haarfagr, or Fairhair. Harald died about 933, after having established his government at Trondheim in the north. The Danes and Norwegians were the terror of all Europe at this time through their plundering forays and invasions.

In the hundred years that followed the death of Harald Haarfagr Christianity was introduced. In the year 1028 King Olaf, the Saint, was driven out by King Canute the Great of Denmark, but Olaf's sons recovered possession and until 1319 Norway continued to be governed by native kings. During these centuries the Norse adventurers established permanent colonies in Iceland and Greenland and for a while the Orkney and Shetland Isles and the Hebrides were in the possession of Norwegian kings whose last inroad into Scotland was repelled in 1263.

In 1319, there being no male heirs to the throne, the Norwegian national assembly chose Magnus of Sweden to be king. His grandson having been elected king of Denmark in 1376, became ruler of both Scandinavian kingdoms on the death of his father in 1380. The last died without male heirs and his mother, Queen Margaret, of Denmark, succeeded to the throne of Denmark and Norway. Later she became mistress also of Sweden. The three kingdoms were bound together by the union of Calmar in 1397.

Thence till 1814 Norway continued united with Denmark. The wars of Napoleon severed the union which had existed for more than 400 years. Denmark had sided with Bonaparte and after his defeat the allies compelled her to purchase peace by abandoning her sovereignty over Norway. After the treaty of Kiel in 1814, by which Denmark's claim to Norway was extinguished, Sweden and Norway became associated under one king.

Norway's coast along its outer belt of rocks measures about 1,700 miles, but its entire shore line, including the fjords and the large islands, is close to 12,000 miles in length, enough to reach half way around the world. Norway is about 250 miles wide in the south and in the north a little more than sixty miles. Its area is 124,129 square miles, a little more than the area of New Mexico. Its population in 1900 numbered 2,239,880 and Sweden's in the following year numbered 5,175,228.

One Mystery Solved.

Boarding house habitues who have repeatedly complained of the dark, cheerless coloring of the wall paper in the dining room may find something to interest them in the information recently elicited by a curious clerk in a department store.

"I should like to know," said the clerk, "in fact I have long wanted to know, why it is that good ladies who manage boarding houses always choose such dark paper."

"Well," said the prospective purchaser, "if that is the only thing you would like to know, you might just as well have got wise long ago. We like dark paper because with that on the walls the nails the boarders use to tack up their pictures don't leave such ghastly scars."—New York Press.

Summer's Call.

How swiftly speeds the seasons!
Here's June just without a frown
And all her joyful reasons
To tempt one out of town;
And there's Myrtilla's letter;
She's just about to fly,
And thinks I'd be better
Come up and stay good-by.

She's put a dozen dresses
Aside for every wear;
Hats, gloves and shoes—she guesses
She has enough to spare;
She has enough to spare;
To set afire the links,
And two new tennis jackets
Will do for both, she thinks.

Oh, such a rush and hurry
Myrtilla's in! It makes
Me weary, and I'm sorry
To see how much she takes,
While I am left behind to
Mope in the town. Is it wrong
So I've made up my mind to
Ask her—and go along.

Felix Carmen, in The Sunday Magazine.

Calcium No Longer Rare.

It would seem to be a risky speculation to invest in the rarer metals. One day they may be worth £20 or £100 ($97.33 or $480.65) an ounce, and the next day they may be placed on the market by the ton. Something like this has happened in the case of the once rare metal calcium. A month or two ago there was only an ounce or two in England, and now the metal may be ordered by the hundredweight.

Ex-Governor Hale at 92.

Dr. Alonzo Garcelon, ex-governor of Maine, celebrated his ninety-second birthday recently. He still practices among his patients of Lewiston and Auburn, driving his fast Morgan mare, Kitty, with firm and unerring hand. Straight as a young sapling of his native pine tree state, this wonderful old man is the oldest practicing physician in this village within a year, you can't afford to overlook this place, because the price is only $4,000 and more than that—but that's a state secret and you can't find out a thing further, until you see Whitehead & Mitchell at the Cross-my-heart-hope-I-may-never-see-the-back-of-your-neck-if-what-I-tell-you-isn't-the-truth Exchange.

Price $25.00 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 $900.00.

90

Finest farm we know of, 156 acres one mile south of the village of Birmingham. Nine good buildings, 80 acres of timber, 2 acres of orchard, finest orchard in the country, one mile from the village and one mile from the electric line. Fine view. Flowing well. House heated with furnace.

91

Farm, 102 acres in the north part of Royal Oak township, 7 acres orchard, fine fruit, balance good gravelly clay loam, very productive, buildings are insured for $2,000, price $60.00 per acre. Will exchange for Birmingham or Pontiac property.

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 cow stable, chicken house, well and cold water on both floors, water closet, bath, furnace and every modern convenience. Grounds in fine condition; shade trees, lawn, flowers, etc. Owner's circumstances render it advisable to sell at once, and the man who owners first will secure one of the best bargains in the country. Look it up.

38.

Two story house and lot on south side of Dalton St., two doors from electric road on Seginaw St., in Birmingham village. Has kitchen and water on both floors, water closet, bath, furnace and every modern convenience. Owner must have cash, balance on long time. Price $2,800. If you are curious or interested, just ask us for fuller particulars, or come in person. If it will be curious if we can't interest you.

42.

Brick house, good barn and seven acres of land suitable for poultry, on Adams road, Adams Ave. east, Birmingham, opposite the Poppleton residence. 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 Collins Farm—80 acres in township of Southfield. Buildings are well painted and in good condition; house, 12 rooms, modern, with furnace, divided into three compartments. House surrounded with large handsome elm trees. Horse barn with room for 20 horses, also cow barn and carriage room. Back barn with granary, overhead track, one stabled underneath with cement floor and 8 or 8 additional stalls, sliding doors, good windows, window guards, stone foundation, etc., etc. Horse barn with 10 box stalls and paddock. Also barn with 4 box and 2 other stalls and paddock enclosed with high board fence, straw shed. Tool house, enclosed with sliding doors. Office with lavatory and refueling box stall attached and paddock. Bull box stall with paddock enclosed. Hog house 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; 400 pear trees, 400 peach, 20 cherry, 25 plum, all of best varieties, 5 apricots, 4 quince, currants, grapes, strawberries, etc. 2 acres timber or wood lot. Water: Good well with iron pump at house; good well with iron pump at stables; branch of Rouge Rouge runs across entire south end of farm and is never dry. Farm is well tiled. Pigeon all in first class shape, many of them entirely new. Condition of farm has carried an average of 40 head of stock during past five years. No waste land. Soil is rich and has been highly 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 Mabie on the south, east by T. H. & H. R. Ry. south by Bower street, west by Saginaw street, 100 feet front on Saginaw street, 132 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.

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 ½ of section 2, Farmington, Oakland county, Mich. in the finest farming locality of the county, with 5 fairly good outbuildings. There is no incumbrance on this farm, and it is less than a mile from the Farmington electric road. 3 acres of only $45.00 per acre, and we 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, 20 acres cleared, 15 of oak timber, 5 acres of orchard, house and barn of but little value. Nice little lake on the farm, good neighborhood and soil of the very best. Will exchange for city property if we can make you consider. It can be bought for $45.00 per acre. Thereof

59.

House and lot, No. 2 Fourteenth Ave., Detroit, a little over a block from the Boulevard; paved street; house piped and furnace; small barn; some fruit; fine location for a home. 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 room for fruit and shade trees; two buildings worth $1,500 and will sell for just what the buildings would cost to build. Have 2 and 3 rooms and pantry, cellar, good well, nice barn. Buildings insured for more than two years ago. Price 2,000 and terms easy.

61.

House of 11 rooms, on lots 7 and 18 Castle's plat, fronting on Merrill and Martin streets, Birmingham. Good cistern and ample cellar. There are two things about this place which we want to talk to you about and the price is so low that we are ashamed to say it. Tell you right and you will call and see us. We will whisper.

72.

Part of n e ¼ of sec. 2, Bloomfield, 41 acres, 2 acres of timber and pasture land, 7 acres orchard, good fruit—4 buildings valued at $900. 1¼ miles west of Mt. Clemens electric line, daily mail delivery. Good well, cellar, cistern, and fine living water in the southerly end of the farm. Price $1,200 and terms easy on long time. It makes a fine poultry farm, and is in a good neighborhood, all ready to commence. There are things about this place which we can tell you about but we—

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 set on Saginaw street, just south of land owned by John Kelly. Fine building site for one wishing to purchase. We 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 desirable residences in the village, with 120 feet front on Townsend and 132 feet on Henrietta. Modern house with closets, cellar, well, woodshed and summer kitchen. Price $2,500. "Too much for dead" and must not be repeated—but if you really have any knowledge of buildings in this village within a year, you can't afford to overlook this place, because the price is only $2,500 and more than that—but that's a state secret and you can't find out a thing further, until you see Whitehead & Mitchell at the Cross-my-heart-hope-I-may-never-see-the-back-of-your-neck-if-what-I-tell-you-isn't-the-truth Exchange.

93.

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 timber, heavy timber. Two buildings valued at more than $3,000 and the farm can be bought on easy terms for $95.00 per acre. There, if that don't get you to thinking we won't try any more. It isn't worth of postal cards will tell you all about it by return mail.

95.

103 1-3 acres in Southfield township, within 40 rods of a good school, no waste land, living water, runs through the farm in two places, farm well fenced and thoroughly drained, buildings worth $3,500. 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 80 acres in Southfield township, very productive soil, is a high state of cultivation, not a foot of waste land on the place, flowing wells, excellent buildings, best of water, thoroughly tiled and drained, 75 grape vines, 25 apple trees, 20 raspberries, two barns, dwelling, one entire house (capacity 100), tenement house and barn combined, everything ready to do the finest sort of farming. Buildings insured for $3,000, but failing health makes it advisable to dispose of this desirable property. Price $100 an acre.

99.

An ideal country home for anyone. House worth $2,000 with all the conveniences you could have in the big, wicked city. Eighty-five acres, about 25 acres timber, 10 acres orchard, 50 acres fine orchard, whole farm fenced with best woven wire fencing, good water, electric road two miles of the drain and about a mile from the electric road between Birmingham and Pontiac. Will exchange for improved city property. Price $100 per acre and when you take into consideration the cost of the improvements, it is well worth the price. Not only that, but let us take you to see it and then if you don't say you are all right we will take it all back. Won't cost you anything to point 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 for $1,500. Dark loamy soil, in high state of tilth, gardening; plenty of fruit of all kinds. Price $6,300.

101.

Farm of 31 acres in sections 35 and 19, Southfield; 8 acres best quality of timber, 18 acres tillage, 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 Southern Michigan. The cellar is divided into vegetable, provision, laundry and furnace room. The house has thirteen rooms and bath, hot and cold water, hot and cold 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, well worth all kinds of 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 what it is and you will never be sorry for it we made the investigation.

103.

Improved farm, 80 acres; 5 acres timber, 4 acres orchard; soil clay loam; good house and house with large cellar; 2 dry barn, horse barn, tool house, wood shed and corn house and all other necessary buildings. Have about $2,000 worth of personal property which we will buy with the farm if desired and the whole thing goes for $100 an acre. This is a snap for you to look at it if you want us to. The place is located 18 miles south of Detroit, Wayne county, Mich., on the Ann Arbor electric.

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 $1,300, terms easy. Will trade for other property.

106.

House and two lots on Stanley avenue, Birmingham, 132x200; well, cistern, cellar, fruit; house worth $1,200 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, 300 feet front on Brown and 200 on Daines street, 1 story house with furnace, 8 large rooms, well cistern, cellar, plenty of fruit; one block from electric cars for Detroit. Price $3,300.

108.

About 13 acres of vacant property in the village of Birmingham, suitable for platting; 300 feet on the east side of Woodward avenue, along the line of the electric railway; will plat into 65 lots 300 feet deep and a thousand dollars cash will buy it with the balance of the purchase price on long time at low rate of interest. Will exchange almost ready to take it ourselves. There is no reason in the world why you have to come to the selling of it, and who could take monthly payments, etc.

109.

Lot 54x132 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 and not 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 75 are cleared, and the balance in good maple timber. Fine orchard and good buildings worth $3,000, and this exceptionally fine place can be bought for $5,000. Half cash.

116.

Farm in Southfield. Really you will begin to think we have the whole town of Southfield for sale. Well, we have a few of the best and better farming land in the world. Only they have been sidetracked for a while for it. Now they are just getting down to reason and some are very cheap. Virtually we have 80 to 200 acres of buildings, nice spring of ever-flowing water; all good plow land, except 14 acres of flowing timber. No waste 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 5 rooms, bath room, well and cistern, and we will the buildings and one or more acres of land. We 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 Grenoble and Lincoln streets 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 $1,200 and less than rent. We really could not build the buildings and sidewalks for what it 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 township of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield; one of the loveliest locations in the whole region of Oakland county; 120 acres with 1½ story frame dwelling and barn room, in a very beautiful oak and hickory grove, Farm runs from Long Lake to the eastern portion and Pine Lake on the west. The price is less than $100 dollars per acre and for a short time only, on the Pine Lake part is laid out in lots which are well worth $1,000 each, the whole amount asked for the farm, 3½ miles from the city of Pontiac and at the corner of Long and Pine Lake from the steam and electric railway stations at Orchard Lake. Worth investigating and we are ready to answer all your questions, either by mail or in a personal interview—which we would greatly prefer.

122.

Farm of 72½ acres at $85.00 per acre. Good house and barn, well fenced and drained, 2 acres of excellent orchard, 3 acres timber, 1 building valued at $3,500. Terms easy, and long time. Don't write to us, but come and see us. Only 12 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. ¼ of S. E. ¼ Sec. 22, Troy.) Barn 32x40 and 2-story house with 6 rooms and pantry. Small orchard and 5 acres of timber; a little over a mile from the Big Beaver Electric Railway. Will sell or give 80 per acre will buy it, and the terms are so easy that any man who needs a home 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 of Birmingham, including the corporation line, and there is 320 acres of it. Not a foot of waste land on the premises. We will frankly say without fear of contradiction that this is the best finer farm in the state of Michigan. Where you will find more than you have any use for and what you want. Say! Tell you what we'll do, we'll take you out to see it any time you write, you know, and we will never bother you with the buildings, which are properly described and there you can see it for yourself. Only 20 acres or 300 acres, just as you wish, and we know you will be pleased with the price and terms. Only $100 per acre, 5 acres of timber and no buildings to the 5 acres, and the buildings are worth $5,000. Isn't that some? Come and let us take you. Only ten minutes drive from our office.

129.

One of the finest residences in Eastern Michigan, Birmingham, 12 or 13 rooms, every modern convenience, hot and cold water; every room in the house which we have to say about it, is a delight; without exception the finest location in the village; brick house, slate roof, cost $10,000 to build it; lot about 175 feet; front on Saginaw street, and about 300 feet deep. The price is so low that we wouldn't feel justified in mentioning it in this connection. Finally, if you want the best house and lot in our town, and can afford it, you will never be sorry for it, 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, 150 feet front, 8 rooms, deep, comfortable little house and plenty of fruit and other conveniences, and one of the cheapest places on our list and well worth the money. Only $1,200. Only a few more things we could tell you that explains the reason 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 Addition, Birmingham. Price, $2,150.

132.

Large 10-room frame house on Saginaw street, lacustrine finish throughout, hot water heat, 2 mantels with grates, large attic, finished and ceiled, large lot, 132 feet front by 200 deep, all kinds of small fruit, nice lawn, with magnificent shade for one hot day. Will sell buildings and some of the land for $4,500 or the whole place, including lot, is right on the car line, and there is about two acres of land and a fine barn. Is situated on a turnpike view of the village. Come and see what it is and you will never be sorry for it we made the investigation.

133.

Five acres, no buildings; good light loamy soil; no waste land. Ten beautiful maples on the place, 40 rods from post office, rural free delivery twice daily, over mill and electric line; walking robin 20 rods from front, electric railway runs past the property. Only $200 per acre. A place for a country home built to suit you. On Rochester electric road, this part of it. Only half a 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, 4 acres orchard; soil clay loam; good house and house with large cellar; 2 dry barn, horse barn, tool house, wood shed and corn house and all other necessary buildings. Have about $2,000 worth of personal property which we will buy with the farm if desired and the whole thing goes for $100 an acre. This is a snap for you to look at it if you want us to. The place is located 18 miles south of Detroit, Wayne county, Mich., on the Ann Arbor electric.

136.

Eighty to one hundred acres as you choose. Part of the old Kent county mill farm. The n w ¼ of sec 31 in Bloomfield. You know what the Grinnell farm is very well, this part of it has 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 must or will 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 three miles from the Northwestern electric railway. Orchard and small fruits; buildings insured for $1,000; only light ground suitable for gardening; about 12 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, Birmingham; cellar under the whole house; open stairway; hardwood finish in the natural wood; 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 Clark's plat, Birmingham, Mich., house 5 rooms, 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 the Woodward avenue line of the electric cars at the corner of Frank street. Snap spot cash will do it.

144.

Farm in Southfield of 130 acres; to buildings; rolling, sandy, loamy land with some clay; well drained; 30 acres oak timber, fruit orchard (5 acres orchard). Buildings alone are valued at $5,000. Can be bought for a very little more per acre, say, $5,500. Stream of living water; buildings nearly new. Is suitable for a kind of stock; half a mile from Franklin village. Good neighborhood. Is it worth looking at? Did 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 and 4 orchards of apples. Price $4,000 will handle it for cash; balance on long time at low rate of interest.

146.

Farm, 57½ acres, good buildings; 8 acres timber, 5 acres orchard; 1 mile south of the Electric R'y, in Royal Oak township; in w ½ of s w ¼ sec 17; loam and clay soil. Will sell cheap with the good hard cash in your hand, you can buy it for $2,000. But if you are going to get 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 Southfield; house 4 rooms and pantry, in good shape; well at both barn and house, never dry; 1 building and Rochester Electric; fare to Detroit 15c; R. F. D. all cash and no grumbling will buy it at $250. 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 80 rods; R. F. D.; good cellar; 6 acres timber, balance in fruit; 1 mile from Electric R'y. Fine spring water; 4 acres excellent orchard, and 2 acres of small fruit; buildings valued at $1,000. Can be bought for $1,500, and a no cash will do it; it is subject to mortgage of $600, 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. Now that with the advent of the wealthier people of Detroit to the suburbs land and its values have risen rapidly. Nice little branch of the River Rouge never dry, runs through the premises; you can almost jump across it. Good, dry banks with fine trees. $3,000.

150.

White Lake township farm, with the beautiful Huron River running through it; 120 acres and and clay loam; 7 acres oak timber; 2 miles north of Commerce village; 2 miles south of Milford; good orchard; free and clear of incumbrance. In the most desirable neighborhood in White Lake township, with Duck Lake, Sylvan Lake, Pine Bow and Long Lakes where there is excellent fishing, hunting and boating, and we can sell the thing. If you've got $4,000 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 T. 1 south of range 11 east, in Sanilac county, Mich. Here is a splendid 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 a start with moderate requirements to live in. Basement barn, 40x60 with 16 foot posts; granary, tool house; sheep barn, pig-house, etc. 20 rods to Lamont P. O. store, blacksmith shop and church; ¼ mile to good school. Marketing facilities excellent. Soil clay loam, with 40 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 Big Beaver Road at Troy Corners. No waste land; about 6 miles of tile drain; good fences and buildings in good shape; two flowing wells; early good abundantly stocked. Rural free delivery of mail daily electric cars for Detroit every hour; this is the most productive soil in the township; must be sold to settle estate. Can be