Our Washington Letter

Review of Biggest Fleet in American Warships Ever Assembled—Second Only to Channel Squadron of Great Britain—The Public Burden of Naval Expenditures—The Various Classes of Negroes.

WASHINGTON.—It is proposed in September to have a review of the biggest fleets of American warships ever assembled. It will take place either in the waters of Long Island Sound or off the coast of Massachusetts and will be witnessed by President Roosevelt. Before he left Washington Mr. Roosevelt informed Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte that he wished to inspect the Atlantic fleet before it left for the southern drill grounds in the early autumn. The secretary is now making the preparations to have the big fleet assembled some time in September, and it is probable that in addition to the president the reviewing party will include Secretary Bonaparte and Admiral Dewey and several members of the house and senate committees on naval affairs.

The fleet will be assembled under the flag of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans and will be second in power only to the channel squadron of Great Britain, which is the most formidable fleet in the world. The fleet will embrace 14 first-class battleships which will be divided into four squadrons. In addition there will be a squadron of four or five first-class armored cruisers, a torpedo flotilla and a number of fleet auxiliaries, such as colliers, repair ships, etc.

It is expected that five or six new battleships fresh from the yards of the contractors will be in this force, including the Georgia, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Virginia, Connecticut and Louisiana. It is probable that the Connecticut, one of the new 16,000 ton battleships, will be selected as the flagship of the squadron. The total tonnage of the battleships will be something like 180,000 tons and the armored cruiser squadron will represent 55,000 tons, making a grand displacement of about 235,000 tons in the vessels to be reviewed.

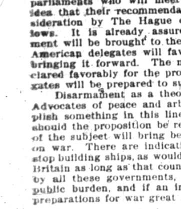
THE PROPAGANDA OF DISARMAMENT.

While preparations are being made for this grand naval display there are some earnest statesmen at work spreading a propaganda of disarmament. Mr. Burton, of Ohio, a forceful member of the house, who was largely instrumental in having postponed the construction of the big 20,000 ton battleship until congress could pass on the plans, is one of the leaders in the movement to put a stop to the building up of the navies of the world. At the coming session of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in London Mr. Burton expects to exploit a practical plan for disarmament.

Mr. Burton proposes if possible to obtain an agreement by the representatives of the various parliaments who will meet in London with the idea that their recommendation will receive consideration by The Hague conference which follows. It is already assured that the disarmament will be brought to the attention of the coming Hague conference. The American delegates will favor it and if necessary will take the initiative in bringing it forward. The new Liberal government of Great Britain has declared favorably for the proposition and it is understood that England's delegates will be prepared to support it at The Hague.

Disarmament as a theory has been under general discussion for years. Advocates of peace and arbitrators have laid the blame of failure to accomplish something in this line to the absence of a feasible programme. Even should the proposition be rejected at The Hague it is felt that the discussion of the subject will bring before the world the desirability of putting a check on war. There are indications that France would welcome a proposition to stop building ships, as would also Germany, who will continue to emulate Great Britain as long as that country keeps adding to her navy. Naval expenditures by all these governments, including the United States, are getting to be a public burden, and if an international agreement could be reached to stop preparations for war great relief would be experienced.

THE WORK OF MR. BURTON, OF OHIO.

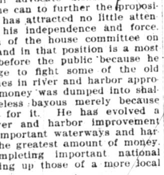


Mr. Theodore E. Burton, the American statesman, who will advocate disarmament in London and do all he can to further the proposition at The Hague, has attracted no little attention to himself by his independence and force. He is the chairman of the house committee on rivers and harbors and in that position is a most conspicuous figure before the public because he has had the courage to fight some of the old "pork barrel" schemes in river and harbor appropriations by which money was dumped into shallow creeks and useless bayous merely because congressmen asked for it. He has evolved a new system of river and harbor improvement whereby the most important waterways and harbors shall receive the greatest amount of money. He believes in completing important national projects before taking up those of a more local character.

It has often been said that if Mr. Burton were a married man he would be the strongest character in the house. There is a sort of prejudice against bachelors in public life because they seem to be lacking in poise and balance and are apt to be testy and take narrow views of things. Mr. Burton is a man of great brain power and force, but he is a good deal of a crusty old bachelor and as such is not popular. What he accomplishes in congress is by the sheer force of his mentality and logic. It is not because of any personal magnetism or popularity.

There are many admirers of Mr. Burton who wish that he would get married because they believe the association with a good woman would so broaden him as to make him one of the most eligible candidates in the country for the presidency. The Ohio statesman, however, has been too busy as a student of great questions and as a worker in his profession to give any thought to marriage.

ESCAPADES OF A YOUNG CENTRAL AMERICAN.

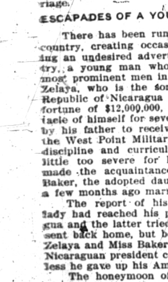


There has been running around loose in this country, creating occasional sensations and giving an undesired advertisement to his own country, a young man who ought to be one of the most prominent men in his own home. Alphonso Zelaya, who is the son of the president of the Republic of Nicaragua and one of the heirs to a fortune of $12,000,000, has been making a spectacle of himself for several months. He was sent by his father to receive a military education at the West Point Military Academy, but found the discipline and curriculum of that institution a little too severe for his southern nature. He made the acquaintance in this city of a Miss Baker, the adopted daughter of a Dr. Baker, and a few months ago married her.

The report of his attentions to the young lady had reached his president father in Nicaragua and the latter tried to have him arrested and sent back home, but before his agents could accomplish that purpose young Zelaya and Miss Baker had become man and wife. It was then that the rich Nicaraguan president cast the young man off and would not recognize him unless he gave up his American wife and came home.

The honeymoon of the young Zelayas did not last very long and they separated, the wife returning to her foster father in this city. Then the young man got a job playing a piano in a beer garden and earned ten dollars a week. On this slender income the pair reunited, but soon separated again and Zelaya lost his job as a musical "professor." Then rather than go hungry he stole $20 from a roomate and rather than go naked he stole a 50-cent shirt from a policeman and his troubles seem only to have begun. The escapades of this young Central American have made the society girls in Washington a little shy of foreigners who represent themselves to be of great wealth and to belong to high families.

THE NEGRO PROBLEM AT THE CAPITAL.



The commercial and social circles of this city and surrounding country are terribly agitated over a proposition to establish a settlement of colored persons in a section that is being built up by white people who are in comfortable circumstances. One of the attractive suburbs lying to the northwest of Washington has for some years been patronized by a good class of white people who have spent money in the improvement of their property and felt comfortable in the fact that their surroundings were all satisfactory. Now comes a proposition for the acquirement of a large section in this fashionable territory which will be sold in lots to negroes. Already a large number of lots have been bought and the white people living near by are in a state of frenzy.

The negro problem is as acute in Washington, and even more so, as in the southern states and cities. Nearly one-third of the poplation of the capital city is colored and among them is the most undesirable class of negroes. There is a class which, while law abiding in most respects, is very impudent and assertive and wherever possible will "butt in" among the whites. This class is purchasing lots in the suburb mentioned and the old residents who have already erected homes in that neighborhood are sure that their property will lose half its value if this negro settlement is continued. There does not seem to be any relief to those who object to colored neighbors, as the latter have a right to purchase property if they have the price.

The better class of negroes in Washington, those who do not wish to associate with the whites, are scattered all over the city. They are not the class that wish to colonize in any particular locality, but go off quietly by themselves and do not intrude on anyone. There is another class who have a little money and who try to ape the fashions and customs of white society and who produce the young men and girls who crowd sidewalks, elbow white people to the wall or in the gutter, and preempt seats on street cars. So far there has been no direct outbreak against the aggressive type of negro, but that is due largely to the conservative character of the white citizenship of Washington. It is not "good form" to get in a row with a negro.

Automobile Victim.

Harry Devries, aged 22, died at Spring Lake Saturday night as the result of an automobile accident which happened on the main street of Grand Haven shortly before noon. Devries had turned out for a milk wagon, and Miss Jennie Lampin, a resorter of St. Joseph, Mich., driving a machine, had also turned out, but she met Devries while the machine was speeding at the rate of 30 miles an hour. Devries was thrown in the air and fell under the wheels. He sustained internal injuries and concussion of the brain. He lingered in agony until Saturday night. He was unmarried.

Great Electric Road.

Plans for a proposed $1,000,000 electric railway line to be built in the state of Michigan are being made by the Milwaukee Engineering Co. The line is to be known as the Ludington, Hartland & Southwestern road.

While no information as to the new road is obtainable, it is claimed that the first line, which will be 50 miles long, will be the beginning of an electric road which will extend across the state of Michigan from east to west. Hartland is situated in Livingston county, 12 miles east of Howell.

The 3-year-old son of John Karvala, of Allouez, is believed to have starved to death in the woods near that place. He has been lost since a week ago Tuesday.

Senator William Pinkney Whyte, of Maryland, celebrated his eighty-second birthday by taking a lay-off and remaining at his country home. This is the first holiday he has taken since congress adjourned. He says debilitated old men need vacations, but he is too busy with accumulated work to think of one. According to his idea, there is no better way to avoid feeling the effects of the hot weather than to work.

Lieut. John F. Jones, who was killed by the Pulajanes in the Philippines last week, had led his men into a ravine while he went forward to reconnoitre. Suddenly the bolomen jumped out from the jungle and surrounded the little force. Lieut. Jones tried to fight his way back to his men, and the hand-to-hand fight continued until the troops saw him fall and then they retreated. His mutilated body was recovered later.

THE MARKETS.

DETROIT—Extra dry-fed steers and heifers, $4.60@4.75; steers and heifers, 1,000 to 1,200, $4.25@4.50; steers and heifers, 800 to 1,000, $3.50@4; grass steers and heifers that are fat, 800 to 1000, $3.50@4; grass steers and heifers that are fat, 500 to 700, $2.75@3.25; choice fat cows, $3.25@3.65; good fat cows, $3; common cows, $2.25@2.85; canners, $1.25@1.85; choice heavy bulls, $3@3.25; fair to good bologna bulls, $2.50@2.85; stock bulls, $2@2.50; choice feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $3.50@3.90; fair feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $3.25@3.50; choice stockers, 500 to 700, $3@3.25; fair stockers, 500 to 700, $3@3.25; stock heifers, $2.25@2.75; milkers, large, young, medium age, $35@45; common milkers, $18@25.

Veal Calves—Market steady to strong; best, $6.50@7; others, $4@6; milch cows and springers, steady.

Sheep and Lambs—Market 25c higher, run very light; best lambs, $7.25@7.50; fair to good lambs, $6.50@7; light to common lambs, $6@6.50; yearlings, $5.50@6; fair to good butcher sheep, $1@4.50; culls and common, $2.50@3.

Hogs—Market 20c lower than last week. Range of prices: Light to good butchers, $6.40@6.50; pigs, $6.40@6.50; light yorkers, $6.40@6.50; roughs, $5.50; stags, 1-3 off.

CHICAGO—Market strong; beeves, $3.75@6.60; cows and heifers, $1.15@5.25; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.25; Texans, $3@4.75; western, $3.60@5.25; calves, $4.75@6.50.

Hogs—Market 5 to 10c lower; mixed and butchers, $6@6.42½; good heavy, $6@6.30; rough heavy, $5.70@5.90; light, $6.15@6.45; pigs, $5.20@6.10; bulk of sales, $6@6.25.

Sheep—Market steady; sheep, $3.25@5.10; lambs, $4.75@7.75.

East Buffalo.—Cattle market active and 10@15c higher for all desirable kinds, both heavy and light; best export steers, $5.50@5.75; two loads of extra sold at $6; best 1,200 to 1,300-lb shipping steers, $4.90@5.35; best 1,000 to 1,100-lb do, $4.35@5; best fat cows, $3.75@4.25; fair to good, $3@3.25; trimmers, $1.50; best fat heifers, $4.25@4.50; few choice, $5; medium heifers, $3.25@3.50; best feeding steers, $3.50@3.75; best yearlings, $3.25@3.50; common stock steers, $2.75@3; export bulls, $3.75@4; bologna bulls, $2.50@3; light stock bulls, $2.50@3.

Hogs—Medium and heavy, $6.40@6.45; mixed and yorkers, $6.40@6.50; pigs, $6.50@6.55; roughs, $5.20@5.25; stags, $4.25@4.50.

Sheep—Lambs, $8@8.35; cull lambs, $6.25@6.75; best sheep, $5.75@6; culls, $2.75@4.50; yearlings, $6@6.25; ewes, $4.75@5.

Calves—Market strong; best, $7.75@8; medium to good, $6@7.50; heavy, $3.50@4.50.

Grain, Etc.

DETROIT—Wheat: Cash No. 2 red, 73¾c; September, 5,000 bu at 74¾c, 5,000 bu at 74½c, 3,000 bu at 74⅝c, 10,000 bu at 74¼c, 5,000 bu at 74⅜c; 10,000 bu at 74¼c; December, 2,000 bu at 77¾c, 25,000 bu. at 77½c, 15,000 bu. at 77⅝c, 10,000 bu. at 77⅜c, 20,000 bu. at 77¼c; No. 3 red, 71¾c; No. 1 white, 73¾c.

Corn—Cash No. 3, 53¾c; No. 2 yellow, 1 car at 54½c; No. 3 yellow, 54¾c asked.

Oats—Cash No. 3 white, 1 car at 32½c; September, 1 car at 33½c, 2,000 bu. at 33¼c; sample, 1 car at 32¾c, 1 at 37¼c.

Rye—Cash No. 2, 1 car at 57½c; August, 57½c.

Beans—August, $1.42, nominal; October and November, $1.50 asked.

Cloverseed—Prime spot, $7.25; October, $7.35; prime alsike, 20 bags at $6.90; sample alsike, 14 bags at $6.75, 10 at $6.50, 13 at $6.25, 12 at $6, 8 at $5.75, 8 at $5.50.

Timothy Seed—Prime spot, 20 bags at $1.90.

STEAMERS LEAVING DETROIT.

DETROIT AND BUFFALO STEAMBOAT Co., foot of Wayne St., for Buffalo and the East, daily at 5:00 p. m. Sunday at 4:00 p. m. Week End Excursion, $2.50 round trip.

DETROIT AND CLEVELAND NAV. Co., foot of Wayne St., for Cleveland, Pittsburg and Eastern points, daily at 10:30 p. m. Week End Excursion to Cleveland every Saturday, $2.00 round trip.

WHITE STAR LINE, foot of Griswold St. for Port Huron and way ports, daily at 8:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., Sunday at 9:00 a. m. For Toledo daily at 4:00 p.m., Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p. m.

Army officers believe that Second Lieutenant John S. Hamilton, of the Twelfth infantry, has committed suicide. He was last heard of in Chicago.

A Nebraska genius of 17, who has invented a process by which he can throw half an ounce of dynamite 150 yards with a Winchester rifle, wrote to Secretary Bonaparte asking if this achievement wouldn't help him gain admission to the naval academy. Bonaparte has written the boy that his experiments are better adapted to taking him to a cemetery than to the naval academy.

The scheme to buy the birthplace of President Roosevelt in New York and maintain it as a landmark has fallen through. The president did not approve of it.

When the Carnegie library in Flint was burglarized recently and Walter Berg was arrested as he was leaving the vicinity there was a mystery about the disappearance of a watch owned by the librarian, Mrs. George Caldwell. It has just been found in a ventilator shaft in the jail and Berg has confessed that he had it hidden in the sleeve of his undershirt when he was searched at the jail.

AN OLD PAINTER'S IDEAS.

The autumn season is coming more and more to be recognized as a most suitable time for housepainting. There is no frost deep in the wood to make trouble for even the best job of painting, and the general seasoning of the summer has put the wood into good condition in every way. The weather, moreover, is more likely to be settled for the necessary length of time to allow all the coats to thoroughly dry, a very important precaution. An old and successful painter said to the writer the other day: "House owners would get more for their money if they would allow their painters to take more time, especially between coats. Instead of allowing barely time for the surface to get dry enough not to be 'tacky,' several days (weeks would not be too much) should be allowed so that the coat might set through and through. It is inconvenient, of course, but, if one would suffer this slight inconvenience, it would add two or three years to the life of the paint." All this is assuming, of course, that the paint used is the very best to be had. The purest of white lead and the purest of linseed oil unmixed with any cheaper of the cheap mixtures often known as "White Lead," and oil which has been doctored with fish oil, benzine, corn oil or other of the adulterants known to the trade are used, all the precautions of the skilled painter are useless to prevent the cracking and peeling which make houses unsightly in a year or so and therefore, make painting bills too frequent and costly. House owner should have his painter bring the ingredients to the premises separately, white lead of some well known reliable brand and linseed oil of equal quality and mix the paint just before applying it. Painting need not be expensive and unsatisfactory if the old painter's suggestions are followed.

FINEST TROUT IN THE WORLD

Found in Small Stream in the High Sierras, Says Expert.

The finest trout in the world, says Dr. Barton W. Evermann of the bureau of fisheries, is to be found in a little stream of the high Sierras in southern California called Volcano creek. The trout is named the "golden trout," and in beauty of coloring gameness and delicacy of flavor it has no equal.

So far as is known, it exists only in this stream, which is about 20 miles in length. President Roosevelt recently called attention of the bureau of fisheries to this unique specimen, with the result that Dr. Evermann was sent to California to study its habits and environment and to see whether it might not be introduced elsewhere.

He reports that the trout is in danger of extermination and that fishing in the stream must be prohibited by the state of California for three years if the trout is to be saved. Dr. Evermann has also recommended that the bureau of fisheries undertake the artificial propagation of the trout and co-operate with the state of California in transplating it to a number of barren streams that can be easily reached.—National Geographic Magazine.

Tigers Tap Rubber Trees.

Near Perak in the Malay peninsula is a prosperous rubber factory run by a long-headed Scotchman. In order to obtain the sap from which the rubber is made it is necessary to puncture the bark of the trees. Laborers are scarce in that district, but there are an abundance of tigers. There were not enough men to "tap" the trees, but the Scotch proprietor hit on a brilliant idea. He knew that tigers are fond of valerian, so he gave orders that all the trees should be rubbed with this stuff. The tigers came up and caressingly scratched the bark in the most approved herringbone fashion, after which all that the coolies had to do was to walk around once a day and collect the rubber.

Sinai, the "Turquois Land."

Sinai was known as the "turquois land" in very ancient times, and Dr. Flinders Petrie believes that it was the first mining center in the world. In his recent book on the subject Dr. Petrie tells of the various expeditions sent to Sinai by the Egyptian government. At the head of the party was the "commander," or "bearer of the seal of the god," the Pharaoh. The official staff consisted of "masters of the house of metals," or assayers, scribes and secretaries, to make inventories of the output of the mines.

AN OLD TIMER.

Has Had Experiences.

A woman who has used Postum Food Coffee since it came upon the market 8 years ago knows from experience the necessity of using Postum in place of coffee if one values health and a steady brain.

She says: "At the time Postum was first put on the market I was suffering from nervous dyspepsia and my physician had repeatedly told me not to use tea or coffee. Finally I decided to take his advice and try Postum, and got a sample and had it carefully prepared, finding it delicious to the taste. So I continued its use and very soon its beneficial effects convinced me of its value, for I got well of my nervousness and dyspepsia.

"My husband had been drinking coffee all his life until it had affected his nerves terribly. I persuaded him to shift to Postum and it was easy to get him to make the change for the Postum is delicious. It certainly worked wonders for him.

"We soon learned that Postum does not exhilarate or depress and does not stimulate, but steadily and honestly strengthens the nerves and the stomach. To make a long story short our entire family have now used Postum for eight years with completely satisfying results, as shown in our fine condition of health and we have noticed a rather unexpected improvement in brain and nerve power." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Increased brain and nerve power always follow the use of Postum in place of coffee, sometimes in a very marked manner.

Look in pkgs. for "The Road to Wellville."

Real Estate Exchange

Of Whitehead & Mitchell at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

The following is a partial list of farms, city and village lots and real estate generally which we have for sale. As our list is constantly changing, we request that parties will write us if they do not see what they want in this list:

5.

Elegant house and lot 66 feet front and 20 rods deep on Maple Ave. East (California). 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.

42

Brick house, good barn, and seven acres of land suitable for platting, on south side of Maple avenue 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.

55

Village lots on Woodward avenue, bounded north by land of Mollie G. Smith, east by D., G. H. & M. R'y, south by Bower street, west by Woodward avenue, 108 feet front on Woodward avenue, 178 feet deep on north side and 148 feet 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 e ¼ of section 2, Farmington, Oakland county, Mich., in the finest farming locality of the county, with 3 fairly good buildings. There is no incumbrance on the property and it is less than a mile from the Parmington electric road. 3 acres of timber, elm, basswood, etc., and the price is only $45.00 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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, admirable for truck gardening, plenty of fruit of all k[illegible] 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.

105

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 [illegible]

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 50x 120 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.

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 75 are cleared, and the balance in good maple timber. Two acres of orchard 4 buildings worth $3,000, and this exceptionally fine place can be bought for $4,000. Nuf ced!

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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 [illegible]

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.

123

Nice little 40-acre farm near Big Beaver, (S. ½ of N. ½ of S. E. ¼ Sec. 22, Troy.) Barn 32x48 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 $[illegible] per acre will buy it, and the terms are so easy that any man who means business can pay for it.

126

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

127

House and lot on Fremont street in Birmingham, Mich., 50x103 feet. House nearly new, 8 rooms and closets, well and cistern. Price $1,100.

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!

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.

135

Large 10-room frame house on Woodward avenue, basement under all, good furnace, bath, 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 $6,500. 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.

138

Eighty acres in township of Redford, Wayne county, Mich., about two miles from the North western electric railway. Orchard and small fruit; 3 buildings valued at [illegible]. Soil good light ground suitable for gardening. About [illegible] miles from Detroit. Price $4,500. [illegible] 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 fruit; a bargain at $2,000. Say, the house [illegible] more than that to build 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, (3 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.

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 4½ 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; ¾ mile east of Rochester Electric; fare to Detroit 15c; R. F. D. All cash and no grumbling will buy it at $750. Hurry up!

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. ¾ 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.

157

The celebrated Cooper stock farm, situated one-half mile north of Birmingham on the D. U. R. electric line, and right among the summer homes of some of the most prominent of Detroit's weathy citizens. Three hundred and forty-five acres of excellent farming land, with 12 buildings, well adapted to the requirements of a first-class stock farm. Forty acres of timber, and for the matter of fruit there are forty pear trees and five hundred plum trees, and six acres of bearing apple orchards. One of the finest half mile race tracks in the state is situated on the farm. There is an artesian well 280 feet deep supplying an unlimited amount of mineral water which, if properly developed and advertised, would be worth more than the price of the farm. From $25 to $50 a month is even now realised from the sale of this water, which is acknowledged by the first medical specialists of the present day to be the best known modern remedy for Diabetes and the vrrious other kidney diseases. A chemical analysis of this water will be furnished on request. The principal dwelling on the place cost over $5,000 and it's worth the money. It has a modern hot air furnace and all the other conveniences which are almost consdered necessities now-a-days. A good brick tenant house—in fact twelve good buildings in all.

No. 160

Best 80 in Township of Troy; buildings would cost $2,500 to build half as good; silo, flowing well; fences and buildings in excellent repair; one mile from electric railway. $7,000, or a little less perhaps, would buy it. Take you to see it any day.

No. 162

Seventy-acre farm in Waterford township. Price $2,700; $1,400 cash, balance on easy terms and long time; buildings alone worth $2,500; cranberry marsh produces 75 to 100 bushels per year without cultivation; Clarkston 2½ miles, Waterford four miles.

No. 163

South ½ of northeast ¼ of Sec. 34, Southfield; 79 acres for $2,800; terms easy. Buildings fair, well, cistern, etc.; 3½ miles from Sand Hill, on Farmington electric. Must be sold before April 1 next.

No. 164

Eighty-five acres 80 rods east of the Pontiac electric, in the Township of Bloomfield; house worth $3,000; eight buildings, flowing well on back part of farm, five acres oak timber, six acres fine orchard; has been steadily held at $110 per acre, but will now sacrifice at $75. An ideal country home for city gentleman.

No. 165

Eighty-acre farm in Township of Wells, Tuscola county, Mich.; 36 acres cleared, two acres orchard, balance in second-growth timber; black sandy loam. An even $1,000 cash will buy it.

No. 166

Seventy acres just north of the base line in Royal Oak township—50 acres cleared, 15 acres second-growth, and five acres orchard; no buildings; soil sandy. Price $80 per acre. But wait a minute: it's only a short distance from the new State Fair Ground, and within 15 minutes of the City Hall.

No. 167

Wants to trade for 50 or 60 acres on or near electric. Ninety-four acres on east ½ of southwest ¼ Sec. 11, Troy township; three buildings valued at $2,000 (insured for $1,700); flowing well piped to barn; farm well adapted for stock or dairy; 1½ miles from electric at Troy Corners, where there are good schools and churches. Fare 17c to Detroit; $60 per acre.

No. 168

Forty acres 3 miles east of Birmingham, in Township of Troy, on the line of the Rochester electric; 4 buildings valued at $1,000, an acre of good orchard, 2 acres soft maple timber, trolley station right at the house, school house within half a mile. One of the nicest little places along the line. Make us an offer.

No. 171

Finest building site between Birmingham and Pontiac, on electric railway, just north of Birmingham, among the country homes of such men as Booth, Barbour, Endicott, Brady, Shaw, Conklin, and others; 43 acres, nearly half of which is timber, and pretty little branch of River Rouge (never dry) runs through the place with giant elms and oaks overhanging. No buildings, good drainage, fine orchard of 2 acres. Price is high, but if you have the cream you must expect to pay for it.

No. 172

Twenty-four and one-half acres on Rochester electric, in Troy, 10 acres timber, soil gravelly loam, no waste land, good buildings—worth $1,800, fences and everything in good repair, and it can be bought for $1,500, and it's only 15½ miles from Detroit.

174

Farm of 160 acres, ½ mile from Highland Station; 20 acres fine oak timber, 5 acres orchard, 10 buildings insured for $1,000, good water, fine neighborhood. Will trade for Detroit or Birmingham improved real estate. Price is so low we are ashamed to tell it, for fear you'd think the farm was no good. Just ask us about the circumstances.

175

Three hundred-acre farm known the Grisson farm, and part of the celebrated Ellerby Tract in West Bloomfield and Bloomfield townships. No better farm in the country. Rolling land, fine gravelly loamy soil, 35 acres timber, 12 acres best sorts of apple orchard, 2-story brick house—11 rooms, good basement barns, 2 tenant houses, nice running stream and small lake, and very little waste land. In order to settle estate we will close out this fine place for $15 per acre if sold at once. Take you to see it any day without expense.

176

Farm of 225 acres on the town line between Troy and Bloomfield. Seven buildings valued at $4,000, 18 acres oak and hickory timber, 5 acres fruit bearing apple and peach orchard; pretty little branch of the River Rouge runs through east end; 4 good wells, 3 miles new wire fence; adjoins the celebrated Joy Stock Farm; well drained; 1½ miles from Detroit & Pontiac electric. Nice little drive for a pleasant afternoon; come on and we'll show you the prettiest place in Oakland County.

178

Seven room cottage on west side of Bates street 42 feet front, 130 feet deep. You couldn't build the house for $1200 and that's all we ask for it. City water, wood shed, cellar, all ordinary conveniences. One of the best bargains we have. Show it to you any time.

179

Farm in Springfield township for sale or exchange for property in Royal Oak, Birmingham or Pontiac. 120 acres; 108 cleared, 12 of oak timber; 5 acres good apple orchard. Two buildings valued at $400; property unincumbered, buildings insured. Price $2,700, enough down to secure.

180

Farm in Avon township; 55 acres of good clay loam, all cleared; small orchard, no buildings; small amount down. For sale or exchange for small farm.

181

Farm for sale in Town of Southfield; 80 acres, all cleared; four acres good orchard; gravel and clay loam; three buildings worth $3,000, insured. Will sell for $3,200, enough cash down to secure.

182

Lot 6 in Purdy & Hanna Subdivision, Birmingham; no buildings, but a bargain for $125.

183

Two lots in Royal Oak, Block A. Splendid location.

184

House, barn and lot, on Maple street east, Birmingham; good buildings, insured. Will sell for $2,500; $1,000 cash down. Cellar under whole house, bath room, large rooms; small orchard. Two full lots could could be taken from property in rear.

185

House and two lots in Birmingham; buildings in good repair, insured. For very low cash price.

185

Corner lot, 100 feet front on Maple avenue, 125 feet deep; one good building, insured; plenty of small fruit. A bargain for $3,000, one-half cash down.

187

House and lot, in Campbell Subdivision, Birmingham; buildings insured. Come in and ask the price, and let us surprise you.

The man with time to waste is a bigger fool than the one with money to burn.

End of the Experiments.

Berzelius, the Swedish chemist, made most of his laboratory experiments in his kitchen with the cook, Anna, as his only assistant. "What is your master?" asked one of his neighbors. "Oh, he is a chemist." "What's that? What does he do?" "Well, I will tell you. He has something in a big bottle, then he pours it into a smaller one, and then again into quite a tiny bottle." "Well, and what then happens to it?" "Oh, then I throw it away."

Dances of Indians.

Ghost and snake dances are not so frequent as formerly, although in the Indian territory white men are sometimes permitted to view such spectacles. In the ghost dance performers are fantastically arrayed, and the dance itself is supposed to be an appeal to the higher powers for protection, for aid in some contemplated enterprise or to ward off famine and drought.

Uncle Was Dense.

A proud young father telegraphed the news of his new responsibility to his brother in this fashion: "A handsome boy has come to my house and claims to be your nephew. We are doing our best to give him a proper welcome." The brother, however, failed to see the point, and replied: "I have not got a nephew. The young man is an impostor."

Hard Pressed.

"Oh, Henry," exclaimed his wife, as she threw her arms rapturously about his neck, "I do love you so! Don't forget to leave me $25 when you go down to town this morning, will you, dear?" "And this," muttered Henry, softly disengaging himself from her fond embrace, "this is what you might call being hard pressed for money."

Still Room for Improvement.

In a small village in the south of Scotland an elder in the parish church was one day reproving an old woman, who was rather the worse for liquor, by saying: "Sarah, don't you know that you should fly from the tempter?" Sarah (not too well pleased)—"Flee yersel'!" Elder—"O, Sarah! I have flown." Sarah—"Awell, I think ye'll be none the waur o' anither flutter!"

Index System for the Home.

One of the national schools of domestic arts and sciences is engaged in showing housekeepers how a card index system can be used in the home. One of the uses of the system is substituting for the old scrap receipt book and the big cook book itself a box of index cards.

Lawful Poisoning.

Barrister (visiting accused in jail)—"I can quite understand that you wanted to poison your mother-in-law, but in that case why on earth didn't you set up as a dairyman or wine merchant? You couldn't have been caught then."—Bon Vivant.

Cuban Coffee.

To serve coffee in Cuban fashion put three pints of sweet rich milk into the brightest of new coffee pots and let it come to a boil. Put in a teacupful of ground coffee and boil five minutes. Strain and serve.

The Unfitness of Things.

"Everything you buy is adulterated nowadays," grumbled old Pessimo, "except the stuff they put in cannon crackers and other infernal machines. That gets stronger every year."

King Sisowath of Cambodia and his suite of 150 persons, including the famous ballet corps, have left Paris for Marseilles to embark for their native land. The dusky king wept real tears at quitting Paris, where, it may be said in vernacular terms, he had the time of his life.