AMERICAN LOVEMAKING HAS STIRRED UP THINGS IN CUBA

Old Folks Are Firmly of Opinion That the Methods Are Shocking, But the Younger People Seem to Think They Are an Improvement Over the Customs of the Past.

Havana, Cuba.—Think of taking your fiancee to the opera without a chaperon! Can you imagine anything worse?

To invite her to have an ice cream soda—could anything be more improper?

Can you conceive of any self-respecting man inviting the girl who has promised to be his wife to go for a car ride with him without asking mother to go, too?

Can the human imagination comprehend anything so daring as an automobile ride without a chaperon?

Could anything be more shocking than a boat ride in the moonlight, alone with the woman you love?

Doesn't it make your blood run cold when you picture your daughter sitting on a bench in the park with her hand nestling in the hand of the man she has promised to marry?

Wouldn't you kill your future son-in-law if you caught him kissing your daughter before the church had made her his wife?

And what would you do if he had the audacity to smile at her as he passed her on the street, if good manners were so totally lacking in his makeup that he stopped to chat with her on the public corner, if he were so badly bred that he knew no better than to meet her anywhere without hellographing for the chaperon to make a double-quick march to her rescue?

Ancient Spanish Etiquette.

You will laugh at the thought of ideas so absurd and prudish, but down in Cuba the thought of a mother's daughter going to the opera unchaperoned, sitting over a glass of ice cream soda with her lover, going for a car ride with her affianced husband, automobiling with him, boating with him the moonlight, daring to let him hold her hand, bold enough to permit him to steal a kiss, and so destitute of good manners as to tip his hat to her on a public plaza; is

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enough to make a Cuban father's hair turn white.

All these questions of propriety have been settled in America, and the chaperon has lost her job. Down in Cuba they have been settled, too, for centuries, but now that the Americans have brought American customs to the island the pretty Cuban maids are clamoring for another kind of a settlement. They want to abolish the duenna and the barred window—they want to make love in the American way. And the fathers and mothers of Cuba, still clinging to the old traditions and the time-worn customs, have risen up to oppose them.

Family Controversy.

It is a controversy between parents shocked by the advanced American methods of making love and the daughters of Cuba who have tried the American way and like it. The parents have delivered their ultimatum. They have told their blushing daughters that they will be disowned and disinherited if they stoop to conquer the American wooer. They have told them they must continue to make love from behind the bars of their queer windows with a duenna within earshot. They have forbidden them to smile as they pass their suitors on the plazas, they have ordered them to cling to the old Cuban customs that are so distasteful to them. And the girls of Cuba are on the point of rising in rebellion against their parents. They say they don't care if they are disinherited, that they'll marry men who are able to support them, if they say they are bound to be courted in the American way, to be recognized as human beings worthy of trust, as women of judgment and common sense. They object to being hidden away and kept centuries behind the times.

Bold American Sets New Style.

An audacious Yankee, college bred, tall, broad-shouldered, determined, in white flannels from head to foot—a dashing figure—lifted his hat to a dark eyed Cuban girl as he passed her on the plaza in Havana. She smiled back at him. He stood still and outstretched his hand. She came up to him and took it. A motor ride and an engagement followed—and now all Cuba is discussing the scandal, for because it wasn't a good match, but because the Cuban girl violated the most sacred and ancient customs of her country by flirting with a stranger on the public street, by motoring with him without a chaperon, and because the Yankee, instead of doing as Cuban lovers do, openly disregarded the traditions and scorned the marriage customs of the island.

But for his hurried departure with his dark skinned bride on a honeymoon trip to New York the Yankee lover would have paid the penalty for his folly and his audacity. It's the paternal bullet that makes Cupid toe the mark in Cuba and protects the sacred institutions of the little republic—the home and marriage.

By the time the audacious Yankee and his bride reached New York the father had relented, but ever since that day all Cuba has been discussing the American invasion of their customs.

Say Americanization Goes Too Far.

It has become a national problem in Cuba and it soon may become a national issue, to be inscribed in the platforms of the two leading political parties, to be settled at the polls on election day. The Cubans of all classes are crying out that the Americanization of the island has gone too far. The retiring, modest senorita who from time immemorial has been courted as she pressed her face against the iron gratings of her barred window, with the face of the watchful duenna beside hers, must not be wooed and won on the streets or in the plaza. The doors to her house must be kept shut against the suitor until the day of her marriage. She must not permit even the tips of her fingers to be soiled by the touch of her Romeo's hand until the gold ring has been given and taken, and all the vows have been murmured.

These are the cries that are being raised by the mothers and fathers of Cuba, and the pretty senoritas are muttering complainingly, for already they have grown to like the American way. It's less trouble and the love story moves more rapidly to the "finis." There are not the long, agonizing hours behind the barred windows with the face of the watchful, critical duenna there, too. There is real romance in the American way, the girlish hearts cry out, romance such as the warm hearts of the senoritas never knew before.

Pupils in Girls' School Rebel.

In the girls' schools in Cuba glee clubs have been organized and banjo and mandolin clubs, and the girls and the parents are up in arms. "Our senoritas have no business to be seen in public," they moan. "Their place is in the home. They are getting too independent. They are getting too much like the new woman." And to this outcry the Cuban maidens are beginning to laugh scornfully.

"We've been behind the times," they protest to their indignant mothers and irate fathers. "Every girl in the world is allowed some liberty—except forbidden to woo them in the Yankee way; it grew into a revolution when the good mothers and fathers of Cuba attempted to put an end to the girls' glee clubs. Just what it is now as indescribable—since basketball was introduced into some of the Americanized schools, since the athletic American girl made her appearance on the island and tantalized the senoritas by winning soft glances from the senors, since American candy stores and ice cream soda parlors began to dot the Havana streets and plazas. The senoritas say they like the American way. They have pleaded; they have protested; they have threatened, but to all their pleadings, protestations, and threats their fathers have made a determined answer—"No!"

Senoritas Like the American Way.

But in spite of the resolute "No!" a few glee clubs have survived, and in certain liberal schools new ones are being organized. Basketball has spread from the one Americanized school to others, and so have the other "fads" of the American school. Girls are being taught the same subjects in many of the schools that the boys are taught. Motor cars, driven by Yankees, still spin along the avenues. Yankees still make love to the Cuban senoritas whenever they get a good chance, and the senoritas shyly return their glances if they are sure that papa or mamma or the duenna isn't looking. And of course they still sit behind their barred windows and listen to the poetry and song and the protestations of love of the Cuban suitors, and the duennas sit behind the same bars and listen with them. But it is no longer their way—the senoritas like the other way—and many a handsome senor has lost the hand of his loved one because he was not bold enough or brave enough to run the risk of a parental bullet to ratify his senorita's whim for American made love.

Where it will end—the triangular struggle between the parents, the senoritas, and the American ways—no one is ready to predict, but it is a safe bet that the struggle has only just begun, for already there are signs in Cuba that the progressive schools built by American enterprise and capital, of the approaching introduction of coeducation. And that, as everybody in Cuba knows, will be the last straw. It will become a question of obedience or, of open rebellion against parental authority, and now the senoritas win or will the palm of victory fall to the solicitous mothers and fathers of Cuba who are clinging so technically to the old traditions and customs?

It will take an election to settle the question, say the wisest of the Cubans, and at the time of an election, a national election, to decide how girls shall make love!

HEAVILY FINED.

For the Essex Explosion Michigan Central Must Pay Heavily.

"The sentence of the court is that the Michigan Central Railway Co. do pay as and for a fine for the indictable offense of which they have admitted their guilt, and for the use of our sovereign lord the king, the sum of $25,000 upon the second count.

"If this sum be paid to the sheriff of Essex within 30 days from this date the attorney general will be requested to direct that no further proceedings be taken. If not I shall deliver judgment upon the first count at the opening of the next Sandwich assizes (a which time the court will stand adjourned after the delivery of this judgment."

This is the punishment for negligence in the carrying of dynamite which resulted in the disastrous explosion at Essex, Ontario, August 10. It was imposed when Hon. Justice Riddell announced judgment in the court, Friday afternoon. The judgment will be immediately transmitted to the sheriff of Essex.

Before passing sentence, his lordship pointed out that the Michigan Central railway had pleaded guilty, and that it became necessary for him to examine into the facts as presented by the evidence taken at the coroner's inquest.

His lordship reviewed the duties and rights of "carriers," as laid down by the railway act, in the statement of counsel for the crown. He said that the grand jury by its action apparently, exonerated the employes, or at least those who had charge of the explosive in Ontario.

"In my view it is not too much to require of a railway company if it persists in carrying explosives to do so only in cars made for the express purpose in which there is no other freight or passengers are carried, and accompanied by a person who understands how to deal with such explosives," said Justice Riddell.

"I reiterate that it is my well-considered opinion that the best way to prevent similar occurrences, accidents or crimes, which ever word may be chosen, is to make it more costly for railway companies to violate the law than to observe it.

"The great defect in our system is the want of some officer whose duty it is to look out for offenses against the law and cause offenders to be prosecuted. Of substantive law and legislation we have enough and to spare, but we have always failed to provide prompt and effectual methods for the detection of offenses."

"An offense has been proved in this case, and it remains only for me to inflict the appropriate punishment. I am informed upon affidavit that the cost to the company is for claims paid or certain to be paid, about $11,000; for damages to the company's own property, $17,000, and there are claims to an amount over $50,000, which have not been adjusted."

Roosevelt Gives It Up.

There is reason for believing that President Roosevelt has abandoned his ambition to be a senator of the United States from New York. It was expected that the president might endeavor to be elected to succeed Thomas C. Platt, whose term will expire coincidentally with Mr. Roosevelt's term as president, or if he did not become a candidate for the senate then, certainly to make the trial two years later when the term of Chauncey M. Depew will end.

The explanation given for the president's change of mind is that he might be placed in an undignified and embarrassing position when he would feel called upon to criticise the acts of any of his predecessors in the presidential office.

Mr. Roosevelt, it was said, would like to be in the senate if Mr. Taft were president, in order that he might support Mr. Taft's policies, but he felt that a consideration for propriety should overcome that desire.

Enough Left to Fight.

The following telegram was received at the interior department from Colonel Downs, the Indian agent at the Cheyenne reservation concerning the situation with reference to the Utes:

Utes quiet, but threaten to fight if ordered to obey. They must be disarmed at once. Have wired adjutant general at Omaha to send one squadron of troops at once for that purpose."

The dispatch is dated Thunder Butte, S. D., and was turned over to the war department for its information. General Oliver, acting secretary of war, two days ago ordered troops from Fort Meade to go to the reservation and assist in quelling the disturbances.

The New York Banks.

The banks of the country and the public generally are taking a calm view of the New York situation, and look on the suspension of the Hamilton bank as a natural result of the metropolis as a matter of course and a connected sequence to the Knickerbocker Trust troubles. While small depositors, proverbially scary, have joined in the run on some of the banks and trust companies, a glimpse at the list of names of men actively supporting the financial institutions is enough to satisfy the average business man that there will be no more serious trouble. Whatever crisis existed has been overcome. It could not last long when the greatest financiers of the country join hands with the treasury department of the national government.

The Financial Situation.

Andrew Carnegie upon his return from Europe after a long vacation abroad, expressed himself in a most optimistic way concerning the financial situation. "I was delighted to read the good news," he said. "I am surprised that the fall in stocks has been so small. This proves that the situation is not alarming and that the country is all right. Investors have only to hold on. The financial authorities have acted boldly, but wisely, and the flurry will soon blow over."

A Negro Commonwealth.

Colonel Allen Allensworth, U. S. A., retired, one of the most prominent negroes of the country, has addressed a communication to the members of the colored race in the United States, asking for expressions regarding the holding of a national convention looking to the solution of the race problem in the southern states and the desirability in particular of establishing a purely negro commonwealth in some part of the United States.

Kind to His Horses.

A certain American boys' institution boasts a brass band made up of the boys of the school.

The band had been engaged to play at a village some distance from the school, and a wagonette had been hired to take the boys there.

On the way the young leader of the band suggested that they should "have a tune," to the driver of the wagonette at once objected.

"No toons while I drive," he declared.

"But why?" persisted the musicians. "Surely the horses wouldn't run away?"

"No," said the driver, "they wouldn't!"

"Then why object?"

"Simply becos the poor beggars couldn't run away if they tried," was the grim retort. "Their runnin'away days is over, an' as long as I drives you ain't agoin' to take no mean advantage of 'em! That's why I sez no toon!"

The boys subsided, and there were "no toons" on that journey.

MAGIC OF THE MAORIS.

Remarkable Feat That Seemed to Defy Explanation.

Tohoto was the last of the old "tohungas," or native magicians of New Zealand. A writer says: "The number of his years could hardly be guessed; he was almost a Methuselah of the Maori. I visited him several times in the 70s; but so extremely sacred was his person held that it was only after repeated delays that I was allowed to see him; indeed, he considered that white people were not fit to associate with, as they had no system of tapu (consecrated and sacred), nor did they regard things which were tapu to the Maori with any reverence. From the first he had resisted all efforts of the missionaries to induce him to abandon his ancient faith for Christianity. As he still had a large following who for his sake refused to recognize Christianity, his conversion was greatly desired.

"New Zealand's greatest bishop laid siege to the old heathen at Makora, that tree-clad isle in Lake Rotorua to which the beautiful Hinemoa swam. For hours the bishop endeavored earnestly to win the priest over. But his powers of persuasion for once failed utterly. Tohoto sat unmoved, in moody silence. At length he lifted his head. "Hearken unto my words," he said. "If you can do this I will accept your God." Then picking a fine dead leaf of a cabbage tree which had fluttered to the ground, he held it out loosely between his fingers at arm's length.

"His withered body was naked to the hips; the sun was high in the heavens; no deception was possible. After repeating an incantation he invited his visitor to look. Lo, the leaf had become green! The strong-minded, highly educated Englishman had no belief in either Tohoto or his powers, but by some mental influence the decrepit Polynesian was able to make the virile white man believe that what he saw was a fresh, green leaf; yet it was in reality still a dry, brown one."

Quite a number of women in Germany are devoting themselves to the art of conducting bands and orchestras.

Real Estate Exchange

Of WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL

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 445 to 449 Seldon st. Mich. Has seven rooms, bath, hot and cold water and every modern convenience. Furnace heat, closets, etc. Lot 66x132 feet. Will sell at a bargain for quick sale. Will exchange for improved city property for portion of the purchase price.

65

Village lots on Woodward avenue, bounding north line of Mollie G. Smith, east by D. U. R. R. R. R., south by Bowler, street, west by Maple, 225 feet deep; also lot on Woodward avenue, 198 feet deep on north side and 145 feet on south side, all in the Village of Birmingham, Mich. One of the finest building sites in the village.

66

Good, comfortable, cosy, old-fashioned house with 50 feet front on Martin Street. Location, plenty of room, and the price is only $1,200.

77

One set on Saginaw street, just south of land owned by John German, to first purchaser. Anyone wishing to purchase will find this a bargain. For particulars inquire of Mollie G. Smith or at the Exchange Bank.

101

Farm of 81 acres in sections 22 and 15, Southfield; 3 acres best grafted fruit; 6 buildings insured for $1,100; all in first class repair and under a high state of cultivation. Price $3,000.

103

Eighty-acre farm in White Lake township, w ½ of s e ¼ of section 22, 79 acres cleared, 10 acres timber and the whole town of Highland. Don't laugh; this swamp netted the owner over $150.00 last season. 7 acres of good orchard, house of 7 rooms, good neighborhood, 4 miles from Milford, 3 miles from Commerce; proposed electric road comes within a mile of the house. Price $2,000.

114

Fine farm in the Township of Southfield; 80 acres, of which 75 are cleared and the balance in good wood and timber. Two good sets of buildings worth $3,000, and the exceptionally fine place can be bought for $3,000. Not cut.

116

Farm in Southfield. If 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 scarce for the past few years. Now they are getting down to reason, and some are very cheap. For instance, 45 acres at $60 per acre; 2 buildings; nice spring of ever-flowing water; all good plow land, except 1½ acres of growing timber. No marsh land on the place. There!

123

Nice little 40-acre farm near Big Beaver (S. ½ of N. ½ of ¼ E. ¼ Sec. 22, Troy). Barn 32x46 and 2 stories high; 7 acres of orchard; also one acre of good orchard and 5 acres of timber; a little over a mile from the Detroit Electric Railway. Less than $30 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 Willsons Sub-division Royal Oak village, 3x110 each. Price, $50 each. Terms easy, with small payment down.

127

House and lot on Fremont street in Birmingham, Mich. Seven rooms. House nearly new; repairs and closets well and faithful. Price $1,100

146

Farm, 37¾ acres; good buildings; 3 acres timber, 2 acres orchard, one mile east of the Electric Railway, in Royal Oak township; in W. ¼ of S. W. ¼ of Sec. 22, loam and clay soil. If you come with the good hard cash in your hand, you can buy it for $3,800.

147

Nice little home for someone of small means living across in west end of city of Detroit, township of Troy. Corner lot, 50x100 feet; well; cistern; both barn and house never dry. A mile east of Rochester electric line; only 30 minutes to D. U. R. All cash and no grumbling will buy it at $1,200. Hurry up.

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 wealthy 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, etc. An acre of good orchard for the matter of fruit there are forty year trees and five hundred plum trees and six acres of black raspberries. One of the finest bald pate race tracks in the state is situated on the farm. Spring water that will not freeze and deep supplying an unlimited amount of mineral water which if properly prepared as advertised, would be worth more than the price of the farm from $15 to $50 a month is now retailed from the side 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 found in modern dwellings now-a-days. A good brick tenant house—in fact twelve good buildings in all.

No. 162

Seventy-acre farm in Waterford township. Price $2,700; $1,000 cash, balance on easy terms and long time. Buildings good; orchard of 8 acres; cranberry marsh produces 75 to 100 bushels per year without cultivation; Clarkston 2½ miles, Waterford four miles.

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 timber, 5 acres orchard; good buildings; soil sandy. Price $40 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 80 or 60 acres on or near electric. Nine-room house on east ¼ of southwest ¼ Sec. 11, Troy township; all modern conveniences; will be $2,500 (insured for $1,700); Rowley will plead to have it. Also well adapted for stock and dairy; 1¼ miles from electric at Troy Corners, barn, corn crib, hen house, granary and churches. Pure 17c to Detroit; $60 per acre.

No. 171

Finest building site between Birmingham and Pontiac, on electric railway, just north of Birmingham, among the country homes of such men as Dr. Barbour, Robert Oakman, Frank Conklin, and others; 43 acres, nearly half of which is timber, and pretty little branch of River Rouge runs through the property. Lots of fine elms and oaks overhanging. No buildings. Good drainage. Terms easy. Price is high, but if you have the cream you must expect to pay for it.

178

Farm of 225 acres on the town line between Troy and Bloomfield. Seven buildings valued at $4,000, 25 acres on the place bearing apples, 10 acres bearing apple and peach orchard; pretty little branch of the River Rouge runs through east end; 4 good wells, 2 miles from Birmingham, 3 miles from celebrated Joy Stock Farm; well drained; 1½ miles from the Detroit & Pontiac electric. Will be glad to 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, 132 feet deep. You couldn't build the house for less than $2,500, and that's all we ask for it. City water, wood shed, cellar, all ordinary conveniences. Only a few left. 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; 100 cleared, 12 in oak timber; 8 acres good apple orchard. Good buildings valued at $900; property unincumbered. Buildings insured for $2,000, enough above to secure.

180

Farm in Avon township; 15 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; 36 acres all cleared; four acres good orchard; gravel and clay loam; three buildings worth $2,000, insured. Will sell for $1,800, enough cash down to secure.

185

Corner lot, 100 feet front on Maple avenue, 198 feet deep; good building, insured; plenty of shade trees. A bargain for $2,000, one-half cash down.

187

House and lot, in Campbell Subdivision, Birmingham; building is new; house is one and a half in the price, and let us surprise you.

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One of the best-arranged and finest-equipped houses in the village, and in absolutely the best location. Only a few minutes' walk to and from electric-cars; bath, gas, hot and cold water, fine cellar, 10 rooms; lot 66x132 feet; nothing better than new; 2 buildings, fine orchard; 112 feet on Maple, 225 feet from Maple on north line of Lincoln avenue, 198 feet deep on north side and 145 feet on south side. All in the Village of Birmingham, Mich. One of the finest building sites in the village.

191

Vacant lots Nos. 54 and 55, Block B, Willson's sub-division, Royal Oak Village; most desirable part of this growing village. Price $350 cash—no trade.

193

Thirty-five-acre fruit farm, 1¼ miles north or Birmingham; 8 acres in bearing trees; buildings insured for $1,200. All kinds of soil—sandy loam, wood and dark loam. Last year this farm produced 125 bushels blackberries, 30 bushels orchard berries, 111 bushels strawberries, 10 tons hay, etc. 4 gravel ridge 60 rods in length, with an almost inexhaustable supply of gravel, is worth almost the price of the farm alone. No waste land and under a high state of cultivation. Worth looking at anyhow. Price $5,000; terms easy.

194

Fifty acres in Township of Troy, adjoining the Joy Stock Farm; 8 buildings, good house, basement barn, plenty of water, orchard of excellent fruit; 2¼ miles from Flint Division D. U. R.; 3 wells and fine spring. Price $4,000.

170

Fifteen acres in Township of Royal Oak; six building; new barn, with cement floor; new basement barn, well drained, clay bottom, black loam top soil; corner of Woodward and Campbell road, ¼ mile east of electric road; adjoins C. L. Hudson and Duffield tracts, which are held at $500.00 per acre; 1¼ miles north of State Fair grounds. Price $300 per acre; will exchange for Detroit property.

195

Six acres, part of s w ¼ of s e ¼ of section 34, Troy township; new barn, fair house, soil clay loam, fine flowing well; 2 miles east of Flint electric road, 2½ miles from Big Beaver; good farm for somebody. Price $625.

198

Ten acres 1 mile east of Royal Oak village on excellent land, 40 fine apple trees, no buildings. Price $1,200. The place is well fenced, and the first man to see it will be the kind of house you may require.

199

One hundred and six acres, ¼ mile east of Northwood station on the Woodward Avenue electric and ¼ mile south of Flint line D. U. R. Good buildings, new wind mills, two good barns, farm well fenced and tiled. Excellent buildings, insured for $6,500. Price $100 per acre; terms to suit. 5 acres excellent orchard; 6 acres oak and white ash timber; everything in splendid condition. Will exchange for improved Detroit city property. Price $125 per acre.

200

One hundred and twenty-six acres near Birmingham; good buildings, well fenced, fine orchard, flowing well; pretty little River Rouge runs through the farm; ½ mile from Birmingham. Worth looking at. Take you to see it any day. Oh, yes; the price is $10,000, and the terms easy. Farms not as good as this have sold within the past year, in the immediate vicinity, for $150.00 per acre. Let us take you to see it. It will please you, and if you don't buy we won't grumble.

201

Fine 8-story residence on Maple Avenue, corner of high street; 50 feet front, 125 feet deep; hot-water heater, hot and cold bath, toilet, city gas, city water; every convenience found in the best class of city residences. Cement walk (cost $200), and best neighborhood in town. House would cost at least $3,000 to build today; ask any one to build it for less and see what they say. You can buy this beautiful home for $2,800, and have your own way about payments. Ask the man at the bank.

203

Forty acres on the line of the Flint electric, at Harris Corners, in Troy Township. Excellent soil, clay loam, no waste; one of the pleasantest locations for building; a nice country residence. The place is held for more money, but make us an offer of $2,800 cash, and we will see what we can do for you.

208

Five acres and 4 good buildings, making a nice little home near the little Village of Southfield. Stores, school, church, etc., within 200 rods. The buildings cost more to build that the price asked for the place, and are well worth looking at. The price is $1,000, and $250 cash will take care of it, and the balance you can pay at your leisure.

209

Fine home with good barn on Townsend Street. Good 5-story house, plenty of fruit, beautiful ornamental trees on south side walk. A shady, restful residence. Would cost $2,500 to build the house alone, and $2,200 will buy it if you take it right off the bat. Owner is leaving town, and that's the reason.

211

Just an acre of land. (Ever read that book that was so popular some years ago, entitled "One Acre Enough?" No? Well, you ought to. It's worth while.) There's a house on this acre. Good little house with 4 rooms, in Southfield village. Possession given any time before April 1, and $225 gets it if you come quick.

The premises formerly owned and occupied by the late G. C. Gibbs in the Township of Troy, Howard and some small buildings on the south side of the road with 20 acres of land can be bought cheap if desired. Property agrees on the north side of the road, with barns and all other necessary buildings. Location exceptionally fine; ½ mile from electric line—Flint Division D. U. R. After you take out the cost of the house and buildings, the price we ask for the 20 acres of the land down is about $45 per acre. Take you to see it any time.

214

Fine little farm of 40 acres in Royal Oak, on the line of the Rochester Electric, 2 miles north of Royal Oak; fare to Detroit 15c; good cedar; will last 20 years; good, comfortable farming; bearing apple orchard; 3 buildings, insured for $1,275, and $4,000 will buy it. Will take second mortgage, which can run at the pleasure. Will exchange for improved Detroit city property.

216

About 22 acres, 1 mile west of Rochester, 26 miles from Detroit. All land, 4 acres timber; house and barn worth $1,000. Fences all good. About all bearing butternut trees, 15 walnuts and 30 hickory; fine oak trees of 2 acres planting down on the farm on east and north. Can show you pleasant and desirable place, so that you will have almost as good an idea of it as if you went to see it.

215

Decidedly the prettiest lake farm in this county of lakes. Situated on Wing Lake, noted for its excellent fishing, 4 miles from Birmingham; big room house with furnace; fine lawn; excellent buildings; fences in good shape. 7 acres of bearing peaches, 4 acres bearing peaches, and 4 acres apples (mixed, which keep 700 barrels of particular apples the past year. One mile north of Franklin. Daily mail and telephone service. Abundance of pleasant water pumped by windmill into tank in house and other buildings. Eighty acres and the best of land. Only $6,000. Can't you make a nice string of loans, and then you'll give us twice the money. And it's worth it, too. Try it.

217

A new, modern dwelling, constructed by a well-known builder for his own use, from best composite boards, clapboarded, and painted white; one of the best localities in our village; lot 60x100 feet; 12 large apple trees; bath, water-closet, hot and cold water, hard-wood floors, 9 rooms; basement fully finished in hard wood, large attic. Best of reasons for selling. Price $3,500. Let us know if to you any day—any time.

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Farm of 30 acres on Section 1, Troy; 8 buildings, 4 acres beech and maple timber, 76 acres cleared, balance timber; 2 acres orchard; 2 miles from D. U. R. Can be bought for $2,800, and that's only a trifle over $90 per acre. $1,000 cash will buy it, with the balance long time at 6 per cent interest. Seems as if that ought to interest almost anybody.

219

Tidy little place for some one with moderate means. Corner lot, 66x132 feet, in Southfield Addition. Lot worth at least $600, and the house cost more than $1,000 to build. Good prices are advancing all along the lines in that locality. If you come right away we will consider an offer of $1,500, and if that is too high after we have shown you over the premises, we will introduce you to the owner, and you can make your own terms. That's fair.

220

Nice acre and a quarter right on the west side of Woodward Avenue, in the village of Birmingham, on the electric line. Without exception the finest little home in this section. Will keep a horse and a cow if you want it. Nice little 3-story potato house, with bins for storing. Will sell at a bargain if taken soon. Just been in town, plenty find of all kinds. Buildings are insured for $1,100, and the place can be bought for $2,500 if taken soon. Will be one of the best bargains on our list. Let's look it over and talk it over together. Can't cost you anything.

222

Fine house and two and one-half lots on Dorothy street, Elwood's Sub-division. Hot and cold water, furnace, water-closet, everything complete. Also vacant lot on corner of Davis and Maple Avenue, just east of the Fairfield property. Will sell the whole business, or the different parcels separate. Prices very reasonable. Call at the bank at once.

222

Two-story tenement or 2 houses, on the east side of Woodward Avenue. Two finished 2-story houses of 8 rooms each. Furnace, water-closet, bath, hot and cold water, and everything else complete, independent of other apartments. Rents for $18 per month each. Will sell at a bargain and pay all taxes and insurance. Only barn on the premises, and the lot is 50 feet front on the east side of Woodward, and 150 feet deep; room for a barn and other buildings if desired. Property is a steady income from two other apartments and have to ponder over. Come and let us help you ponder. Always at your service. If you can't call, write.

223

For sale or exchange—Brooke Farm, 1¼ miles west of Birmingham; 80 acres; the best stock and grain farm in Oakland county; orchard of over 10 rods house; horse barn, and bus; stalls for 12 head; grain and cattle barn; 100 tons hay; cattle; hogs; pens for 100 head; corn crib and chicken house; 2 miles of never-failing water; good flowing wells; orchard and young fruit. Apply at Brooke Farm, Exchange Bank, Birmingham.

225

Forty-acre farm on Section 7, Troy; 2 miles from Birmingham; 30 acres cleared, balance timber; 6 acres beech and maple timber; 2 acres strawberries, which will more than pay for the farm; 100 plums, 100 plum and—23,000 will buy it. Good little farm, free and clear, 2½ miles from Rochester line, and 3 miles east of Kimball's Corners, on the Pontiac line.

227

Five acres just outside of the corporation limits of Birmingham, about 10 rods from Woodward Avenue, on the Pontiac electric line; one stops in front; about 80 rods down, with nice brook (branch of the River Rouge) crossing the back end of the property. Finest location in the county for a nice little chicken farm. Good buildings, but can be bought cheap enough so that you can build to suit yourself and have one of the finest homes among the many in the Bloomfield Hills district. Postal card request will bring you further particulars. Rather show it to you, though.

228

Fine stock farm in the Township of Troy; 230 acres, no waste land, flowing well piped to the buildings; good house and other buildings, on fine gravelly ridge; farm well fenced and properly drained. One mile from the Rochester electric of the D. U. R. 15 acres good beech and maple timber, plenty of best fruit; buildings all insured for $4,300. Terms easy and price $85 per acre. Seems as if that would interest any one who had an idea of buying such a farm as this. Take you out to see it any day.

229

A pleasant and sightly farm of 72 acres in West Bloomfield, ½ mile from the Northwestern electric; 8 acres orchard, 4 acres good timber, 5 buildings worth $4,000, and the price is $4,000—and it is well worth it. Sell sandy loam and clay loam, under high state of cultivation. Better investigate.

230

Seventy-one-acre farm in Township of Troy; good buildings, well fenced and drained, two acres orchard of Winter Banana apples; the finest farm—never dry; ½ mile from good school; house 8-story house, basement barn 36x56, with 30x36, two good wells, and $6,000 will buy it. Only a small payment down will take it. One of the most desirable farms in the Township of Troy, and that's saying one of the best farms in the world. No? Well, we'll prove it to you if you'll let us.

231

Two-story, 7-room house in good repair; well situated, all modern conveniences; will cost more than $1,600 to build—and that's all worth for it. Opposite school house, between Merritt and Martha, on Chester Street. Terms easy.

232

Farm of 27¼ acres, just outside the Village of Birmingham, on the D. U. R. electric line; 16 fine trees on Detroit, half-hour service; 20 acres all cleared; two acres; four buildings, all in good condition. Best open location between Detroit and Pontiac.

233

Farm of 107 acres, one hour's ride from City Hall on Jefferson Avenue; 1,000 feet on Lake St. Clair; 7 acres of apple orchard; splendid buildings. The price is very low.

234

Farm of 77 acres, 40 rods from D. & F. electric line. All cleared; good buildings; the fare to Detroit. This farm can be purchased very cheap.

235

"Farm of 99 acres—well exchange for Detroit unincumbered property." Now, what could be plainer. Give as any in the county, in excellent condition; 2 miles from Birmingham on main road of improvements and location this farm is a bargain at the price asked. Write us, or, better yet—call.

236

Forty-six acres, all improved, no buildings, good land; well fenced, flowing stream through the place. Worth the money for a little over $50 per acre will buy it.

237

Four vacant lots in the Randall Addition. Excellent building places in a rapidly improving part of the village. If you want to buy one of these lots for cash or on time, we can do so, and then if you want to build a house on it and are lacking in cash, we can help you out there, and we will make arrangements at low rates and easy terms.

238

Vacant lot on Woodward Avenue in street car line, 50 feet front and by 132 deep. One of the best building places on the most popular street in the village, and only $600 for it for cash. Want to build on it and don't happen to have the cash? Come and see us, and if not, we can arrange matters. Come and see us anyway.

239

Vacant lot in Castle's Plat; price $300; and will exchange for Detroit vacants.

240

Small house with lot 80x150, $1,000 cash. Large house with lot 80x150, $1,500 cash. All ordinary conveniences for $2,200, or will sell the whole outfit, both houses and lots, for $3,000 cash, or both sides of Maple Avenue, for $3,500.

241

Fine new house with all modern conveniences, within 5 minutes' walk of Birmingham on Woodward Avenue; 8 rooms, tiled-wood finish; lot 66x300; plenty of fruit. You could not build it for $3,000, and that's all we ask for the premises. Don't write, don't telephone, but call and look at it.

243

Farm of 160 acres, Saginaw county, 2 miles from Fergus Station, on the G. R. & I. Clay loam, good buildings, valued at $6,000, insured for $3,000; will sell this farm if you come right away—now. The place is within 2 miles of a village of 1,000 people and is a rich coal deposit under the entire farm; 6 miles to Saginaw and 16 miles to Bay City; 16 miles to St. Charles and 22 miles to Saginaw. Well drained, good fences, and altogether worth the money.

244

If you could buy an acre and a quarter of land with a brick house equipped with hot and cold water, bath, water closet, furnace, and every possible convenience, and barn, chicken house, plenty of fruit and cement walks—and the house alone cost $6,000—for $3,000 on easy terms, you'd call it a snap, wouldn't you? Well, we can do it. Come on and we will show it to you.

Good in Automobiling.

The physical effects of several days of automibiling upon both normal and anaemic persons are found by A. Mouneyrat to be those of a stay in the mountains—red blood being increased, with stimulation of respiration, circulation and nervous system.

Use for Iron Cloth.

Iron cloth is largely used to-day by tailors for making the collars of coats sit properly. It is manufactured by a new process from the steel wool and has the appearance of having been woven from horsehair.

And No Ball Games.

Russia celebrates 86 general holidays each year.