# CUPID'S FAVORITE AUTOMOBILE

Chicago.—Are you going to elope? If you are, just hire the Gasoline Eloper, and you will live happily ever afterward. The Gasoline Eloper—it is called the "Love Boat" by some—is the name given by the people of Motorville to the 45-horsepower touring car that plies between Single Blessedness and the land of Better or Worse. Motorville is out Michigan avenue way, where the homes of early Chicago have been transformed into garages and shops and where the streets and alleys have been polished with oil and rubbed down by a million wheels. Out there the honk-honk is the reveille and the taps.

The Gasoline Eloper has carried more happy twains into the land of Better or Worse than any other automobile in Motorville, where all the automobiles come from. It has traveled with the wind over boulevards and country roads, across the state line to the knot-tying place in Indiana in the dead of night like a specter set on wheels; it has worn a path to justice shops at rural crossroads, to little white churches that speck the countryside; it has borne bachelors to church and brought them back benedicts, and it has fled away with girls in brown and men in gray and brought them back to the parental roof in time for the ice cream and cake and congratulations. It has put a five dollars an hour price on romance, and it has shattered every record set down on the books of Cupid for making two hearts beat as one.

**Telegram Tells of Safety.**

Every day in the week the Gasoline Eloper makes the round trip between Motorville and one of the stations on the route to bliss. Every once in a while it goes to the end of the line down in Indiana or over in Michigan, and its safe arrival is always chronicled by a telegram to mother. Not a day passes that it does not figure in some sort of a romance, budding or in full bloom, but it's the record-breaking trips it has made to the end of the line that has made the Gasoline Eloper famous.

The Gasoline Eloper used to be red—until it set down the new record in Cupid's book. Now it's white, as white as the ribbons that are stretched along the aisles when the organ begins to play, as white as the candles on the altar, as white as the icing on the cake. If there is anything else out in Motorville it is appropriateness, and that's why the Gasoline Eloper was painted white not long ago.

Dangling behind the two rear wheels of this 45-horsepower car of Cupid is a sign bearing the number 4665. No. 4665 is the license number of the Gasoline Eloper, and the numerals are painted in white letters on the front of the car and they are pasted on the glass of the lamps, too, so that wherever you see No. 4665 swinging along the boulevards just look inside and you will see more cooing and billing than you ever read about in a dime novel—unless the shades are drawn or a 40-mile-an-hour gait makes the numbers look like a streak of paint.

**Suspect Happy-Looking Man.**

Every man who wears the kind of a smile that won't come off, new shoes, and a gray suit, who wants to rent an automobile in Motorville is at once regarded with suspicion and sent over to the garage of the Gasoline Eloper. If the man with the everlasting smile, the new shoes, and the gray suit is accompanied by a feminine figure done in soft browns, the Gasoline Eloper doesn't wait to be rubbed down. It just wings out from its stall, and it doesn't come back again until it is able to wear a broad smile. The Gasoline Eloper obeys the same code that guided the Spartan warrior who was instructed to come back either with his shield or upon it, and so when No. 4665 is on the job it doesn't ring up the time clock until the world's supply of hearts has been reduced by the merger of two into one.

Some say that Dan Cupid himself is the swiftly reckless driver of No. 4665. The driver wears Dan for a front name, anyhow, and perhaps his last name is the Swedish for Cupid. At any rate Dan knows how to drive, and drive fast. He is not allowed to answer any questions, either, and that helps along the business of 4665. Dan is always in a hurry. He goes over the boulevards and the Gluecoe bumps like a summery breeze, blowing up the dust, making puddles look like rain and telegraph poles like the bars on the county jail, and fanning the cheeks of sparrow cops.

**Coppers Know When Dan Is Out.**

Dan never gets pinched. Every copper from Motorville north to Waukegan, south to the Indiana state line, and west to the nearest crossroads justice shop knows that when No. 4665 rips off the miles like a wireless message it's "on the job," and not a hand is raised. Dan doesn't mind speeding—he's married himself and he says it's all for the cause. He says he keeps his engine in pace with the heart beats inside the limousine, and that means broken speed laws every mile from post to wire.

Most of the eloping couples carried to their goal in No. 4665 live happily ever afterwards, but of course there are some exceptions to the rule. Even before 4665 left the factory down in Buffalo where it was built it fastened its first two scalps to its belt. It was a bright spring day with all the settings found in the love songs of the poets when Genevieve Taylor of Buffalo, together with her father, visited the factory where the Gasoline Eloper was being put together. Papa Taylor wanted to buy a car in which he was to make a tour of the west with Genevieve and her mother.

The finishing touches were being put on No. 4665 when Mr. Taylor and his daughter reached the testing room of the great factory—the room to which cars are taken to be tested. While they were still in the room No. 4665 was brought in. It was ready for the test before being painted and shipped to Chicago.

**Love Came on During High Speed.**

Charles Gibbons, the daredevil tester of the factory, was assigned to make the first run on the chassis. Miss Taylor watched the preparations with great interest. Finally she asked why she couldn't make the ride with Gibbons. Her father, after some hesitation and many assurances both from the manager of the factory and the daring Gibbons, gave his consent.

The pair were soon speeding along the boulevards. The silent Gibbons sat rigidly grasping the steering wheel; his eyes were riveted straight ahead, and he seemed to notice nothing to right or left of him. He steadily increased the speed, until his responsive machine seemed fairly to fly over the paved roads. Miss Taylor knew that she had never before ridden at such a furious rate of speed. Her strained eyes instinctively turned from the road ahead to the stolid figure beside her and, somehow, she felt absolute confidence in the steady nerves of this "strong master of the wheel."

They had traveled about ten miles, and their speed was approaching 50 miles an hour when, suddenly, on a nearby cross street, another car was seen to be wildly approaching at a furious rate of speed. A fatal crash seemed inevitable. She clutched at Gibbons' shoulders and hid her face behind him. The suspense was terrible; but young Gibbons, with rare presence of mind, judged the distance and speed accurately, opened the throttle to its widest point, and his car shot ahead, allowing the other car to narrowly miss his rear fender.

**Ended in Car's First Marriage.**

Then Gibbons gradually brought his machine to a stop, and for the first time during the ride glanced at Miss Taylor. Her face was pallid, but it was filled with silent gratitude. Before they had gone half the distance back to the factory Miss Taylor had learned that Gibbons was her brother's chum at college. After the next ride, which was taken a few days later, Gibbons was compelled to undergo the ordeal of presenting himself to Taylor as his son-in-law.

That was the beginning of the remarkable record of No. 4665.

It was the fate of chassis No. 980 to be shipped to Chicago and there sold by the agent to D. O. Scott, a young mining engineer and owner, who had come up from his Mexican mines to spend the summer and incidentally some of his gold in the states. Not many years before Mr. Scott had been a world's champion bicycle rider, and he now found great pleasure in this high-speed automobile.

After he had used his car about a month, he received a message from his mines stating that he was badly needed there on account of recent troubles with the Indians. Scott knew that he must leave immediately. But during his short month in Chicago he had met his affinity. Car No. 4665 took the twain out Hammond way one night, and they came back bride and groom.

**Love Boat Begins Knot-Tying Career.**

After Scott sold 4665 it became known as the Gasoline Eloper and was held in reserve in Motorville for men in gray and girls in soft browns.

Although it was one of the elopements which failed to end happily, No. 4665 carried George Van Sands and Grace Cochrane on their wild ride to the knot-tying place.

Only a few days after the dash of 4665 to Milwaukee with Van Sands and his promised bride a large party of Evanstonians went on a camping expedition to Momence, Ill. Among these were Miss Vera Grace Moore and Mr. Robert P. Sheppard. This engaged couple were missed from camp one whole evening and a search was made for them. They had slipped away from camp and had walked to the railroad station, where, while waiting for a train to Chicago, Mr. Sheppard telephoned a Chicago garage to meet the train at the La Salle street station. The "love boat" was sent, and again carefully served to convey an eloping couple to the parsonage. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard returned to the station, and the "love boat" had cut another notch in its rapidly growing record.

**Married in Gasoline Eloper.**

Various Chicago couples have been married on railroad trains, on boats, on housetops, on roller skates and on ice skates, in the water, and as many more unusual places; but not long ago Dr. G. R. Churchill, a Chicago dentist, was married to Miss Lottie Andrews while riding in an automobile, and has claimed the distinction of having been the originator of this latest unique place of marriage.

It happened a year or so ago on a crisp day in October, Dr. Churchill had planned a quiet marriage at the home of his favorite preacher. The owner of 4665 was cast in the role of best man. A run was made to the clergyman's house, but to the chagrin of the couple the minister was not at home and would not be back for half an hour. A spin over the boulevards was taken, and when the wedding party rumbled up to the curb in front of the clergyman's house it was found they would not have time to go in. So the clergyman was called out to the machine and the knot was tied from the curb.

**Makes Even Prize Fighter Woozy.**

During the summers of 1906 and 1907 the "love boat" figured in dozens of elopements. Joseph Howard, the composer of tuneful ditties which have made several musical comedies successful, was the principal in one of these. Immediately after Mr. Howard was granted a divorce from his former wife, Ida Emerson Howard, he rushed from the courtroom to an automobile which stood waiting for him, in which was Miss Mabel Harrison of "Capt. Careless" fame. A breathless trip to Hammond, Ind., was made in No. 4665.

After this elopement there succeeded followed a score of weddings and elopements in which No. 4665 figured, including the elopement of a prominent North side manufacturer to Hammond, a well known young woman of Woodlawn avenue, and also a goodly number of wedding as without the sensation of an elopement. Among these more quiet weddings in which the "love boat" was used is that of Herman B. Landfield, better known as "Hy" Landfield, of the gambling circles. On this occasion No. 4665 took Mr. and Mrs. Landfield on their honeymoon to New Orleans.

# 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.**

**55**

Elegant house and lot 66 feet front and 20 rods deep on Maple Ave. East. (half an acre). Fine barn and every modern convenience. Furnace heat, bath, closet, etc. Can be bought for what the buildings cost. Will exchange for improved city property for portion of the purchase price.

**55**

Village lots on Woodward avenue, bounded north by land of Mollie G. Smith, east by D. G. Hill & Mc Reynolds, south by Bloss street, west by Woodward avenue, 108 feet front on Woodward avenue, 165 feet deep on north side and 140 feet on south side; all in the Village of Birmingham, Mich. One of the finest building sites in the village.

**66**

Good, comfortable, cozy, old-fashioned house with 90 feet front on Martin Street. Fine location, plenty of room, and the price is only $1,200.

**77**

One set on Saginaw street, just south of land owned by John Gerstenberger, 66 feet frontage. Any one wishing to purchase will find this a bargain. For particulars inquire of Mollie G. Smith or at the Exchange Bank.

**101**

Farm of 21 acres in sections 22 and 15, Southfield; 2 acres best grafted fruit; 6 buildings insured for $2,100; all plow land, well drained 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 32, 9 acres cleared, 10 acres timber and huckleberry swamp. Don't laugh; this swamp netted the owner over $150.00 last summer. Three acres of good orchard, house of 7 rooms, good neighborhood; 4½ miles from Milford, 3 miles from Commerce; proposed electric road comes within a mile of the house. Price, $2,000.

**114**

Fine farm in the Township of Southfield; 98 acres, of which 75 are cleared and the balance in good maple timber. Two acres of orchard; buildings all worth $3,000, and their exceptionally fine place can be bought for $9,000 if sold at once.

**116**

Farm in Southfield. Really you will begin to think we have the whole Town of Southfield for sale. Well, we have a lot of it, and there is no better farming land in the world. Only they have been asking too much for it. We have been just getting down to reason, and some are very cheap. For instance, 65 acres at $60 per acre; 4 buildings; nice spring of ever-flowing water; all good plow land, except 1½ acres of scattering timber. No marsh land on the place. There!

**123**

Nice little 40-acre farm near Big Beaver (S. ½ of N. ½ of E. ½ of Sec. 23, Troy). Farm 22x66 and 24x32 barns with 11 rooms. An acre of good orchard and 2½ acres of timber; all level and clear; on line of the Rochester 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 Willson's subdivision Royal Oak village, 3 acres each. Price $400 each. Terms easy. Will install gas mear down.

**146**

Farm. 57¼ acres; good buildings; 2 acres timber, 2 acres orchard; one mile east of the Electric Railway. Farm is on Section 36, W. ½ of S. W. ¼ Sec. 25, loam and clay soil. If you come with the good hard cash in your hand, you will get it for $4,800.

**147**

Nice little home for someone of small means. 1¼ acres in s w ¼ of s e ¼ of sec. 9, township 2 of Troy, house 7 rooms, barn in good shape, well & bath in the house, orchard, etc. Only 2 miles to Rochester Electric; fare to Detroit 15c. R. F. D. All cash and no grumbling will buy it at $750. Hurry up!

**157**

The celebrated Cooper stock farm, situated one-half mile east 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-two acres of excellent farming land, with its 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 mile race tracks in the state is located on the farm. There is an artesian well 400 feet deep which supplies an unlimited amount of mineral water which, if properly developed and advertised, would be worth more than the price of the farm. From $45 to $50 a month is even now realized from the use of this water, which is acknowledged by the six medical specialists of the present day to be the best known modern remedy for Diabetes and the various 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 considered necessities nowadays. A good brick cottage and the fast twelve good buildings in all.

**No. 162**

Seventy-acre farm in Waterford township. Price $2,700; $1,400 cash, balance on easy terms and long time. Fine buildings; alone worth $2,000; cranberry marsh that will run hundreds of bushels year without cultivation; Clarkston 2½ miles, Waterford four miles.

**No. 167**

Wants to trade for 80 or 60 acres on or near electric. Ninety-four acres on east side of south west ¼ Sec. 11, Troy township; three buildings insured at $2,000 (insured for $2,500); fencing well adapted to barn; farm well adapted for dairying; 15 miles from electric at Troy Corners, where there are good schools and churches. Fare 15c 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 well known people as Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Conklin, and others; 41 acres, nearly half of which is timber; about a little brook and a River Rouge (never dry) runs through the place with great elms and oaks overhanging. No buildings, in good drainage district, and a rare bargain. Price is high, but if you have the cream you should expect to pay for it.

**176**

Farm of 225 acres on the town line between Troy and Bloomfield. Seven buildings valued at $4,000, 15 acres oak and hickory timber, 10 acres bearing apple and peach orchard; pretty little branch of the River Rouge runs through the farm, and also 4 wells, 3 miles new wire fence; adjoins the celebrated Jay Stock Farm; well drained; 1½ miles from the Detroit & Pontiac electric. Nice little drive for an afternoon; come on and we'll show you the prettiest place in Oakland county.

**178**

Seven-room cottage on west side of Bates street, 66 feet front, 120 feet deep. You couldn't build the house for $1,200, and that's all we ask for it. Fine water, sewer, gas, and ordinary conveniences. One of the best bargains we have. Show it to you any time.

**180**

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

**181**

Farm for sale in Town of Southfield; 84 acres, 61 cleared, four acres good orchard; graveland clay loam; two buildings, fair condition. Price $4,000. Will sell for $3,500, enough cash down to suit.

**185**

Corner lot, 100 feet front on Maple avenue 132 feet deep; one good building, insured; desirable small fruits. A bargain for $1,000, 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.

**188**

One of the best-arranged and finest-equipped residences in the village, and in admirably located location. East Maple Avenue, two blocks from electric cars, both steam and electric; 10 acres, city gas, 10 rooms, 2 stories, rebuilt last year; better than new; 3 buildings, fine orchard; 132 feet on Maple, 229 feet deep; plenty of room for chickens and gardening; only $6,000. Where can you beat it? What else do you want, anyhow? Will sell house and 66 feet front by 150 feet deep for $5,000. One of our best bargains.

**191**

Vacant lots Nos. 54 and 55, Block B, Willson's sub-division, Royal Oak; nicely located and in the part of this growing village. Price $250 each—no trade.

**Rise to It.**

Mind no business but your own.—Dr. Johnson.

**193**

Thirty-five-acre fruit farm, 1¼ miles north on Birmingham, on the town line; 6 buildings, insured for $2,200. All kinds of soil—clay, gravel, sand and dark loam. Last year this farm produced 125 bushels raspberries, 20 bushels blackberries, 125 bushels strawberries, 10 tons hay, etc. A gravel ridge 60 rods in length, with an almost inexhaustible 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; 3 buildings, good tenant house, basement barn, plenty of small fruit, orchard of excellent fruit; 1½ miles from Flint Division D. U. R.; 2 wells and fine spring. Price $4,000.

**196**

Fifteen acres in Township of Royal Oak; six buildings; small grove of maples in a pretty location; new barn, fair house, soil clay loam, stop mill, corner of the 9½-mile road and Campbell road, ¼ mile east of electric road; adjoins F. L. Hudson and Duffield tracts, which are held at $500.00 per acre; 1½ miles north of State Fair grounds. Price $300 per acre; will exchange for Detroit property.

**196**

Six acres, part of s w ¼ of n e ¼ of section 34, Troy township; new barn, fair house, soil clay loam, fine flowing well; 2 miles east of Pontiac electric road, 5½ miles from Big Beaver; good farm for somebody. Price $600.

**198**

Eighty-acre farm in White Lake township, w ½ of s e ¼ of section 32, 9 acres cleared, 10 acres timber and huckleberry swamp. Don't laugh; this swamp netted the owner over $150.00 last summer. Three acres of good orchard, house of 7 rooms, good neighborhood; 4½ miles from Milford, 3 miles from Commerce; proposed electric road comes within a mile of the house. Price, $2,000.

**199**

One hundred and six acres, ¾ mile east of Northwood station on the Woodward Avenue electric and ½ mile west of the Flint line D. U. R. Good buildings, new solid mills, two good houses, farm well fenced and tiled. Excellent buildings insured for $5,500; 1½ miles from Royal Oak village; 5 acres excellent orchard; 6 acres pine and white ash timber; everything in splendid condition. Will exchange for improved Detroit city property. Price $125 per rere.

**200**

Two-story, 7-room house in good repair; well stocked, cellar, front door, fruit; $1,600 cash or less than $1,600 to build—and that's all we ask for it. Quick possession. See school house, Merritt and Martin, on Chester Street. Terms easy.

**201**

One hundred and twenty-six acres near Birmingham; good buildings, well fenced, fine orchard, flowing well; prefer the River Rouge runs through the farm; ½ mile from Birmingham. Worth looking at. Take you to it any day. Oh, yes; the price is $10,000, and the terms easy. Farms not as good as this being sold within the past year, in the immediate vicinity, for $100.00 per acre. Let us take you to see it. It will please you, and if you don't buy we won't grumble.

**202**

Nine-acre residence on Maple Avenue, corner of High Street; 50 feet front, 125 feet deep; hard water heater, hot and cold bath, toilet, city gas, city water; every convenience found in the best class of city residences. Will exchange for a good, well-located lot in town. House would cost at least $3,000 to build, and you can get it to build it for less and see what they say. You can buy this beautiful home for $2,900, 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. Farm is held for one week only, and make us an offer of $2,000 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, both steam and electric cars. Price only $3,000. The buildings cost more to build than 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 2-story house, plenty of fruit, beautiful maple trees on south side make it a shady, restful appearance. Will sell for $2,500 or will build the house alone, and $2,200 will buy it if you take it right off the lot. Owner is leaving town, and that's the reason.

**211**

Just an acre of land. (Ever read that book that was so popular years ago, entitled "One Acre Enough?" No? Well, you ought to. It's worth reading.) 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 right.

The premises 4 formerly owned and occupied by the late G. C. Gibbs in the Township of Troy. House and some small buildings on the south side of the road with 2 acres of land. Can be bought separate if desired. Seventy acres on the north side of the road, with farm and all other necessary buildings. Location exceptionally fine; 16 miles from the Detroit & Pontiac line of D. U. R. After you take out the cost of the house and buildings, the price we ask would bring the land down to about $45 per acre. Take you to see it any time.

**213**

Fine little farm of about 25 acres in Royal Oak, on the line of the Detroit United line, 2 miles north of Royal Oak; fare to Detroit 15c; good collect with 15c fare. Two acres of timber; 5 acres bearing apple orchard; 3 buildings, insured for $1,275, and $4,000 will buy it, subject to a small mortgage, which can run at the purchaser's option. Will exchange for improved Detroit city property.

**215**

Decidedly the prettiest lake farm in this county of lakes. Situated on Wing Lake, noted for its excellent bass fishing, and within 2 miles of Birmingham; 10-room house with furnace; fine lawn; excellent barns; fencing in good shape; 2 acres of young peaches, 4 acres bearing peach and apple orchard, which bore 700 bushels of marketable apples the past year. One mile north of Franklin. Daily mail and telephone service. Abundance of excellent water pumped by windmill and piped to house and other buildings. Eighty acres and the lake, or 67.000 of the 80 acres and the lake. Let you see it and you say it isn't worth the money. We'll take you for a ride on the lake, catch you a nice string of bass, and then bring you twice the money. And it's worth it, too. Try it.

**216**

A new, modern dwelling, constructed by a well-known builder for his own use, from best concrete blocks, hollow walls, 2 stories high, in one of the best localities in the city, just off Woodward Ave. 50x100 feet. 9 large apple trees; bath, water-closet, hot and cold water, furnace, gas, electric lights, and beautifully finished in hard wood; large attic. Several reasons for selling. Price $5,800. Let us show it to you any day—any time.

**217**

Farm of 80 acres on Section 1, Troy; 6 buildings, 4 acres beech and maple timber, 76 acres cleared, 4 acres apple orchard; 1½ miles from Northville D. U. R. Can be bought for $2,800, and $800 will buy it. Or the 5 for $50 per acre. $1,000 cash will buy it, with the balance on long time, at 6 per cent. Is worth $75 per acre 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.

**219**

Tidy little place for home ones with modern conveniences. Corner Cheltenham and Palm, Campbell Addition. Lot worth at least $600, and the house is insured for $1,200; that's $1,700, and prices are advancing all along the line in this location. 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.

**221**

Fine house and two and one-half lots on Davis Street, in Birmingham. Modern. Hot and cold water, furnace, water-closet—everything! Also vacant lot on corner of Davis and Maple Avenue, just east of the Presbyterian Church. Will sell the whole business, or the different parcels separately. Prices very reasonable. Ask the man at the bank.

**222**

Two-story tenement or terrace, on the east side of Woodward Avenue. Two distinct 2-story houses of 4 rooms each. Hard water, water-closet, bath, hot and cold water, city water and gas; each independent of other apartment. Rents for $14 per month each. Forty dollars per year will pay all taxes and insurance. Good barn on the premises, and the lot is 19 feet deep on the best frontage on Woodward, and 156 feet deep; room for a dozen houses; can live in one apartment and have a steady income from the other. This is something in the nature of a snap. Come and let us help you ponder. Always at your service. If you can't call, write.

**223**

For sale or exchange—Brooks' Farm, 140 miles west of Birmingham, 80 acres; the best stock and grain farm in Oakland county. Good buildings; modern boiler; horse barn, and box stalls for 12 head of horses; cattle barn, and stalls for 25 head cattle; big pens for 100 head; corn crib and chicken house; 1,000 gallons of tile—every 5 rods; 2 good flowing wells; orchard and young fruits. Apply at Exchange Bank, Birmingham.

**And No Ball Games.**

Russia celebrates 96 general holidays each year.

**225**

Forty-acre farm on Section 7, Troy; 5 acres timber, 6 acres orchard, 6 buildings, insured for $2,000; 9-room house, good cellar, well and windmill; water stored in house and barn; 3 miles new wire fence with cedar posts; 2 acres strawberries, which will vouch for big profit; 400 peach trees, 100 pears and—$3,000 will buy this good little farm, free and clear, 25 miles from Rochester line, and 3 miles west of Kimball's Corners, on the Pontiac line.

**227**

Five acres just outside of the corporation limits of Birmingham, about 10 rods frontage on Woodward Avenue, on the Pontiac electric line; one acre in front; about 60 rods deep, with a little creek (branch of the River Rouge) crossing the back end of the property. Good location in the county for a nice little chicken farm. No buildings, but can be bought cheap enough so that you can build to suit yourself. Only Rochester line of the 5-cent fare zone. Total cost of land, $1,000. Ask for particulars. Rather show it to you, though.

**228**

Fine stock farm in the Township of Troy; 230 acres, 20 acres timber, 10 acres orchard; two sets buildings; good house and six other buildings, on gravelly ridge; farm well fenced and properly drained. One mile from Birmingham, on the D. U. R. 15 acres good beech and maple timber, plenty of bass fruits. Price $200 per acre. Mortgage of $4,000. Terms easy and price $65 per acre. Reason for 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 71 acres in West Bloomfield, in the Township of Farmington; about 4 acres orchard, 4 acres good timber, 5 buildings insured for $2,000, and the price is $3,000—and it is well worth it. Soil 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 in stations, with farm—never dry; 1½ mile from public school; 2 good 2-story houses, basement barns, 30x56 and 30x58, two good wells, and $5,000 will buy it. Or enough to supply decent wife will take it. One of the most desirable farms in the Township of Troy, and that's one of the best towns for fine farms in the world. Not Well, anyhow. Let us show it to you'll let us.

**231**

Two-story, 7-room house in good repair; well stocked, cellar, front door, fruit; $1,600 cash or less than $1,600 to build—and that's all we ask for it. Quick possession. See school house, Merritt and Martin, on Chester Street. Terms easy.

**232**

Farm of 87½ acres, just outside the Village of Birmingham, on the D. U. R. electric line; 15 acres timber, 5 acres orchard; balance all clay loam and 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; 12 acres of apple orchard; splendid buildings. The price is very low.

**234**

Farm of 77 acres, 60 rods from D. & F. electric line. Fine soil, excellent buildings. Within easy reach of Detroit. This farm can be purchased very cheap.

**235**

Farm of 90 acres—will exchange for Detroit property; 10 acres of mixed orchard; buildings are as fine as any in the county; in excellent condition; 2 miles from Interurban, on account of improvements and location this farm is a bargain at the price asked. Will take one, or, better yet—all.

**236**

Forty-six acres, all improved, no buildings, good land, well fenced, flowing stream through the place. Worth the money for a little over $60 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 $100 cash you can do so, and then if you want to build a house on it and are lacking in funds, come and see us about it and we will make arrangements at low rates and easy terms.

**238**

Vacant lot on Woodward Avenue, on street car line, 66 feet front and 132 deep. One of the best building places on the market on this line. Good village, and—$200 will buy it for cash. Want to build on it and don't happen to have the cash? Come and see us about it, and we can arrange matters. Come and see us anyhow.

**239**

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

**240**

Small house with lot 60x150, $1,000 cash. Larger house with lot 60x150, all ordinary conveniences for $2,200, or will sell the whole outfit, both houses and about 2½ acres of land, on south side of Maple Avenue, for $5,000.

**241**

Fine new house with all modern conveniences, within 300 feet of the west side of Woodward Ave. 8 rooms and good wood finish; lot 66x100; plenty of fruit. Two years old. Will sell the house for $3,500, and that's all we ask for the premises. Well worth looking at.

**243**

Farm of 160 acres, Saginaw county, 2 miles from Fergus Station, on the D. U. R. Good house and buildings valued at $3,000, and $8,000 will buy the farm if you come right away—now. The place is within 3 miles of Saginaw, and within half a mile of a rich coal deposit under the entire farm; 6 miles to Saginaw, 2 miles to Fergus Station, 2 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, and electric lights, just north of Birmingham, among the country homes of such people as Mr. Conklin, and others; 41 acres, nearly half of which is timber; about a little brook and a River Rouge (never dry) runs through the place with great elms and oaks overhanging. No buildings, in good drainage district, and a rare bargain. Price is high, but if you have the cream you should expect to pay for it.

**246**

One hundred and twenty-seven acres in the Township of Avon. Six buildings worth $7,000; 7 acres of timber, 5 acres orchard; well watered (Clinton river runs through the farm); 4 wells and 1 spring; 80 rods along the river; fine orchard, 4 fenced, and only a mile from the thriving Village of Rochester. Will sell for a small part of what it will consider an offer of $8,000, with one-third cash. Take you to see it any old time at all.

**Land of Twins and Triplets.**

Scotland is said to be the land of twins and triplets. In 12 months no fewer than 1,625 mothers gave birth to twins, and 25 to triplets. Scotland is among the few countries in Europe where the proportion of male babies is greater than that of females.

Four deaths are known to be directly attributable to exposure to the X-rays, and it is a mystery about these cases, the deaths being unknown to medical science, though it is believed to involve some great principle of life.

**Nail Terms.**

A "ten-penny" nail means that 1,000 nails weigh ten pounds. The word "penny" in this sense is a corruption of pound.

**A New Novelty.**

A relish dish that has four compartments of glass and rests on a pretty silver stand is quite a novelty.

**Modern Version.**

"Get thee behind me, satin," said Jessie, as she kicked the train of her dress out of the way.—Detroit Wit-ness.

## WHAT CURED HIM OF HABIT.

**Thinking Aloud a Thing of the Past, with This Man.**

"I see," said the young man who smokes, "that a London doctor has come to the front with some formula warranted to cure the most confirmed driveler of the habit of talking to himself."

"Humph," said the other, "that is nothing new. There are dozens of cures already on the market. Doubtless all these specifics have some virtue, but I'll wager none of them is so effective as the one I accidentally hit upon several years ago. In my younger days I was a slave to the habit of self-communion. No matter where I was, whether alone or in a crowd, my mind was always busy, and involuntarily my thoughts ran to spoken words. Among the various interests that engrossed my attention at that time was the profession of authorship.

"One day, while out for a stroll, I met a young woman whom I knew. I turned and walked with her. We had proceeded but a short distance when an inspiration struck me. All morning I had pondered over the proposal I wished to put into the mouth of the hero of my latest yarn. Of a sudden the proper speech occurred to me, and with an intensity of passion I bellowed it forth. For the time being I forgot all about the young woman, but she soon reminded me of her existence and of her presence thereabouts.

"'Yes,' she said, 'I am willing. I have loved you for a long time.'

"It was some time before I came to. When I did finally recover and realized what had happened I tried by various diplomatic methods to back out, but it was no use. The young lady was strangely obtuse. She couldn't take a hint, for although I was convinced that bachelor freedom was necessary to the advancement of my art, we married.

"The young man who smoked puffed at his cigar thoughtfully.

"'Well,'" he said at length, "it came out all right, didn't it?"

"'Yes, I guess so, but from that day to this I have taken mighty good care never to talk to myself."

## BEFORE DEMOCRACY WAS BORN.

**Country's Leanings to Aristocracy in Washington's Time.**

When Washington took the oath of office Democracy was only a name in this country, and a much despised name. Manhood suffrage was not seriously considered. Properly cast, the ballots held the offices, and only the more daring agitators protested against its domination. The aristocratic wealth of the nation openly favored a monarchy with George Washington for king, and the masses were yet further afronted by the organization of "The Society of Cincinnati," a federation of the officers of the revolutionary army, in which it was provided that representation should descend through the eldest lineal male, thus preserving the hatred rule of primogeniture. While the popular suspicion of The Cincinnati was unwarranted it still prevailed, and was one of the factors which gave impetus to Tammany and to the whole Democratic and anti-Federalist movement.

The tavern was the forum of popular debate in those days, and if we were permitted to examine the original drafts of many famous and patriotic documents, we would likely find them stained with ale and Jamaica rum. It was by day when the preacher drank his toddy from the pulpit, and in which neither temperance nor abstinence were esteemed as virtues.

Conspicuous among the resorts frequented by our ancestral New York proletariat was Barden's, or the City Tavern. This was located on Broadway, not far from Bowling Green, and within a stone's throw of the present Standard Oil building. Here it was that the founders of Tammany met at some round table, like their London contemporaries. Johnson, Boswell, Garrick, Goldsmith, and others who frequented the Cheshire Cheese and founded the Literary club to the clinking of glasses and the munching of food.—Frederick Upham Adams, in Success Magazine.

**Pens in a Ton of Steel.**

A single ton of steel will make about 10,000 gross of steel pens.