Why Russia Worships Tolstoi

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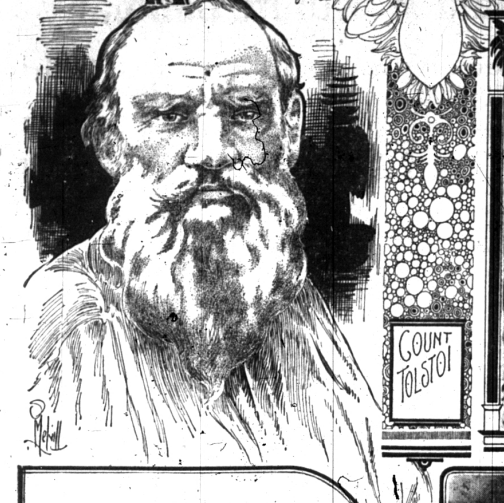

COUNT TOLSTOI

COUNT TOLSTOI AND HIS FAVORITE HORSE

THE COUNT PLAYING CHESS WITH HIS SON-IN-LAW

THE COUNT AND FAMILY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

TOLSTOI'S HOME.

IF THE peasants of Russia had their way in the bestowing of a title upon Count Leo Tolstoi, he would be known as the Most-Beloved Leo Tolstoi. For there is no man in the world who has so many friends among the plebeians. Still Tolstoi is immensely wealthy, but that does not interfere with the great life work which has now nearly drawn to a close.

He is now 80 years old and while in good health at the time of this writing, his passing is but a matter of a few months or years. There are two sides to this great man. One is Leo Tolstoi, the artist, and the other—Leo Tolstoi, the man. As the artist he has written fearless works and thou person or clique which has fallen under the scathing attack of his pen has seldom been known to boast of it.

There is no disputing his rank as the best known of living authors. Also he is the most generally read and recognized. He has attained the highest pinnacle of fame in the literary field and it cannot be said that he craved fame, either.

Best of all, Tolstoi is a friend of all Americans. The traveler from the United States, visiting Russia, is as welcome at the Yasnaya Polyana estate of Russia's great man, as if he were in his own home. America likes Tolstoi—too, for the author is the most democratic of men.

It is told of him that he spurns all worldly luxuries, even going so far as to have two tables set within his home at each meal—one resplendent with fancy edibles, while the other is stocked with simple food of the peasantry. Friends of his daughters and sons are always welcomed at the more prosperous looking board, while in the same room, Tolstoi, seated alongside of his wife, partakes of the necessities of life as an ordinary plebeian would. However, his children, having been brought up to the luxuries of life, are allowed to gratify their every whim, and he never allows his beliefs to step between them and happiness. In that respect he is an ideal father and he has been praised the world over for his broad-minded manner of treating others who do not believe as he does.

He is also what Americans call a "mixer," but in an entirely different sense. He meets the poor of Russia on their own level, and, except for the fact that he often scatters money at their feet, one would never suspect his wealth. There are no strings attached to Tolstoi's gifts, and thousands of beneficences to Russians in general, while the benefactor's name is a secret, are popularly laid at the door of this great man.

To be a friend of the Russian peasant up to a few years ago meant to be an enemy of the government. Upon several occasions Tolstoi's outcry against oppression of the czar's subjects has placed him behind the grimy walls of Slav dungeons, but he always returned to continue the work which he has so ably accomplished.

He is a social reformer of the first water and many of the acts of justice which the Russian government of late years has accomplished can be traced back to the work of Tolstoi.

As a literary artist the count is dead. His demise was a literary suicide, and it occurred 33 years ago, when he himself declared that his great creative works were unworthy and altogether evil.

Here is his own account of the split in his life:

"I had tried to test science and modern culture, and I have turned from them with a feeling of repulsion because of the inability of the first to solve the really important problems of life and because of the hollowness and falseness of the second."

By becoming chummy with the peasant Tolstoi declares, he turned to frankness, simplicity and essential kindness, and he says he is to-day nearer another earth than ever in his life. He declares the peasant, typically, is the ideal Christian. And thus since 1875 his writings have been almost exclusively polemic and didactic.

To-day Count Leo Tolstoi is a large, heavily-built man with unusually long arms, hanging loosely at his sides, with a wide nose, somewhat thick lips, small gray eyes, a head set on bulky but slightly stooping shoulders and a matted white beard. He possesses an air of strength that is found in few great men. The power that one finds in him is both mental and physical, and hence of the durable sort.

One of his many great themes is the Sermon on the Mount. In this he has declared that he found five laws of God and he has made them his rules for faith and conduct throughout the later years of his life. These laws are summarized as follows:

Live in peace with all men and do not regard any man as your superior.

Do not make the beauty of the body an occasion for lust.

Every man should have one wife and every woman one husband, and they should not be divorced for any reason.

Do not revenge yourself and do not punish others because you think yourself insulted or hurt. Suffer all wrong and do not repay with evil for you are all the children of one father.

Never break the peace in the name of patriotism.

1828—BORN ON FATHER'S ESTATE AT YASNAYA POLYANA.

1843—STUDIED ORIENTAL LANGUAGES AT KAZAN.

1848—RECEIVED DIPLOMA AS LAWYER AT KAZAN.

1851—DESERTED HIS ESTATE.

1853—ENLISTED IN THE ARMY OF DANUBE IN CRIMEAN WAR.

1857—VISIT ABROAD WHICH CAUSED DISAPPOINTMENT IN MODERN CIVILIZATION.

1864-1869—WROTE HIS MASTERPIECE—"WAR AND PEACE."

1862—MARRIED SOPHIE ANDREYEVNA BEHRS OF MOSCOW.

1890—IMPRISONED FOR HIS TEACHINGS.

1897—THRUST INTO PRISON FOR A SHORT TIME BECAUSE OF ALLEGED ANTAGONISM TOWARD GOVERNMENT.

What Tolstoi has done for the people of his time in Russia is to be found in the dress, customs and habits of the lower classes of that absolute monarchy, but the critics say that right in his home his own teachings have had little effect. The answer which close friends of the count give to that assertion is that Russia's benefactor is too broad-minded to make his home a martyrdom and to inflict his beliefs upon his wife and children if they do not care to abide by them.

So while Tolstoi has spent his life or the greater part of it in preaching the doctrine of poverty and non-resistance, his children were reared on the great estate and from the first their lot was that of the aristocrat. They married "well," and are said to have completely renounced his views. It is told of Tolstoi that his wife has always managed to "slip a piece of velvet under her husband's crown of thorns just when he wishes to press it to his head most heavily."

That might be termed an inconsistency, but surely it is not the count's choice.

The work which some of the critics of other nations scoff at has reached from the thatched hut of the poorest peasant clear to the palace of the emperor himself.

For the sake of peace also, Tolstoi has accomplished a great work. The first Hague conference, which made history, would probably never have been called had it not been for the persistent gospel of this friend of the populace at large. Tolstoi saw that the eventual result of his teachings would be some sort of a world's peace gathering and he expressed gratification when Czar Nicholas called the initial session of the body over which the dove of peace was destined to perch.

No church in the world, it is recorded, carried out as petrified a ritual as that of the Slav. To-day, chroniclers tell us, there exists a tendency towards softening of the customs of religion in the czar's country. Teachings of simplicity by Tolstoi will be accorded the honor for this change if it is eventually wrought.

Humane treatment of prisoners and philanthropic moves of the immensely wealthy men of Russia are also laid to the work of the count. Tolstoi tasted the bitter cup of imprisonment himself and he was well prepared to go about that work with a zest born of actual experience.

Simple moral truths have been the axioms of Tolstoi throughout his later years and while skeptical persons call his ideas impracticable their defender could, were he not all too modest, point to the works which have followed in the wake of his unique, quaint gospel.

Predict Dismal Days for Housewife.

America is not alone in her distress over a decreasing supply of domestic labor. While gaining 3,000,000 households Germany has lost 37,000 in her total number of servants. Distaste for what old-fashioned New Englanders call "house work" grows steadily in classes from which such labor generally comes. We seem to see a distant time when, in the absence of machinery mechanically relieving her, the average housewife will have to be her own "girl."

Shrinkage In Incomes

It is said that there has been a great shrinkage in the professional income of the physicians throughout the United States of late, and that it is not wholly attributable to business depression. An elaborate statistical investigation would be required to tell whether the public is spending more money on "mop doctors," or whether the shrinkage is due to other causes, as for instance, to a wider diffusion of knowledge of the laws of sanitation, etc. Physicians will differ in their diagnoses while recognizing the fact. One Boston physician insists that there is a combination of causes at work, and enumerates among them the overcrowding of the profession and the high cost of living, which he holds is reducing the middle class—classifying by incomes—on whom physicians and surgeons must depend for more than a hand-to-mouth practice. Another bluntly says that people nowadays are better guarded by public sanitary agencies than their fathers were, and that the general average of physique is correspondingly higher.—Boston Transcript.

Japan's Growing Exports.

The machine exports of Japan have increased in quantity five times in one year.

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

55

Village lots on Woodward avenue bounded north by land of Mollie G. Smith, east by D. G. R. & W. R. R., south by Bowby street, west by Woodward avenue, 108 feet front on Woodward avenue, 198 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.

65

Good, comfortable, cozy, old-fashioned house with 30 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 German 50 feet frontage. Any one wishing to purchase will find this a bargain. For particulars inquire of Mollie G. Smith or at the Exchange Bank

103

Eighty-acre farm in White Lake township, w ½ of s e ¼ of section 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 good orchard, house of 7 rooms; good neighborhood; 4½ miles from Milford, 3 miles from Commerce; prospect electric road comes within a mile of the house. Price, $2,000.

147

Nice little home for someone of small means 1½ acres in s w ¼ of n e ¼ of sec. 36, town 2 north, Troy; house 7 rooms, barn in good shape; well, a best barn and house, never dry; ¼ mile east of Rochester Electric; fare to Detroit 15c; R. F. D. All mail and no grumbling will buy it at $750. Hurry up!

No. 167

Wants to trade for 80 or 60 acres on or near electric. Ninety-four acres on east ¼ of southwest ¼ Sec. 11, Troy township; three buildings valued at $6,500 (insured for $1,800); 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. Pure ice 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 Booth, Barbour, Kindicott, Brady, Shaw, Conklin, and others; 43 acres, nearly half of which is timber, and pretty little branch of the River Rouge (never dry) runs through the place with plenty of elms and oaks overhanging. Two buildings, good drainage, fine orchard of 5 acres. Price is high, but if you have the cream you must expect to pay for it.

178

Seven-room cottage on west side of Bates street, 42 feet front, 120 feet deep. You couldn't build the house for $1,200, and that's all we ask for it. City water, wood shed, cellar, all modern conveniences. One of the best bargains we have. Show it to you any time.

180

Farm in Avon township; 35 acres of good clay loam, all cleared; small orchard, no buildings; land level almost down. For sale or exchange for small farm.

185

Corner lot, 100 feet front on Maple avenue, 132 feet deep; good building, (never); plenty of small fruit. A bargain for $2,000, one-half cash down.

188

One of the best-arranged and finest-equipped residences in the village, and is absolutely the best location on Maple Avenue, two blocks from electric road; bath, toilet, hot and cold water, city gas, 10 rooms, 2 stories, rebuilt last year, better than new; 2 buildings, fine orchard; 132 feet on Maple, 220 feet deep; plenty of room for chickens (and garden); good barn, fine workshop. Say! What else do you want, anyhow? Will sell house and lot for $5,000. Only $1,750 less than cost of our best bargains.

193

Thirty-five-acre fruit farm, 1¼ miles north of Birmingham, on the farm line; 6 buildings, insured for $1,800. All kinds of soil—clay, gravel, sand and dark loam. Last year this farm produced 123 bushels raspberries, 20 bushels blackberries, 111 bushels strawberries, 10 tons hay, etc. A gravel road to the north, with an inexhaustable supply of gravel, is worth almost the price of the farm alone. We wants 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 Bay Stock Farm; 4 buildings, good house, basement barn; plenty of water; 10 acres timber; excellent fruit; $14 miles from Flint Interurban R. R. 2 miles and fine spring. Price $6,000.

196

Fifteen acres in Township of Royal Oak; no buildings; one and one-half of maples in a pasture; new land, well drained, clay bottom, black top soil; corners of the 80-mile road and Campbell road, ¼ mile east of electric road; adjoining 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 e ¼ of s e ¼ of section 36, Troy township; new barn, fair house, soil clay loam, fine flowing well; 2 miles east of Flint electric road, 3½ miles from Big Beaver; good farm for somebody. Price $625.

198

Two 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 price will enable you to build the kind of house you may require.

200

One hundred and twenty-six acres near Birmingham; good buildings, well fenced, fine orchard, flowing well; pretty place to live; 2 miles through the farm; ½ mile from Birmingham, north local at. Talk to me to see it any day. Oh, yes; the price is $10,000, and the terms easy. Farms not as good as this are selling in this part 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 don't grumble.

201

Fine 5-story residence on Maple Avenue, corner of High Street; 10 feet front, 50 feet deep; hot water heater, hot and cold bath, toilet, city gas, cement walks, cement block foundation. This is a class of city residences. Cement walk (cost $200) and best neighborhood in town. House would cost at least $3,000 to build to-day. Come to see us for lots and see what they say. You can buy this beautiful home for $2,500 and have it your own way about payments. Ask the man at the bath.

213

Fine little farm of about 75 acres in Royal Oak, on the line of the Detroit electric road, 2 miles north of Royal Oak; fare to Detroit 15c; good orchard of 10 acres; 7 acres peaches; 2 acres bearing apple orchard; 3 acres timber; 1-acre berries; good house, 7 rooms; fair barn, 30x40; well and $4,000 will buy it, subject to a small mortgage, which can run as the purchaser. Will exchange for improved Detroit city property.

214

Decidedly the prettiest lake farm in this county of lakes. Situated on Wing Lake, noted for its fishing, 2 miles from the village of Birmingham; 18-room house with furnace, fine lawn, shade trees, barns; farm in good shape; 12 acres of young peaches, 4 acres bearing, and 4 acres of apple orchard, which bore 700 bushels of marketable apples last year. One mile east of Franklin Road. Daily mail and telephone service. Abundance of excellent water pumped by windmill and piped to house and other buildings. Eighty acres and the price is $7,000. Let us take you to 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 we'll give us 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 our village. Fine lot, 132 feet deep; good pure water; 1-acre bearing apple orchard. It has to be seen to be appreciated, and $4,000 will buy it, subject to a small mortgage, which can run as the purchaser. Will exchange for improved Detroit city property.

219

Tidy little place for some one with moderate means. Corner Chesterfield and Park, Campbell Addition. Lot worth at least $600, and the house is insured for $1,200; cost $1,700, and prices are advancing all along the lines in that 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. Try it.

222

Two-story tenement or terrace on the east side of Woodward Avenue, in the village of Birmingham. First floor, 4 rooms each. Furnace, water-closet, bath, hot and cold water, gas, cellar and gas; each independent of other apartment. Rents for $12 per month each. Forty dollars per year will pay all taxes and insurance. Good barn on the premises, and the lot is 70 feet front on the best frontage on Woodward, and 135 feet deep; room for a nice garden; can live in one apartment and have a steady income from the other. This is something no powder over. Come and let us help you good. Always at your service. If you can't call, write.

227

Five acres just outside of the corporation limits of Birmingham, about 10 rods frontage on Woodward Avenue, on the Pontiac electric line; one stone in front; about 20 rods deep, with nice little stream (branch of the Rouge River) crossing the back end of the premises. Finest 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 and have one of the finest homes among the many in the Bloomfield Hills district. Postal card request will bring prices and particulars. Rather have it to see, though.

229

A pleasant and sightly farm of 71 acres in West Bloomfield, 4 miles from the North western electric line; 2 acres orchard, 4 acres good timber, 8 buildings worth $3,000, and the price is $6,000—and it is well worth it. Soil sandy loam and clay loam, under high state of cultivation. Better investigate.

231

Two-story, 7-room house in good repair; well shaded, cellar, fruit, etc. Modern would cost more than $1,500 to build—and that's all we ask for it. Opposite school house, between Merritt and Martin, on Chester Street. Terms easy.

232

Farm of 87½ acres, just outside the Village of Birmingham, on the D. & F. electric line; 1½ feet to Detroit, half-hour service; land all cleared; two acres; four buildings, all in good condition. Best open location between Detroit and Pontiac.

234

Farm of 77 acres, 60 rods from D. & F. electric line. All cleared, good buildings; 10c fare to Detroit. This farm can be leased very cheap.

241

Fine new house with all modern conveniences, within 300 feet of the west side of Woodward Avenue. 8 rooms, hard-wood finish; lot 66x100; plenty of fruit. You could not build the house for $3,000, looking at.

243

Farm of 160 acres, Saginaw county, 3 miles from Fergus Station, on the M. C. R. R. Clay loam, good buildings valued at $5,000, and $8,000 will buy the farm if you come right away—now. The place is within 2 miles of active coal mines, and there is a rich coal deposit under the entire farm; 6 miles to Chesaning; 16 miles to Owosso; 4½ miles to 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'll show you.

245

Lot 7, Block 1, of Campbell's Subdivision, Village of Birmingham, Mich., on the corner of High Street and Forest Avenue. Without doubt the most desirable lot for building purposes on this very popular subdivision. Price $225; but there are other things that we would like to whisper to you. Come and let us take you to see the property.

246

One hundred and twenty-seven acres in the Township of Avon. Six buildings worth $6,000; 7 acres of timber, 5 acres of orchard; well watered (Clinton river runs through the farm); no marsh; land in 120 feet above the lake level; clay loam; 4 wells, 3 good houses, 2 barns in good repair, well fenced, and only 4 miles from the thriving Village of Rochester. Will trade for a smaller farm or will consider an offer of $6,000, with one-third cash. Take you to see it any old time at all.

247

House, barn, and about an acre of good garden land on north side of Saddle Street. Good, old-fashioned house, and a very handy place to live. Party has decided to go West and wants to sell badly enough to make a decided sacrifice. Ask the man at the bank about it.

256

Eight-room house, good barn and two acres of excellent land on west side of Southfield Avenue, in the Village of Birmingham. One of the best equipped and tidiest homes in the village. Buildings would cost $2,500 to build to-day (house, practically new), and the whole outfit can be bought for just a trifle more than that. Enough to secure it will get it, and you can have your own way about payments on balance.

260

Eight-room, 2-story house on Southfield Avenue, lot 80x176 on west side of street; cellar, well, 2 cisterns, fine stables, hen house, chicken house. Within four blocks of electric line.

261

Completely equipped shop for general repair work and manufacture of gasoline engines, both marine and automobile. $1,800 cash will buy it; balance on easy terms.

262

Nine lots on the Merrill Plat, formerly owned by M. I. Jarvis. Finest location in village. Terms easy and prices low.

264

Nine acres, no buildings, on south side of Wilkinson street, between Woodward and Pierce (outside of corporation), and $1,250 will buy it on easy terms.

265

Eighty-acre farm in Lapeer county, Town of Elba. Will exchange for small farm or residence. Property is described as w ½ of s e ¼ of sec. 36, town 7 n, r 7 w. Nine buildings insured for $1,000; worth at least $2,000, which can run; 2,500 cash will secure balance, 2 miles from Farms not as good as this are selling for $100 per acre. Let us take you to see it any day. Oh, yes; the price is $10,000, and the terms easy. no hills or waste land; excellent soil. The offer is good for 30 days only, so send better get busy.

268

Comfortable house, nearly new, in good location in Whitehead & Mitchell's Subdivision. House would cost more than $2,000 to build at this minute; and we only ask $1,350 for the house and lot. We would take in a mortgage of $600 which can run. The building is worth the $700. Owner lives in Detroit and wants to sell.

249

Nice, warm, old-fashioned house on the south side of Maple Avenue, in the village, in one of the best residences in the village. Plenty of room for a big garden, and it can be had for $1,500. Why not? Well, just come and talk it over with us and after you look the premises over you will make us an offer anyhow.

250

Now, here is a "Beauty!" House, barn and chicken houses, with two acres of land on westerly side of Woodward, opposite Electric Park, known as "Elmcrest." Ten rooms, bath, toilet, two cellars, furnace room, good hot-air furnace, two cisterns, fruit and shade trees, one of the best-equipped lot of buildings in the village, city water, gas, fine lawn, and this beautiful lawn with flower beds in front for $4,000. $3,500 cash will buy it, and the balance of purchase price can be had on long time and low rate of interest. Without question, this is the finest location and the best lot of buildings on our st, and the price is right.

251

House and lot in Campbell's Subdivision; corner lot 60x110, fine hedge on front and side, cellar, city and cistern water in the kitchen, fine walks on front and side; cherries, peaches, pears on the premises—all bearing—and some smaller trees. $1,450 will buy it, and terms can be made so that it won't take a millionaire to handle it. Come on.

252

Eight acres of land in Newaygo county, Michigan, listed "A No. 1 sandy soil;" no buildings, 18 acres oak timber; price $5 per acre. Won't cost anything to investigate. Write us if you have any questions you may ask—wise or otherwise.

253

Two hundred acres of sand and sandy loam, 40 acres of mixed timber, 20 acres cleared; two buildings of little value. Price $10 per acre. Is in the Township of Big Prairie, county of Newaygo, and then we have 440 acres more, in the same township, 2 miles away, 60 acres of orchard and 100 acres of mixed timber; all at $10 per acre. We'll just dare you to dig into this proposition and you know what our opinion used to be at school regarding any "feller" that wouldn't "take a dare."

257

Just what everybody wants! Don't wait a minute or you'll lose it. Fine house and barn, with 2 other good buildings, all nearly new, an acre of fine orchard, lots of small fruit; building is worth $2,000. Two acres of excellent land, 1½ miles from Flint Electric, on hard ride from Detroit. Price $2,500; terms easy. Half mile east from school, church and stores. Take you to see it any old time.

258

Lots 18 and 19, Buell's Addition, Birmingham. Price $600 for both. Plenty left. Terms, $25 cash; balance on contract.

266

What would you think if we would offer you a fine modern room of 11 rooms, with toilet and bath room, cost $5,000 to build, when material was cheap, lot 80x132, and a nice little barn, for $2,000? And terms easy as that. Well, we can do it. If you don't think the place is worth more money a minute if you call at the bank and ask the man. The property is located in the Village of Birmingham, on the corner, and in one of the best locations in town. Honest, we are sure that this is one of the best bargains we have on our large list.

267

Forty acres on the line of the Flint electric at Harris Corners, in Troy township. 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 $2,000 cash, and we will see what we can do for you; or, will sell from one to 20 acres in any parcel or parcel, or any part of the 40, at prices which cannot fail to interest you.

268

House and lot, 102 feet front, 208 feet deep, on west side Woodward Avenue, north of power house. Hot-water heat, first-class plumbing, hard-wood floors, open grates, apples, cherries, modern hen-house, fine location; new buildings—none better in the village; $5,000; terms easy and long time.

269

House and lot, east side Woodward Avenue; will exchange for other property; lot 100x182; house 8 rooms; small barn, large garden, some fruit; $1,000; buildings are insured for $600.

270

House and lot, west side of Ann Street; 2-story frame cottage, cement block foundation, 8 rooms and cellar; one block from Woodward Avenue; $1,800; terms easy.

271

Forty feet front on Southfield Avenue, 176 feet deep; 2 buildings, 6-room house, 3 bedrooms, water in house, garden, fruit, new cement walks; $1,350.

272

Millers, attention! Feed rolls, 9x18, 60-horsepower engine and boiler, complete with all fixtures, for $500. Or, will sell separate.

273

New cement house, one block from Woodward Avenue, 4 bedrooms, bath and closet on second floor, 4 rooms downstairs, large veranda, hot-air furnace, hot and cold water, hardwood floors, good barn large enough for horse or auto; cement walks, cistern, etc. Worth looking at; also worth more money than we ask for it, but we'll sell it for $3,300 on easy terms.

274

Nice little country place for some one of small means. House, barn, and all necessary outbuildings with two acres of good land; buildings insured for $725; cistern, good location, 2½ miles from Clawson on the Flint electric line; $900; terms easy.

275

Fine new house and 102 acres of good land on west side of Woodward Avenue, near Pontiac; 18 acres timber, 4 acres orchard; 3 buildings, valued at $7,000; hot and cold soft water, tubular hot-air furnace, bath, toilet, water closet, grapes, peaches and apples in great abundance; one mile from Orchard Lake. D. U. R. electric. Prices and terms on application.

276

Farm of 150 acres, west of Birmingham; excellent soil, good buildings, house of 8 rooms, fine cedars, 4 acres orchard, 20 acres timber; one of the finest farms in the county. Price low and terms. Take you to see it any day.

The Thrifty Queen.

It has been said time and again that Queen Victoria was the thriftiest of all monarchs. Nothing in the way of income slipped through her fingers. She inherited from her Dutch ancestry that singular faculty of saving much and spending little. One of her gardeners brought up a family of five children on $3 a week. The fact is considered creditable only to the gardener.

What?

A woman whose husband sometimes jests because she spends much of her time thinking and talking about clothes sends word that she wonders what 75 per cent of the men of the world have to talk or think about if there were no such thing as baseball.

His Habits Remain.

When a man tells his wife that they must cut down living expenses he means that she must continue to eat just as great a table on half the money, and that she must do without her own personal comforts while his habits remain the same.—Chicago Journal.

A Song of Success.

"Ha!" cried the boss of the pie trust as he finished fixing the new schedule of prices. "They can say what they like of me as a trust magnate and I will not deny it, for I am a pie rate king."

Tried the Dog on Him.

The woman who hit her husband with a dog is unrepentant. It would have been more effective had she used a poker, but she glories in her originality and the husband is inconsolable.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Had a Cinch.

It is said that George Washington used to cut pie with his knife. But then he never had to run against a candidate who manicured his finger nails.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

The Character of Action.

It is circumstance and proper measure that give an action its character, and make it either good or bad.—Plutarch.

But a Whale Is Not a Fish.

Twenty-six whales were caught in one week off the coast of British Columbia—unless the story is one of them.—Atlanta Journal.

Limit of Time Without Food.

When the body of a starving animal including man, loses two-fifths of its substance, the inevitable result is death.

Greatness.

The thing that makes a man great is the adulation of the men who are not.

The Active Soul.

The one thing of value in the world is the active soul.—Emerson.

Of Man.

Unless above himself he can erect himself how poor a thing is man.—Dryden.

Best to Conceal Sorrows.

Those who want friends to whom to open their griefs, are cannibals of their own hearts.—Bacon.