GROVER CLEVELAND in the SUNSET of his BUSY LIFE

WASHINGTON.—The interest in the personality of Grover Cleveland has naturally recalled many incidents of the days when his was the most forceful figure in American public life. Nothing which he ever did while president attracted more attention than the famous message he sent to congress in December, 1895, on the subject of Great Britain's controversy with Venezuela over the boundary between the latter country and British Guiana. In an interview with a New York Times correspondent Hilary A. Herbert, then Mr. Cleveland's secretary of the navy, now for the first time tells the true inwardness of that historic episode.

"The foundation for Mr. Cleveland's celebrated Venezuelan message," said Mr. Herbert, "was the note of Secretary of State Olney to Lord Salisbury, the British minister for foreign affairs. That note was written during the congressional recess, three months before congress convened, and before Mr. Cleveland's message was prepared. The Olney note was drafted after a consultation between the secretary of state and Mr. Cleveland during the summer at Great Gables on Buzzard's bay. Mr. Olney went there, as I have always understood, to confer with the president about the Venezuelan question. The note was submitted to every member of the cabinet. I remember distinctly I was in Washington that summer and a copy of the note came to me and Mr. Carlisle, the secretary of the treasury, and Mr. Lamont, the secretary of war, and we considered the polfcy together.

"I remember that as the note developed it almost took my breath away, and I was inclined to oppose its presentation, but before the reading was finished I realized its force and value and I heartily approved it. Between Mr. Carlisle, Mr. Lamont and myself some suggestions were made as to amendments, perhaps slight, and my understanding is that these amendments were subsequently adopted. All the cabinet knew for three or four months before congress convened that this bombshell had been prepared. Nevertheless, it was kept absolutely secret. Nobody knew anything about it. As Mr. Cleveland himself said, he did not believe in doing public business on the sidewalk. The message that Mr. Cleveland afterwards wrote was prepared by himself just after he had returned from an outing. He had gone down the river on a fishing excursion, and when he got back the message was written, occupying him for two days. The message was read to the cabinet before it was sent in. I do not remember whether any suggestions were asked or offered, the message being a condensation of the very powerful Olney note."

"Did you anticipate that war would result from the fessage?"

"No, I did not think so, because I did not think there was enough in the controversy to cause a war between the two countries which were so closely allied in blood and business. Of course, such measures as could be taken with the means in hand to be prepared in case of trouble were taken by the navy department, but there was neither time nor money nor opportunity to make any extensive preparations."

A REGULAR CHURCHGOER.

CLEVELAND'S father was a Presbyterian minister. When the son was elected president the Rev. Dr. Sunderland of the First Presbyterian church in Washington determined to make every effort to induce Mr. Cleveland to attend his church. Immediately after the inauguration Dr. Sunderland called upon the president, and the latter agreed to be enrolled among his parishioners. Cleveland was very regular in attendance. Always a large crowd assembled in front of the church to see him entering and leaving. The crowd was amazed to find that when the carriage stopped Cleveland would leave the vehicle and start for the door, while some one else would have to assist Mrs. Cleveland to alight. Then she would hasten after her husband and, catching up with him, the two would walk up the aisle together to their pew.

A BAD CAMPAIGNER.

CLEVELAND was known always as a bad campaigner. It was an extremely difficult thing to get him to take an active part in politics, even when he was running for office himself. When he was nominated for mayor of Buffalo, a quarter of a century ago, his political managers were in despair because of his indifference. The future president would promise to speak, but when the time came he would fail to appear, and then it was necessary to send carriages for him and drag him to the meeting. But his popularity was so great that he experienced little difficulty in polling a large vote for mayor. This campaign occurred during a time of political upheaval, when Buffalo was one of the doubtful cities of the state. From the close of the war up to the '90s no one could foretell just how the municipal elections in Buffalo would turn out. Cleveland was made candidate for governor particularly because of his vigorous administration of the mayor's office. His most conspicuous act was the veto of an ordinance of the council granting a contract for cleaning the city of personal friends. Cleveland regarded this contract as against public policy, and, notwithstanding the pressure exercised by his closest advisers, he disapproved the measure, and by this act attracted the attention of the state. There is not the slightest doubt that what Mr. Cleveland did on that occasion had a greater bearing on his future political career than anything he had done.

A FRIEND OF THE PEN.

MR. CLEVELAND took a great interest in pension legislation. Observing a discriminating attitude, which was most important, both for the public treasury and from the point of view of those veterans of unblemished records, it was his custom to examine each and all the facts connected with the claim of the beneficiary with the greatest care. If he found a flaw in the record he would put a veto on the back of the act in his own handwriting. Cleveland rarely dictated. He found his ideas flowed better when his pen touched the paper. His handwriting was small, but clear. It was like copper-plate. Probably no president of recent times used a pen with as much frequency as Cleveland.

The painstaking character of Mr. Cleveland's work will be realized when it is known that he made a personal examination of every paper that came before him. This particularly was true of the records of court-martial of officers of the army and navy. Whether the defendant was an ensign or an admiral, a lieutenant or a general, he could depend on Mr. Cleveland to give fair consideration to the report of his trial.

CLEVELAND'S HOME LIFE.

ON ONE occasion a New York paper which was especially virulent in its treatment of Mr. Cleveland printed a story to the effect that on the previous night he had gotten beastly drunk and had kicked his wife down stairs, bruising her terribly and blacking both her eyes.

Those who knew the charming relations which existed between the president and his wife were indignant at the publication. That it was absolutely false I quickly discovered for myself. Crossing the White House grounds, I saw Mrs. Cleveland bending over a bed of pansies, in which she took special interest. She was a beautiful picture that morning. Her eyes were as clear as crystal, showing that she had slept well, and her skin without a blemish. The alleged brutality of Mr. Cleveland towards his wife was frequently described by the paper referred to, but never did I see any justification or foundation for the statements it published. Because the president and Mrs. Cleveland refused to exhibit their children to the gaping crowd reports were published that they were idiots and that one of them was blind. These reports were not only false, but so cruel as to arouse the hearty indignation of the friends of the president and his wife.

It has been often said, and with justice, that Mrs. Cleveland made an ideal "First Lady of the Land." Probably Mrs. Cleveland did what no other wife of a president attempted. At receptions she would take a step forward and shake hands with the caller, returning to her position before saluting the next in line. This was a task which only a woman of tremendous physical endurance could carry out successfully. At the New Year's receptions, for example, 9,000 persons greeted the president and his wife. So that Mrs. Cleveland took 9,000 steps and shook hands 9,000 times on each of these occasions.

AS FRIEND AND LAWYER.

CLEVELAND was more of a sociable man than a social one. He enjoyed few social relations in Buffalo, rarely visiting the houses of

First Photograph of Ex-President Cleveland and His Family Taken at Their Princeton Home.

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Humorous Errors Credited to Famous Authors

WRITERS wise in the great things of life have frequently made "bad mistakes in details involving some technical point on which they were ignorant. Some of these are most amusing. For instance, Sir Walter Besant, in "The Children of Gibeon," caused a new moon to rise in the east at two in the morning. It is the old moon that rises in the morning. The new moon appears in the western sky, and sets soon after the sun.

Another author who went astray frequently with respect to his moons was Rider Haggard. In "King Solomon's Mines" he tells of an eclipse of the new moon, an astronomical impossibility.

It is thought by some that Defoe was napping when he made Robinson Crusoe fill his pockets with biscuit before he swam to the wreck. But, considering Defoe's extreme carefulness as a rule in matters of this sort, it is open to question whether he really made a "break." Perhaps Crusoe kept on his short breeches.

Thackeray, whose methods of work are known not to have been excessively careful, frequently went wrong on points of fact. In Rachel Esmond Warrington's preface to "Henry Esmond," which Thackeray made her date 1778, she refers to the coming of Rochambeau to this country. The French soldier did not come until 1780.

In "Pendennis," Thackeray speaks of Mohammed's soldiers cutting off the heads of all prisoners refusing to acknowledge that there was only one prophet of God. As a matter of fact, however, Mohammedans profess belief in all the prophets of the Bible—Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus—but they believe that Mohammed is the greatest. A critic once scolded Thackeray for this mistake, "for he was a great reader of Gibbon."

In "The Virginians" Chaplain Sampson is unlawfully arrested for debt during living service. Under the English law this could not be. An old offender like Sampson would probably have known this much of the law, and would hardly have accepted the situation with the resigned query, "At whose suit, Simons?"

The elder Dumas was likely to go astray when he labeled certain of his characters with English titles. For instance, his "Lady de Winter" is a ludicrous misnomer, impossible in Great Britain, for the particle "de" would indicate that her late husband had been the "Lord of Winter," a palpable absurdity. Dumas was evidently thinking of a member of the nobility, lord of some manor, whose family name was Winter.

The author of "Monte Cristo," although having only a superficial knowledge of toxicology, was fond of introducing into his romances poisons unknown to science, whose instantaneous and deadly effect was startling to say the least. Science recognizes only one poison—that commonly called prussic acid—that possesses anything like the immediate effect so loved by the romancer. Again, Dumas was mistaken in his description of complete paralysis, an exemplified in old Nortier, who, unable to move or speak, yet maintained his intellectual faculties, and was able, by winking his eyes in agreed fashion, to communicate his thoughts and desires to his family. Physicians have frequently pointed out the impossibility of such a pathological condition.—From the Sunday Magazine.

Steam Quenched Oil Fire.

Steam was successfully used recently in quenching an oil fire at Petersville, Pa. There are about 30 oil wells in the vicinity of the town, and when one of them caught fire the burning oil flowed through the streets. Steam was raised in the boilers of the oil rigs and the inhabitants used it to put out the fire.

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.

66

Village lots on Woodward avenue boundon north by land of Mollie G. Smith, east by D., G. R. & M. R. R., south by Village of Birmingham and Woodward avenue, 106 feet front on Woodward avenue, 106 feet deep on north side and 132 feet on south side, all in the Village of Birmingham, Mich. One of the finest building sites in the village.

66

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 and one-fourth acre tract, just south of land owned by John Girtin on best 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 land is cleared the same as every $150.00 farm in summer.) Three acres of good orchard, house, 7 rooms, fine 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 is good timber; 2½ acres of orchard; building; worth $2,000, and this exceptionally fine place can be bought for $8,000. Nuf ced.

126

Vacant lots 16, 17, 18 of Willson's subdivision, Royal Oak village, for sale cheap. Price $50 each. Terms easy, with small payment down.

147

Nice little home of seventeen of small means— 1¼ acres in a w ½ of s e ¼ of sec 34, township of Troy, house 7 rooms, barn 16 good shape, well at best barn and house, seventy-five ½ mile east of Rochester Electric; fare to Detroit 15c. R. F. D. All cash and no grumbling will buy it at $750. Hurry up!

No. 167

Wants to trade for 30 or 60 acres on or near electric. Ninety-four acres on east ¼ of southwest ¼ Sec. 11, T6S township; three buildings valued at $9,000 (insured for $7,000); mowing well piped to barn; farm well adapted for stock or dairy; 1¼ miles from electric at Troy Corners, where there are good schools and churches. Fare 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 Scott Barbour, Lockrow, Brady, Shaw, Conklin, and others; 45 acres, nearly half of which is timber, and a pretty little branch of Rouge river (never dry) runs through the place with giant elms and oaks overhanging. No buildings; good drainage, fine orchard of 2 acres. Price is high, but if you have the cream you must expect to pay for it.

178

Seven-room cottage on west side of Bates street, 45 feet front, 120 feet deep. You couldn't build the house for $2,500, and that's all we ask for it. City water, wood shed, cellar, all ordinary conveniences. One of the best bargains we have. Show it to you any time.

180

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

185

Corner lot, 100 feet front on Maple avenue 132 feet deep; one good building insured; plenty of small fruit. A bargain for $2,800, one-half cash down.

187

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

188

One of the best-arranged and finest-equipped residences in the village, and in absolutely the best location—East 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; 3 buildings, fine orchard; 112 feet on Maple, 320 feet deep; plenty of room for chickens and garden; good barn, fine workshop. Say! What else do you want, anyhow? Will sell house and 52 feet front by 150 feet deep for $7,800. One of our best bargains.

193

Thirty-five-acre fruit farm, 14½ miles north of Birmingham, on the town line; 6 buildings, insured for $1,300. All kinds of soil—clay, gravel, sand and dark loam. Last year this farm produced 123 bushels raspberries, 23 bushels blackberries, 115 bushels strawberries, 10 tons hay, etc. A 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 a high state of cultivation. Worth looking at anyhow. Price $8,000; terms easy.

194

Fifty acres in Township of Troy, adjoining the Troy Station Farms; 5 buildings, good house, basement barn, plenty of small fruit, orchard of apples, peaches, etc.; 4½ miles from Flint Division D. U. R.; 3 wells and fine spring. Price $6,000; terms easy.

195

Fifteen acres in Township of Royal Oak; no buildings; small grove of maples in a pretty fine state; new road, well drained, clay bottom, black top soil; corner of the 9½-mile road and Campbell's, mile east of electric road; adjoins J. I. Hudson's Oakland tracts, which are held at $500.00 per acre; 1¼ miles north of State Fair ground. Worth $300 per acre; will exchange for Detroit property.

196

Six acres, part of s w ¼ of n e ¼ of section 36, Troy township; new barn, fair house, soil clay loam, fine location, 1½ miles east of Flint electric road, 2¼ miles from Big Beaver; good farm for somebody. Price $2,000.

198

Ten acres 1 mile east of Royal Oak village on gravel road, 40 fine apple trees, no buildings. Price $1,200. The land 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 little River Rouge runs through the farm; ½ mile from electric road. Worth looking at. Take you to see it any day. Oh, yes, the price is right. Not a cent more. Farms not as good as this have sold within the past year, in the immediate vicinity, for $150.00 per acre. Let us talk this matter over. 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 first class of city residences. Cement walk (cost $200), and best neighborhood in the village. Will cost at least $2,000 to build today; ask any one to build it for less and we will show you. 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 summer residence. The place is held for more money, but make us an offer of $2,600 cash, and we will see what we can do for you.

208

Five acres and 4 good buildings, making a nice little home; also the little Village Store and Stores, school, church, etc., within 200 rods. The buildings cost more than the price we ask for the place, and are well worth looking at. The price is $1,500, and $200 cash will take care of it, and the balance you can pay at your leisure.

209

Five home with good barn on Townsend Street. Good cellar, house, plenty of fruit, and will be pleased to show you the place. It is finely situated for residence. Would cost $2,500 to build the house alone, and $2,200 will buy it if you make it worth the last. Owner is leaving town, and that's the reason.

211

Just an acre of land. Corner road that leads that way to popular some years ago, outlook. One Acre Farm, with a house on this acre. Good for little money. There's a house on this acre. Good little house, with 4 rooms, and a cellar. Possession given any time before April 1st. Will go into it if you come soon.

214

The premises formerly owned and occupied by the late G. C. Gibbs in the Township of Troy, buildings and some small buildings on the south side of the road with 20 acres of land can be bought for $2,000 if desired. Seventy acres on the north side of the road, with barns and all other necessary buildings, location exceptionally fine; is now rented for $200 per year. Will sell for $6,000 if you take out the east of the house and buildings. The house we sell reserving bring the land down by about 150 per acre. Take you to see it any time.

213

Fine little farm of about 75 acres in Royal Oak, on the line of the Rochester electric, 2 miles north of Royal Oak; fare 5c (Detroit 15c; good cellar; well 110 feet deep; 2 wells and never-failing spring creek; 2 bearing apple orchard; 2 buildings, insured for $1,200, and $4,000 will buy the place. Is a small mortgage which can run at the pleasure. 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 fishing, 4 miles from Birmingham; 75-rood house with furnace; fine lawn; excellent barn; 2 wells, never-failing; 2 acres of young peaches, 4 acres bearing peaches, and 4 acres apples, all mixed, which last year produced 3,000 bushels apples the past year. One mile north of Franklin. Daily mail and telephone. Price, $6,000; hot and cold water, cess-pool, hot-air furnace, 9 rooms beautifully finished in hard wood, large attic. Best of reasons for selling. Price $6,800. Let us show it to you any day—any time.

217

Farm of 80 acres on Section 1, Troy; 8 buildings, 4 acres beech and maple timber, 76 acres cleared, 3 acres orchard; 2½ miles from Rochester line D. U. R. Can be bought for $2,800, and that's only a trifle over $60 per acre. $1,000 cash will buy it, with the balance on long time at low rate of interest. Seems as if that ought to interest almost anybody.

219

Tidy little place for some one with moderate means. Corner Chestnut 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 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. That's fair.

222

Two-story tenement or terrace, on the east side of Woodward Avenue. Two 4-room 2-story houses of 8 rooms each. Furnace, water-closet, bath, hot and cold water, city water 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 185 feet deep; room for a nice garden; can live in one apartment and have a family income from the other. This is something to ponder over. Come and let us help you ponder. 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 stops in front; about 80 rods deep, with nice little creek (branch of the River Rouge) 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 your man 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 full particulars. Rather show it to you, though.

229

A pleasant and sightly farm of 71 acres in West Bloomfield, ¼ mile from the Northwestern electric; 3 acres orchard, 4 acres good timber, 8 buildings worth $3,000, and the price is $5,000—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 and drained, well watered; branch of River Rouge runs through the farm—never dry; ½ mile from good school; fine 2-story house, basement barn 32x70, other barn 30x36, two good wells, and $5,000 will buy it. Not enough to amply absorb all that I have to sell. One of the most desirable farms in the Township of Troy, and that's one of the best farms for fine farming in the world. Nuf Ced, will prove it to you if you'll let us.

231

Two-story, 7-room house in good repair; well sighted, cellar, fruit, etc. House would cost more than $1,000 to build—and that's all we ask for it. Opposite school house, between Merritt and Martha, on Chester Street. Terms easy.

232

Farm of 77½ acres, just outside the Village of Birmingham, on the D. & P. electric line; 15c fare to Detroit, half-hour service; land 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—at Jeffersonville, 1,000 feet on Lake St. Clair; 7 acres of apple orchard, splendid buildings. The price is very low.

234

A Farm of 77 acres, 60 rods from D. & P. electric line. All cleared, good buildings; 100 feet on Lake St. Clair. This farm can be purchased very cheap.

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 $100 cash you can do so, and then if you want to build a house it and are lacking in funds, come and see us about it, and we will make arrangements at low rates and easy terms.

239

Vacant lot on Woodward Avenue, on street car line, 50 feet front and 132 deep. One of the best building places on the most popular street in the 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 Flat; price $200, and will exchange for Detroit vacant.

240

Small house with lot 80x150, $1,000 cash. Larger house with lot 60x180 and all ordinary conveniences for $2,200, or will sell the whole outfit, both houses and about 2 acres of land, on south side of Maple Avenue, for $3,500.

241

Fine new house with all modern conveniences, within 300 feet of the west side of Woodward Avenue; 9 rooms, hard-wood finish; lot 56x100; plenty of fruit. You could not build the house for $3,000, 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 F. & P. M. R. R. Clay loam, good buildings valued at $5,000, and $8,000 will buy the farm if you come right 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 Flint electric, 10 miles to Saginaw, 25 miles to St. Charles and 32 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 small fruit, and within 300 feet alone cost $6,000—for $2,000 on easy terms, you'll 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 residence purposes on the very popular subdivision. Price $225, but there's a reason why we can't tell you why—it's between you. Come and let us take you to see the property.

246

One hundred and twenty-seven acres in the Township of Avon, five buildings worth $6,000, 7 acres of timber, 5 acres of orchard, well watered (Clinton river runs through the farm); no roads; 1½ miles from 120 Flint electric; 2 wells, 4 good wells, 2 good houses, 2 barns in good repair, mill and shop; 2 miles from Rochester electric; 1 mile of Rochester. Will trade for a small farm, or sell on easy terms. Price $8,000. Will go into it with a reasonable cash payment given any time before April 1st. Will 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 Maple Street. Good, substantial house, and a cosy home at a low price. Party has decided to go West and wants to sell badly enough to make it decided sacrifice. Ask the man at the bank about it.

248

Comfortable house, nearly new, in good location in Whitehead & Mitchell's Subdivision. House would cost more than $1,200 to build this year mistake; and we only ask $1,050 for the house and ½ lot. There is a shortage of 1000 which can run. The building is insured for $700. Owner lives in Detroit and wants to sell.

249

Nice, warm, old-fashioned house on the south side of Maple Avenue, among the best class of residences in the village. Plenty of room for a good garden, and can be bought for $1,200. 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 "Dandy!" House, barn and chicken house, with two acres of land on west side of Woodward, opposite Electric Park; known as "Elmcrest." Ten rooms, bath, toilet, two cellars, furnace room, good hot-air furnace, two sewers and manila, one of the best-equipped lot of buildings in the village, city water, drains, fine shade trees and beautiful lawn; buildings insured 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 exception, this is the finest location and the best lot of buildings on our list; 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, house 16x26, has kitchen and front and side; cherries, peaches, pears, crab apples—all bearing; can and will be completed for $1,400 by 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, 10 acres oak timber; price $6 per acre. Won't cost anything to investigate. We're ready to answer all questions you may ask, wise or otherwise.

253

Two hundred acres of sand and sandy loam, 40 acres of mixed timber, 30 acres cleared; two buildings (fair); cheap at the value. Price $10 per acre. In the Township of Big Prairie, County of Newaygo. And then we have 440 acres more, in the same township, with 5 buildings, 2½ acres of orchard, and 100 acres of mixed timber; all at $10 per acre. We'll just dare you to find better than this proposition, and you know what our opinion used to be at school regarding any "feller" that wouldn't "take a dare."

254

Eighty acres in the Township of Southfield, being the west ½ of the southeast ¼ of section 14. Part of the old John Erwin farm—and that is enough to convince any one that there is no better land in the famous Township of Southfield. Well, now; this land must be sold before the coming summer and the proceeds applied to the current support of the owner. If you want a good farm, with barn, fences, etc., and a good house, for a price which will cause you to sit up and take notice when we tell you, just call at the bank and ask the man.

255

One-hundred-acre farm in Royal Oak township, a mile west of State Station, on Rochester line D. U. R.; 8-room house; wind-mill supplies clear, cold spring water to all buildings; natural gas well supplies heat and light to all buildings (been running for 18 years); 7 good buildings, fine orchard, farm well fenced, row of fine maples along entire front, good roads, good neighborhood. Will exchange for Detroit improved property.

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 $2,800 to build today (house is 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 or balance.

257

Just what everybody wants! Don't wait a minute or you'll lose it. Fine house and barn, with 8 other good buildings, all nearly new, an acre of fine orchard, lots of small fruit; buildings insured for $2,800; 11 acres of excellent land, ½ mile from Flint Electric, an hour's ride from Detroit. Price $3,500; terms easy. Half mile east from school, church and stores. Take you to see it any old time.

JACK THE OLDEST DOG ALIVE.

He Was Born Nineteen Years Ago, But Refuses to Think of Dying.

Jack, a mongrel terrier, but a breed worth while, has been so used to fighting all his life that he will not die. Not he; he refuses to think of it, says the Boston Globe.

His father was a cross between an Irish terrier and a skye terrier and his mother a smooth-haired fox terrier. Glorious combination, a terrier of the terriers. He was born in Newton Lower Falls in March, 1889.

Bought for $5, his owner, to keep the peace in the family of Noah A. Plympton of Wellesley Hills, said that he had brought him home for the baby. One knows terms and on those alone was he admitted to the household, which he has ruled since to such an extent that the members are grateful that he does not know about the discussion which so nearly kept him from the place where he belonged.

Faithful, affectionate, good to look at, with his expressive eyes and shaggy hair, intelligent to a degree, good-tempered, though quick to resent an insult like the accident of having moved one's foot anywhere near him, Jack has been a cheering companion and a devoted friend.

And Jack has had the unique honor of being present at a Wellesley college function, to which no man ever has been admitted. He came home decked out with ribbons.

Clearly Complimentary.

A writer whose Christmas money perhaps ran short, and who is obviously trying to comfort himself with the thought that "her" birthday is yet to come, remarks that "the one kind of gift always acceptable to a woman is something anything, in cut glass." Is a wise saying, and one to be explained on the principle that like attracts like. She, like cut glass, reveals new beauties the longer one studies her.—Elsinore Press.

Ins and Outs.

"What's that noise?" asked the visitor in the apartment house.

"Probably some one in the dentist's apartment on the floor below getting a tooth out."

"But this seemed to come from the floor above."

"Ah! then it's probably the Popleys' baby getting a tooth in."

The Reason.

As Darwin was walking along the golden streets he came face to face with our first parent, who frowned and passed on. When the latter was asked why he cut Darwin, he explained: "That's the guy who tried to make a monkey of me."—Detroit News-Tribune.