UNCLE SAM'S PREPARATIONS TO COUNT YOU

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REAR OF THE REMARKABLE NEW CARD PUNCHING MACHINE.

THE NEWLY - PERFECTED TABULATING MACHINE.

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THE OLD STYLE TABULATOR WITH DIALS THAT REQUIRED TO BE RESET BY HAND

FOR the thirteenth time in his 130-year career Uncle Sam is getting ready to count noses. Census-taking will occupy all his energies in 1910, but even to-day he is getting ready for that Herculean task. It is the biggest thing the United States does once in every ten years, but to-day the system for its accomplishment has no peers anywhere in the world.

The reason is because America now has a permanent census bureau, one which is always making preparations for the next decade's count. The country's solons will go down into the public treasury this winter for $14,000,000 for the 1910 census, and of that sum, $1,500,000 is for maintainence of a permanent bureau.

Speaking in smaller figures, it costs the United States government 17 cents for counting each and every man, woman, boy and girl once in ten years. It costs just as much to count John D. Rockefeller as it does the lone immigrant from Norway who arrives at New York with $22 as a nucleus for his prospective fortune.

It is estimated that the population of this country has increased 20 per cent. since the last census was taken in 1900 and according to conservative guesses by men who are qualified to know the number of persons should total in the neighborhood of 90,000,000. As a consequence statisticians have arrived at the decision that in 1920 the population will touch the 100,000,000 mark.

The census of 1910 is to cost the people little more than that of 1900 for the reason that machines, which are wonderful in their makeup, have been invented by members of the census bureau and these do far greater work than the old style counting devices in use when the job was started nine years ago.

There are two styles of machines—one is the card punching device and the other, the tabulator. The first punches the holes in the census cards, which are arranged much as in the conventional card index. The wonderful tabulating machine then takes the pasteboards and solely by mechanical means adds, classifies and makes up totals from the cards, which pass through the device faster than the eye can follow them. Both machines are essential and each is dependent upon the other for success.

The new card punching machine, which is a great improvement upon the old system is an electrical contrivance. Hitherto the operator was compelled to play upon it like a typist, but to-day all that is necessary is to touch the key desired, press a lever and the machine keeps on punching cards as long as the power is kept on. The old hand puncher was capable of sending out 900 cards each day while the new automaton attains a speed of 3,500 and saves the operators' nerves.

Another feature of these new machines is that the United States will soon know after the cards have been turned in by the great army of statistic-gatherers, just where it stands on population.

Classification is also a great feature, divisions being made of whites, blacks, and other races, along with females, males, natives, foreigners, married and single persons.

One hundred and fifty of these new machines are in the process of construction for the census taking of 1910. Three thousand persons will do the clerical work in the government offices at Washington. So you see there is something to this census taking business.

Director North of the census declares that as soon as the incoming cards are punched he will be able to give to the country the total. The tabulating machines are now a closely guarded secret in a little machine shop at the census bureau offices in Washington and at last accounts the experts at work upon it were perfecting the details of its construction. It is a government invention and no one person gets the credit for it, but it will revolutionize the business of counting noses.

In other years Uncle Sam's work of taking a snap shot of his people was like a man in the hay and feed business jumping into a printing shop and trying to make good. The conditions each ten years were so much different from those of the decade previous that even though the same persons were given the care of the offices connected therewith, they found themselves at sea within a few days. Now, however, the permanent census bureau makes the counting of the population a business for all time with Uncle Sam and this gigantic job will be given the attention of his weather eye from day to day, though the fruits of the work will be thrust into the public gaze only once in ten years.

Men who are experts on taking the census of countries declare that the system by which the government will take the count in 1910 is admittedly a model which the whole world should follow, if it would be as up-to-date as this corner. Another project is on foot to-day which will greatly facilitate this census program. That is the erection of a permanent home for the population-counters. If congress allows Director North to erect such an edifice, it will be a specially constructed statistics manufacturing plant. In a communication to congress Director North sets forth his plans. He plans to expend the sum of $675,000 for the purchase of a site and for the six-story fireproof building upon which he is laying his program. This, he says, will provide ample accommodations for the 3,000 persons who are engaged in this work from year to year.

To-day, if you were to visit Washington, and wished to see the census bureau, you would be led to a one-story brick structure which was erected for the tabulation of statistics in 1900. One great space problem which the government faces is the storing of census reports and this took up just about all the room of the old structure, so that most of the clerks and other help had to be accommodated elsewhere. It was recently estimated that it would house just about one-fourth of the clerks needed for the census next year.

The great army of house-to-house canvassers who will count you and your family in 1910 are not as yet even estimated by Director North, but it is recorded that one man counts only about 10,000 persons, many of them counting less in the small space of time allotted to the tabulation.

Thousands upon thousands of extra men will be placed upon the payroll of the United States government next summer and shortly afterward this great counting process will be commenced. After the New Year the greatest problem which Director North faced was of getting enough money from congress to fully guarantee a complete count, which would fully set forth all that statisticians wished to know. The census budget was up before congress last year, but was turned over to the 1908-09 national legislature.

Lawmakers much regret that whereas the constitution of the United States requires that each ten years there be a complete, satisfactory census of all the souls in the country, no adequate plans were made when the republic was planted on this side of the Atlantic. For that reason every decade saw a hurry and scurry to count the population, great confusion, distress in some sections and general prevalence of conditions bordering on chaos. So, for more than a century it continued thus each year, for the preceding administration, it is stated, did not care about giving the next successful party anything upon which the caption of "spoils" might be hung, it is declared.

So nobody went after a real census system very strongly.

But modern ideas have been injected into the counting process and the gigantic move for a permanent bureau having succeeded, we are now to have a census which will enumerate, speedily, accurately and give results to the people in the shortest possible time. The establishment of a permanent bureau will also bring about the perfection of more accurate, faster and far better ideas at later dates. Each decade will see changes for the best, it is declared by those in power at Washington.

Cultivate the Open Mind.

President Eliot says the open mind is a fruit of culture. And it is likewise, a Christian virtue. The man with an open mind is an agreeable person. He is just and kindly. One can talk with him with pleasure, for one can be quite sure, if the mind is open, there is no prejudice, envy or ill-will there. The open mind is where the truth is welcomed, and where it is not tainted with meanness of any kind.

As a general thing, the more ignorant a person is the tighter is his mind closed. He thus becomes exceedingly absurd, and consequently pitiful. He loses influence and in time, respect. He likes to say his mind is made up, which means that the doors and windows of his soul are shut and no more light will be let in.

That is a bad situation for a person to get in. It is full of cold gloom, pessimism, and malign meditations; and stands in the way of the world getting better. And who wants to be such an obstruction?

A Noiseless City in Finland

Fancy a city of 35,000 inhabitants, guileless of street cars and omnibuses (the steam tram line from Franeker halts discreetly within the town), easily encompassed in an hour, for its singel, its old moat which it has not yet greatly overstepped, is not three miles in extent; a city without great noise or confusion save upon market days, and clean, quiet streets lined by low houses with shining windows, peopled by rosy-cheeked serving women, capped with gold and lace, and demurely dressed, grave faced citizens. Send red sailed boats to its very heart until masts are jumbled with electric light poles and church towers; plant densely foliaged trees beside its quays and a few iron railed flower beds in its open squares; give it a water girdle thronged with hundreds of boats, crossed by a few bridges and many little ferries—and you will see Leeuwarden.—Scribner's Magazine.

Too Frank.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon was discussing jocularly our society leader's claim that too many statesmen appear to rely on their ungoutishness—on the absence of socks, etc.—for their fame.

"I would point out," said he, "that neither Caesar nor Alexander wore socks, and if I attacked New York society as frankly as this person has attacked public life, I might—but, after all, perfect frankness is invariably a bad thing.

"You have heard, perhaps, of the young man who admired perfect frankness? Calling on a pretty girl he said:

"'If there is one thing that I reverence in this world, perfect frankness is that thing.'

"'Yes?' said the girl. 'Then I'll at once grasp the opportunity to urge you to shave off your mustache before you eat another soft-boiled egg.'"

Of Man.

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

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 ward Avenue, on the Pontiac electric line, one stall barn; modern conveniences. Furnace bath, closet, etc. Can be bought for what the buildings cost. Will exchange for unincumbered city property for portion of the purchase price.

55

Village lots on Woodward avenue bounden north by land of Mollie G. Smith, east by D. G. H. & R. Y. south by Power street, west by Woodward avenue. 165 feet front on Woodward Ave., 198 feet deep on north side and 66 feet on south side; all in the Village of Birmingham, Mich. One of the finest building sites in the village.

66

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

72

One lot on Saginaw street, just south of land swped by John German, 50 feet frontage. Anyone wishing to purchase will find this a bargain. For particulars inquire of Mollie G. Smith or at the Exchange Bank.

103

Eighty-acre farm in White Lake township, w ¼ 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, fair neighborhood; 4½ miles from Milford, 3 miles from Commerce; proposed electric road comes within a mile of the house. Price, $2,000.

147

Nice little home for someone of small means 18 acres in n w ¼ of n e ¼ of sec 34, township 2 of Troy, house 7 rooms, barn in good shape, well; both barn and house never dry. ¼ mile east of Rochester Electric fare to Detroit is 2, R. F. D. All cash and no grumbling will buy it at $999. 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 of sec. 31, Troy township; three buildings valued at $8,000 (insured for $7,000); fine soil adapted to barn; farm well adapted for stock or dairying; 1½ miles from electric at Troy Corners, where there are good schools and churches. Fare 1½ 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, Bradley, Shaw, Conklin, and others; 45 acres, nearly half of which is timber, and pretty little branch of River Rouge (never dry) runs through the place with giant elms and oaks overhanging. New building, good drainage, fine orchard of 2 acres, price is low, high. If you have the cream you must expect to pay for it.

178

Seven-room cottage on west side of Bates street, 46 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 ordinary conveniences. One of the best bargains we have. Know it to you say this.

180

Farm in Avon township; 52 acres of good clay loam, all cleared; small orchard; no old buildings of any amount down. For sale or exchange for small farm.

185

Corner lot, 100 feet front on Maple avenue 78 feet deep; one good building insured; plenty of small fruit. A bargain for $1,000, one-half cash down.

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; best of barn new; 2 buildings, fine orchard, 112 feet on Maple, 320 feet deep; plenty of room for chickens and garden; good barn, fine workshop—See! What else do you want, anyhow? Will sell house and 66 feet front by 150 feet deep for $2,800. One of our best bargains.

193

Thirty-five-acre fruit farm, 1¼ miles north on 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, 20 bushels blackberries, 111 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 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; 6 buildings, good house, basement, plenty of small fruit, orchard of 2 acres; excellent fruit; 2½ miles from Flint Division D. U. R. 2 wells and fine spring. Price $4,000.

Terms

Fifteen acres in Township of Royal Oak; on southwest corner, grove of maples in a pretty pasture; new land, well drained, clay bottom, black top soil; corner of the 9-mile road and Gardner road; ¼ mile east of electric road; adjoins J. L. Hudson and Duffield tracts, which are held at $500.00 per acre. Make us an offer. State fair grounds. Price $300 per acre; will exchange for Detroit property.

196

Six acres, part of s ½ of n e ¼ of section 34, Troy township; new barn, fair house, soil clay loam, fine bowling; 2 miles east of Flint electric road. Price, $2,000. Big Reason; good farm for somebody. Price $625.

198

Ten acres 1 mile east of Royal Oak village on select land, 40 fine apple trees, no buildings. Price $1,200. The place is well fenced, and the price is low for 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, fine soil, Rouge River flowing through the farm; ½ mile from Birmingham. Worth looking at. Take you to see it any day. Oh, yes; the price is $10,000, and the terms easy. Farms just as good as this have sold within the past year, in the immediate vicinity, for $150.00 per acre. Let us take you to see it. If it don't please you, and if you don't buy we don't grumble.

201

Fine 5-story residences on Maple Avenue, corner of High Street, by 50 feet, 120 feet deep; city water heater, hot and cold bath, toilet, city gas, fine cellars; every convenience. Will be a first-class of city residences. Cement walk (cost $200) and best neighborhood in town. House would cost at least $6,000 to build now, and we can build it for less and wee what they say. You can buy this beautiful home for $4,500, and have your own way about payments. Ask the man at the bank.

213

Fine little farm of about 75 acres in Royal Oak, on the line of the Rochester Electric, 3 miles north of Royal Oak; fare to Detroit 15c; price $3,000; will pay $200 cash and balance to suit purchaser. If you come right away we will consider an offer of $2,800, and if that is too high after we have been over the premises, we will introduce you to the owner and you can make your own terms, I'm sure.

222

Two-story tenement at Pontiac, on the east side of Woodward Avenue. Two distinct 2-story houses 8 rooms each. Furnace, water, gas, bath, hot and cold water, city water and gas; each independent of other apartment. Rents for $18 per month each. Forty dollars per month. We will insure and insurance. Good barn on the premises, and the lot is 70 feet front on the best frontage on Woodward, and 165 feet deep; room for a few garden; can be made into two lots, 35 feet front each, if desired. Price $4,000. Terms easy. Let us hear from the other. This is something to ponder over. Come and let us help you ponder. Years 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 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 full particulars. Rather show it to you, though.

229

A pleasant and sightly farm of 71 acres in West Bloomfield, 14 miles from the Northwestern electric; 3 acres orchard, 45 acres good timber, 4 buildings worth $2,000, and the price is $8,000—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 situated; 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 Marsh, on Chester Street. Terms easy.

232

Farm of 87½ 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.

241

Fine new house with all modern conveniences, within 300 feet of the west side of Woodward Avenue; 8 rooms, hard-wood finish; lot 66x190; plenty of fruit. You could not build the house for $8,000 and that's all we ask for the premises. Well worth looking at.

243

Farm of 160 acres, Saginaw county, 3 miles from Fergus Station, on the M. C. R'y. 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 3 miles of active coal mines, and there is a rich coal deposit under the entire farm; 6 miles to Chesaning; 16 miles to Owosso; 45 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 $3,000, 7 acres of timber, 5 acres of orchard; well watered (Clinton river runs through the farm); no marshland is 120 feet above the river; fine cedars, 4 wells, 2 good houses, 2 barns in good repair, well fenced, and only a mile from the thriving Village of Rochester. Will trade for a smaller farm or will consider an offer of $8,500, with $2,000 cash. Must trade. Take you to see it any old time at all.

247

House, barn, and also an acre of good garden land on north side of Adelide Street. Good, old-fashioned house, and a cozy home at a low price. 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 and tidiest homes in the village. Building 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 on balance.

260

Eight-room, 2-story house on Southfield Avenue, lot 9x176 on west side of street; cellar, well, 2 porches, fine stables, barn, carriage 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 in balance on easy terms.

262

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

264

Nine acres, no buildings, on south side of Willow Avenue, between Woodward and Pontiac (just outside of corporation), and $1,350 will buy it on easy terms.

265

Eighty-acre farm in Ionia county, Town of Easton. 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 $2,250; mortgage of $8,500, which can run; $2,500 cash will accomplish it. 2 miles from Ionia; 9-room white brick house; all kinds of fruit; no hills or waste land; excellent soil. This offer is good for 30 days only, so you'd better get busy.

248

Comfortable house, nearly new, in good location in Westwood & Milwaukee Subdivision. House would cost more than $1,000 to build this red-hot minute, and we only ask $1,050 for the house and two lots. There is a mortgage of $600 which can run. The building is insured for $700. Owner lives in Detroit and wants to sell.

249

Nice, warm, old-fashioned home on the south side of Maple Avenue, among the best class of residences in the village. Plenty of room for a good garden, and it can be bought for $1,500. Not 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 house, with two acres of land on westerly side of Woodward Avenue, opposite Pike Park, known as "Elmcrest." Ten rooms, bath, toilet, two cellars, furnace room, pipe and stove furnace, two grates and mantels, one of the best equipped lot of buildings in the village. Cement walk, drains, fine shade trees and beautiful lawn; buildings insured for $2,500. Mortgage of $3,000, 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 st. and the price is right.

251

House and lot in Campbell's Subdivision; corner lot 60x140, fine hedge on front and side, cellar, city and cistern water in the kitchen, fine verandas on front and side, cherry, plum, pears, crab apples—all bearing—and some smaller trees. $1,450 will buy it, and terms are easy. Just look it over and let us take a mill-maire to handle it. Come on.

252

Eight acres of land in Sauvage county, Michigan, listed "A. No. 1 sandy soil;" no buildings, 16 acres oak timber; price $6 per acre. Won't cost you a cent to look it over. Will be ready to answer all questions you may ask—wise or otherwise.

253

Two hundred acres of sand and sandy loam, 45 acres of mixed timber, 70 acres cleared; two buildings of little value. Price $10 per acre. Is in the Township of Frankenmuth, County of Newaygo. And then we have 640 acres more, in the same township, with 3 buildings, 100 acres of orchard and 100 acres of mixed timber; all at $10 per acre. Come and see us and we will show you into the 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. Nine rooms and barn, with 3 other good buildings, all nearly new, an acre of fine orchard, lots of small fruit; buildings insured for $2,300. 11 acres of excellent land, 40 miles from Flint Electric, an hour's ride from Detroit. Price $3,500; terms easy. Half mile out from good church and stores. Take you to see it any time.

258

Lots 23 and 24, Buell's Addition, Birmingham. Price $400 for both lots. Terms, $25 cash; balance on contract.

266

What would you think if we would offer you a fine modern house of 11 rooms, with toilet and bath room, (cost $2,500 to build when material was cheap,) lot 66x193, and a nice little barn, for $2,400? And terms easy at that? Well, we can do it. If you don't think the place is worth more money than we ask you to pay, we'll give you in about a minute if you will 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. Right now, we are of the opinion that this is one of the best bargains we have on our large

267

Forty acres on the line of the Flint electric, at Harris Corners, in Troy township. Excellent soil, clay loam, no waste; one of the prettiest locations for building a nice country residence. The place is held for more money, but will make us an offer of $2,600 cash, and we will see what we can do for you; or, will sell from one to 20 acres in any sort of parcel, or any part of the 40, at prices which cannot fail to interest you.

269

House and lot, east side Woodward Avenue; will exchange for other property; lot 105x97; house 6 rooms; small barn; large garden, some fruit. $1,000; buildings also insured for $800.

270

House and lot, west side of Ann Street; 3-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 $550. 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, 5 acres orchard; 2 buildings, valued at $7,000; hot and cold soft water, tubular boiler furnace, bath, toilet, water closet; grapes, peaches and apples in great abundance; 20 miles from Pontiac on D. U. R. electric. Prices and terms on application.

276

Farm of 160 acres, west of Birmingham; excellent soil, good buildings, fine location; 16 acres orchard, 30 acres timber; one of the finest farms in the country. Price low and terms. Take you to see it any day.

277

Farm of 160 acres in Southfield; gravelly loam and clay; 4 good buildings, 8 acres orchard, 40 acres oak timber; 1 mile from cheese factory and Village of Franklin; 3 miles from electric road; telephone. R. F. D., and $45 per acre will get it if sold before March 1. Postal will get full particulars, or we will take you to see it any time.

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How would you like a good big farm in Crawford county, Michigan, 640 acres, and the north branch of the Au Sable river runs across it, 90 acres cleared; 2 acres orchard, 2 buildings valued at $2,500; good house rods from the river; abundance of game and fish, fine climate, pure air, school house on the same section; no flies; settlers in the township; ideal place for club buildings for hunting and fishing. Price $15 per acre; terms easy, and we will take some stock in a corporation to buy it. A postal will bring full particulars, photographs and map.

Big Game Fees.

In the German possessions in Africa a permit to shoot costs $205; special permission is required to kill more than two giraffes, four rhinoceroses, and six zebras. In the case of elephant shooting, the authorities must be given one tusk from each animal killed. The hunter receives a small payment if he shoots a lion, panther, wild boar, or hyena. A permit to kill gazelles, antelopes, and monkeys costs only ten dollars.

Tolstoi's Work for Charity.

As a writer for charities, Count Tolstoy comes out an easy first. The profits from almost his first complete book, "What Myst We Do Then?" were devoted to relieving the poverty of the dwellers in the Moscow slums, and since then he has consistently refused to benefit in any way whatsoever by the sale of his numerous works, preferring to devote all the proceeds to philanthropic purposes.

Dog's "Constitutional."

There is a coach dog belonging to one of the car barns up town that takes a constitutional when they let him out. He runs ahead of the Broadway car from the barn to the Battery, returning with the car. That satisfies him. Then he returns to the barn and loafs during the rest of the day.—New York Press.

Bright Boy!

"James, my son, take this letter to the post office and pay the postage for it." After a little while the boy James returns highly elated and says: "Father, I seed a lot of men putting letters in a little place, and, when no one was looking, I slipped yours in for nothing!"

A Sound Sleep.

"Morning! morning!" said paterfamilias, gently as he entered the breakfast room. "I've had a splendid night. Slept like a top!" His wife agreed with him. "You did," she responded, grimly—"like a humming top!"

An Opinion.

The advertising theologians are still pouring forth floods of oratory on the end of the world, though they differ, at great length, as to the method of its final destruction. Our private opinion is that it will be talked to death.—London Opinion.

Lured by Hope of Wealth.

The yellow desert stretching eastward from Luderitz bay in German southwest Africa has become a great attraction, though a few months ago its monotonous sand dunes were hateful and depressing. Diamonds have been found there and a new mining fever is raging. Men are thronging where till now wild beasts have held undisputed sway.

Long Voyage in Small Boat.

A paddle-wheel steamboat which draws but 4½ feet of water is making the perilous ocean voyage from England to the west coast of Africa, where it will be used on a shallow river.

Increases Liquor Duties.

The British government has increased the duties on spirits for Sierra Leone 25 per cent. In response to the agitation concerning liquor traffic in Africa.