The World's Greatest Disaster

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THERE WERE SCENES OF INDESCRIBABLE HORROR

ROME, ITALY.—For 20 years I have been an American correspondent in this city, but until the disaster which befell Calabria and Sicily, when, on the morning of December 28, 1908, the worst earthquake or other disaster which the world has ever known killed scores of thousands, it had never been my lot to even shudder over a calamity. Hardened as I was to catastrophes, the piteous sights which met my gaze at Messina, Reggio and other cities more than once drew tears to my eyes.

It was my good fortune to be one of the members of the party of King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena, when the ruler visited the stricken district, and many times both the monarch and his consort broke down completely upon viewing the awful sights which followed the earthquakes, fires and tidal wave.

Survivors were raving maniacs and they roved the brick-strewn streets, in many instances nude.

The stories told by unfortunate refugees who retained their senses were almost unbelievable. A soldier named Emilio de Castro was in the military hospital. He was awakened by a tremendous roaring sound. He felt himself falling and thought he was in the grip of a nightmare. It seemed to him that he had awakened in hell, for the air was filled with terrifying shrieks. He soon realized, however, what was happening. His bed struck the floor below, and he was still on it. It paused a moment and was again precipitated. He struck the next floor but this gave way at once, and thus the man and bed came down from the fifth floor of the hospital to the ground. The soldier was not injured.

A druggist named Pulco relates that at 25 minutes past five Monday morning he was on a ferryboat in the port of Messina going to Reggio. Suddenly a gale of wind arose, bringing a heavy sea with it. Then a great chasm seemed to open in the water and the boat went down and struck the bottom. But the waters closed in again and the ferryboat floated safely on top of the succeeding wave. Most of the people on board, however, were swept off and drowned. The boat was badly wrecked but it floated ashore. Pulco was still on board. After the first panic he landed and found Reggio like a city of the dead. Nobody was moving in the streets, and the silence was broken only by the moans and groans and shrieks of the wounded. Pulco and several companions tried to extricate some wounded from the wreckage, but this was almost impossible because of the crumbling ruins. In one of the squares Pulco found a group of people all completely naked. One old man was carrying a little girl in his arms. The child was covered with blood. "Is that your child?" he was asked. "No," he replied. "Yesterday I found her on the pavement in Messina. I picked her up and cared for her. No one claimed her and I could not abandon her. I have had her in my arms ever since." With this touching explanation the old man became oblivious to his questioner and everything around him.

The Serpin brought into the port of Naples records of numberless tragedies. Families separated; mothers moaning and crying for their dead children; husbands and wives lost to each other, or a sole survivor wishing that he had not been spared. There was one girl on board the steamer, her clothing tattered and torn, who had saved a canary bird. She was a music hall singer, and had clung to her pet throughout the terrible scenes of devastation. The bird was the only happy thing on board the vessel.

One of the Messina doctors was sleeping in a room on the third floor when the first shock came, and saved himself by gripping the roof of a neighboring house.

A ferryboat moored at one of the docks seemed suddenly to be thrown high into the air. It landed on top of the dock safely.

The nerves of the unfortunates were in such a condition that at the least noise they were prone to rush screaming from their rooms, seeking the open streets. Signor Birot, the mayor of Brescia, in Lombardy, was stopping at the Hôtel Trinacria, in Messina, and was hurried under the ruins of the building for five hours. Finally several persons approached the place where he lay, but at that moment a fresh shock put them to flight. Eventually a body of sailors extricated him unconscious and took him aboard a ship.

A young doctor named Rossa at Messina, gives a vivid account of his experiences. "Suddenly the profound silence was broken by an extraordinary noise like the bursting of a thousand bombs," he says. "This was followed by a rushing and torrential rain. Then I heard a sinister whistling sound that I can liken to a thousand red hot iron rods hissing in water. Suddenly there came violent rhythmic movements of the earth and the crashing down of nearby walls made me realize the awful fact of the earthquake. Falling glass, bursting roofs and a thick cloud of dust added to the horror of the situation, while the extraordinary double movement, rising and falling at the same time, crumbled walls and imperilled my life. I rushed into the room where my mother and sister were and with a rope, which fortunately I had with me, I succeeded in rescuing them. I was also successful in getting out of the house a number of other persons who had given themselves up for lost. Then some soldiers came and helped me, and together we dragged forth several women and children from the tottering walls of a half destroyed palace near by. A few seconds later this building was entirely destroyed. There were sceges of indescribable horror in the streets and squares through which my party made its way. We finally gained the open country."

Another survivor of Messina said:

"The first thing I knew I was thrown out of bed. Then the floor of my room collapsed and I fell into the apartment under me. Here I found a distracted woman searching for her sister and son, whom she found dead. We remained in the ruins for 24 hours, entirely alone, without food or drink. We made a rough shelter of boards to keep the rain off. Our ears were assailed with the cries and moans of the wounded. These sounds abated somewhat during Monday night. Still no one came to our assistance. We were as in a tomb, with the dead bodies of our children beside us. We could see no one, but every time sounds were heard from the street there would come an outburst of piercing cries for help from the injured hidden and pinned down in the wreckage."

This refugee lost his two children. He arrived in Rome half clad and covered with dust and burns. His wife was clothed in little else than an old counterpane.

THE MAN LAY IN THIS POSITION FOR FIVE HOURS

"I FELL INTO THE APARTMENT UNDER ME."

The station master at Reggio says that immediately after the first shock a chasm 80 feet wide was opened in the earth. From this there gushed forth a flood of boiling water, some jets rising to the height of an ordinary house. Many injured persons who were in this vicinity were horribly scalded by the flowing stream.

Paolo Rizo, the mayor of Capriolo, was in Messina on a pleasure trip that fateful Monday morning. He was awakened by the fearful roar of the first shock. The floor of his room fell, and, half unconscious, he was precipitated into a mass of rubbish. His body lodged in a niche in a wall, and he was pinned down by a heavy beam, his face being covered by a carpet that threatened to suffocate him. He managed to move the carpet with his teeth until he made an opening in the folds through which he could breathe. The man lay in this position for five hours, expecting death at any moment. Had it been possible, he says, he would have committed suicide.

The Marquis Vincenzo Genoese of Palmi was awakened by a tremendous roar and a severe shock. It seemed as though the house was whirling round, like the wings of a windmill.

At Messina a frightful scene occurred amid the ruins of the customs house. The first of the searchers who were successful were attacked by others with revolvers and knives, and were obliged to defend their finds literally with their lives. The struggle was fierce. The famished men threw themselves upon each other like wolves and several fell disemboweled in defending a handful of dry beans or a few ounces of flour. One of the unfortunates was pinned to a plank by a knife, while clinging to his hand was his little child, for whom he had sought food.

BREAKFAST, SOCIAL FUNCTION

At One Time Particularly English Form of Entertainment.

The customary breakfast given at the opening of the legal term by the lord chancellor in the house of lords to about three hundred guests is an institution which goes back to the days of the versatile Brougham. For the last 40 years it has been held in the house of lords, but at an earlier date it was given in the lord chancellor's residence. It is a relic of the times when breakfast was a great social function.

Many other great men had what may be termed the breakfast habit. Thus Mr. Gladstone was a regular giver of breakfasts and a constant attendant at them when given by others. Of recent years, however, the breakfast has fallen into desuetude as a social function, except at the universities, where young men are still found who are capable of consuming three or four courses and the while maintaining a genial flow of elegant conversation.

Recently an attempt has been made to revive the breakfast. Thus the king in 1907, at Newmarket, issued several invitations to breakfast parties. To our ancestors the meat was a solid one, of manly dishes of meat, qualified by sack possets or small beer, the ancient equivalent of soda water. Tea was not known, and coffee was only to be found in the medieval analogue the modern museum.—Tit-Bits.

Armenia is a country of strong contrasts, of opposite extremes, of heat and cold, light and shade, drought and moisture, and contains many mysteries awaiting solution. The ethnologist is still in doubt as to what branch of the great European family the Armenian people belong to; the philologist has not yet classified their language, the antiquarian knows not the history.

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 building cost. Will exchange for improved city property for portion of the purchase price.

65

Village lots on Woodward avenue bounded north by land of Mollie G. Smith, east by G. H. & D. R.R., south by Beers' road, west by Woodward avenue, 100 feet front on Woodward avenue, 278 feet deep on north side and 140 feet on south side, all in the Village of Birmingham, Mich. One of the finest building sites in the village.

66

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

77

One set on Saginaw street, just south of land owned by John 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 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.) Five acres of good orchard, house of 7 rooms, good neighborhood; 4½ miles from Milford, 8 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 1½ acres in s w ¼ of n e ¼ of sec. 32, township of Troy, house 7 rooms, barn in good shape, well, best barn and house never dry. ¼ mile east a Rochester Electric fare to Detroit price $1,800. All cash and no grumbling will buy it at Troy. 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 of sec. 17, Troy township; three buildings valued at $8,000 (insured for $7,700); flowing 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 15c to Detroit; $60 per acre.

No. 171

Finest building site between Birmingham and Pontiac on electric railway. Just north of Birmingham, among the country homes of such men as Booth, Barbour, Rodiger, Brady, Shaw, Conklin, and others; 43 acres, nearly half of which is timber, and pretty little branch of River Rouge (never dry) runs through the place with grand pines and oaks overhanging. Fine building and 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, 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 sehed, 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; must be sold down. For sale or exchange for small farm.

185

Corner lot, 100 feet front on Maple avenue, 92 feet deep; one good building, inserted; plenty of small fruit. A bargain for $1,800, 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, better than new; 2 buildings, fine orchard; 112 feet on Maple, 320 feet deep; plenty of room for chickens and garden; barn, fine workshop—Ford size. What else do you want, anyhow? Will sell house and 12 feet front by 150 feet deep for $3,800. One of our best bargains.

193

Thirty-five-acre fruit farm, 1¼ miles north on Birmingham, on the town line; 6 buildings, insured for $1,600. All kinds of soil—clay, gravel, sand and dark loam. Last year this farm produced 125 bushels raspberries, 30 bushels blackberries, 111 bushels strawberries, 10 tons hay, etc. A grevel 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; 5 buildings, good house, basement barn, granary and small fruit, cleared and in excellent fruit; 2½ miles from Flint Division D. U. R.; 2 wells and fine spring. Price $4,800.

195

Fifteen acres in Township of Royal Oak; unbuilding; small grove of maples in a pretty pasture; new land, well drained, clay bottom, black loam soil; corner of the 2½-mile road and Campbell road, ¼ mile east of electric road; adjoins J. L. Hudson and Duffield tracts, which are held at $500.00 per acre; 10 minutes' walk to Star Clay grounds. Price $300 per acre; will exchange for Detroit property.

196

Six acres, part of s w 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. Price $625. Big Heaver good for somebody.

198

Ten acres 1 mile east of Royal Oak village on sellers 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, all under fine fence, fine orchard, flowing well; pretty little River Rouge runs through the farm; ½ mile from Birmingham, North Side of M. C. Take you to see it any day. Oh, yes; the price is $15,000, and the terms easy. Farms are not for this have and wishis the past year, in the immediate vicinity, for $150.00 per acre. Let us take you to see it; we will please you, and if we don't buy we won't grumble.

201

Fine 5-story residence on Maple Avenue, corner of High Street, 50 feet front, 132 feet deep; hot water heater, hot and cold bath, toilet, city gas, city water, all conveniences; 2 buildings in rear, inclose of city residences. Cement walk (cost $900) and fine neighborhood in general. House cost at least $3,000 to build today; ask any one to build it for you and see what they say. We can buy this beautiful home for $2,800, and have your own way about payments. Ask the man at the bank.

213

Fine little farm of about 75 acres 18 Royal Oak, on the line of the Southfield road, 2 miles south of Royal Oak; fare to Detroit 15c; good cellars; will fill 100 acres with water; new barn, 36 feet long, apple orchard; 3 buildings, insured for $1,275, and $4,000 will buy it, subject to a small mortgage, which can run at 5 years. Will exchange for improved Detroit city property.

216

A new, modern dwelling, constructed by a well-known builder for his own use, from best concrete blocks, and for sale at a sacrifice. Finest and best location in our village; lot 60x100 feet; 11 large apple trees; bath, water-closet, hot and cold water, set tubs, cement floors, basement beautifully finished in hard wood, large attic. Best of everything. Price only $3,800. Let us show it to you any day—any time.

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; but we will price and advancing all along the lines in that location. If you can get right away we will consider an offer of $1,800, 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. Fun.

222

Two-story basement or terrace, on the east side of Woodward, and 138 feet deep, with a frontage of 2 rooms each. Furnace, water-closet, bath, hot and cold water, city water and gas, and all other modern conveniences. Rents for $12 per month cash. Forty dollars per year will pay all taxes and insurance. Good lease on the property, and the lot is 70 feet front on the best front on Woodward, and 138 feet deep. Here is a nice garden; can live in one apartment and have enough room for the other. Think seriously and ponder over. Come and let us help you ponder. Drawers at your service. If you can't call, write.

Of Man.

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

227

Five acres just outside of the corporation limits of Birmingham, about 10 rods frontage on Woodward avenue, 2 acres good timber, 4 buildings, 3 acres in front; about 30 rods deep, with nice little brook in the rear. Will sell for $2,000 cash, or on the installment plan. Finest location in the county for a nice little chicken farm. Only a half hour's ride to suit yourself, and have one of the finest homes about; many of the best people in Bloomfield District. Postal card request will bring prices and particulars. Rather cheap it to you, though.

229

A pleasant and sightly farm of 71 acres in West Bloomfield, 14 mile from the Northwestern electric road; 50 acres good timber, 4 buildings, insured for $2,000, and the price is $4,000—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 cistern, cellar, fruit, etc. House would cost more than $1,500 to build, and that's all we ask for it. Opposite school house, between Merritt and Marble, on Chester Street. Terms easy.

232

Farm of 57¾ acres, just outside the Village of Birmingham, on the D. & F. 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 66x100; 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 M. C. Ry. 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; 4½ miles St. Charles and 23 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 is 120 feet above the river; fine cedars, 4 wells, 3 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 one-third cash. Take you to see it any old time at all.

247

House, barn, and all on an acre of good garden land on north side of Audrie 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 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 residence streets. Modern 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 on balance.

260

Eight-room, 2-story house on Southfield Avenue, 1st Walk 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 big 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.

2064

Nine acres, no buildings, on south side of Willow Avenue, between Woodward and Pierce (outside of corporation), and $1,850 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. Has buildings insured for $2,250 mortgage of $6,500, which can run; $7,500 cash will handle balance. 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 Whitehead & Mitchell's 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 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 it can be bought for $1,500. No! 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 "Beaner!" House, barn, and chicken house, 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 grates and mantels, one of the best equipped lot of buildings in the village. Lawn, grass, grapes, fine shade trees and beautiful lawn; buildings insured for $4,000. $5,500 cash will handle the balance of purchase price can be had on long time and low rate of interest. If you are not interested, this is the finest location and the best lot of buildings on our set, and the price is right.

251

House and lot in Campbell's Subdivision; corner lot 60x110, fine garden and fruit of all kinds, and sisters would like to sell at once. Fine veranda on front and side; cherries, peaches, pears, crab apples. Lot is high and sightly; cellar, sewer, etc. We will buy it, and terms can be made so that it won't take a mills-mare to handle it. Come on.

252

Eight acres of land in Northville township, Michigan, listed "A No.; sandy soil;" no buildings, 18 acres oak timber; price $400 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 of little value. Price $4,000. Terms. Is in the Township of Big Prairie, County of Newaygo. And then we have still more, in the same township, with 5 buildings, 5% acres orchard and 100 acres of mixed timber; all at $10 per acre. We will dare you to look up the properties—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; buildings insured for $2,900; 11 acres of excellent land, 1½ miles from Flint Electric, an hour's ride from Detroit. Price $3,500; terms easy. Half mile east from school church and corner. Take you to see it any old time.

205

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

266

What could you think if we would offer you a fine modern room of 11 rooms, with toilet and bath room, (cost $2,500 to build when materials are cheap,) for $1,600, and a nice little barn, for $1,600? And terms easy at that. Well, we can do it. If you don't think it is a snap, and much more than we ask for it, we will convince you in about a minute. Come and see us at the bank and ask for Sam. The property is located in the Village of Birmingham, on the corner, and is 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. Excellent soil, clay loam, no waste; one of the pleasantest locations for building a nice country residence. The place is held for more money, but makes us an offer of $2,000 cash, and we will see what we can do for you; we 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 100x87; house 6 rooms; cellar, barn, large garden, some fruit; $1,000; buildings are insured for $800.

270

House and lot, west side of Ann Street; 7-story frame cottage, cement-block foundation, 2 cisterns and cellar; one block from Woodward Avenue; $1,962; 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 scotch and boiler, complete with all fixtures, for $350. 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 $3,200 on easy terms.

274

Nice little country place for some one of small means. House, barn, and all necessary outbuildings with 3 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; 16 acres timber, 5 acres orchard; 2 buildings, valued at $7,000; hot and cold soft water, tubing, hot-air furnace, bath, toilet, water closet; grapes, peaches and apples in great abundance; one mile 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, 6 acres orchard, 40 acres oak timber; 1 mile to fine cheese factory and Village of Franklin; 2½ 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 at any time.

278

How would you like a good big farm in Crawford county, Michigan; 340 acres, and the north branch of the Au Sable river runs across it. 90 acres cleared; 2 acres orchard; 2 buildings valued at $3,500; good house 8 rods from the river; abundance of game and fish; fine cedars, pure air, school house on the same section; only four settlers in the township; ideal place for duck hunting and 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 Must We Do Then?" were devoted to relieving the poverty of the jewellers in the Moscow Arbume, 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 Dutch 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 needed 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, genially, 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.