THE GOULDS

A STUDY OF AN AMERICAN FAMILY.

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MRS GOULD AND MISS GLORIA

WE LEARN from the scientists of the census bureau and others who have made a study of that interesting but erratic bird, the stork, that its favorite habitat is in the palaces of the rich, and that in no other place in the world is it more seldom seen than along Fifth avenue.

The home of Mr. George J. Gould, however, is an exception to this rule. Seven times the domestic bird has visited and blessed that abode, each time leaving a baby so strong and lusty, so big and beautiful, that it fully justified the fond parents' declaration that it was the finest child ever born. Better still, the Gould children have grown up to be almost perfect specimens of physical health, and they are so intelligent and so natural and unaffected in character that it seems worth while to tell how this result has been accomplished, and how a wise father and mother have enabled their children to lead the simple life in the midst of millions and a luxury that makes that of the fabled Sybarites look like a makeshift with which one could get along if one had to.

When you want to dive into the heart of a mystery the French shrug their shoulders and spread out their hands, and say: "Cherchez la femme." If you desire to find the key to any family situation and know why the children of the household are what they are—virile or weakly, sturdy little men and women or flabby jellyfish, potential citizens of worth or mere cumberers of the ground—you must act as if the old French adage read: "Cherchez la mere."

It is the mother that counts where children are concerned, and so I sought out Mrs. George J. Gould, and asked her for her recipe for bringing up a family. I found her in their magnificent suite of apartments at the Plaza hotel, surrounded, like Cornelia, by her jewels. There was her daughter Marjorie, a lovely, slim slip of a girl, one of the debutantes and belles of the season, come in to tell of the delights of the ball of the night before. There was Edith, a sturdy little miss of seven, hanging upon her mother's shoulder. There was George, a shy lad of 12, poking his head in between the portieres from time to time. The other children were absent, and a motor was being sent to her school for Vivian, and another to Columbia university for Kingdon and Jay, for the day was bitter cold and snowy. Baby Gloria, who is only two and a half years old, was spending the winter at Georgian Court with her grandmother, and trinkets were being got ready to send to her there.

The room itself was a very temple of motherhood, for its empire tone had been ruthlessly sacrificed before family affection and love of things homelike, and everywhere on walls and mantles and tables there were photographs of the children—Jay in tennis flannels when he won the championship of the world, Kingdon with his first mustache, marvelously like a young edition of the kaiser, Marjorie in her debutante gown, and baby pictures innumerable.

In the midst of all this evidence of a mother's brooding love sat Mrs. Gould, a radiant figure in trailing pale-blue silk, as young looking almost as her own daughter, and I thought that if I were an artist I should like to paint her as a triumphant modern Madonna, a woman to whom motherhood has brought nothing but joy, and whose children are her crown of happiness. She has had all that women crave, has this woman, who is a darling of the gods. First she had success and fame, which she won by her own genius; then she was given love and marriage and enormous wealth and high social position. She has beauty that is still undimmed, but the best that life has given her is her children, and it is good to hear her say so.

"My acquaintances have sometimes pitied me," she said with a smile, "because I have had so many babies, but I have not one child too many. I have never had a child that I did not want, or that has not found a warm welcome waiting for it. I think that is one reason why my children have all been so strong and have had such serene dispositions.

"I have felt the responsibilities of motherhood, too, and have tried to give my children as good a start as possible by giving them sound bodies.

MISS VIVIAN GOULD

GEORGE J. GOULD, JR.

Before they were born I took every care of my own health and lived as much as possible in the open air. Before Edith was born I spent months on our yacht cruising around, as it was summer, in fact, she was born at sea. Then I have nursed my babies myself, except twice when illness rendered it impossible for me to do so. I do not believe in sterilized milk nor patent baby-foods. A baby is like a little puppy. If you want it to grow fine and strong and fat, you must give it the right start, and nothing has yet been discovered that takes the place of the food that nature intended for a child.

"In raising my children my plan has been to bring them up to be simple and hardy. Not one of my children has ever had on a stitch of flannel, not even a flannel petticoat. They have worn wraps when they go out of doors, but in the house they wear little socks and low-necked and short-sleeved cotton or woolen clothes. They live also on the simplest and plainest food—cereals and eggs, tender steaks and good roast meat, with plenty of vegetables and fruit, and the simplest sort of dessert when they have any at all. No pies and pastry, and no nibbling at candy all day for them. I also put great stress on absolute regularity in eating, and no matter who else waits, the children have their meals exactly on the stroke of the clock.

"We are a very domestic family, and the children have their breakfast and lunch, which is really their dinner, with Mr. Gould and myself, but until they are 16 years old they have their supper at a little after six o'clock, and only have something very light to eat. They never come to dinner, unless upon their birthdays it is permitted as a great treat. Why, Marjorie never came to dinner regularly until last year, and she is still so attached to the nursery tea that when we are down at Georgian Court she often eats with the children by preference.

"Of course I have so many other duties that it is not possible for me to be always with my babies, and so I kept a trained nurse for each one until he or she was two and a half years old, and past the teething time; but there is never a night, even to this day, that I do not go into each room the last thing before going to bed, and tuck the covers down with my own hands, good and tight around each child. And I have nursed every one of my children with my own hands when they were sick. I had trained nurses, of course, but I sat up with the sick child, too. When Marjorie had that fearful spell of scarlet fever in France the summer before last, and when it seemed utterly impossible for her to dinner, unless Jay and I never left her day or night for weeks. The doctors said that it was the most malignant case they ever saw, and that nothing but her marvelous strength pulled her through. They said that if she had been a French girl she certainly would have died.

"I believe that the chief thing about raising children up to be well and strong is to bring them up in the country where they can have plenty of fresh air and room for exercise and freedom. It was for the benefit of our children that we went down to Lakewood and built Georgian Court. The second floor of the house is devised especially for the children, and the summer room there is for the baby and the next smallest for the expanse, and we's always had great times and ceremonies when the reigning monarch had to give way for a new king or queen of the nursery and have his or her little belongings packed up and moved on.

"Everything has been sacrificed for the good of the children. For ten years we lived at Georgian Court only in the winter, and took the babies every summer up to the quietest and dullest little place in the world in the Catskills, ten miles from anywhere.

"At Georgian Court we provided every sort of diversion for our children to encourage them in athletic sports. We have a polo-ground, and a riding-ring, and tennis and squash-courts, and the children have their ponies and ride and drive a great deal. The boys were particularly interested in polo, and Kingdon, my oldest son, at 15 was considered one of the best polo players in this country. Jay was also a fine player, but after Kingdon went to Columbia the game was somewhat broken up; so as there was a fine professional tennis-player at Lakewood he took up court tennis instead. It is a game that requires unusual strength and quickness of motion, but he soon became so expert at it that when he was 17 he won the American championship, and when he was 18 he carried off the English championship, which is, of course, the championship of the world.

KINGDON GOULD

MISS MARJORIE GOULD

THE MISSES EDITH AND GLORIA

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"Neither Sir Gould nor myself is an advocate of boarding-schools. We believe that the very best associations that children can have during the formative years of their lives are home associations, and that no guardianship is equal to the loving watchfulness of a father and mother. Therefore, we have kept our children right in the home nest, and have had them educated by tutors and governesses.

"In educating the children we have tried to develop each one along the line of his or her own natural bent. For instance, Marjorie adores reading, particular poetry and romance. She is a good musician and, as I said, speaks four languages; but she does not care for what you might call the drudgery of study, and I have not insisted her with it. But Vivian has a profound mind. She loves to study and to delve into deep subjects.

"I am very proud of my two big boys. They are clever, and they are strong, manly boys, and best of all, in a mother's eyes, they are good boys. Neither of them has ever caused me a moment's uneasiness or a single heartache. Kingdon is 21 and Jay is 20, and neither of them smokes or has ever tasted liquor. Not that I am a prohibitionist at all, or have ever tried especially to keep such things away from them, but they just have no desire for stimulants. And that, I take it, is about the best indication of their health and strength, as well as a vindication of my method of raising children, for after all, it's the healthy body that gives a healthy mind and healthy impulses, isn't it?"

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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 56 feet front and 30 rods deep on Main St., Plymouth; built new in 1907 and every modern convenience. Furnace, bath, closets, etc. One to be bought for less than it can be built for. Terms to suit purchaser. Address or call at premises for particulars of the purchase price.

66

Village boulevard lot, corner of Maple and Southfield roads, one mile south of Birmingham, Mich. One of the finest building sites in the village.

77

Cozy cottage, new, just south of land owned by Jake Dorman, 30 feet frontage, that one wishing to purchase will find this a bargain. For particulars inquire of Willis G. Smith or at the Exchange Bank.

147

Five little homes for someone of small means (\$1,000 to \$1,500) on Lot 7, Block 2, Supervisor's Plat of Royal Oak, 1½ miles from Birmingham. Two houses of 3 rooms each, one of 4 rooms, one of 5 rooms, one of 6 rooms; barn in good shape; well and well barn and house; never dry. 1 mile east of Rochester Electric; fare to Detroit 15c; R. F. D. All of us are so grumbling will buy it at \$900. Hurry up!

No. 167

Wants to trade for 80 or 60 acres on or near electric. 10 acres in Section 1, Royal Oak Township, west N. 800 ft. Troy township, three buildings valued at \$6,000 (insured for \$4,700); flowing well and barn; farm well adapted for stock and dairy; 1½ miles from electric at Troy Corners, where there are good schools and churches. Pure fit to Detroit; \$60 per acre.

178

Seven-room cottage on west side of Burton street, 42 feet front, 120 feet deep. Do you think you could build the house for \$1,200, and that's all we ask for it. City water, wood shed, cellar, all modern conveniences. One of the best bargains we have. Show it to you any time.

180

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

168

One of the best-arranged and finest-equipped residences in the village, and in absolutely the best location in Birmingham, on the two 8-rod roads 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; good barn, fine outlook—you'll like what we do you want, anyhow! Will sell house and lot 112 feet front by 150 feet deep for \$5,200. One of our best bargains.

193

Thirty-five-acre fruit farm, 194 miles north of Birmingham, on the two 8-rod roads; 2 buildings, insured for \$1,500. All kinds of soil—clay, gravel, sand and dark loam. Last year this farm produced 128 bushels raspberries, 30 bushels black berries, 111 bushels strawberries, 10 tons hay, etc. A great deal of rock in fields, with an almost inexhaustable supply of gravel; is worth almost the price of the farm alone. No waste land and all under a high state of cultivation. Worth looking at anyhow. Price \$5,000; terms easy.

194

Fifty acres in Township of Troy, adjoining the Joy Stock Farm; 3 buildings, good house, basement barn, plenty of small fruit; orchard of apple trees, 9 miles from Flint Division D. U. R. 8 rods and fine spring. Price \$4,000.

199

Fifteen acres in Township of Royal Oak; no buildings on it; a group of apples in a very choice variety; new land, well drained, clay bottom; black top soil; 2 miles from Royal Oak and Ferndale road, ¼ mile east of electric road; adjoins F. L. Hudson and Duffield tracts, which are held at \$500.00 per acre; only 9 miles north of State Fair grounds. Price \$300 per acre, will exchange for Detroit property.

198

Ten acres 1 mile east of Royal Oak village on Nelson land, 40 fine apple trees, no buildings. Price \$1,200. Will take \$100 off for fencing, and this price will enable you to build the kind of house you may require.

201

Fine 3-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 best class of city residences. Cement walk (cost \$200) and neighborhood all new lawn. House would cost at least \$8,000 to build today; ask any one to build it for you and see what they say. You can buy this beautiful home for \$6,800, and have your own way about payments. Ask the man at the bank.

219

Tidy little place for some one with moderate means, on Corner Chestnut and Palm, Campbell Addition. Lot worth at least \$500, and the house is worth at least \$1,200, and prices are advancing all along the lines in that location. Rent some right away we will consider an offer of \$1,000, and if that is too high after we have had it two or three months, we will introduce you to the owner and you can make your own terms. Eq.

222

Two-story tenement or terrace, on the east side of Woodward Avenue. Two distinct 5-story tenements of 4 rooms and bath, water-closet and bath, hot and cold water, city water and gas; each independent of other tenement. Rents for \$15 per month each. Forty dollars per year will pay all taxes and insurance. Good barn on the premises, and the lot has a frontage of 100 feet by 120 rods on Woodward, and 132 feet deep; room for a fine garden; can live in one apartment and have a steady income from the other. This is something to ponder over. Come and see us help you ponder. Always at your service. If you can't call, write.

229.

A pleasant and sightly farm of 71 acres in West Bloomfield, 14 mile from the North western electric. House and barn, 5 acres good timber, 3 acres fruit; worth \$3,000, and the price is \$6,000—and it is well worth it. Only about 1 mile from Birmingham. High state of cultivation. Better investigate.

241

Fine new house with all modern conveniences, within 200 feet of the west side of Woodward Avenue, 8 rooms, hard-wood finish; lot 56x190; plenty of fruit. You could not build a 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 building; about 140 acres tillable, water-drained; a farm if you come right away—now. The place is worth \$75 per acre and we have been offered a rich coal deposit under the entire farm; 6 miles to Owosso; 12 miles to Corunna; 18 miles St. Charles and 22 miles to Saginaw. Well drained, good fences, and altogether worth the money.

244

If you could buy an acre and a quarter of land with a brick house equipped with hot and cold water, bath, set tubs, gas, electric light, fine possible conveniences, and barn, chicken house, plenty of room for fruit and everything and the house alone cost \$6,000—for \$3,000 on easy terms, don't call it a snap, wouldn't you? Well, we can do it. Come on and we'll show you.

246

One hundred and twenty-seven acres in the Township of Avon. Six buildings worth \$5,000, 7 acres of timber, 3 acres of orchard; well watered (Clinton river runs through the farm). Good, level land in 120 feet above the river; fine cedars, 4 acres, 3 miles from Rochester, 3 miles from Utica, 4 miles from Romeo, and only a mile from the thriving Village of Rochester. Will trade for a smaller farm, or will consider an offer of \$6,500, with one-third cash. Take you to see it any old time at all.

247

House, barn, and about an acre of good garden land on north side of Lake Street. Good, old-fashioned house, and a cozy home at a low price. Party has moved to the west, and wants to sell badly enough to make a decided sacrifice. Ask the man at the bank about it.

249

Nice, warm, old-fashioned house on the south side of Maple Avenue, among the best class of residences in the village. Large lot, room for a good garden, and it can be bought for \$1,500. Will you call? 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, opposite Electric Park, known as "Elmcrest." Ten rooms, bath, toilet, two cellars, furnace room, good hot-air furnace, two pantries and mantels, one of the best-equipped lot of buildings in the village, city water, drains, fine shade trees, beautiful fenced with wonder posts, at \$4,000. \$2,000 cash will buy it, and the balance can be arranged so one can be had to suit the convenience of interest. Without exception, this is the best location and the best lot of buildings we have ever had on our list, and less than \$1,000 per acre will buy it on easy terms. There!

251

House and lot in Campbell's Subdivision; corner lot 66x132, fine bridge on front and side, ceiling, sky and electric water in the kitchen, fine veranda on front and side; chestnut, poplars, peaches, cash discount, all modern conveniences; owner leaving town, will buy it, and terms can be made so that it won't take a millionaire to handle it. Come on.

258

Lots 28 and 36, Buell's Addition, Birmingham. Price \$600 for both lots. Terms, \$50 cash; balance on contract.

269

House and lot, east side Woodward Avenue; will exchange for other property; lot 166x487; house 8 rooms and bath, barn, large garden, some fruit; \$1,800; buildings are insured for \$1,000.

270

House and lot, west side of Ann Street; 5-story frame cottage, cement-block foundation, 2 rooms and cellar; one block from Woodward Avenue. \$1,300; 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; \$1,800.

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 soft water, tubular heater, 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.

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; \$800; terms easy.

275

Fine new house and 102 acres of good land on west side of Woodward Avenue, near Pontiac; 16 acres timber; 8 acres orchard; 2 buildings, valued at \$7,000; hot and cold soft water, tubular heater, 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, 20 acres timber; one of the finest farms in the country. Price low and terms. Take you to see it any day.

277

Forty acres on the line of the Flint electric, at Harris Corners, in Troy township. Excellent soil, clay loam, no waste land. One of the pleasantest locations for building a nice country residence. The place is held for more money, but make us an offer of \$2,500 cash, and we will see what we can do for you; or, will sell from one to 20 acres in any sort of parcels, or any part of the 40, at prices which cannot fail to interest you.

277

Farm of 160 acres in Southfield; gravelly loam and clay; good buildings; 8 acres orchard, 40 acres oak timber; 1 mile from cheese factory and village of Franklin, 10 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, 4 miles from Grayling, on the north branch of the Au Sable river runs across it. 90 acres cleared, 2 acres new land; buildings valued at \$3,500; good house 8 rods from the river; abundance of game and fish; fine climate, pure air, and clay loam soil. Worth more money for settlers in the township; ideal place for club building; village of Grayling, 4 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.

280

Farm of 228 acres in Troy—15 acres oak and maple timber, 5 acres orchard, 4 acres apples 7 buildings valued at \$7,000, insured for \$5,000. No waste land. Soil rich loam; flowing wells; tank house and house building fair; one mile from Rochester electric; 9-room house with good cement cellar; good barn, 60x90, new Page wire fence. \$85 per acre will buy it, and the terms are easy at low rate of interest.

281

Two very desirable lots in the Buell Addition can be bought for \$825 on account of the owner going to New York. Sound to you as some as same class of lots in the neighborhood are selling for twice the money.

282

Lot 4 in Block 7, Campbell's Subdivision; good house insured for \$850; fine location; price \$1,200. Nice cozy little home. If you are convinced that this is very cheap after you look at this beautiful, new, well-equipped, cozy little home. Let us show it to you.

283

Lots 38 and 34, Buell's Addition; one of the best locations in the whole plat; can be bought for \$400, and you can get them by paying only \$25, and the balance on land contract with easy payments.

284

House, barn, and 1¼ acres of excellent land, with plenty of fruit; new house, good barn with cement floor; fine location on west side of Woodward Avenue, near Electric Park; good drainage; cement walks. Price \$2,500.

286

Fine farm of 86 acres on Franklin Road, 14½ miles from Court House in Pontiac. No buildings, but a well and new well; 60 acres of state land, well fenced, nice grove of 3 acres on west end, new gravel State road ½ mile; city limits, 14 miles from electric; fine view; farm well fenced. Price \$6,000, enough cash to secure, balance on long time at 6 per cent.

288

Acreage, 16 acres one block from Woodward, 8 rods on two sides, excellent land well drained; only 9 miles from Detroit. Price \$4,400. Terms, \$2,600 cash and balance on mortgage, easy terms.

289

Two-story frame house, practically new; 10 rooms, furnace, bath, hot and cold water, city water, barn and carriage house; 129 feet frontage on south side of Townsend Street, by 132 feet deep; 2 acres of native trees, 16 acres of best orchard just coming into bearing; all kinds of fruit, fine location and beautiful home, just outside of village limits; 2 rods to electric; no waste land; pretty view; station in the country. Owner has business which takes him to other parts and will sell at a great sacrifice. For price and terms call at the Exchange Bank and if you want something better than the ordinary at almost the price of a cheap one, talk with the man and look it over. Any time—any day.

293

Forty acres good farming land suitable for cutting up in lots or parcels for building to suit purchaser, on line of D. U. R., 18 miles from Detroit, No. 1 soil. No buildings. No trade. Price \$1,200. Let's go and see it.

294

ACREAGE—32 acres, high and dry, in the village of Birmingham, on the north side of plat line Street on two sides and through the middle. One of the finest building sites in the village. Price low, terms easy. \$3,000 will handle it. R. E. Dep't Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Michigan.

295

Nice little Chicken Farm on the Rochester electric line, 7½ acres, 8-room house with furnace, bath and toilet, flowing well, barn and chicken house, all new buildings and finely equipped. Owner going South on account of health. Can be bought for what the buildings cost, and all the cash required is the equity above the mortgage, which can continue. Worth looking into. You can't help listing it, and we will show you the premises any day, without expense to you.

296

Nice 8-room house, built last year in Village of Royal Oak, one block from both electric railways Wire and city water, cistern, lot 66 feet front and 132 feet deep. Cost owner \$2,600, but will sell for \$2,100.

297

Without exception, the finest farm for stock raising or high-class farming in the county. On the line of the Rochester electric, 18 miles from Detroit, 2 flowing wells, good of nearly an acre of pure spring water furnishing an abundance of pure clean ice, 9-room house, new silo, barn 74x40, accommodation for 30 heads of cattle in cement-floor stable, milk house with flowing well, 15 acres, timber, 10 acres of beautiful fenced with cedar posts, 145 rods of black-loam land and not a foot of waste land; pretty little creek runs through farm; Rolling floor on our list, and less than \$100 per acre will buy it on easy terms. There!

299

FOR SALE—80-acre farm all under cultivation; good buildings; on rural route and telephone line. Price, \$3,000. Will be sold at once. 30 miles to settled country. Add 6 miles from Crookston. Good grass, timothy and clover. Will sell 40 acres to be cultivated within two years. This is a real No. 1 farm. Also the very finest of potatoes, onions or peppermint. A good distillery and boiler to go with the farm. Close half mile to church and school. This farm is well worth \$4,000. If not, but to make a quick sale it will be \$2,800 —\$1,500 cash and balance on easy terms.

301

Good two-story house and barn on south side of Maple Avenue East; 77 feet frontage and 20 rods deep; 10-room house, good cellar, excellent garden, large barn, plenty of large fruit trees, and small fruit in abundance. Two blocks from electric. Price \$2,800; half cash, balance on long time and easy terms. City water and gas. Conditions make a sale very desirable. Better look it over.

302

Nice little farm of 65 acres, about a mile from the electric line, 14 miles from Birmingham, Rolling country, beautiful view, 4 acres orchard, fine maples, pretty little brook, 6-room frame and State road, 12-room house just finished, fine new barn with accommodation for 20 cows, cement floor, ample hay room, good new stables, 40 acres pine land, 20 acres timber—and a little over $100 per acre will buy it. Glad to show you any time, and if you don't buy will not be sculebd a little bit. Worth looking at anyhow.

303

One of the nicest lots on the Buell addition, facing on Woodward Avenue, 40 feet frontage and 120 feet deep. Cheap for cash, and one of the most desirable building lots in the village. Can be bought for cash at a price that will surely appeal to any one either for building purposes or an investment.

304

Fine large 8-room house three blocks from electric, practically rebuilt this year; water-closet, bath, electric lights, city water, small barn, lot 80x1½, best neighborhood and location in the village; cement walks, house newly painted and decorated, ready to occupy without further expense. $3,000.

305

New 7-room cottage just finished, one block from electric, lot 66x80, west of Woodward Avenue, north side of street; house 28x30. Fine cozy home for any one of small means. Everything new and neat. House never rented or occupied. Sure to please you at $3,600.

306

Two-story cottage on Campbell Addition, two blocks from cars; 8 rooms, city water, wood-shed, cellar, small fruit; cost $1,200 will sell for $1,350 cash. Worth more money, but owner has best of reasons for selling.

307

Twenty-seven acres on the line of the Rochester electric in Troy township; rich as dirt; loam and clay; no buildings; 17½ acres orchard; good school, nice neighborhood; just the thing for chicken farm, and build to suit you, or nice country residence. Car stops directly in front; fare to Detroit 13 cents, and can be bought for $2,700, on easy terms.

308

Now, here it is! Best-equipped stock-farm in the country. Township of Troy, 225 acres, 14-room house and some other buildings, all practically new; 28 box stalls, cold pure water piped to all the buildings; 125-barrel storage tank; water in every field but three, beautiful shade, fine view, no waste land, and every acre under high state of cultivation—altogether one of the most beautiful as well as profitable farms in this country of fine farms; buildings insured for $12,000; big old-fashioned fire-place, hardwood floors, bath, water-closet, etc.; in fact, all the buildings, fences, drainage and every detail in apple-pie order. You will see what we mean to you—miles from our office, and good roads. Come on!

309

Vacant lot, Merrill Plat, fronting on Merrill Street, 40x108, near Methodist Church; fine location. Price $300.

310

Brand-new 2-story cottage, finished in golden oak, with bath, water-closet, city water, electric light, and every convenience to be found in best-appointed city residences. Lot 40x198, and only two blocks from electric, and two blocks from Birmingham High School. Price $3,000, and terms easy. You must be convinced that this is very cheap after you look at this beautiful, new, well-equipped, cozy little home. Let us show it to you.

311

Six-room, 1-story cottage on Daines Street, two blocks from electric, in good repair, with fine cellar, and everything in good shape. Rent for $8 per month, and can be bought very cheap, as owner, in poor health, requires the money. Too cheap to mention in print, but we will tell you all about it if you will call or write.

312

Eight-room, 2-story dwelling on west side of Southfield Avenue; large lot, with cement walk, good neighborhood. Why, see here! The buildings would cost at least $7,500 to build today, besides the other improvements, and that's all we ask for the whole outfit. It is a fine, large home, and one that we can make an easy terms. If you don't look at this, you will be sorry after you have bought elsewhere.

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The very cream of all farms on or near the electric on Woodward Avenue, between Birmingham and Pontiac, in the fashionable Homeland Hills district; 166 acres, nice old-fashioned farm residence built of stone, with two modern stone barns and frame additions—7 buildings in all; 10 acres of good timber, beautiful branch of the River Rouge runs through the farm; 100 rods to the house; plenty of old elms and other shade trees; 3 acres of finest apple and peach orchard; fruit farm well fenced and one of the best and most productive in the county. The price is high for farming land, but not higher than other places in the vicinity, and 10 times more desirable. This is the first time we have had the circumstances to offer it at any price, and you ought to know about it. Take you to see it any time—any day.

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Good comfy 2-story, 9-room cottage on Purdy Street, only 1 block from Woodward. Lot 40x132, block from electric. City water, hard-wood floors; and the price is so low and the terms so easy that you will have to see it to believe it. Better call and let us see the property; and when we tell you the circumstances you'll sit up and take notice. Try it!

Recover from Heart Wounds.

Dr. Roberts' suggestion in 1881 of sewing wounds of the heart was received as a joke. Dr. Rehn, of Germany, in 1897 got the first recovery from heart wound. Altogether there have been 16 such operations, with seven amazing recoveries.

An Anecdote.

Johnny knew perfectly well, that anecdote meant a short, funny tale, so when his teacher asked Paul to write a sentence containing that word he wrote without hesitation: "A rabbit has four legs and one anecdote; so has a goat."

The World's Disease.

Mammonism is only an effect of which selfishness is the cause. Selfishness—the assertion of self against the law of the universe, self-gratification instead of the general good—that is the disease of the world, and we can never have social health until society is saved from selfishness.—Homiletic Review.

Spanish Proverb.

All sorrows are bearable if there is bread.—Don Quixote.

Where the Chatterer Loses.

The talker sows, the listener reaps. —Italian.

COUNTY OF A THOUSAND KEYS

Monroe County, Florida, Is All Islands and Everglades, and Very Interesting.

Monroe county is the most unique county in the state, if not in the United States. The larger portion of the county is made up of a group of islands, or, as they are called, keys, both on the east and west coasts. The only part of Monroe county on the mainland is the Cape Sable country, the extreme southwest of the United States on the mainland.

The larger portion of this land is what is known as the Everglades, and but a limited number of acres are now under cultivation. In the vicinity of Cape Sable there are large bodies of rich alluvial land and a considerable quantity has been under cultivation for several years past.

All kinds of tropical and semi-tropical fruit trees grow luxuriantly on the keys and bear full crops of fruit each year. Every key is surrounded with water and the great portion of them have clean white sand beaches with bluffs varying in height above high water mark. — Jacksonville Times-Union.

Sugar a Valuable Tonic.

A medical journal gives particulars of experimental cases in which sugar was employed as a tonic and invigorator. One patient, subject to the most violent headaches from hunger or lack of food, discovered that the pressure in the head was considerably relieved when a few lumps of sugar dipped in water were eaten very slowly. Further experiments are being made with a view to demonstrating the value of lump sugar as a luncheon where other food is not to be had. It would be a simple and easy matter (the writer points out) to carry half a dozen pieces of sugar in one's pocket, to be indulged in with no other accompaniment but a glass of water.