Yule-Tide Pranks in the U.S. Navy

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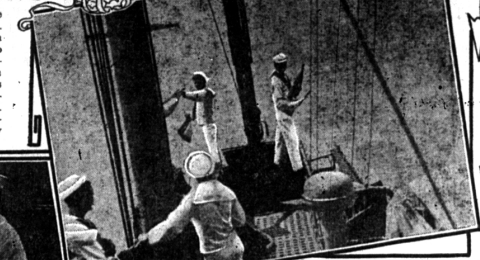
THE ENTIRE holiday season and especially Christmas day, is pre-eminently an occasion for "letting down the bars" with reference to the personnel of the enlisted force of the U. S. navy.

Ordinarily pretty rigid discipline is enforced on the warships of our navy—as is necessary where so many men are crowded together in close quarters—but at the joyous yule-tide season the officers are wont to allow the bluejackets pretty free rein for their frolics. This latitude is allowed not merely because Christmas week is universally recognized as an occasion for mirth and merriment. Fully as potent is the fact that a general good time at Christmas keeps Jack from getting homesick for the sort of family



EXCHANGING CHRISTMAS GREETINGS BY FLAG SIGNALING

WRITING CHRISTMAS LETTERS TO THE FOLKS AT HOME

reunion that most other people are enjoying during the closing week of December. Of course, any one of Uncle Sam's tars may enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas at home if the ship to which he is attached happens to be in a port where his parents or other relatives reside, but, naturally, that is a rare contingency for any of the boys in blue. The average naval seaman is bound to be away from home on Christmas and he lays plans accordingly.

Many of the features of the average Christmas program in the navy indicate above all else that excess of animal spirits that might be expected from a whole community of red-blooded and militantly healthy young men who have been cooped up for some time previously. This accounts for the prominence given to sports and athletic contests in the yule-tide program. Of course muscular competitions do not monopolize attention on this day of days. There are other red-letter events on the twenty-fifth of December, not forgetting the traditional Christmas spread and the almost inevitable minstrel show which rounds out the day. It is in connection with these, by the way, that the men-o'-war's-men play many of the pranks, the privilege of practicing which they claim as their inalienable right on such occasions.

Your keen-witted naval sailor dearly loves a joke on any occasion and all through the year the bluejackets display that propensity for playing pranks that might be expected of a body of husky lads who combine with strenuosity that irresponsibility which comes with the comforting assurance of an unfailing supply of substantial food and warm clothing. At Christmas this spirit reaches a climax. The tars play pranks on each other; they play pranks on their officers, who cannot resent such attentions at this time, and they are pretty apt to play pranks on every body in sight. They start in before daylight on Christmas morning, when many of the boys swing themselves out of their hammocks unusually early in order to "dress" the ship with holiday greens ere the sun is up.

Usually the gibes for the officers are reserved for the minstrel show in the evening, but there have been occasions in the history of the navy when the bluejackets played decidedly practical jokes on their superiors in connection with the Christmas dinner. For instance, at Shanghai, China, a few years ago, a delegation of the enlisted men got ashore almost as soon as the ship dropped anchor in port, and having forestalled the wearers of gold braid they proceeded to "corner" the limited market of turkeys. Thus they had plentiful slices of the light and dark meat at their spread while the ward-room mess had to put up with a not altogether satisfactory substitute. The high prices paid for fowl on this occasion constitute but one of many illustrations that might be cited to prove how lavish are the bluejackets in their expenditures when it comes to providing ammunition for the proper observance of Christmas.

The mischievous nature of these boys grown tall crops out in the character of many of the contests that take place on Christmas afternoon. There are boxing, wrestling and fencing contests that are in deadly earnest, but there are also such merriment makers as egg races, potato races, three-legged races, sack races, etc., and finally there are ludicrous pie-eating contests and similar stunts. A time honored Christmas prank aboard Yankee fighting ships is that wherein a procession of fantastically garbed sailors visits the captain's quarters, carrying a bucket of whitewash, and petitions the commanding officer to literally or figuratively wipe out all scores or demerits standing against members of the crew for minor infractions of the rules. If the master of the craft is not utterly lacking in that tact and discernment which makes for popularity in the navy, he hastens to take cognizance of the spirit of the day by granting this request for universal clemency.

The opportunities for enjoyment open to our American bluejackets at Christmas have been materially enhanced by the present policy of having the warships, whenever possible spend the holidays in some populous port. For instance, the plan, at this writing, is to have the big battleship fleet spend Christmas in New York harbor. This means plenty of entertainment for the bluejackets when they have "shore leave," and it likewise gives many of the tars opportunity to entertain fair friends aboard and proudly show them over the floating fortress.

CHRISTMAS ATHLETICS IN THE NAVY

It ordered that such functions shall take place on some other day and that the men be given practically a "free day" for their own amusement. Bluejackets who do not attend as participants or onlookers the Christmas athletic program may often be found on the holiday reading in some unfrequented corner of the ship, writing to loved ones at home, playing cards, or maybe exchanging Christmas greetings with friends on other ships of the fleet by means of the picturesque wig-wag system of flag signaling.

A CHRISTMAS ARGUMENT

One morning in the snow the Holly and the Mistletoe
Met, and straightway into argument they fell;
And the Holly in his pride his very hardest tried
To show he was by far the greatest swell.

"Oh, it's folly, folly, folly!" cried the Mistletoe to Holly,
"To pride yourself the silly airs you do;
For you'll very soon find out that the world, without a doubt,
Could get along quite nicely without you."

"Ah, I know, I know, I know!" said Holly to the Mistletoe,
"You're as envious as ever you can be;
And you're cross and angry very, 'cause you haven't got a berry
Red, and round, and bright and beautiful, like me."

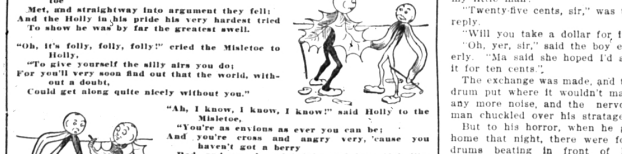
Answered Mistletoe then, laughing: "Why, of course you're only chaffing.
I've a berry too, as pure and white as snow.
Every Christmas time they find me, and they take me in and bind me
Just above the door, as very well you know."

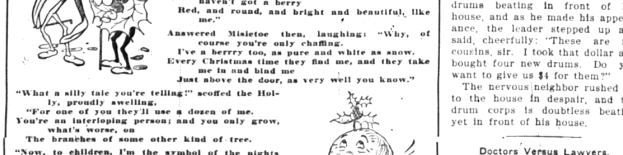
"What a silly tale you're telling!" scoffed the Holly, proudly swelling.
"For one of you they'll use a dozen of me.
You're an interloping person; and you only grow, what's worse, on
The branches of some other kind of tree.

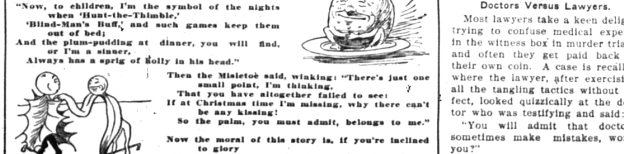
"Now, to children, I'm the symbol of the nights when 'Hunt-the-Thimble,'
'Blind-Man's Buff,' and such games keep them out of bed;
And the plum-pudding at dinner, you will find, or I'm a sinner,
Always has a sprig of Holly in his head."

Then the Mistletoe said, winking: "There's just one small point, I'm thinking,
That you have altogether failed to see:
If at Christmas time I'm missing, why there can't be any kissing,
So the palm, you must admit, belongs to me."

Now the moral of this story is, if you're inclined to glory
In your own importance, you are sure to find
That in others' estimation you've a less important station,
And in argument you may get left behind.







The Business Instinct.

A small Detroit boy was given a drum for a Christmas present, and was beating it vociferously on the sidewalk, when a nervous neighbor appeared and asked: "How much did your father pay for that drum, my little man?"

"Twenty-five cents, sir," was the reply.

"Will you take a dollar for it?"

"Oh, yer, sir," said the boy eagerly. "Ma said she hoped I'd sell it for ten cents."

The exchange was made, and the drum put where it wouldn't make any more noise, and the nervous man chuckled over his stratagem.

But to his horror, when he got home that night, there were four drums beating in front of his house, and as he made his appearance, the leader stepped up and said, cheerfully: "These are my cousins, sir. I took that dollar and bought four new drums. Do you want to give us $4 for them?"

The nervous neighbor rushed into the house in despair, and the drum corps is doubtless beating yet in front of his house.

Doctors Versus Lawyers.

Most lawyers take a keen delight trying to confuse medical experts. In the witness box in murder trials, and often they get paid back in their own coin. A case is recalled where the lawyer, after exercising all the tangling tactics without effect, looked quizzically at the doctor who was testifying and said:

"You will admit, doctors sometimes make mistakes, won't you?"

"Oh, yes; the same as lawyers," was the cool reply.

"And doctors' mistakes are buried six feet under ground," was the lawyer's triumphant reply.

"Yes," he replied, "and the lawyers' mistakes often swing in the air."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

A Time to Give.

Every boy and girl should make something to give to another at Christmas time; there is scarcely anyone who is not able to do something to make another person happy at this season of the year.

Literary Note.

There's a big difference between the book bug and the book worm. The book bug lays the book and then hatches it and the book worm devours it if he doesn't get sick after his first bite.

A Casual Inquiry.

"I never have tasted liquor of any kind nor used tobacco nor uttered an oath in my life." "Um! You haven't, eh? Do you wear ruffles on your night shirt?"—Exchange.

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OF WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL

Exchange Bank Birmingham Michigan

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 lot, 80 x 160 feet front by 20 rods deep (⅛ acre) on East st. in Avenue. Fine brand new every modern conveniences—furnace, bath, closet, etc. Can be bought for what the buildings cost. Will exchange for improved city property for portion of the purchase price.

55

Village lots on Woodward Avenue, bounded north by land of Mollie G. Smith, east by D., G. H. & M. R'y, south by Bower Street, west by Woodward Avenue—108 feet on Woodward Avenue, 178 feet deep on south side and 148 feet on south side; all in the Village of Birmingham, Michigan. One of the finest building sites in the village.

77

One lot on Woodward Avenue, just south of land owned by John German, 50 feet frontage. Any one wishing to purchase will find this a bargain. For particulars inquire of Mollie G. Smith, or at Exchange Bank.

147

Nice little home for some one of small means—1½ acres in n w ¼ of n ¼ of sec 31, Township of Troy, 7-room house; barn in good shape; well at rear; barn and house, never dry; ½ mile east of Rochester electric; fare to Detroit 15c; R. F. D. All cash and no grumbling will buy it at $750. Hurry up!

167

Wants to trade for 50 or 60 acres on or near electric. Ninety-four acres on e ¼ of s w ¼ of sec 11, Troy township; 3 buildings valued at $2,000 insured for $1,700; flowing well piped to barn; farm well adapted for stock or dairy; 1½ miles from electric at Troy Corners, where there are good schools and churches. Fare 17c to Detroit; 400 per acre.

178

Seven-room cottage on west side of Bates Street; set at 4 feet front, 120 feet deep. You couldn't build the house for $1,200, and that's all we ask for it. City water, woodshed, cellar, all ordinary conveniences. One of the best bargains we have. Show it to you any time.

180

Farm in Avon township; 55 acres of good clay loam, all cleared; small orchard, no buildings; small amount down. For sale, or exchange for small farm.

188

One of the best-arranged and finest-equipped residences in the village, and in absolutely the best location—East Maple Avenue, 2 blocks from electric road; bath, toilet, hot and cold water, city gas, 10 rooms, 2 stories; rebuilt last year, better than new; 3 buildings, fine orchard; 1¼ feet on Maple, 320 feet deep; plenty of room for chicken and garden; good barn, fine workshop——well, What else do you want, anyhow? Will sell house and 32 feet front by 150 feet deep for $2,800. One of our best bargains.

193

Thirty-five-acre fruit farm, 1¼ miles north of Birmingham, on the town line; 6 buildings, insured for $1,800. All kinds of soil—clay, gravel, sand and dark loam. Last year this farm produced 123 bushels raspberries, 20 bushels blackberries, 115 bushels strawberries, 10 tons hay, etc. A gravel ridge 60 rods in length, with as almost inexhaustible 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; 8 buildings, good house, basement barn, plenty of small fruit, orchard of excellent fruit; 2½ miles from Flint Division D. U. R.; 2 wells and fine spring. Price $4,000.

195

Fifteen acres in Township of Royal Oak; no buildings; small grove of maples is a pretty feature; new land, well drained; clay bottom, black top soil; corner of the Big-mile and Campbell roads, 1 mile east of electric road; adjoins the Hudson and Duffield tracts, which are held at $500.00 per acre; 1½ miles north of State Fair grounds. Price $350 an acre; will exchange for Detroit property.

198

Ten acres 1 mile east of Royal Oak village; excellent land; 40 fine apple trees, no buildings. Price $1,200. Terms: one-third cash, balance on time; the price will enable you to build the kind of house you may require.

201

Fine 2-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 $230) and best neighborhood in town. House and lot cost at level $3,000 to build today, ask any one to build it for you and see what they say. You can buy this beautiful home for $2,800, and have your own way about payments. Ask the man at the bank.

219

Tidy little place for some one with moderate means. Corner Chestnut and Palm, Campbell Addition. Lot is north at least $500, and the house is insured for $1,200—that's $1,700, and prices are advancing all along the lines of construction. If you come right away we will consider an offer of $1,500, and if that isn't a fair one we have shown you over the premises, we will introduce you to the owner, and you can make your own terms.

222

Two-story tenement or terrace, on the east side of Woodward Avenue. Two distinct 2-story houses of 8 rooms each. Furnace, water-closet, bath, hot and cold water, city water and gas; each independent of other apartment. Rent for $15 per month each, but property is worth all taxes and insurance. Good barn on the premises, and the lot is 70 feet front on the best frontage on Woodward, and 181 feet deep, room for a nice garden, can live in one apartment and have a steady income from the other. This is something to prefer over. Come and let us help you ponder. Always at your service. If you can't call, write.

229

A pleasant and slightly farm of 7¼ acres in West Bloomfield, ½ mile from the Northwestern electric; 4 acres orchard, 4 acres good timber; 5 buildings worth $3,000, and the price is only $5,000—and it is well worth it. Soil, sandy loam and clay loam, under high state of cultivation. Better investigate.

241

Fine new house with all modern conveniences, within 2 feet of the west side of Woodward Avenue; 8 rooms, hard-wood finish; lot 56x100; plenty of fruit. You could not build the house for $3,000, and that's all we ask for the premises. Well worth looking at.

243

Farm of 160 acres, Saginaw county, 2 miles from Fergus station, on the M. C. R'y. Clay loam; buildings valued at $6,000, and $8,000 will buy the farm if you come right away—now. The place is within 3 feet of the finest coal mine in the state. A rich coal deposit under the entire farm; 4 miles to Chesaning, 16 miles to Saginaw, 9 miles to 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, toilet, furnace, and every possible convenience, and barn, chicken house, pile of fruit and cement walks—and the house alone cost $6,000—for $2,000 on easy terms, would it be 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; 4 acres of timber, 3 acres orchard; well watered (Clinton river runs through the farm); no marsh land in 120 feet above the river; fine cellars; 4 wells, 2 good houses, 1 house in good repair; well fenced; only 1 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 about ag acre of good garden land on north side of Hamilton Street. Good, old-fashioned house, and a corker 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.

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. 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 "Beauer!" House, barn and chics en house, with two acres of land on westerly side of Woodward, opposite Electric Park, known as "Elmerest." 10 rooms, bath, toilet, 2 cellars, furnace room, good hot-air furnace, 2 grates and mantels, one of the best-equipped lot of buildings in the village—city water, drains, fine shade trees and beautiful lawn; buildings insured for $4,000. $2,500 cash will buy it, and the balance of purchase price can be had on long time and low rate of interest. Without exception, this is the finest lo ation and the best lot of buildings on our list, and the price is right.

251

House and lot in Campbell's Subdivision; corner lot, 60x115, fine maple on front and side, cellar, city and cistern water in the kitchen, fine veranda on west and side; chicken, peaches, pears, grapes—all bearing—and a beautiful shade tree. $1,450 will buy it, and terms can be made so that it won't ake a millionaire to handle it. Come on.

268

Lots 33 and 34, Buell's Addition, Birmingham, rice $400 for both lots. Terms, $25 cash; balance n contract.

269

House and lot, east side Woodward Avenue; will exchange for other property; lot 105x197; house 8 ooms; small barn, large garden, some fruit; 1,000; buildings are insured for $600.

270

House and lot, west side of Ann Street; 5-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.

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 $5,500 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, 1¼ 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; 14 acres timber, 8 acres orchard; 2 buildings, valued at $7,000; hot and cold soft water, tubular hot-air furnace, bath, toilet, water closet; grapes, peaches and apples in great abundance; one mile from 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.

247

Forty acres on the L.I.C. 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 make us an offer of $2,400 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.

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; 2½ miles from electric road; 2 miles from the new sanitarium; only four miles from Birmingham High School. Price $8,000, and terms easy. You must be convinced that this is very cheap before you buy; it is a fine location. Well equipped, easy little home. Let us show it to you.

278

How would you like a good big farm in Crawford county, Michigan? Side acres, and the north branch of the Au Sable river runs across it. 30 acres cleared; 2 acres orchard; 2 buildings valued at $2,000; good house 8 rods from the river; abundance of game and fish, fine climate, pure air, good location on the new settlement; only four miles from Grayling; 8 miles east of electric road will bring full particulars, photographs and map.

280

Farm of 228 acres in Troy—15 acres oak and maple timber; 8 acres orchard, 3 acres apples; 7 buildings valued at $4,000, insured for $3,000. No waste land. Soil rich loam; flowing wells; tank and tank house. Buildings fair; one mile from Rochester electric; 9-room house with good cement bottom cellar; 200 rods of new Page wire fence. $95 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 $325 on account of the owner having been called away from town, 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 for some one with enough cash to make a small first payment.

283

Lots 33 and 34, Buell's Addition; one of the best locations in the whole plat; can be bought for $450, and you can get them by paying only $25, and the balance on contract with easy payments.

204

House, barn, and 5 acres of excellent land, with plenty of fruit; 8-room 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 58 acres on Franklin Road, 1¼ miles from Court House in Pontiac. No buildings, gravel State road runs through it; some orchard and fenced, nice grove of 3 acres on west end, new gravel State road to the city limits, ½ mile from electric; fine view; farm well fenced. Price $6,000; small cash to secure, balance on long time at 6 per cent.

288

Acreage, 16 acres one block from Woodward, streets on two sides, cement walks all around it, just the thing for platting. Price $4,000. Terms, $2,600 cash and balance on mortgage, easy terms.

289

Two-story frame house, practically new; 10 rooms, good furnace, nice barn and carriage house, 120 feet frontage on south side of Townsend Street, two blocks from electric, cement walks everything in excellent condition; city water, all conveniences, and will be sold for $3,000 cash, or enough to secure and balance on easy terms. One of the best bargains on the list. Come and see it.

292

One of the best equipped and loveliest little farms on our list. 47 acres, new stone house, 10 rooms, furnace, bath, hot and cold water, city water, ½ acre beautiful grove of native trees, 18 acres of best orchard just coming into bearing, all kinds of fruit, fine hip-roof carriage house; just outside of village limits; 25 rods to electric; no waste land; one of the handsomest line of electric fence, nine rooms, cement walks; fine location in village. $2,700 above little mortgage will buy it. Ask us about it.

294

ACREAGE—82 acres, high and dry, in the village of Birmingham. Just the thing for platting. Street on two sides and through the middle. One block from Woodward Avenue. Price low; terms easy. $2,000 will handle it. R. E. Dep't Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Michigan.

296

Nice 8-room house, built last year in Village of Royal Oak, one block from both electric railways—cellar, cistern, lot 50 feet front and 120 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, pond of nearly an acre of pure spring water furnishing an abundance of pure clean ice, 9-room house, new silo, barn 74x40, accommodation for 20 heads of cattle in cement-floor stable, milk house with flowing well, 18 acres timber, 146 rods new wire fence with cedar posts, 142 acres of black-loam land and not a foot of waste land; pretty little creek runs through farm. Nothing finer on our list, and less than $100 per acre will buy it on easy terms. There!

298

House, barn, wagon shop, blacksmith shop, two lumber sheds, two acres of land, fine orchard; buildings in good repair; 2½ miles from electric, in Village of Franklin, prettiest village in Michigan. All ready for an enterprising blacksmith and wagonmaker to make a good living in a prosperous farming community. Best of reasons for selling, and $2,000 cash will buy it right off the lot.

299

FOR SALE—80 acre farm all under cultivation; good buildings; on rural mail route and telephone line. Four miles from railroad station, in a well-settled country, and ½ mile from a proposed railroad from Grand Rapids to Ludington, which is sure to be completed within two years. This farm is all No. 1 black soil, the very best for corn, hay, oats, onions or peppermint. A good distillery and boiler to go with farm. Close to school and church and school. This farm is well worth $4,000.00, but to make a quick sale will take $2,500 —$1,500 cash and balance on easy terms.

300

GOOD BUSINESS CHANCE.—Country store, stock of general merchandise, house and barn for sale. Eight-room house, hard and soft water, hot air furnace in store and dwelling, acetylene gas machine; stock will inventory $2,000; sales run from $20 to $30 per day. One mile from electric. Telephone and R. F. D. Fine farm trade—best of reasons for selling. It will make sacrifice for cash. Take you to see it any day. Address R. E. Dep't Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

302

Nice little farm of 63 acres, about a mile from the electric, and 1¼ miles from Birmingham; Rolling country, beautiful view, 4 acres orchard, fine maples, pretty little house, recently painted; 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 plow land, 20 acres timber—and a trifle over $100 per acre will buy it. Glad to show you any time, and if you don't buy you will not be scolded a little bit. Worth looking at anyhow.

303

One of the nicest lots on the Buell addition, fronting on Woodward Avenue, 50 feet frontage and 120 feet deep. Corner lot, and one of the most desirable building lots in the village. Can be bought for cash at a price that will enable you to build at once—either for building purposes or as investment.

304

Fine large 8-room house, three blocks from electric, practically rebuilt this year; water-closet, bath, electric lights, city water, small barn, let 80x132; best neighborhood and location in the village; owner wishes house newly painted and decorated, ready to occupy without further expense. $3,350.

305

New 7-room cottage just finished, one block from electric, lot 60x80, west of Woodward Avenue, north side of street; house 24x32. Fine new home for one of small means. Everything new and neat. House never rented or occupied. Sure to please you at $1,600.

306

Two-story cottage on Campbell Addition, two blocks from cars; 8 rooms, city water, wood-shed, cellar, small fruit; cost $1,800. Will sell for $1,400 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 sandy loam and clay; no buildings; 1½ acres orchard; good school, nice neighborhood. Just the thing for children farm, and build to suit you, or nice country residence. Can always directly in from fare to Detroit 15 cents, and can be bought for $2,700, on easy terms.

308

Now, here it is! Best-equipped stock-farm in the country. Two miles of Troy, 120 acres, 10-room house and seven other ample buildings, all practically new; bank barn 40x60; solid pure water piped to all the buildings; 150 barrels per day of water in every field but three, beautiful shade, fine view, no waste land; every acre under high state of cultivation—altogether one of the most beautiful as well as profitable farms in the county of fine farms; buildings insured for $12,000; big old-fashioned fire-place, hard-wood floors, bath, water-closet, etc.; in fact, all the conveniences. Fare and drainage and every detail in apple-pie order. Let us take you to see it any time. Only miles from our office, and good roads. Come on!

309

Vacant lot, Merrill Plat, fronting on Merrill Street, 40 rods, near Methodist Church; fine location. Price $500.

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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 40x168, and only two blocks from school, and seven blocks from Birmingham High School. Price $2,000, and terms easy. You must be convinced that this is very cheap before you buy; it is a fine location. Well equipped, easy little home. Let us show it to you.

312

Eight-room, 2-story dwelling on west side of Southfield Avenue; large barn, fine shade, cement walk, good neighborhood. Why, see here! The buildings and cost at least $2,500 to build today, besides the other improvements, and that's all we ask for the whole outfit. We will sell it on reasonable down payment and on easy terms. If you don't see us at this, you will be sorry after you have bought elsewhere.

313

The very cream, of all farms on or near the electric on Woodward Avenue, seven miles from Detroit and Pontiac, in the fashionable Bloomfield Hills district; 166 acres, nice old-fashioned farm house with 8 rooms and all modern conveniences and frame additions—7 buildings in all; 10 acres of good timber; beautiful branch of the River Rouge runs through the farm near the house, with fine old elms and other shade trees; 3 acres of finest apple and peach orchard; farm well fenced and one of the best watered farms in Oakland county. Price is high for farming lands, but no higher than other places in the vicinity, and 10 times more desirable. This is the first time we ever had it on the market. We want you to know about it. Take you to see it any time you say.

314

Good comfy 2-story, 9-room cottage on Purdy Street, with good barn. Lot 50x120, one block from electric. City water, hard-wood floors; and the price is low, and the terms easy. Just now will have to call at our office and let us take you to see the property, and when we tell you the circumstances you'll sit up and take notice. Try it!

315

Fine Lake Farm, with good buildings, excellent natural drainage, well fenced with cedar posts and Page wire; ¼ mile gravel road; 2 acres of fruit, with solid banks and plenty of shade; stone barn with cement floor, 36x60; 2 wells and well drained; 2 acres oak timber; six acres excellent orchard, all kinds of fruit; seven buildings. And all at a price which ought to decide at once after you have looked over all the other lake propositions in this county of beautiful lakes. Take you to see it without expense any day—any time. Only about 20-minutes ride from our office.

316

New brick house, two blocks from electric; bath, closet, furnace, city water, etc.; large lot; all modern conveniences; 5-story up-to-date rock-face, nine rooms, cement walks; finest residence in village. $2,700 above little mortgage will buy it. Ask us about it.

317

Fruit and Poultry Farm of 28 acres—1½ acres full-bearing peaches, apples, pears, currants, prunes, plums, apples, cherries, etc., in abundance. Flowing well supplies an abundance of water for the house and six other buildings; fine line of electric, about 20 miles from Detroit; steam heat in house and large green house; nearly new and comfortable woven-wire fences, and all buildings in excellent repair. Price and list of other property on application.

MARKET FOR ICE IN TURKEY

Company Shaves Product Until It Resembles Snow, Which the Natives Demand.

There is a newly erected ice plant at Smyrna, Turkey, built by an American company, and it is now doing a good business. An ice plant there has been making daily about six tons of poor ice, which it sold at $15 a ton.

The new company makes from distilled water a fine, clear ice, which it sells at $5 a ton, and although it has been running scarcely 30 days it is selling from 25 to 40 tons of ice daily.

The company has some unique competition from the mountain folk, who bring to Smyrna snow packed in skins. They save the snow in the winter by having it packed in trenches and covered with pine needles.

The Turks are very conservative, and it is difficult to get some of them to use ice instead of the snow to which they have been accustomed for many years, even though the latter costs them one cent a pound, or $20 a ton.

The new company puts a block of ice in a box, with small circular saws at one end, and produces an article that cannot be distinguished from snow and which is sold in successful competition with the mountain snow.

The Bad Bill

"He reminds me"—Senator Lafollette was condemning a corrupt politician who had come a cropper—"he reminds me of Harrison and his bad five dollar note.

"Harrison hurried down to New York for the Hudson-Fulton celebration. He had in his vest pocket a bad five-dollar note, and one night after a banquet, getting out of a taxicab, he handed the driver this bad note by mistake. The driver gave him his change—a dollar bill—and drove off very hurriedly.

"Then Harrison became aware of what he had done, and he shouted to the man:

"'Hey, stop! That bill's bad.'

"'It's good enough for you!' the driver called back, defiantly, putting on even greater speed.

"And Harrison, examining his dollar change under a steel lamp, perceived that it was a counterfeit."

Coincidence in Names.

In a New York public school one of the teachers has four pupils whose names are the same as her own, and the principal and the janitor get each other's mail for the same reason. Another singular thing in this line occurred not long ago on the East side, where the clergyman and the man and woman whom he married had the same nam-