# Oblivion for the Scarecrow?

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HAVE the agriculturist and the venerable, scarecrow reached the parting of the ways?

Men who claim to know say they have. The farmer's silent, bluff against birds of the air which prey upon vegetable life and beasts of the ground with in clinations likewise, is doomed, it is declared.

Charged barbed wire fences, shotguns and special preparations of poison—the modern antidote for dumb sinners—have come into being to such an extent that the scarecrow has passed the period of usefulness in many sections.

Professional jokers and farmers who employ electricity in their work are glad. Romancers, the farmer possessed of perhaps only 80 to 100 acres, the city man, who was wont to ask: "Why, that fellow loafs all day long over that cornfield," the crows and the farmer's wife are sorry.

And they have reasons, too. The romancer who mentally tore off yards and yards of poetry about the pathetic plight of the guardian of the chicken coop and oat crop, must wend his way about the plantation of his country cousins in constant fear of touching a live wire and he has no more such lifelike themes for his alleged poetic ability.

The small farmer is sorry to see his brother of larger worldly goods take a step forward by proclaiming the scarecrow extinct.

The city man may no longer wonder at the art of putting the sham together and his suggestions about "giving it a touch of decoration" is positively obsolete.

As for the crows. It is the duty of every mother crow, as well as the father crow, to teach its young that the scarecrow is the friend of all crows. Hence, the silent friend of winter and summer can no longer be perched upon by the young crows, in learning to fly, and the figure which was intended to be the crows' god of the omen, but which in the eyes of the dark-hued minions of the air was an indication of the whereabouts of edibles in the shape of corn, usually, is to be swept into oblivion.

The farmer's wife hates to see the scarecrow go because of pleasant associations. During the long summer days while she is alone, the men and boys being off in the fields, the silent stiff armed policeman carries on a silent conversation with her, and she has surprised city people by inserting a corn husk in the scarecrow's upper left-hand pocket as a tribute to the vanity of the inanimate farmhand. Always absolutely safe to talk to, never answering surlily, always silent under the most scathing arraignment, is it any wonder that the scarecrow will be missed by the women folks?

Thus a score of years may see it extinct. Amid gnashing of teeth by the old-time agriculturist, tears by fair conversationalists, caw-caws of crows seeking the cause of the new vogue, mourning by the city folks and others, the curtain is to be drawn over this piteous individual.

The word scarecrow signifies its realm of usefulness which is to scare crows, hawks, rabbits, squirrels—in fact, most anything or being which is liable to inflict grievous wrong upon Mr. Farmer.

While the scarecrow itself may become extinct, the art of making scarecrows will always live, agricultural experts declare. The realistic scarecrow is a work of art. A touch of realism here and there will often chase away tramps in the summer time—near-sighted tramps especially.

The scarecrow is purely an American institution, invented for the purpose of helping the farmer protect his grains, but reversed by thieves and made an ever-present food indicator. Nobody knows who invented it and nobody cares much.

One story which has found so much credence is that told by a New England farmer, who remembers the times before the war. At that time he knew a farm hand in Maine who was by natural instinct a shirker of work. His employer learned this after the man had been in his employ three hours. Seeing that he was practically useless in general farm work, he set him to watching a prize cornfield, hoping that by this method he might utilize the man's services and save his corn, for the crows were hungry and there were lots of them. For two days this suited the son of rest fine, for he could lie down and doze, the mere sight of him scaring the crows for miles around.

The shirker, whose name cannot be divulged because of the fact that his grandson is now holder of a high office at Portland, Me., discovered that the crows flew away at the sight of him and he soon grew tired of his work. So he rigged up a crude imitation of a twentieth century scarecrow and put the invention to work. Then he spent his days smoking under a tree in the apple orchard, his employer believing him still on duty at the feeding ground of the crows. Since that time his idea has been greatly improved, but then it was the pinnacle of Yankee ingenuity.

He tied two sticks crosswise and simply rented his tattered coat over the device. This scared the crows worse than he himself had and he was much pleased. The adage reads: "Necessity is the mother of invention," but in his case "That tired feeling" was the mother of the scarecrow.

Every theatergoer remembers the "Wizard of Oz," since nicknamed the "Gizard of Waz." George Stone, an old-time athlete of marked ability, capered about as the scarecrow in that musical comedy and his movements were typical of the "silent bluffer." Stone is double-jointed, and in his part resembled a scarecrow so much that the first part of the play, in which he stands immovable and limp for a period of 18 minutes, it was often thought that he was a piece of scenery, adjusted by the "property man."

Stone was the first imitator of the scarecrow and that show embodied the only character which ever tried to look like the minion of the cornfield. He was so limber that his twice-a-day stunt was to fall down a staircase on his face, which he did regularly, without denting the stairs.

Cal Holland, former Chicagoan, but to-day a prosperous farmer, located three miles from Benton Harbor, Mich., is the one and only first and original scarecrow expert. His farm is a veritable scarecrow convention. They stare at you from the front yard, from back of the chicken run, from the back door of the farmhouse and the fields are dotted with them.

And Mr. Holland's scarecrows are some scarecrows. He has boy scarecrows, men scarecrows, girl and women scarecrowesses, the latter being equipped with phonographic apparatus to make them realistic. He is now working on a dog scarecrow, which, when complete, will make the bundle bull pups of the fiercest mien wind their tails between their legs and trace their steps thither.

Of local color in Mr. Holland's scarecrows, there is no end. Imagine one equipped with a neatly ironed pocket handkerchief, cigar stub in the place generally supposed to contain its physiognomy, a hat set rakishly on the left side of its head. Mr. Holland's worn-out trousers neatly creased, to say nothing of a pair of tan shoes and an occasional posey in the left lapel of a light gray overcoat, and you have a Holland scarecrow in holiday attire. Critics might declare that this soft of a guardian of the fields so little resembles the farmer at work that the crows and other enemies of the agriculturist would perchance pluck the flower from his buttonhole, but the expert argues that the more uncom-

AN UP TO DATE SCARECROW WITH PHONOGRAPH ATTACHMENT.

mon the scarecrow the better it scares, so we'll let it go at that.

A woman from Chicago recently visited Mrs. Holland and commented favorably upon the farm, except for "those rubes in the back yard who are continually staring at a person."

Usually the agriculturist has use for every garment. They are made over for the children and the oldest son, as a rule, retreats into the father's discards, at least while doing the work about the farm. When the clothes have passed the period of usefulness, they are handed over to the silent sentinel, where the elements play with them until there is little to remind the farmer of his ex-apparel.

That is, the elements play with them if the knights of the side door Pullman don't happen upon the scene and divest the scarecrow of its clothing before storm and wind do.

There are dozens and dozens of farm stories about invasions of hoboes and their art of effecting stealthy clothing trades with the guards of the cornfields, in which case the friends of the crows always come off second best and far more tattered.

In such cases it takes the scavengers of the air some time to make the acquaintance of the revamped sentinel anew and thus the farmer is aided, despite the fact that he and his dog hate the "bo."

But the scarecrow is absolutely and positively to make his final appearance soon, it is said, and modern methods of saving the crops are taking away one of the most picturesque features of the American farm, the poets murmur.

### Action of the Magnetic Needle.

The magnetic needle comes to rest pointing north and south because the earth acts as if it were a great magnet. A compass needle would come to rest pointing lengthwise of a bar magnet placed under the compass needle, just as it does under the influence of the earth. For this reason we think of the earth as a great magnet. The north pole and the north star have no influence over the compass needle.

## LITTLE LEFT OF JERICHO

### Only Part of the Walls of the Biblical Stronghold Remain.

The walls of Jericho, remains of which have been excavated by German archaeologists, are, of course, chiefly famous in connection with their miraculous destruction by Joshua. It is recorded in the Book of Joshua, chapter 6, that, by command of the Lord, Joshua's army compassed the city, going round about it once a day for six days, headed by seven priests bearing seven rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day they encompassed it seven times. Then, on Joshua's command, "the people shouted, and the priests blew with trumpets; and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, that the people shouted with a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city," destroying all that was in it, except Rahab the harlot, who had hidden the messengers sent by Joshua to spy out the city, and her father's household. The date of this destruction is placed at B. C. 1451. In spite of Joshua's curse on any who should rebuild the city, it was rebuilt in the reign of Ahab in B. C. 918 by Hiel, a native of Bethel, and it is recorded in 1 Kings, 16:34, how the curse of Joshua was fulfilled. The second city flourished, and under Herod the Great became important. It was sacked later. Archelaus, the son of Herod, founded a new town on the plain, which he had planted with palms. Jericho was finally destroyed by Vespasian in A. D. 68.

### A Despicable Wretch.

"That man has no conscience."

"Why do you think so?"

"He cheated me fearfully in a horse trade in which I supposed I was easily getting the rattle out of the bargain."

# 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 rod deep on Map's Ave. East. (half an acre). Fine barn and every modern convenience. Furnace heat, 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 bounding north by land of Mollie G. Smith, east by D., G. H. & M. Ry., south by Bower street, west by Woodward avenue. 66 feet front on Woodward avenue, 198 feet deep on north side and 148 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 $1,300.

**77**

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

**103**

Eighty-acre farm in White Lake township, w ½ of s e ¼ of section 32, 70 acres cleared, 10 acres timber and huckleberry swamp. (Don't laugh; this swamp netted the owner over $150.00 last summer.) Three 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 ¼ acres in n w ¼ of s e ¼ of sec 34, township 2 Troy, house 3 rooms, barn in good shape, well 2 but barn a little loose, never dry in mud. Take a Rochester Electric fare to Detroit or R. P. D. All cash and no grumbling will buy it at $750. 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, Sec 11, 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, Kinkaid, Brady, Shaw, Conklin, and others. 41 acres, nearly half of which is timber, and pretty little branch of River Rouge (never dry) runs through the place with giant elms and oaks overhanging. No build, gas and city water in front. 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.

**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 shed, cellar, all ordinary conveniences. One of the best bargains we have. Show it to you any time.

**180**

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

**185**

Corner lot, 100 feet front on Maple avenue, 132 feet deep; one good building insured; plenty of small fruit. A bargain for $1,800, one-half cash down.

**188**

One of the best-arranged and finest-equipped residences in the village, and absolutely the best location—East Maple Avenue, two blocks from electric road; bath, toilet, hot and cold water, etc., 10 rooms, 2 stories, rebuilt last year, better than new; 8 buildings, fine orchard; 112 feet on Maple, 320 feet deep; plenty of room for chickens and garden; good barn, fine workshop. Say! What else do you want, anyhow? Will sell cheap and 52 feet front by 150 feet deep for $2,800. One of our best bargains.

**193**

Thirty-five-acre fruit farm, 14½ miles north on Birmingham, on the town line; 6 buildings, insured for $1,300; all kinds of soil—clay, gravel, sand and dark loam. Last year this farm produced 125 bushels raspberries, 20 bushels blackberries, 111 bushels strawberries, 90 tons hay, etc. A gravel ridge 40 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 Soy Stock Farm; 5 buildings, good house, basement barn, plenty of small fruit, orchard of excellent fruit; 2½ miles from Flint Division D. U. R. 5 wells and fine spring. Price $6,000.

**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 9½-mile road and Campbell road, ¼ mile east of electric road; adjoins J. F. Hudson and Duffield tracts, which are held at $500.00 per acre. 1¼ miles north of State Fair Grounds, cheap at $350 per acre; will exchange for Detroit property.

**196**

Six acres, part of s w ¼ of n w ¼ of section 36, Troy township; new barn, fair house, gravelly loam, fine flowing well; 2 miles east of Flint electric road, 5½ miles from Big Beaver; good farm for somebody. Price $3,000.

**198**

Ten acres 1 mile east of Royal Oak village on gallon road, 30 rods south of new building site. 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; good buildings, well fenced, fine orchard, fine soil; pretty little River Rouge runs through the farm; 9 miles from Birmingham. Worth looking at. Take you to see it any day. Oh, yes, the price is $12,600, and terms to suit. Farms not as good as this have sold within the past year, in the immediate vicinity, for $150 per acre. Let us take you to see it. It will please you, and if you don't buy we won't grumble.

**201**

Fine 5-story residence on Maple Avenue, corner of High Street; 50 feet front, 128 feet deep; hot water heated, hot and cold water, bath, and city water; every convenience found in the best class of city residences. Detroit cars pass the door and best neighborhood in town. House would cost at least $25,000 to build to-day, and may can build it for less and see what they say. You can buy this beautiful home for $9,000, and have your own way about payments. Ask the man at the bank.

**213**

Fine little farm of about 7½ acres in Royal Oak on the line of the Rochester Electric, 2 miles north of Royal Oak; fare 5 cents to Detroit; about 5 will 120 feet deep, good pure water; 1-acre bearing apple orchard; 2 buildings, insured for $1,200, and $4,000 will buy it, subject to mortgage for which can run at the reasonable interest. Improved Detroit city property.

**216**

A new, modern 4-wheeling, constructed by a well-known builder for his own use, from best cement blocks, boiler, will be 1,000 feet high, in one of the best localities in our village; lot 60x100 feet; 8 large size trees; bath, toilet, hot and cold water, cess-pool, hot-air furnace, 9 rooms beautifully finished in hard woods; for your own reasons for selling. Price $2,800. 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 $500, and the house is insured for $1,300; that's $1,700, and prices are advancing all along the lines in that location, so you come right away or we will consider an offer of $1,500, and if that is too high after we have shown you over the premises, we will introduce you to the owner and you can make your own terms. Fun.

**222**

Two-story tenement or terrace, on the east side of Woodward avenue. Two distinct 2-story houses of 5 rooms each. Furnace, water-closet, bath, hot and cold water, city water and gas; each independent of other apartment. Rents for $12 per month each. Four dollars per year will pay all taxes and insurance. Good barn on the premises, and the lot is 70 feet front on the east side of Woodward, and 185 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 let us help you ponder. Always 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, on the Pontiac electric line; one stone in front; about 20 rods deep, with nice little creek (branch of the River Rouge) crossing the back end of the premises. Finest location in the county for a nice little chicken farm. No buildings, but can be bought cheap enough so that you can build to suit yourself and have one of the finest homes among the many in the Bloomfield Hills district. Postal card request will bring prices and particulars. Rather show it to you, though.

**229**

A pleasant and sightly farm of 71 acres in Waterford school house between Merritt and Maple, on Chester Street. Terms easy.

**231**

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

**232**

Farm of 97¼ acres, just outside the Village of Birmingham, on the D. & P. electric line; 13¾ feet 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, 3 miles from Fergus Station, on the M. C. R'y. Clay loam; good buildings valued at $5,000, and $3,000 will buy the farm if you come right away—now. The place is within 2 miles of active coal mines, and there is a rich coal deposit under the entire farm; 6 miles to Chesaning; 16 miles to Owosso; 4½ 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, 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, 4 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 4 miles from the thriving Village of Rochester. Will trade for a smaller farm or will consider an offer of $5,500, 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 Saddle Street. Good, old-fashioned house, and a cozy home at a low price. Party has decided to go West and wants to sell badly enough to make a decided sacrifice. Ask the man at the bank about it.

**256**

Eight-room house, good barn and two acres of excellent land on west side of Southfield Avenue, in the Village of Birmingham—one of the best high and sightly residences in the village. Building would cost $2,800 to build today (house is practically new), and the whole outfit can be bought for just a trifle more than that. Enough to secure it will get it, and you can have your own way about payments and balance.

**260**

Eight-room, 2-story house on Southfield Avenue, Lot 80x176 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 stationary. $1,800 cash will buy it; balance on easy terms.

**262**

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

**264**

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

**265**

Eighty-acre farm in Ionia county, Town of Easton. Will exchange for small farm or residence. Property is described as w ½ of s e ¼ of sec 36, town 7 n., 7 w. Nine buildings insured for $2,250; mortgage of $6,500, which can run; $2,500 cash will secure balance. 2 miles from Ionia; 8-room house; 2 wells; 2 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 $3,000 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. Not 10% down. Well, you can have a look at 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, near Electric Park, known as "Elmcrest." Ten rooms, bath, toilet, two sellars, furnace room, good foundation, stone 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. $3,500 cash will buy it, and the balance of purchase price can be paid at any time and low rate of interest. Without exception, this is the finest location and the best lot of buildings on our st; and the price is right.

**251**

House and lot in Campbell's Subdivision; corner lot 60x110, fine hedge on front and side, cellar, well and cistern water in the kitchen, fine veranda on front and side, cherries, peaches, pears, crab apples—all bearing—and some smaller trees. $1,450 will buy it, and terms are such that it won't take a millionaire to handle it. Come on.

**252**

Eight acres of land in Newaygo county, Michigan, lately cleared, with two buildings, 18 acres oak timber; price $5 per acre. Won't cost anything to investigate. We are ready to answer all questions you may ask—wise or otherwise.

**253**

Two hundred acres of sand and sandy loam, 40 acres of which is tilled and cleared; two buildings of little value. Price $10 per acre. 5a in the Township of Big Rapids, County of Newaygo. And then we have 440 acres more, in the same township, with 3 buildings, 2½ acres of orchard and 150 acres of mixed timber, all at $10 per acre. We'll just dare you to dig into this proposition—and you know what our reputation 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 3 other good buildings, all nearly new, an acre of fine orchard, lots of small fruit, buildings insured for $2,800. 11 acres of excellent land, 1½ miles from Flint Electric, an hour's ride from Detroit. Price $5,500; terms easy. Half mile west from Flood church and store. Take you to see it any time.

**258**

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

**266**

What would you think of it we would offer you a fine modern house of 11 rooms, with toilet and bath room, (cost $2,500 to build when material was cheap,) lot 80x132, and a nice little barn, for $2,600? And terms easy at that. Well, we can do it. If you don't think the place is worth more money than we ask for it, we will convince you in about a minute if you will call at the bank and ask the man. The property is situated in the Village of Birmingham, on the corner, and in 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 make us an offer of $2,000 cash, and we will see what we can do for you; or, will sell from one to 20 acres in any sort of parcel, at 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 4 rooms; small barn, large garden, some fruit; $1,000; buildings are insured for $900.

**270**

House and lot, west side of Ann Street; 2-story frame cottage, cement block foundation, 8 rooms and cellar; one block from Woodward Avenue; $1,800; terms easy.

**271**

Forty feet front on Southfield Avenue, 176 feet deep; 2 buildings, 6-room house, 3 bedrooms, water in house, garden, fruit, new cement walks, $1,350.

**272**

Millers, attention! Feed rolls, 9x18, 60-horsepower engine and boiler, complete with all fixtures, for $350. Or, will sell separate.

**273**

New cement house, one block from Woodward Avenue, 4 bedrooms, bath and closet on second floor, 3 rooms downstairs; large veranda, hot-air furnace, hot and cold water, hard-wood 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 $3,500 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, 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, tubular hot-air furnace, bath, toilet, water closet, grapes, peaches and apples in great abundance; one mile from Pontiac 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**

Farm of 160 acres in Southfield; gravelly loam and clay; 4 good buildings, 6 acres orchard, 40 acres oak timber; 1 mile from 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? 540 acres, and the north branch of the Au Sable river runs across it. 90 acres cleared, 2 acres orchard, 2 buildings valued at $1,500; good house; road from the river; abundance of game and fish, fine climate, pure air, school house on the same section; only four settlers in the township, ideal for stock; other buildings for hunting and fishing. Price $15 per acre; terms easy, and we will take some stock in a corporation to buy it. A postal will bring full particulars, photographs and map.

### Big Game Fees.

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

### Tolstoi's Work for Charity.

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

### Dog's "Constitutional."

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

### Bright Boy!

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

### A Sound Sleep.

"Morning! morning!" said paterfamilias, genially, as he entered the breakfast room. "I've had a splendid night. Slept like a top!" "His with 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, a great deal, in 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 habitual 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.