# The Clew of the Liquor Bottles

Edited by William J. Bacon

## A True Story of the Secret Service, as Told by Capt. Dickson

SOME years ago, before I became connected with the United States secret service in the east, I was engaged by a member of the western express companies to do some special work for them," began Capt. Dickson. "My headquarters were in Denver and my work, on the whole, was decidedly interesting.

One adventure in particular made me proud of my service for our company, although it was largely a matter of luck that brought about my success in that instance. I am a firm believer in luck, for it plays an important part in every man's life, and it has figured to a large extent in my own affairs, I am free to confess.

"A daring express robbery had been committed in the western part of the state, near the Utah line, by three men. The messenger had been murdered and the passengers throughout the train robbed of all their money. The hold-up men secured something more than $15,000 from the express company's safe and fully $5,000 from the passengers. They took nothing but money, however, leaving valuable jewelry, diamonds and watches with their owners, and ignoring the parcels in the express car. This circumstance showed that the gang was composed of experienced thieves, for money is the hardest thing in the world to trace.

"I was notified of the robbery on the afternoon of the second day after it occurred, and although I hastened to the spot with all dispatch and made my arrangement by wire, it was noon of the third day before I alighted at the nearest station. Here I had arranged for two horses and a prospector's outfit, deeming it best to follow the bandits in the disguise of a miner, as the robbery had been made at a point near the mining region of southwestern Colorado, and I expected to find the criminals at some of the numerous mining camps.

"I have never been a believer in disguises except as to clothing. All efforts to change the face with grease paints and wigs and the like only tend to attract attention and divert suspicion to the man thus togged out. The casual observer might not notice the deception, but the criminal, and especially the hunted criminal, is no casual observer. He has formed the habit of noticing everything, and he will detect the least false point in a man's appearance and shun him as if he were afflicted with the plague.

"A change of dress will work wonders in a man's appearance. If a man can wear other clothes than those he is accustomed to, and wear them easily and naturally, he can more effectually disguise himself by this means than he can with all the wigs and paints and whiskers in existence.

"Coming across the continental divide, I had suffered a slight attack of indigestion. I sent the porter after a flask of whisky, asking for a certain brand. He returned in a few minutes with one of the diminutive little bottles customarily sold on sleeping cars at a quarter a bottle. It was not the kind I had ordered, but the porter explained that this was the only brand of liquor the company sold, and I had to be content with it. The label of the bottle stated that it was put up expressly for the company.

"On reaching my destination, I immediately assumed the character of a miner and set about my inquiry. There was little information to be gathered beyond what was contained in the express company's report of the robbery, of which I had a carbon copy. Satisfied that time spent here would be wasted, I set out for the scene of the robbery, riding a wiry little pony and leading another on which was packed my outfit of grub and cooking implements and miner's tools.

"The place was a desolate spot. The road ran through a broad alkali valley which had not, at that time, been brought under cultivation by irrigation. It was easy to pick up the trail of bandits and follow it across the valley in a southwesterly direction to the foot-hills of the Rockies, where the trail disappeared, the rocky ground leaving no trace of hoof-prints.

"From this point on it was to be a matter of luck and guesswork. I believed my men had made for Telluride, Ouray, Silverton or some other mining camp, but I was not rash enough to venture a guess as to which it might be at that stage of the game. These camps, with their rough, shifting population, offered capital retreats for criminals, and from past experience I knew that my three rogues would, in all probability, remain in one of these camps until the excitement from the robbery had subsided, and then make for civilization to spend their money.

"For three days I drifted at random through the mountains, following trails and paths, for there were no roads, endeavoring to pick up some clew or find the place where my party had spent the first night after the robbery. The hold-up had occurred about noon, and, by hard riding, the three highwaymen could penetrate some ten or twenty miles into the fastness of the mountains before it became too dark to travel further. It was out of the question for any one to advance through that region after dark. I hoped to find the place of their camp, and felt sure I would do so by persevering.

"Late the third afternoon I stumbled on the ashes of a campfire, and close beside it, among the firs and cedars, I found where horses had been tied. This was what I had searched for, and I felt sure that I would here find something of value. I camped a short distance from the place so I would not disturb it, leaving my examination until the next morning, when I would have a good light. It then being too late to attempt such a thing.

"That night, by the light of my campfire, I read again the report of the robbery as given by the train hands. Near the last of it was the account of the sleeping car porter who related, with evident grief, that he had been relieved of $6.15 in silver, and that the bandits had rifled the liquor cabinet of the buffet, taking with them all of the whisky and a few bottles of the rarer and stronger wines.

"Early next morning I examined the deserted camp of the highwaymen. There was nothing but a burned out pile of ashes and charred sticks and a few empty bottles. The bottles gave the clew for which I searched. The highwaymen had certainly made their camp here. Each bottle bore the label of the sleeping car company, and some of them were the diminutive flasks of which I had drunk one on the trip from Denver. There was not a scrap of paper anywhere else to be found.

"Elated with my success, I made a survey of the country and discovered a half-obscure trail leading farther into the mountains. I took up this trail and followed it as best I could until nightfall. Often I lost it, and sometimes I spent an hour or more casting about to pick it up again, as I have seen hounds baffled on the trail of a fox. About three o'clock that afternoon I found something that made my eyes sparkle. Shattered into a thousand pieces was the remains of one of the small whisky bottles on a large flat rock beside the trail where it had doubtless been cast in a playful mood induced by its contents. Among the fragments I found the label of the sleeping car company.

"It was the dry season, and this was in my favor, for no rains came to obliterate the trail. For five days I followed the bandits across the hills and through the valleys, verifying my route from time to time by fragments of broken whisky bottles along the way, and at the places where they had camped for a night. The buffet-car must have been well stocked, for I found many bottles in this journey.

"The trail eventually came to a well beaten road, which, from my map, I learned was the stage and mail route from Montrose, the nearest railroad point to Ouray, then a rather insignificant mining settlement. I lost no time in getting to Ouray, for it was impossible to trail my men along this road and I was sure they had headed for the mining camp.

"Two days were spent at Ouray without finding a trace of the three men. They had not stopped there certainly, so I took the trail to Telluride, a mining camp farther on in the mountains. Telluride was then a camp of 800 or 1,000 souls, and there was a bit of a mining boom on which daily brought new prospectors to swell its citizenship, fatuous souls brought there by the greed of gold—lure that never fails to attract victims in swarms. For three days I searched in vain through the saloons and dance halls and other places where the rough miners congregated without finding a trace of my three rogues. That infallible sixth sense of mine was doing its best to keep me longer in Telluride, although my judgment told me to move on to Silverton; and in the end my intuition won the day and I remained.

"One evening I was drinking with a raw-boned miner. The whisky was abominable. The distillery where it was made would never have recognized its product in its present form. I complained of the poor quality of whisky and asked my acquaintance if there were not some better stuff to be found in the camp. He said there was not, at any of the bars, but that he had been given an amazingly good drink by a miner, whose name he mentioned. He said it had been in a little cache which held just enough for one, but it was the best liquor he had drunk since he left Kentucky many years before. He licked his lips in pleasant memory of the drink.

"I almost gave myself away, so keen was my pleasure at this chance remark. I inquired about the miner, and learned that he was working a big stud-poker game, played with gold pieces and currency instead of chips. There was some $8,000 or $10,000 upon the table. Strewn about the floor were many whisky and wine bottles. In a box beneath one of the bunks was a solitary pint bottle of whisky, the last remnant of the contents of the buffet car's liquor store. It was, as I said, a clean case of luck."

ONE OF THE MINERS THREW THE DOOR WIDE OPEN

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### Played on Ancient Instruments.

At a concert which took place in the large hall of the Royal museum at Stuttgart, recently, at which the king and queen of Wurtemberg were present, the instruments were ingenious save spinets, clavicembolas and pianos of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The most interesting of these were the one which was once owned by Johann Sebastian Bach, and another on which Queen Louise of Prussia learned to play.

## Rivers That Make Damascus

### Situated in Desert, Town Would Be Uninhabitable Were It Not for These Two Streams.

The situation of Damascus is remarkable—she stands isolated on an oasis of the vast desert which everywhere hems her in. You may see from Damascus the sunset fire touch with purple the low western hills 25 miles away. These hills mark the beginning of the great desert—beyond them there is nothing but a rolling waste and the long roads to Palmyra and Bagdad. The permanspace and prosperity of Damascus are due to the presence of two rivers, which have converted this spot of the dreary, desolate and uninhabited desert into a smiling and well watered plain. The Pharpar approaches only within seven miles of Damascus, but by means of canals and aqueducts sends its life-giving waters to the gardens of the city. The Abana is the stream from which the city's main supply of water is obtained. Minerva like, it springs full born from the base of a perpendicular rock at Ain Fijih, in the heart of the Anti-Lebanons, and runs a course of ten miles in a gorge, a large river 20 to 30 feet wide and many feet deep, its waters always fresh and ice cold, casting out branches everywhere, permeating every nook and corner of the city, until, as one has said: "Literally, there is scarce a street, bazaar, khan, courtyard or dwelling house which has not its marble or stone fountain constantly filled with running water supplied directly by the Abana itself." Thus, the Abana, not fruitlessly wasting her waters on that thirsty land, saves them in her narrow gorge till she can fling them well out on the desert, and expends all her life at once in the creation of a single city.—Biblical World.

## Pittsburg Man Is "Loaded"

### Perfect Fiend to Quote Statistics, According to Writer in Harper's.

The Pittsburger can carry more figures of large denomination on his person without your suspecting their existence than any other citizen of the United States. He is a reservoir of decimals and statistics. He must have ample justification, however, before he turns the spigot, but when he does there is a torrent no man can stem.

If provoked and inclined to extend himself, in a five-minute talk he can fill you so full of miscellaneous industries—natural gas, steel rails, tin plate, petroleum, steel pipes and sheet metal, fire bricks, tumblers, tableware, coke, pickles, and all that sort of thing—that you will begin to feel like a combination delicatessen and hardware store.

I have not begun to enumerate the different data I have collected on this subject, as I have no desire to make the reader feel small or to lose confidence in himself. As I have pointed out before, the Pittsburger, or the man who is under the influence of Pittsburg, must be provoked before he unburdens.—C. H. White, in Harper's.


# 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 Maple ave. Block half way to town. Fine barn and cow; modern conveniences. Furnace, bath, closet, etc. Can be bought for what the building cost. Healthiest fine 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. U. H. & M. R'y, south by Bower street, west by Woodward avenue, 66 feet front on Woodward avenue, 198 feet deep on north side and 146 feet deep on south side, all in the Village of Birmingham, Mich. One of the finest building sites in the village.

**77**

One set on Saginaw street, just south of land owned by John Carroll, 99 feet front and 132 deep; 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, in good neighborhood; 4½ miles from Milford, 8 miles from Commerce; proposed electric road comes within a mile of the house. Price, $2,000.**

**147**

**Nice little home for someone of small means** 1½ acres in w ½ of s e ¼ of sw ¼, town 3 north of Troy, house 7 rooms, barn in good shape, well; both barn and house never fail to run. ½ mile east of Rochester Electric line to Detroit (c. R. P. U.) 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. Must have 20 acres on east ¼ of south west ¼ Sec. 11, Troy township; house and building valued at $8,000 (insured for $7,700); flowing well piped to house; farm well adapted for dairy or stock; 1½ miles from electric at Troy Corners, where there are good schools and churches. Pure 10c 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 Bacon, Barbour, Radford, Brady, Shaw, Conklin, and others; 43 acres, nearly half of which is timber, and pretty little branch of River Rouge (never dry) runs through the place with glen and oaks overhanging. No bailding, good drainage, fine orchard of 4 acres. Price is high, but if you have the cream you must expect to pay for it.

**178**

**Seven-room cottage on west side of Bates street,** 40 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, and the best bargain we have. Show it to you any time.

**180**

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

**188**

**One of the best-arranged and finest-equipped residences in the village, and is absolutely the best location—East Maple Avenue, only a few 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 workshop. Say! What else do you want, anyhow? Will sell house and 12 feet front by 150 feet deep for $5,800. One of our best bargains.**

**193**

**Thirty-five-acre fruit farm, 14 miles north of** Birmingham, on the town line; 6 buildings, insured for $1,900. All kinds of soil—clay, gravel, sand and dark loam. Last year this farm produced 123 bushels raspberries, 20 bushels blackberries, 111 bushels strawberries, 10 tons hay, six 4 gravel ridge 40 rods in length, and an almost inexhaustable supply of gravel, is worth anything 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.

**196**

**Fifty acres in Township of Troy, adjoining the** Troy Stock Farm; 5 buildings, good house, basement barn, plenty of small fruit, orchard of excellent fruit; 8½ miles from Flint Division R. R.; 3 wells and fine spring. Price $4,000.

**198**

**Fifteen acres in Township of Royal Oak; no** buildings; small piece of maples in a pretty future; new land, without stones; clay loam; sheep top soil; corner of the 9½-mile road and Campbell road, 4 miles south of Maple Avenue, on the Hudson and Duffield tracts, which are held at $500.00 per acre; 1¼ miles north of State Fair grounds. Price $300 per acre; will exchange for Detroit property.

**196**

**Six acres, part of s w ¼ of n w ¼ of section 28,** Troy township; new barn, fair house, rich clay loam, fine flowing well; 2 miles east of Flint electric road, 3 miles from Big Beaver good farm for somebody. Price $625.

**198**

**Two acres 1 mile east of Royal Oak village on** Sellers land, 40 fine apple trees, no buildings. Price $1,200. The place is well fenced, and the owner will exchange 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 brook runs through the farm; 9½ miles from Birmingham. Worth looking at. Take team to see it any day. Farm is not as good as this have sold within the past year. Price, $10,000, and worth it. Only $80 per acre. Let us take you to see it. It will please you, and if you don't buy we don't grumble.**

**201**

**Fine 2-story residence on Maple Avenue, corner** of High Street, 50 feet front, 132 feet deep; hot-water heater, hot and cold bath, toilet, electric city water; every convenience found in the best class of modern houses. Cement walk (cost $250) and best neighborhood in town. House would cost at least $6,000 to build today and we can build it for less and see what they say. You can have this beautiful home for $4,500 and have your own way about payments. Ask the man at the bank.

**216**

**A new, modern dwelling, constructed by a well** known builder for his own use, from best concrete blocks, with all the modern conveniences and the best condition in our village; lot 60x160 feet; 7 large square rooms, bath, water-closet, hot and cold water, soap-pool, hot-air furnace, cellar, beautifully finished in hard wood, large attic. Best of reasons for selling. Price $6,500. Let us show it to you any day—any time.

**219**

**Tidy little place for some one with moderate** means. Corner Chesbrough and Park, Campbell's Addition. Lot worth at least $500, and the house is insured for $1,000; but we have prices and are advancing all along the line in that location. If you will build a house we will accept an offer of $1,600; 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. Etc.

**222**

**Two-story tenement or terrace, on the east side** of Woodward Avenue. Two distinct 3-story houses of 3 rooms each. Furnace, water-closet, bath, hot and cold water, city water and gas; each independent. Rent of each house, $12.50 per month each. Forty dollars per year will pay you 8 per cent on $500. Further, the owner of the property is one of the best men in the village, lives right next door to the property, and will help you protect yourself against any loss in any way you may desire in particulars. Rather show it to you.

**227**

**Five acres just outside of the corporation limits** of Birmingham, about 18 rods frontage on Woodward Avenue, on the Pontiac electric line; 2 buildings, about 30 rods deep, with nice little orchard; 2 rods from the electric road, on the best end of the premises. Finest location in the village for the money. Will exchange for city property, but can be bought cheap enough so that you can build a house yourself and have a home and not house among the many in the Hoosefield Hill addition. Call and let us help you protect yourself in particulars. Rather show it to you.

**229**

**A pleasant and sightly farm of 71 acres in Wom**bold, Oakland county, 1 mile from electric station; 1 acres orchard, 2 acres good timber, balance cleared; 1 good house and barn; the price is $6,000—and it is well worth it. Good soil, clay loam, under high state of cultivation. Better investigate.

**232**

**Farm of 97½ acres, just outside the village of** Birmingham, on the D. & P. electric line; 15 cars to Detroit, half hour service; load all stock on your own farm; all in a high state of cultivation. Desirable location between Detroit and Pontiac.

**241**

**Fine new house with all modern conveniences,** within 800 feet of the west side of Woodward Avenue; 8 rooms, hard-wood finish; lot 66x180; 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 240 acres, Saginaw county, 3 miles from** Fergus Station, on the M. C. R'y. Clay loam, good buildings valued at $3,000, and $8,000 will buy the farm if you come right away—now. The place is within 2 miles of active village of Merrill, and there is a rich coal deposit under the entire farm; 6 miles to Chesaning; 16 miles to Owosso; 4½ miles to Charles and 22 miles to Saginaw. Well drained, good fences, and altogether worth the money.

**244**

**If you could buy an acre and a quarter of land** with a brick house equipped with hot and cold water, bath, water closet, furnace, and every possible convenience, and barn, chicken house, plenty of fruit and cement walks—and the house alone cost $6,000—for $3,000 cash or farm, you'd 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); no waste land is 120 feet above the river; fine orchard, 4 wells, 3 miles of good houses, 2 barns in good repair, well fenced, and only a mile from the thriving Village of Rochester. Will trade for a smaller farm or will consider an offer of $8,500, with one-third cash. Take you to see it any old time at all.

**247**

**House, barn, and all on 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.

**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. Nuff sed! Why not? Well, just come and talk it over with us; and after you look the premises over you will make us an offer anyhow.

**250**

**Now, here is a "Beaner!" House, barn and** chicken house, with two acres of land on westerly side of Woodward, opposite Electric Park, known as "Elmcrest." Ten rooms, bath, toilet, two cellars, furnace, room, good hot-air furnace, two grates and mantels, one of the best equipped lot of buildings in the village, 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 had on long time and low rate of interest. Without exception, this is the finest location and the best lot of buildings on our list; and the price is right.

**251**

**House and lot in Campbell's Subdivision; corner** of Mill, 66 feet, fine lawn on front and side, cellar, 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 can be made so that it won't ask a million-dare to handle it. Come on.

**252**

**Eight acres of land in Newaygo county, Mich-**igan, listed "A No. 1 everybody else;" no buildings, 10 acres oak timber, price $5 per acre. Won't cost anything to investigate. We're ready to answer all questions you may ask by wire or otherwise.

**253**

**Two hundred acres of sand and sandy loam, 40** acres of mixed timber, 60 acres cleared; two buildings of little value. Price $10 per acre. Township of Big Prairie, County of Newaygo. And that we have 640 acres more, in the same township, with 5 buildings, 2½ acres of orchard and 100 acres of mixed timber, all at $10 per acre. Well just dare you to dig into this proposition—and you know what our opinion used to be at school regarding any "feller" that wouldn't take a dare."

**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-equipped and tidiest homes in the village. Buildings would cost $2,800 to build today (house is practically new), and the whole south end can be bought for just a trifle more than that. Enough to secure it will get it, and you can have your own way about payments on balance.

**257**

**Just what everybody wants! Don't wait a min**ute or you'll lose it. Fine house and barn, with 3 acres of good land, all nearly new; an acre of fine orchard, lots of small fruit; buildings insured for $2,900; 11 acres of excellent land, ½ mile from Flint Electric, and 1½ miles from Detroit. Price $3,500; terms easy. Half mile east to school, church and stores. Take you to see it any old time.

**258**

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

**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 26, town 7 n., r 7 w. Nine buildings insured for $2,250 mortgage of $2,500, which can run for 5 years if desired. Within 2½ miles from Ionia; 9-room white brick house; all kinds of fruits in bearing; 3 wells and excellent soil. That offer is good for 30 days only, so you'd better get busy.

**269**

**House and lot, east side Woodward Avenue; will** exchange for other property or for lots#7; house 6 rooms; small barn, large garden, some fruits bearing; 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, 5-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 than we want for it, but we'll sell it for $8,500 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 $700; within 2½ miles of Detroit, 1 mile from Clawson on the Flint electric line; $900; terms easy.

**275**

**Fine new house and 102 acres of good land on** east side of Woodward Avenue, near Pontiac; 18 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 on D. U. H. & M. electric. Prices and terms on application.

**276**

**Farm of 160 acres, west of Birmingham; excel**lent 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.

**267**

**Forty acres on the line of the Flint electric, at** Harvey station, in Genesee county. Excellent soil, clay loam; no waste; one of the pleasantest locations for a home in the county residences. 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 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, 6 acres orchard, 40 acres timber; 1 mile from Clawson Factory and Village of Franklin; 2½ miles from electric road, Telephone, R. F. D., and $45 per acre; it if sold before March 1. Postal will get full a tiem-lare, or we will take you to see it at any time.

**278**

**How would you like a good big farm in Craw**ford county, Michigan? 480 acres, and the north branch of the Au Sable river runs across it; 200 acres cleared, 2 acres orchard, 2 buildings valued at $6,500; good house and barn on the river; also a piece of game and fish, fine climate, pure air, and not a mile from the north section; only four settlers in the township; ideal place for club buildings for hunting and fishing. Price $15 per acre; terms easy, and we will take some stock in a corporation to buy it. A postal will bring full particulars, photographs and map.

**Many Tons in Seam of Coal.**

A four-foot coal seam yields 6,000 tons an acre.

**280**

**Farm of 228 acres in Troy—15 acres oak and ma**ple timber, 5 acres orchard, 4 acres apples; 7 buildings valued at $6,000; insured for $5,000; no waste land. Soil rich; loam; flowing wells; tank and tank house; buildings 2 miles from Rochester electric; 9-room house; 2 wells; good cement bottom cellar; 200 rods of new Page wire fence; 2 miles to village; will sell all or part; the terms are easy at low rate of interest.

**282**

**Lot 4 in Block 7, Campbell's Subdivision; good** house insured for $650; fine location; price $1,200. Look at this little home for some one with enough cash to make a small first payment.

**283**

**Lots 23 and 24, Buell's Addition; one of the best** locations in the village; will sell both for $450, 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; 8-room house, good barn with cement floor (best farm); no marsh land; Ward Avenue, near Detroit, on west side of Woodward Avenue, near Electric Park; good drainage, cement walks. Price $3,500.

**285**

**Two-story cottage with wing, 2 lots 80x160, good** barn and woodshed, cement walk; fine location on south side of Merrill Street, pleasant neighborhood, two blocks from Woodward Avenue; cellar, cistern, city water, 8 rooms. Price $1,900.

**286**

**Fine farm of 56 acres on Franklin Road, 1¼** miles from Court House in Pontiac. No buildings, good well and new windmill, no waste land, well fenced, nice grove of 3 acres on west end, new gravel State road ½ mile to city limits, ½ mile from electric line; fine views, farm well fenced. Price $6,000; enough cash to secure, balance on long time at 6 per cent.

**287**

**Eight acres, 2-story dwelling, 10 rooms, 356 feet** front on Southfield Avenue, in village; city water, good barn, chicken house, woodshed, cement walks, buildings valued at $5,000; an acre of orchard, all kinds of fruit. Price $4,000; terms easy. Anxious to sell.

**288**

**Acreage, 16 acres one block from Woodward,** streets on two sides, excellent land well drained; just the thing for platting. Price $4,000. Terms, $2,000 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 first-class condition; city water, all conveniences, and will be sold for $5,000 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; prettiest location 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 your own price you will go with the man and look it over. Any time—any day.

**293**

**Forty acres good farming land suitable for cut**ting up in lots or parcels for building to suit purchaser; on line of D. U. H. & M. railway. No nonsense. No buildings. No trade. Price $2,01. Let's go and see it.

**294**

**ACREAGE—32 acres, high and dry, in the vil**lage of Birmingham, ready for platting. Grand street on two sides and through the middle. One block from Woodward Avenue. 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 elec**tric line, 7½ acres, 5-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. Must be bought for what the buildings cost, and all the cash required is about $1,000 above the mortgage, which can continue. Worth looking into. You can't help liking 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—cellar, cistern, lot 66 feet front and 120 feet deep. Cost owner $2,000, 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 fine wells, 2 acres of orchard, 2 acres of pure spring water furnishing an abundance of pure clear water; 2 acres timber, 3 acres blackberries; accommodation for 30 heads of cattle in cement-floor stable; 60 acres seeded with timothy; 15 acres timber, 340 rods new wire fence with cedar posts, 142 acres of black-loam land and not a foot of waste land; gravel pit and well-worked 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; 7½ miles from Detroit, 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 bat.

**299**

**FOR SALE—80 acres farm all under cultivation;** good buildings; on rural mail route and telephone line. Four miles from railroad station, in a well-settled county. Is on the line of proposed railroad from Grand Rapids to Ludington, which is to be built next season. Price $3,200. This farm is all No. 1 black soil, the very best for corn, hay, oats, onions or peppermint. A good distillery and lumber to any one. Farm is within half mile to church and school. This farm is well worth $4,000.00, but to settle an estate will take $3,200 —$1,200 cash and balance to suit.

**Believe in Gamblers.**

Many people, especially among those who gamble, have a profound belief in lucky and unlucky numbers. An old Italian woman at Nice was an inveterate player at the "loto" stakes, which are decided by numbers. She had no system properly so-called, but wherever she went she kept her eyes open for numbers, and when she saw one on a tramway car or a steamer, a sack of coals or a matchbox, she used to regard the numbers she collected in this haphazard way as good for her "petits billets."

**The Old Man and Death.**

An old man that had traveled a long way with a great bundle of fagots found himself so weary that he flung it down, and called upon death to deliver him from his most miserable existence. Death came straightway at his call and asked him what he wanted. "Pray, good sir," said the old man. "just do me the favor to help me up with my bundle of fagots."—Aesop.

**Milk as a Bathing Fluid.**

Milk was highly prized as a bathing fluid by the ancients. The women of Nero's household performed their ablutions in asses' milk, and this valued promoter of beautiful complexions was always used by the lovely Empress Poppea. Nowadays milk is too expensive to waste in the bathtub, and modern beauties content themselves with a teacupful in a basin wherein their faces may be laved.