CADET LIFE AT WEST POINT

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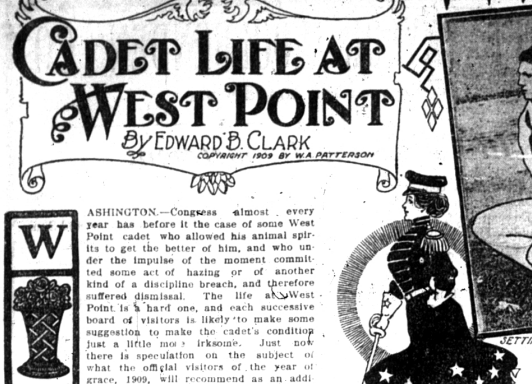


JETTING-UP DRILL

WASHINGTON.—Congress almost every year has before it the case of some West Point cadet who allowed his animal spirits to get the better of him, and who under the impulse of the moment committed some act of hazing or of another kind of a discipline breach, and therefore suffered dismissal. The life at West Point is a hard one, and each successive board of visitors is likely to make some suggestion to make the cadet's condition just a little more irksome. Just now there is speculation on the subject of what the official visitors of the year of grace, 1909, will recommend as an addition to the academy's code of discipline.

Sometime ago a clergyman of the Church of England visited West Point. He wished to get full knowledge of the drill, the system of study and the disciplinary methods of the institution, and so he rose at reveille and made the cadet day his own, until taps had sent the stripling soldiers to their blankets.

The clergyman, after seeing lights out, went to the officers' mess and there in response to a question from the superintendent of the academy, he summarized his opinion of the day's duties of the cadets by paraphrasing the remark of the Frenchman on one of the Crimean battlefields: "It's magnificent, but it's a beastly grind."

Lord Roberts not long ago declared that the United States school on the Hudson is the greatest military institution in the world. The hero of Kandahar doubtless had made some study of the records and of averages, for history shows that in the nineteenth century soldiers entitled to be called great, West Point has turned out more than all the military schools of the continent combined.

Obedience and discipline are the foundation stones of the success of a soldier, according to all the authorities who judge solely by results obtained. Disobedience of orders means dismissal from the military academy. Disobedience of direct orders is a thing practically unknown at the school. Infractions of regulations may in a sense be termed disobedience, but they are never so regarded in any of the world's schools. Boy nature would needs be remade if the rules of any institution were to be kept to the letter of the law.

Discipline at West Point is rigid to severity. As far as disciplinary methods are concerned the school never changes. It is the same to-day as it was in the days of Grant and Lee.

Take a day at the academy and conpare its duties with those of any other institution, no matter of what country, and it will be seen that in comparison to the cadets' labor the work of students at other schools is but play. During certain months of the year there is little play at West Point. Drill in the open air gives the requisite exercise to keep the physique right, and for recreation apparently there is no need.

The routine has changed a little with the passing years, but in a general way the day's program at the academy is like this:

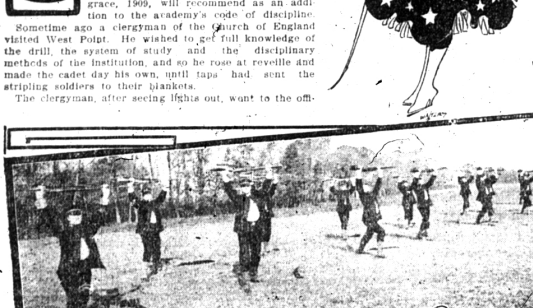
Reveille at 6 o'clock; roll call at 6:20; breakfast at 6:25; guard mount at 7:15; recitations and study hours from 8 until 1; dinner, 1 until 1:40; recitations and study from 2 until 4; drill from 4 until 5:20; parade at 5:30; supper at 6; study from 7 until 9:30; tattoo, then taps and sleep.

There are no recitations at the United States military academy on Saturday afternoons, and the cadets are given what is called "release from quarters," with permission to visit one another in barracks or to roam about the reservation, taking good care, under pain of dismissal, to keep from going off limits.

Release from quarters never comes for some cadets. The breaking of some small rule means confinement to quarters or the walking of extra guard tours. The boy who unwittingly puts on a pair of white trousers having an iron rust stain on them, and wears them at drill or at dress parade, will know no release from quarters for days.

Should a speck of rust be found on his rifle at Sunday morning inspection, he will shoulder that rifle and walk two or more hours up and down the area of barracks as a "sentinel without charge," while his more fortunate comrades are experiencing the ecstasy which comes from permission to ramble about the parade ground and to view the hotel and other delights of civilization from a distance.

Upon occasion the cadets are given permission to call upon friends at the little hotel on the reservation. If, however, a boy commits the enormous offense of leaving the main parlor of the hotel to visit his father or mother in another room, and the act should be discovered, he will never see the inside of that hotel again until many weeks have rolled by and he has expiated his crime by many extra tours of guard duty in the broiling sun or zero weather or a Highlands' winter.



PHYSICAL DRILL UNDER ARMS

PISTOL DRILL BY CADETS

In an older day at the academy, and it may be so to-day, the mail bag into which the cadets dropped their letters was hung with wide distended mouth just inside the door of the guardhouse. Until the first call for breakfast, the guardhouse was "off limits." The instant the drums rolled the cadets could enter the building and drop their letters. One morning a cadet stood without the door, holding his letter in his hands. The drummer's sticks were poised tremblingly, waiting to fall for the pounding out of the first call for breakfast.

The cadet saw the poised sticks, entered the guardhouse and dropped his letter just as the first note of the call sounded. He had passed through the doorway just one-sixteenth of a second too soon. An officer saw him mail his letter and a report of "off limits" went in which caused this unfortunate letter mailer to perform extra guard duty for 16 long hours—not consecutive hours, however.

On the first hook on the wall of his alcove the cadet must hang one specific article of clothing; on the second hook another article, and so on. If, perchance, the youth hangs his dresscoat on the nail sacred to the overcoat, he can bid farewell to release from quarters for two Saturdays at least, and if, perchance, the shell jacket hangs on the hook given over to trousers, he may add three more days of confinement to those which have accrued from the crime of the displaced overcoat.

The methodical cadet runs a yardstick along the toes of the extra shoes which under regulation, must be placed in regular order beneath the foot of his bed. If the toe of one shoe protrudes half an inch beyond the toe of its mate, the cadet gets one demerit mark. If more than one pair of shoes shows symptoms of irregularity in the matter of toeing the scratch, the cadet will receive a sufficient number of demerit marks to enable him to realize thoroughly the beauties of a right line as applied to something besides geometry.

It is "a beastly grind," as the English clergyman said, but it is a grind that has its uses, and the proof of it is written in all the records of the service.

Hazing is in a sense an hereditary habit. The army officers who have been asked in the years that are past, and who are being asked to-day to root out the practice of "devilling" the plebe at West Point, did not, and have not all of them their hearts in the work, for were they not hazed themselves, and were they not in turn hazers? Nine out of ten of the hazed will tell you to-day that they profited by the experience.

When Gen. Ulysses Simpson Grant entered plebe camp, a first classman who noticed the boy's strong build intimated to him that it would be a pleasure to have him call immediately at the senior's tent. Grant went. There is a rule at West Point, which was a rule in Grant's day as still wearing the clothes of civil life: "Which do you think is the greatest man, Gen. George Washington or Gen. Ulysses S. Grant?"

Fred's answer, blunt and quick, was: "Washington may have been the greater man, but my father was the greater soldier."

"Mr. Grant," said the upper classman, "to compare your father to George Washington in any sense, is like unto the comparing of a plucked hen to the American eagle."

Then there followed a fight, but it was stopped almost instanter by some first classmen because the place was too public.

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Some yearlings chased Schofield up a ladder from the cock loft of barracks to the roof. The future hero of Franklin was clad only in a night shirt. When the ref was reached the cadets gave Schofield a rifle, marked out a sentinel's beat on the tin roof and started the future artilleryman on his walk back and forth with the musket on his shoulder. They kept him at it while few intermissions, from taps to reveille.

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While Poe was at the academy Lieut. Joseph Lock was stationed there as a tactical officer. Lock was the strictest kind of a disciplinarian, and he was constantly reporting Poe for offenses, reports which brought as their natural consequence some heavy punishments. Poe had his revenge in a poem which the curious may find in a volume called "Tic Tacs," which was published years ago by the cadets:

John Locke was a great name,
Joe Lock is a greater.
The former is well known to fame,
The latter well known to report.

There is, or was, one form of hazing at West Point which has in it the essence of cruelty. This consists in making a plebe read with appropriate gestures and the proper inflections, all the nice things which the newspapers of his home town printed about him when the announcement of his appointment to a cadetship was made. Imagine, if you will, the feelings of a green youngster, as he stands upon a barrel, reading to an assemblage of possibly 50 yearlings, the editorial statement of the local papers, that Henry Smith "doubtless will be made a corporal as soon as the eyes of the superintendent of the military academy fell upon his tall and manly figure. Henry has in him the making of a great soldier. We shall hear of his deeds on the field of battle as a leader of his country's hosts in case dread war shall come."

Well, that any cadet who asks another to perform any menial work for him shall be dismissed from the service. The first classman knew too much to ask his visitor outright to do anything of the kind, but here is the way which veracious academy history says that he went at it:

"I presume, Mr. Grant, that you have lived on a farm, and such being the case you undoubtedly have had rare opportunities to note the effect of the sun's rays on certain objects. Now, if you had left in the sun a water bucket that was innocent of the retention of a single drop of the fluid, what do you think, sir, would have been the particular effect of the sun upon that particular water bucket?"

"I think," said Cadet Grant, "that it would get warped and leaky."

"Very well, Mr. Grant; you show erudition beyond your years. Now if you will look at my water bucket you will see that it is as dry as a chip. By the further exercise of your knowledge and observation, Mr. Grant, can you tell me by what means I may prevent the warping and leaking of my bucket?"

"Have it filled," said Grant.

"Very good, again, Mr. Grant; but pray note what you said: 'have it filled,' not 'fill it.' That necessarily means, Mr. Grant, that some one must fill it for me. You have shown so much acumen that I fear to violate the terms of your prescription either in letter or in spirit, which I should do if I presumed to carry the bucket to the water tank myself."

Grant filled the bucket.

A member of the West Point class of 1870, now an officer of high rank in active service, tells this story about the first day in plebe camp of Frederick Dent Grant, son of Ulysses.

An upper classman, bent on nothing else than having some fun with the son of the famous general, asked him on his advent into camp while he was still wearing the clothes of civil life: "Which do you think is the greatest man, Gen. George Washington or Gen. Ulysses S. Grant?"

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Straightening Bent Trolley Poles

During the earthquake and fire at San Francisco, the iron trolley poles in the city were badly bent. How to repair this damage proved quite a serious problem. It was considered impracticable to take out the poles, straighten them, and then replace them, and the other alternative of tearing them up and putting in new poles involved too much expense. The problem was finally solved by straightening the poles without removing them from their positions. The method of doing this, as described in a recent issue of the Electrical Railway Journal, is quite interesting. The apparatus used consisted of a ten-foot section of railway rail and two U bolts, with wooden fulcrum block. The rail was fastened to the upper end of the pole on the convex side of the bend by means of the U bolts, the legs of which passed through the flanges of the rail. Just below this the fulcrum block was placed, and then the lower end of the rail was forced inward against the pole by turning the nuts on the second U bolt. The cost of straightening the poles averaged about $3.50 each, whereas if new poles had been used to replace the bent ones, the cost would have been $40 each.

Soul's Emphasis Right.

What your heart thinks great is great. The soul's emphasis is always right.—Emerson.

Must Supplement Vegetable Diet.

It is impossible to thrive on vegetables alone. They must be supplemented by eggs, cheese, Italian pastes, such as macaroni, brown bread, good salad oil, butter, nuts, cereals, pulse.

Logical.

A common aphorism is, "Nothing is sure in this world." Now, if nothing is sure in this world we can't be sure that anything is sure, consequently, we are not sure that nothing is sure.

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The following is a partial list of Farms, City and Village Lots, and Real Estate generally which we have for sale. As our list is constantly changing, we request that parties will write us if they do not see what they want in this list.

5.

Elegant house and lot 60 feet front and 80 rods deep on Maple ave. East. Half an acre. Plus barn and every modern convenience. Furnace throughout, bath, etc. Can be bought for what the buildings cost. Will exchange for improved city property for portion of the purchase price.

85

Village lots on Woodward avenue bounden north by land of Mollie C. Smith, east by D., H. & M. Ry, south by Bower street, west by Woodward avenue. Most frontage Woodward avenue, 120 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.

77

One set on Maple street, just south of land owned by John German, 50 feet front. Anyone wishing to purchase will find this a bargain. For particulars inquire of Mollie G. Smith or at the Exchange Bank.

103

Eighty-acre farm in White Lake township, w ½ of s e ¼ of section 22; 70 acres cleared, 10 acres timber and buckleberry swamp. (Don't laugh; this swamp settled 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. 1¼ acres in n w ¼ of n e ¼ of sec 34, township of Novi. House is now barn in good shape; well a bit barn and house, never dry. ¼ mile east Rochester Electric; fare to Detroit is 8. F. D. All cash and no grumbling will buy it at $900. Hurry up!

No. 167

Wants to trade for 30 or 60 acres on w nase electric. Ninety-four acres on east ½ of south west ¼ Sec 11, Troy township; three buildings valued at $8,000 (insured for $1,700); 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 19c to Detroit; $60 per acre.

178

Seven-room cottage on west side of Bates street, 48 feet front, 120 feet deep. You couldn't build the house for $1,700, and that's all we ask for it. City water, wood shed, cellar, all ordinary conveniences. Lot is the best bargaine 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, two 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, 112 feet on Maple, 220 feet deep; plenty of room for chickens and cows; good barn, fine workshop. Sap? What else do you want; anyhow? Will sell house and 50 feet frontage by 150 feet deep for $2,600. One of our best bargains.

193

Thirty-five-acre fruit farm, 1¼ miles north of Birmingham, on the town line; 4 buildings, insured for $1,300. All kinds of soil—clay, gravel, sand and dark loam. Last year this farm produced 120 bushels raspberries, 30 bushels blackberries, 111 bushels strawberries, 10 tons hay, etc. A gravel ridge 60 rods in length, with an 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 $6,000; 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 in excellent fruit; 2½ miles from Flint Division D. U. R.; 8 walks and fine spring. Price $4,000.

195

Fifteen acres in Township of Royal Oak; no buildings; small grove of maples in a pretty pasture, new land, well drained, clay bottom, blackbay soil; corner of the 20-mile road and Campbell road, ¼ mile east of electric road; adjoins the Hodson and Duffield tracts, which are held at $500.00 per acre. Is worth more than Oak Grounds. Price $300 per acre; will take exchange for Detroit property.

196

Six acres, part of s w ¼ of s e ¼ of section 20, Troy township; new barn, fair house, soil clay loam, fine flowing well; 1 mile east of Flint electric road, 3½ miles from Big Beaver; good farm for somebody. Price $625.

198

Two acres 1 mile east of Royal Oak village on ellent land; 40 fine apple trees, fine orchard. 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 house, well fenced, fine orchard, flowing well; pretty little River Rouge runs through the farm; ½ mile from Birmingham, North Woodward. Take you for it any day. Oh, yes; the price is $10,000, and the terms easy. Farms are as good as this have sold within the past year, in the immediate vicinity, for $150.00 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 2-story residence on Maple Avenue, corner of High Street; 50 feet front, 132 feet deep; hot-water heater, hot and cold bath, toilet, city gas, city water; every convenience found in the high class of city residences. Cement walk (cost $200) and best sidewalk in town. This house would cost at least $3,000 to build today; ask any one to build it for less, 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.

216

A new, modern dwelling, constructed by a well-to-do builder for his own use; two fronts, concrete blocks, hollow walls, 2 stories high, in one of the best localities in our village; lot 60x100 feet; 12 large apple trees; bath with toilet, hot and cold water, ones-pool, hot-air furnace, 9 rooms beautifully finished in hard wood, large interior. Best of reasons for selling. Price $3,800. Let us show it to you any day—any time.

219

Tidy little place for some one with moderate means. Corner Chestnut and Palm, Campbell Addition. Lot is worth at least $400, and house is insured for $1,200; that's $1,700, and prices are advancing all along the lines in that location. If you come right away we will consider an offer of $1,400, and if that is too high after we have shown you over the premises, we will consider any offer the owner and you can make your own terms. Chas.

222

Two-story tenement or terrace, on the east side of Woodward avenue, two doors out Chestnut. Second-story suite of 3 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. Forty dollars per month will pay all taxes and insurance. Good barn on premises, and lot 50 feet front on the best frontage on Woodward, and 135 feet deep; room for a nice garden; can live in one apartment and have a comfortable income from the other. Place is worth to ponder over. Come and let us help you ponder. Always at your service. If you can't call, write.

227

Five acres just outside of the corporation limits of Birmingham, about 10 rods frontage on Woodward Avenue, the Pontiac electric line runs 20 steps in front; about 9 rods deep, with nice little stream (branch of the River Rouge) meandering the back end of the premises. Fine location for the beauty for a nice little chicken farm. No buildings, but we will take some more stock in compensation to buy it. A postal will bring full particulars, photographs and map.

229

A pleasant and sightly farm of 71 acres in West Bloomfield, ½ mile from the Northwestern electric line; orchard, 10 acres good timber, 1 building worth $3,000, and the price is $6,500—and it is well worth it. Good soil, well drained, under high state of cultivation. Better investigate.

232

Farm of 87½ acres, just outside the Village of Birmingham, on the D. & F. electric line; 1½ miles to Detroit, half-hour service; land all cleared; two acres; four buildings, all in good condition. Between Birmingham and Detroit and Pontiac.

Long Term of Church Service.

Miss Harriett Crabb, who has just died at Bridport, Dorsetshire, England, at the age of 96, had been connected with the Sunday School and Sunday school for 92 years, during 80 of which she had been a teacher.

241

Fine new house with all modern conveniences, within 200 feet of the main alleys of Woodward Avenue; 8 rooms, hard-wood finish; lot 50x100; 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. R. Clay loam, good buildings valued at $4,000, and $4,000 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 this 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 $4,000—for $2,000 on easy terms, you'd call it a snap, wouldn't you? Well, we can do it. Come on and we'll show you.

246

One hundred and twenty-seven acres in the Township of Avon. Six buildings worth $6,000, acres of timber, 5 acres of orchard; well watered (Clinton river runs through the farm); on marsh; land is 120 feet above the river; fine cellars, 4 wells, 3 good houses, 2 barns in good repair, well fenced, and only a mile from the thriving Village of Rochester. Will trade for a smaller farm or will consider an offer of $8,500, with one-third cash. Take you to see it any old time at all.

247

House, barn, and 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.

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 $1,562. Not Why not? Well, just come and take 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 $4,900. $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 one at, and the price is right.

251

House and lot in Campbell's Subdivision; corner lot 60x110, fine hedge on front and side, cellar, city 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 take a millionaire to handle it. Come on.

252

Eight acres of land in Newaygo county, Michigan, listed "A No. 1 tarify soil;" no buildings, 10 acres oak timber; price $5 per acre. Well worth anything to investigate. We're ready to answer all questions you may ask, wise or otherwise.

253

Two hundred acres of sand and sandy loam, 40 acres of mixed timber, 20 acres cleared; two buildings of little value. Price $10 per acre. Is in the Township of Big Prairie, County of Newaygo. And then we have 40 acres more, in the same township, with 3 buildings, 25½ acres of orchard and 150 acres of mixed timber, all at $10 per acre. Will just dare you to dig into this proposition and you know whatever spinkin used to be stocked regarding any "felled" that wouldn't "take a dare."

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 34, town 7 n, r 7 w. Nine buildings insured for $2,250; insurance on $4,500, which can run; $2,500 cash will secure balance. 2 miles from Ionia, 6 rooms white brick house; all kinds of fruit; no bills or waste land; exchange will stand good for 30 days only, so you'd better get busy.

269

House and lot, east side Woodward Avenue; will exchange for other property; lot 108x97; house 6 rooms; small barn, large garden, some fruit; $1,000; buildings are insured for $600.

270

House and lot, west side of Ann Street; 2-story frame cottage, cement block foundation, 3 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 $3,500 on easy terms.

274

Nice little country place for some one of small means. House, barn, and about half necessary outbuildings with two acres of good land; buildings insured for $725; cistern, good location, 2 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; 14 acres timber, 4 acres orchard; 3 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 150 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 easy. Take you to see it any day.

267

Forty acres on the line of the Flint electric, at Harris Corners, in Troy township. Excellent soil, clay loam, no waste land; two pleasant locations for building a nice country residence. The place is held for a quick sale, but makes an offer of $2,600 cash, and we will see what we can do for you; or, we will sell from 20 to 30 acres 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, 4 acres orchard, 40 acres oak timber; 1 mile from Birmingham factory and Village of Franklin; 2½ miles from electric; telephone, R. F. D.; and $45 per acre will get it if sold before March 1. Will trade part for a clear lake, or we will take you to see it at any time.

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How would you like a good big farm in Crawford county, Michigan? 160 acres, and the north branch of the Au Sable river runs through it; 30 acres cleared, 2 acres orchard, 2 buildings valued at $2,000; good house 3 rods from the river; abundance of good water; fine fishing, climate, pure air, school house on the same section; only four settlers in the township; best place for club houses; fine lodgings for hunting and fishing. Price $15 per acre terms easy, and we will take some stock in compensation to buy it. A postal will bring full particulars, photographs and map.

280

Farm of 220 acres in Troy—15 acres oak and maple timber, 5 acres orchard, 4 acres apples, 7 buildings valued at $4,000, insured for $2,000. No waste land. Soil rich loam; flowing wells; tank and tank house; buildings fair; one mile from Rochester electric; 3-room house with good basement bottom cellar; 200 rods of new Page wire fence. $85 per acre will buy it, and the terms are easy allow rate of interest.

281

Two very desirable lots in the Buell Addition can be bought for $400 on account of the cost of saving town. Bound to go soon, as same class of lots in the neighborhood are selling for twice the money.

282

Lot 4 in Block 1, Campbell's Subdivision; good house insured for $800; fine location; price $1,300. Nice easy 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 whole town; can be bought for $400, and you can get them by paying only $25, and the balance on land contract with easy payments.

284

House, barn, and 1¼ acres of excellent land with plenty of fruit; 5-room house, good barn; basement floor; fine location on west side of Woodward Avenue, just south of Beakes Park; good dollar cement walks. Price $2,300.

286

Fine farm of 56 acres on Franklin Road, 1½ miles from Court House in Pontiac. Nice buildings, good well and new windmill, no waste land, well fenced, nice grove of 3 acres on west end, new 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 fireplace, 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 $3,900 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, 13 acres of best orchard just coming into bearing, all kinds of fruit, fine barn, large carriage house; just outside of village limits; 2½ rods to electric; no waste land; prettiest location in Oakland county. 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 farm land and suitable for cutting up in lots or parcels for, building, to suit purchaser; on line of D. U. R., 18 miles from Detroit. No nonsense. No bull. No Uncle. Price $2,000. Let's go and see it.

294

ACREAGE—22 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. $3,000 will handle it. H. E. Dep't Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Michigan.

295

Nice little Chicken Farm on the Rochester electric line, 7½ acres, 3-room house with furnace, bath and toilet, flowing well, barn and chicken house; all new buildings and finely equipped. Owner going South on account of health. Can be bought for what the buildings cost, and all the cash required is the equity above the mortgage, which can continue. Worth looking into. You can't help 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 50 feet front and 120 feet deep. Cost owner $2,600; we will sell for $2,100.

297

Without exception, the finest farm for stock raising or high-class farming in the county. On the line of the Rochester electric, 18 miles from Detroit, 2 flowing wells, good sandy loam on a pure spring water furnishing an abundance of pure clean ice, 8-room house, new silo, barn 75x32; accommodation for 30 heads of cattle in cement-floor stable, milk house with flowing well, 15 acres timber, 345 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!

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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 a thriving 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—87-acre farm all under cultivation; good buildings; on rural mail route and telephone line. Four miles from Lindington, Mich., in 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, barley, oats, onions or peppermint. A good distillery and boiler to go with the farm. One-half mile to good shipping point. 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.

Lingual Tests for the Children.

A London paper recently offered a series of prizes for the best "tongue twisting" sentences. The prize winning contributions are:

The bleak breeze blighted the bright broom blossoms.

Two toads totally tired tried to trot to Tewbury.

Strict, strong Stephen Stringer snared slickly six sickly silky snakes.

Susan shiseth shoes and socks; socks and shoes shines Susan. She ceaseth shining shoes and socks, for shoes and socks shock Susan.

A haddock, a haddock, a black spotted haddock; a black spot on the black back of a black spotted haddock.

Oliver Oglethorp ogled an owl and an oyster. Did Oliver Oglethorp ogle an owl and an oyster? If Oliver Oglethorp ogled an owl and an oyster, where are the owl and the oyster Oliver Oglethorp ogeled?

England's Woman Voters.

A return of the number of women voters in England and Wales who are qualified to vote for county councils and for councilors in municipal boroughs, issued to-day, shows that the women's franchise for county councils extends to 553,961 for England and 41,945 for Wales, making a total of 595,906. For county borough councils in England and Wales the number is 265,862, and for boroughs county borough councils there are 131,421 voters for England, 5,693 for Wales, making a total of 137,324.

Too Pat.

A pun is often the easiest as well as the lowest form of wit. An example of the kind of pun to be strictly avoided is given in the following story, taken from the Chicago News. A customer went into a music store to look over some songs.

"How do you sell your music?" she asked of the clerk.

"It depends on the kind you want," said that individual. "We sell piano music by the pound, and organ music by the choir."

The customer did not buy any.—Youth's Companion.

Outside the Curriculum.

"We had to practice Chopin for three hours to-day, mamma."

Mrs. Parvenoo—Really, my dear, shoppin' is all very well, but your papa sent you to the ladies' hackdemy to learn music an' that sort o' thing."—Tit-Bits.