WINNING AGAINST FATE

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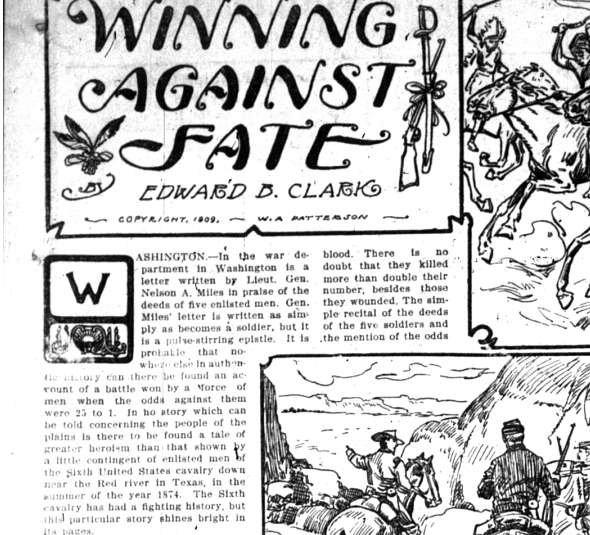


WASHINGTON.—In the war department in Washington is a letter written by Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles in praise of the deeds of five enlisted men. Gen. Miles' letter is written as simply as becomes a soldier, but it is a pulse-stirring epistle. It is probable that nowhere else in authentic history can there be found an account of a battle won by a force of men when the odds against them were 25 to 1. In no story which can be told concerning the people of the plains is there to be found a tale of greater heroism than that shown by a little contingent of enlisted men of the Sixth United States cavalry down near the Red river in Texas, in the summer of the year 1874. The Sixth cavalry has had a fighting history, but third particular story shines bright in its pages.

The Comanches, the Cheyennes and the Kiowas were on the warpath and were leaving a red trail all along the borders of western Kansas. General, then colonel, Nelson A. Miles, was ordered to take the field against the savages. His expedition fitted out at Fort Dodge and then struck for the far frontier. The combined bands of Indians learned that the troops were on their trail and they fled south to the Red river, of Texas, hotly pursued by two troops of the Sixth cavalry, commanded by Captains Biddle and Compton.

On the bluffs of the Tule river the allied braves made a stand. There were 600 warriors, all told, and they were the finest of the mounted plains Indians. The meager forces of the Sixth, under the leadership of their officers, charged straight at the heart of a force that should have been overwhelming. The reds broke and fled "over the bluffs and through the deep precipitous canyons and out on to the staked plain of Texas."

It became imperatively necessary that couriers should be sent from the detachment of the Sixth to Camp Supply in the Indian Territory. Reinforcements were needed and it was necessary as well, to inform the troops at a distance that bands of hostiles had broken away from the main body and must be met and checked.

The whole country was swarming with Indians and the trip to Camp Supply was one that was deemed almost certain death for the couriers who would attempt to make the ride. The commanding officer of the forces in the field asked for volunteers and Sergt. Zacharias T. Woodall of I Troop stepped forward and said that he was ready to go. His example was followed by every man in the two troops, and that day cowardice hung its head.

The ranking captain chose Woodall, and then picked out four men to accompany him on the ride across the Indian-infested wilderness. The five cavalrymen went northward under the starlight. At the dawn of the first day they pitched their dog tents in a little hollow and started to make the morning cup of coffee.

When full day was come they saw circling on the horizon a swarm of Cheyennes. The eye of the sergeant told him from the movements of the Indians that they knew of the presence of the troopers and that their circle formation was for the purpose of gradually closing in to the killing.

Sergt. Woodall and his four men chose a place near their bivouac which offered some slight advantage for the purposes of defense. There they waited with carbines advanced, while the red cordon closed in its lines. The Cheyennes charged, and while charging sent a volley into the little prairie stronghold. Five carbines made answer, and five Cheyenne ponies carried their dead or wounded riders out of range, for in that day mounted Indians went into battle tied to their horses.

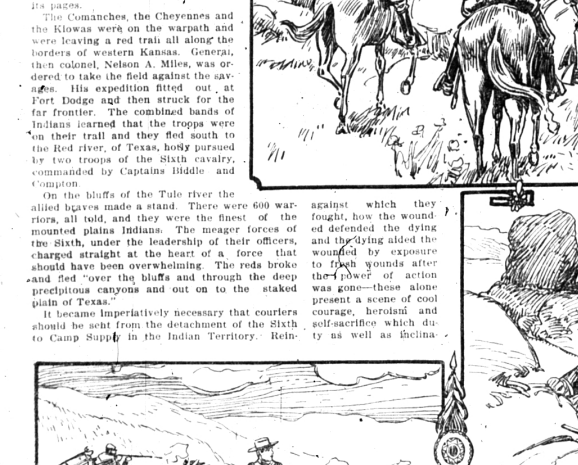
Behind the little rampart Sergt. Woodall lay sorely wounded and one man was dying.. Let the letter of Gen. Miles tell the rest of the story:

"From early morning to dark, outnumbered 25 to 1, under an almost constant fire and at such a short range that they sometimes used their pistols, retaining the last charge to prevent capture and torture, this little party of five defended their lives and the person of their dying comrade, without food, and their only drink the rainwater that they collected in a pool, mingled with their own blood. There is no doubt that they killed more than double their number, besides those they wounded. The simple recital of the deeds of the five soldiers and the mention of the odds they were the besieged, and subsequent events proved that he was not in error.

Suddenly the Utes took to shelter behind the rocks which were scattered in the open. They had lost one man from the fire of the besieged. They were afraid to charge, knowing that to sweep up that slope, even with only two rifles covering it, meant death for several of their band.

Hall led his men to a position on the flank of the savages and sent in four shots. The bullets were the first notice that the reds had that they had two parties to deal with. They changed their position again in a twinkling, and located themselves so that they were under cover from both directions, but they sent a volley in the face of the little detachment that had ridden in to the rescue.

To charge the enemy with his three men meant certain death to Hall and his troopers. The lieutenant thought quickly. He believed that if Weir and Hume could reach him, that the party of six, together, might make a retreat back to the camp, holding the pursuing reds in check. It was a desperate chance, but better than staying where they were to starve and thirst or to be surprised and killed in a night rush of the savages.



Weir and Hume heard the shots of the troopers and knew that help, though it was feeble, was at hand. They saw the hovering smoke of the carbines, and thus located exactly the position of the troops. They started to do what Hall thought they would do. They made a dash for some rocks 20 yards nearer their comrades than were those behind which they were hiding.

The cavalry lieutenant knew that the path of Weir and Hume would be bullet spattered all the way, and that if they escaped being killed it would be because of a miracle. Then this scrapping lieutenant did something besides think. The instant that Weir and his comrade made their break from cover, Hall stood straight up and presented himself a fair and shining mark for the Ute bullets.

The reds crashed a volley at him, ignoring Weir and Hume. The shots struck all around Hall, making a framework of spatters on the rock at his back, but he was unhurt, and Weir and his comrade were behind shelter at the end of the first stage of their journey.

Hall dropped back to shelter and then in a moment, after Weir and Hume had a chance to draw breath for their second dash, he stood up once more, daring the death that seemed certain. The hunted ones struck for the next spot that offered shelter the instant that the Ute rifles spat their volley at the man who was willing to make of himself a sacrifice that others might live. Hall came through the second ordeal of fire unhurt, and once more he dropped back to shelter to prepare for the third trial with fate.

The Ute chieftain was alive by this time to the situation. He ordered his braves to fire, the one-half at Hall and the other half at the two who were now to run death's gantlet.

Hall stood and Weir and Hume dashed out. The reds divided their fire. Hall stood unhurt. Weir and Hume dropped dead within ten yards of the man who would have died for them.

Hall led his men back over the track that they had come, holding the Utes at bay. Old came near the end of the perilous trail. Lieut. Hall is now in the military secretary's department at Washington with the rank of a brigadier general. His men told the story of that day in the White River valley, and a bit of bronze representing the medal of honor is worn by the veteran in recognition of a deed done for his fellows.

A woman never gets old enough not to think it isn't a shame for a woman who is as old as somebody else to dress the youthful way she does.—New York Press.

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 (4 feet front and 20 rods deep on Maple Ave. East. (half an acre). Fine barn and every modern convenience. Bath, closets, etc. Can be bought for what the buildings cost. Will exchange for improved property for portion of the purchase price

66

Village lots on Woodward avenue bounded north by land of Mollie G. Smith, east by D. M. & H. R. road, south by Bower street, west by Woodward avenue, 165 feet front on Woodward avenue, 176 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 Saginaw street, just south of land owned by John German, 50 feet frontage. Any one wishing to purchase will find this a bargain. For particulars inquire of Mollie G. Smith or at the Exchange Bank

147

Nice little home for someone of small means in 14 acres in s w ¼ of n e ¼ of sec 34, township of Troy, house, barn and well in good shape, well built barn and house, never run dry, ¼ mile east of Rochester Electric; fare to Detroit 15c. R. F. D. All cash and no grunbling will buy it at $250. Hurry up!

No. 167

Wants to trade for 30 or 60 acres on or near electric. Street-car acres on east ½ of south-west ¼ Sec. 11, Troy township; three building valued at $9,000. Insured for $7,500; fire-trap stripped to barn; farm well adapted for stock or dairy; 1¼ miles from electric at Troy Corners, where there are good schools and churches. Pure 17c to Detroit; $80 per acre.

178

Seven-room cottage on west side of Bates street, 66 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 modern conveniences. One of the best bargains we have. Show it to you any time.

180

Farm in Avon township; 55 acres of good clay loam, all cleared; small orchard, new fence (gate), small cement dam. For sale or exchange for small farm.

168

One of the best-arranged and finest-equipped residences in the village, and in absolutely the best location—East Maple Avenue, two blocks from electric road; bath, toilet, hot and cold water, city gas, 10 rooms, 2 stories, rebuilt this 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. Bay! What else do you want, anyhow? Will sell below and 22 feet front by 150 feet deep for $3,800. One of our best bargains.

193

Thirty-five-acre fruit farm, 14¼ miles north of Birmingham, on the town line; 6 buildings, insured for $1,800. All kinds of soil—clay, gravel, sand and dark loam. Last year this farm produced 128 bushels raspberries, 20 bushels blackberries, 12 bushels strawberries, 25 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 $5,000; terms easy.

194

Fifty acres in Township of Troy, adjoining the Ivy Stock Farm; 5 buildings, good house, basement barn, plenty of small fruit, orchard of any apple; fruit; 3¼ miles from Fire Division D. R. R.; 2 wells and fine spring. Price $4,000.

195

Fifteen acres in Township of Royal Oak; no buildings; small grove of maples is a pretty feature; new land, well drained; clay bottom; subsoil well; one-half of one-mile road and Campbell road, 14 mile east of electric road; adjoins J. L. Hudson and Duffield tracts, which are held at $500.00 per acre; 14¼ miles north of State Fair grounds. Price $300 per acre; will exchange for Detroit property.

198

Ten acres 1 mile east of Royal Oak village on cement State road; 2 apple trees, no buildings. Price $1,200. The place is well fenced, and the price will enable you to build the kind of house you may require.

201

Fine 2-story residence on Maple Avenue, corner of High & Street; 50 feet front, 132 feet deep; hot-water heater; hot and cold water, toilet, and all city water; every convenience found in the best class of city residences. Cement walk and drive and best neighborhood in town. House would cost at least $3,000 to build today and we have built 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.

219

Fifty little plots for some one with ambitious means. Corner Chesterfield and Palm, Campbell Addition. Lot fourth at least $600, and the house is insured for $1,200; that's $1,700, and you're advancing all along the lines in that location. If you come right away we will consider an offer of $1,500, and if that is too high after we have shown you our plans, we will be glad to talk it over with the owner and you can make your own terms then.

222

Two-story tenement or terraces, on the east side of Woodward avenue, Troy village. Each apartment of 4 rooms and bath. Furnace, water-closet, bath, hot and cold water, city water and gas; each independent of other apartment. Rent, $15 per month each. Forty dollars per year will pay for this property. Lot 66x198 feet; fine for investment and the lot in 70 feet front on the best frontage on Woodward, and 132 feet deep; room for a nice garden; can live in one apartment and have a steady income from the other. This is worth time to ponder over. Come and see us and help you ponder. Always at your service. If you can't call, write.

229

A pleasant and sightly farm of 71 acres in West Bloomfield, ½ mile from the Northwestern electric; 1 acres orchard, 4 acres good timber, 8 buildings worth $2,000, and the price will be $6,000—and it is well worth it. Soil sandy loam and clay loam, under high state of cultivation. Better investigate.

241

Fine new house with all modern conveniences within 300 feet of the east side of Woodward Avenue; 8 rooms, hard-wood finish; lot 66x100; plenty of fruit. You could not build the house for $2,500, 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 G. R. & I. R. R. Clay loam; good buildings valued at $5,000, and $4,000 will buy the farm if you come at once. Good terms on the balance, and the lot in 70 feet front on the best frontage on Woodward, and 132 feet deep; room for a nice garden; can live in one apartment and have a steady income from the other. This is worth time to ponder over. Come and see us and help you ponder. Always at your service. If you can't call, write.

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, nearly every possible convenience, and barn, chicken house, plenty of fruit, on the west side of Woodward Avenue 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.

246

One hundred and twenty-seven acres in the Township of Avon. Six buildings worth $5,000. Farm of timber, 7 acres of orchard, 5 acres cleared (Clinton river runs through the farm); no marsh; soil is 120 feet above the river; has a fine log walls, 2 good houses, 2 barns in good repair, well fenced, and only 1¼ miles from thriving Village of Rochester. Will trade for a smaller farm or will consider an offer of $6,500, with one-third cash. Take you to see it any old time at all.

247

House, barn, and also 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 sadly enough to make a decided sacrifice. Ask the man at the bank about it.

249

Nice, warm, old-fashioned house on the north side of Maple Avenue, among the best class of residences in the village of Birmingham. Fine good garden, and it can be bought for $2,500. Not only that, but you can come and talk to the owner, and after you look the premises over you will make us an offer anyhow.

250

Now, here is a "Bonner" House, barn and chicken house, with two acres of land on westerly side of Woodward avenue, opposite Electric Park. Known as "Somerset." Ten rooms, bath, toilet, two cellars, furnace, hot-water heater; fruit, berries, grains and manure, one of the best-equipped lots in Oakland county. Good water, drains, fine shade trees and beautiful lawn; fare to Detroit 15c; for $6,000 $2,000 cash will buy it, and the balance on mortgage privileges. Will exchange for a good farm of interest. Without exception, this is the best-equipped and the best lot of buildings on our list, and the price is right.

251

House and lot in Campbell's Subdivision; corner lot 65x132, fine hedge on front and side, sewer, city and cistern water in the kitchen, fine veranda on front and side, pantries, wood-house, coal-house, chicken-house, fencing—and some smaller trees. $1,450 will buy it, and terms can be made so that it won't tax a millionaire to handle it. Come on.

258

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

269

House and lot, east side Woodward Avenue; will exchange for other property; lot 105x97; house 6 rooms, bath, barn, large garden, some fruit; $1,000; buildings are insured for $600.

270

House and lot, west side of Ann Street; 2-story frame contains cement-block foundation, 8 rooms and cellar; one block from Woodward Avenue; $1,850; terms easy.

27

Forty feet front on Southfield Avenue, 176 feet deep; 2 buildings, 8 rooms; cistern, bedrooms, water and furnace in store and dwelling, acetylene gas machine; stock will inventory $2,000; sales run from $20 to $30 per day. One mile from electric, Telephone and R. F. D. Fine farm trade—best of reasons for selling. Will make sacrifice for cash. Take you to see it any day. Address R. E. Dep't Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

273

New cement house, one block from Woodward Avenue, 4 bedrooms, bath and closet on second floor, 8 rooms downstairs; large veranda, hot-air furnace, hot and cold water, hardwood floors, good barn large enough for horses or autos; cement walks, cistern, etc. Worth looking at; also worth more money than we ask 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 $725; cistern; good location, 1¼ 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; 18 acres timber, 8 acres orchard; 2 buildings, valued at $7,000; hot and cold soft water, tubular hot-air furnace, bath, toilet, water closet; grapes, peaches and apples in great abundance; one mile from Pontiac on D. U. R. electric. Prices and terms on application.

276

Farm of 160 acres, west of Birmingham; excellent soil, good buildings, fine location; 16 acres orchard, 20 acres timber; one of the finest farms in the country. Price low and terms. Take you to see it any day.

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 money, but makes 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, or any part of the 40, at prices which cannot fail to attract you.

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; 1¼ 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? 160 acres, and the north branch of the Au Sable river runs across it. 90 acres cleared, 2 acres orchard, 2 buildings valued at $3,500; good house 8 rods 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 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.

280

Farm of 228 acres in Troy—15 acres oak and maple timber, 8 acres orchard, 4 acres apples; 7 buildings valued at $4,000, insured for $3,000. No waste land. Soil rich loam; flowing wells; tank and tank house; buildings fair; one mile from Rochester electric; 8-room house with good cement bottom cellar; 200 rods of new Page wire fence. $85 per acre will buy it; and the terms are easy at low rate of interest.

281

Two very desirable lots in the Buell Addition can be bought for $825 on very easy terms. Bound to go soon, as same class of lots in the neighborhood are selling for twice the money.

282

Lot 4 in Block 7, Campbell's Subdivision; good house insured for $800; fine location; price $1,200. Nice cozy 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 plat; can be bought for $450, and you can have it on terms by paying only $25, and the balance on land contract with easy payments.

285

House, barn, and 1¼ acres of excellent land, with plenty of fruit; 8-room house, good barn with cement floor; fine location on west side of Woodward Avenue, near Electric Park; good drainage; cement walks. Price $2,500.

286

Fine farm of 55 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 side, a natural State road, and 1½ miles to city limits, 1¼ mile from electric; fine view; farm well fenced. Price $6,000; $2,000 cash to secure, balance on long time at 6 per cent.

288

Acreage, 16 acres one block from Woodward; situated on the electric line; will be 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 excellent condition; city water, all conveniences. Will be sold at $2,500 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, hot-air furnace, bath, hot and cold water, city water, ½ acre beautiful grove of native trees, 12 acres of best orchard just coming into bearing, all kinds of fruit, fine big roof carriage house; just outside of village limits and close to electric; 8 waste land; prettiest location in the country. Owner has business which takes him to other parts and will sell at a big 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 cutting up in lots or acreage; 4 buildings; fruit; 2 miles from Birmingham; fine location; 1¼ miles from electric; on line of D. U. R.; 18 miles from Detroit; N. A. Townsend. No big talk. No trade. Price $2,000. Let's go and see it.

294

ACREAGE—32 acres, high and dry, in the village of Birmingham. Just the thing for platting. Cost us two-thirds above the price in the middle. One block from Woodward Avenue. Price low; terms easy. $1,000 will handle it. R. E. Dep't Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Michigan.

295

Nice little Chicken Farm on the Rochester electric line, 7½ acres, 9-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, but will sell for $2,100.

297

Without exception, the finest farm for stock raising or high-class farming in the county. On the line of the Rochester electric, 18 miles from Detroit, 2 flowing wells, and of nearly an acre of pure spring water furnishing an abundance of pure clean ice, 9-room house, new silo, barn 74x66, cement floors and all the latest improvements; floor stable, milk house with flowing well, 15 acres timber, 145 rods of new 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!

WESTERN SOD HOUSES

A Feature of Canadian Prairie Life Which Does Not Always Mean Poverty.

If you read that a family lives in a sod house you may conclude that poverty compels it. But this is not true on the Canadian prairies, where sod houses are the advance agent of prosperity.

The homesteader who obtains a slice of that rich wheat land doesn't wait to build a regular house before starting to grab riches from the soil. Even if he were minded to build one, he would have difficulty in doing it, for there is no timber handy. So it is better, to wait until the locomotive catches up.

If you start out from any of the towns which are springing up almost over night in the fertile stretches of Saskatchewan or Alberta you will strike, first, well-ordered farms and substantial houses. But if you get away ten miles or more the sod houses will begin to appear.

It is not unusual to see signs of luxury about these sod houses. They are comfortable abiding places, cool in summer and warm in winter.

"They are not," said the Dane, "but they are taught the old Danish poems (sagas) in the schools. That makes good Danes of the children, and then they become good farmers."—Youth's Companion.

How to Make a Farmer.

The foundation stone of a nation's success is revealed in an article in All Ireland Review. A friend of the author was in Denmark, and was astonished at the amount of wealth got out of so poor a country by dairies and by farming.

"No doubt," said he to a well-educated Dane, "the children are instructed in the schools as to dairying and farming."

298

House, barn, wagon-shop, blacksmith shop, two lumber sheds, two acres of land, fine orchard; buildings in good repair; 2½ miles from electric, 2½ miles of Franklin, pretiest village in Oakland county. 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-acre farm all under cultivation, good buildings; on rural mail route and telephone line. Four miles from railroad station, in a well-settled country, and ½ mile from a proposed railroad from Grand Rapids to Lansing, which is sure to be completed within two years. This farm is all No. 1 black soil, the very best for corn, hay, oats, onions or peppermint. A good distillery and boiler to go with the farm. One-half mile to church and school. This farm is well worth $4,000.00, but we like to make a quick sale and will take it for $3,200—$1,200 cash and balance on easy terms.

300

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

301

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

302

Nice little farm of 62 acres, about a mile from the electric, and 1½ miles from Birmingham. Rolling country, beautiful views, well watered, fine maples, pretty little brook; excellent gravel State road. 10-room house just finished, fine new barn with accommodation for 20 cows, cement floor, ample hay room, good new stables, 60 acres plow land, 20 acres timber—and a trifle over $100 per acre will buy it. Glad to show you any time, and if you don't buy you will not be scolded a little bit. Worth looking at anyhow.

303

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

304

Fine large 8-room house three blocks from electric, practically rebuilt in the year; water-closet, bath, electric lights, city water, small barn, lot 80x132; best neighborhood in village; cement walks, large; cement walks, house newly painted and decorated, ready to occupy without further expense. $3,000.

305

New 7-room cottage just finished, one block from electric, lot 60x99, west of Woodward Avenue, north of Maple Avenue, in section 28x33. Fine cozy home for any one of small means. Everything new and neat. House never rented or occupied. Sure to please you at $1,600.

306

Two-story cottage on Campbell Addition, two blocks from cars; 5 rooms, city water, wood shed, cellar, small fruit; cost $1,200 will sell for $1,350 cash. Worth more money, but owner has that of reasons for selling.

307

Twenty-seven acres on the line of the Rochester electric in Troy township; rich sandy loam and clay; no buildings; 1½ acres orchard; good wood; nice neighborhood; just the thing for chicken farm, and build to suit you, or nice country residence. Car stops directly in front; fare to Detroit 18 cents, and can be bought for $1,700, on easy terms.

308

Now, here it is! Best-equipped stock-farm in the country. Township of Troy, 225 acres, 15-room house and seven other ample buildings, all practically new; 20 hot and cold water basins piped to all the buildings; 125-barrel storage tank; water in every field but three, beautiful shade, fine view, no waste land, and everyacre under high state of cultivation. One of the most beautiful as well as profitable farms in this country of fine farms; buildings insured for $12,000; 3 solid-fashioned fire-place, hard-wood floors, bath, water-closet, etc.; in fact, all the buildings, fences, drainage and every detail in apple-pie order. Let us take you to see it. Only three miles from our office, and good roads. Come on!

309

Vacant lot, Merrill Plat, fronting on Merrill Street, 40x188, near Methodist Church; fine location. Price $600.

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Brand-new 2-story cottage, finished in golden oak, with bath, water-closet, city water, electric light, and every convenience to be found in well-appointed city residences. Lot 40x100, and only three blocks from electric cars; one block from Birmingham High School. Price $2,000, and terms easy. You must be convinced that this is very cheap after you look at this beautiful, new, well-equipped, cozy little home. Let us show it to you.

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Six-room, 1-story cottage on Daines Street, two blocks from electric; in good repair; fine cellar, and everything in good shape. Rents for $9 per month and is worth it. Very cheap, as owner, in poor health, requires the money. Too cheap to mention in public, but we will tell you all about it if you will call or write.

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Eight-room, 2-story dwelling on west side of Southfield Avenue; large barn, fine shade, cement walk, good neighborhood; only see here! The buildings would cost at least $2,500 to build today. Lot is 66 feet front and 132 feet deep. Will sell at ask for the whole outfit; will take $1,000 cash and balance on mortgage on easy terms. If you don't look at this, you will be sorry after you have bought elsewhere.

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The very cream of all farms on or near the electric—the Ivy Stock Farm, between Birmingham and Pontiac, in the fashionable Bloomfield Hills district; 160 acres of well-fashioned farm, between public of stone, with more modern cement and frame outbuildings than 10 acres of land under; beautiful branch of the River Rouge runs through the farm near the house, with fine old elms and other shade trees, 3 acres of finest apple and peach orchard; farm well fenced and one of the most beautiful farms in the country. The price is big for farming lands, but no higher than other farms in the vicinity, and 10 times more desirable. This is the first time it has ever been put on the market. We want you to know about it. Take you to see it any time—any day.

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Good comfy 2-story, 9-room cottage on Purdy Street, with good barn. Lot 50x120, one block from electric. City water and gas. Cottage cost more than price is now and the terms so easy that you will have to call at our office and let us take you to see the property in which we tell you the circumstances you'll sit up and take notice. Try it!

Ants' Ears.

Strange as it may seem, ants are said at least six ears. Aside from his multiplicity of ears, they are also stated in just about the queerest place imaginable—on the legs. So sensitive to their feet that they will detect the impact of a small birdshot dropped on a table from a height of about six inches and about 14 feet distant from an artificial nest placed at the other end of the table.—St. Nicholas.

Original "Biscuit."

"Biscuit" meant until the eighteenth century spelled "bisket," as still pronounced, the current spelling being merely a senseless adoption of the modern French spelling without its pronunciation. "Bisket" originally meant a twice-baked bread of the kind alluded to by Shakespeare in "As You like It," where the melancholy Jacques informs the duke that his brain is as dry as the remainder biscuit after a voyage."