

# Real Estate Exchange

OF WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL  
Bank Birmingham Michigan

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

- 81. House and lot on 25th Street, 1/2 block from 24th and 26th. 10 rooms, bath, kitchen, and all modern conveniences. Call on Whitehead & Mitchell, 1000 Woodward Avenue, Birmingham, Mich.
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With the decreasing cost of the comic valentines—the small buy can now buy as many as ten for a cent—there use has grown and our public men and celebrities, from the president, all down the ladder, are now likely to be deluged each February with more or less pertinent reminders of the jokers' day. Germany and Japan have manufactured many valentines, but American lithographic houses are gradually capturing most of the business and there are now several men in the United States who devote practically their entire time to preparing designs for comic valentines.

## DANGERS IN DANCING.

Dancing has been extolled as a healthful recreation; as a means of physical culture it favors the development of the muscular system and promotes health and cheerfulness.

Young girls appear to experience no titillate after it. They will not miss a single waltz, polka or square dance, but if the pulse of one of these indefatigable devotees is felt after the dance is finished it will be found in the majority of cases that the number of pulsations is far in excess of the normal, and from this it may be inferred that the condition of the heart must react prejudicially upon the entire organism, and it justifies an apprehension of danger to delicate girls.

## Robin Redbreast's Valentine

A girl and a boy wandered forth into a fair, pleasant garden that looked like fairyland, although it was wintry weather.

Suddenly the girl spoke:

"I wish St. Valentine had had the snowdrop instead of the crocus dedicated to him."

And as she spoke she knelt down and, raising one of the white, drooping flowers, she gazed lovingly at a serenade as the nightingale. And in the pure white petals and at the delicate green tracery of the leaves of its inner cup, "Ah!" said she, "what have you been waiting for so long!"

Under the ivory heads all tending low, "With your snows under the snow," "How many secrets you must know!"

"The boy looked at her wonderingly.

"How can the flowers know anything?" he asked.

"Everything knows something," returned the girl, dreamily; "but the flowers are dumb and cannot tell one their thoughts—only their beauty speaks, and their fragrance breathes sweet thoughts into one's heart that one tries to put into words, but that is almost impossible."

"Of course it is," answered her companion.

"Now, it is quite different with the birds; they can make themselves understood. They sing songs of thanksgiving and joy or mourning is easy to tell. They scold and chatter as the jacksaw and rook, or screech like the owl, or sing a serenade as the nightingale. And when one speaks even more clearly, for when he cries 'cuckoo, cuckoo,' we know that the summer is coming. No wonder St. Valentine cared for the bird, and you see that they are all fluttering out and singing a joyful song in honor of his birthday."

"Yes," said Lella, softly—

"I notice you ordered lots of ice cream during the holidays."

"Yes, I like to order ice cream sent home."

"Because it is about the only thing mother will eat for me, and not try to save until next day for one of the children."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## THE STORY OF APSLEY HOUSE

Land on Which It Stands Once Gift of Monarch to Poor Companion in Arms.

It may be said that Apsley House, the duke of Wellington's mansion at Hyde Park Corner, is one of the noblest and a soldier's reward. King George III. was always pleased to meet with any one who remembered that he had fought at the battle of Dettingen, and

one day when riding near Hyde Park he was saluted by a poor man walking along the roadside.

The king thought his face was familiar, and, on making inquiries, was gratified to find that he had been a humble comrade in the well-known battle. Noticing the man's condition, he asked if he could render him any service.

"Sire," replied the old soldier, "my wife and I secure a livelihood by keeping yonder apple stall; if by keeping such a stall I can be of any service to you, I should indeed be very glad."

It was not a very extravagant request, and the king granted it. Since his wife's value of the "near Hyde Park" stall had increased, and the old soldier's son received as much as a £450 a year for the ground when a certain rich man chose the man's condition, the apple stall had stood as a suitable place to erect a suitable mansion. This mansion was afterward presented to the duke of Wellington as a token of the nation's gratitude.

Substitute for Gold.

In France, a substitute for gold has been accorded by combining 24 parts of copper and six parts of antimony and adding a little magnesium carbonate to the mixture, and the weight, brought into this alloy can be drawn, wrought and soldered much like true gold, and that it also receives and retains a golden polish. It is worth about 25 cents a pound.

Need Much Laundry.

Washers require 1000 to 1400 feet of cloth to swing around in their barrels.

A Doctor in Spain.

In Spain anybody is allowed to practice medicine, but that country doctors have only three dentists.

Optimism.

Optimism is the belief that we never face our friends.—Lila.