INTERESTING HISTORY of OMAHA

Shown up in its peculiar romantic light is well worth of being familiar to everybody, and a brief outline may interest those who have not time to read through the minutive description of a historical record. Years ago, when Omaha was a mere Indian camp, and our streets echoed from the war songs of wild Indians, the chief of a starn that located where our present high school stands had a wonderfully fair daughter called Maha. Being possessed of many a charm, this Maha was worshipped by the cruel Indians with a rare devotion, and especially, two young Indians carried this devotion so far that it ripened into a warm love. One of these young men was financially poor, but intellectually rich, while the other was the possessor of worldly riches, but mentally poorer. Maha loved dearly the first one, but her selfish father had made up his mind that she should marry the other one or die. In the silence of one mild summer night Maha and her true lover fled, accompanied by several soldiers of the old starn that were in sympathy with Maha and her choice, and called themselves Omahas or Mahas followers, hence the name Omaha. They organized themselves and camped near the shore of the Missouri where the present railroad bridge is located. Resting upon such a romantic foundation, Omaha to-day is gaining the admiration of the whole Union. Her progress has been astonishingly rapid and solid, and her citizens are noted for their refinement and liberality towards every improvement. Therefore we invite eastern people that love plenty of fresh air to come out and build their homes in the Gate City. Read over the bargain list this week offered in real estate by one of Omaha's successful business men and convince yourself.

IMPROVED PROPERTY.

North ½ of lot 4, block 12, E. V. Smith's add., with an elegant 7 room house, well, cistern, buggy shed, wagon shed, barn, choice fruit trees, etc., $3,250; $1,000 cash, balance to suit.

4 lots 66x124, Isaacs & Sell's addition, with 7-room house, barn, etc., (barn alone cost $1,600) 300 barrels cistern, 100 barrels filter, good well, fruit trees; cheap at $8,000; $2,000 cash, balance on easy terms.

Lot 45x188, east front, south 16th st., 8-room brick house, cemented basement with wooden floor, barn for four horses, well, cistern and out-houses, $5,000, one-third cash, bal. to suit purchaser.

Lot 66x145, on upper Capitol avenue, 2 houses with 7 rooms each, $6,000. Rents for $50 per month. $3,000down, bal 3 yrs.

Corner lot 66x145, on 26th and Capitol ave., with 6-room house in first-class condition, $4,250, $2,500 cash, bal. easy.

Lot 66x132, Davenport st., with one 6-room and one 5-room house, $6,000, half cash.

Lot 50x132, Improvement Association, with a 2 room house, large barn, etc., $1,800; $450 cash balance $10 per month.

Lot in Shinn's 3d add., $3,000; term easy.

Lot 50x48 Kountze & Ruth's add., $1,600; $100-$500 cash, balance $16 per month.

Lots 50x200, Walnut Hill, east front, corner, 7 room house, barn, well, cistern, cemented cellar, all fenced; $4,000 each; $1,200 cash, balance $25 per month.

Lot 66x132, east front, N. 19th st., with 2 elegant houses, $9,000 one-third cash, balance easy.

Full lot 66x132, on California st., with nice improvements, $6,600, one-third cash, balance 3 years.

UNIMPROVED PROPERTY.

Lot 63x124, in Isaac & Selden's addition $1,800; $700 cash, balance in 3 years.

Lots in W. A. Redick's addition, $700 each; $200 down, balance to suit.

Lot 50x127, in Prospect Place, $750; ½ cash, balance 1 and 3 years at 8 per cent.

Lot 63x132 in Isaac & Selden's addition, $1,100; $400 cash, balance 3 years.

Lot in West Side addition within 1½ blocks from the canning factory, sold for 30 days only at $400; $100 down, balance $50 every ½ year at 8 per cent.

Lot in Hanscom Place, $1,000; ½ cash, balance 3 years.

Lot 50x150, Hanscom Place, east front on Virginia ave., $1,500, half down, balance 3 years.

Lots 40x140, in Clifton Place, $1,200.

Lots in W. A. Redick's add., $750; $200 down.

Lots in Dupont Place, $650, $150 down, balance $10 per month. Here is a good opportunity to secure a home for almost nothing.

Lots in Hanscom Place, $1,750, $1,000 cash, balance 2 years.

Corner lot 66x132, Chicago st., one 11-room house, one 6 and one 3-room house, stable and granary, cistern and well, $15,000.

Lots in Sunny Side add., from $1,100 to $1,300, and also lots in Parker's add. from $850 to $900. I have also the finest lots in the following additions.

Saunders & Himebaugh's,
Walnut Hill,
West Cuming,
Donnecken's Addition,
King's Addition,
Kilby Place,
Orchard Hill,
Lowe's First Addition,
Bedford Place,
Plain View,
Kirkwood,
Carthage,

and the new second addition to Bedford Place, where a home can be secured at extremely cheap figures.

Will have a new, beautiful addition laid out next week. Come early and secure bargains.

Beautiful acre property in the lovely Lovgren Park at $400 per acre.

Acre property in different directions, within 3 and 3½ miles from the postoffice, $200 to $500 per acre.

It will pay you to invest your money with us as we do not indulge in speculating schemes, but carry on a strict commission business. We invite you to call on us, and assure you a careful attention and honest treatment.

J. A. LOVGREN, Real Estate and Loan Broker 1504 Farnam st. up-stairs. Telephone, 753,

THE MOTTER.

REAL ESTATE AGENCY

211 South 15th Street.

RESIDENCE PROPERTY

No. 4. Full lot on S. 20th, two houses, near Leavenworth st. A bargain.... $4,500
No. 5. Full lot on S. 20th, two houses, near Leavenworth st. Cheap.... 4,200
No. 30. Elegant 10-room house, city water, bath, gas, etc., on Park ave.. 6,000
No. 47. 66x150, near 20th and Douglas, with large fine house, the best bargain in Omaha.... 7,200
No. 72. Two full lots on Park avenue with large fine house and all conveniences. A rare bargain.... 5,000
No. 58—Two full lots in Nelson's add., 6 room house, at a bargain.... 3,500
No. 54—Full acre, Himebaugh's add., with 6 room house, new and all in good repair.... 2,500
No. 61—100x148, good 7 room house, barn, well, cistern; rents for $30 per mo.... 4,500
No. 71—Half lot on Nicholas street, near 18th, 5 room house, well, cistern, etc. 6,000
No. 81—Full lot, nice 7 room house in Hanscom Place, the nicest neighborhood in the city, east front, elegant view.... 3,500
No. 83—Full lot, Lowe's 1st add, 5 room house, well, cistern and barn; easy terms; bargain.... 1,200
No. 88. ½ lot, nice cottage, in Armstrong's add. Very cheap.... 2,000
No. 91. Full lot, small house, in Improvement Association add.; $300 cash, balance $10 per month. A bargain.... 1,700
No. 96. 2 full lots in Walnut Hill add., nice 5-room cottage; very easy payments.... 2,400
No. 97. Nice 8-room house on Farnam street. Easy terms.... 6,500
No. 121. ½ lot near 13th and California st., 6-room house, all conveniences.. 3,000
No. 141. Full lot with house in Hawthorne add. This is very cheap.... 1,700
No. 148. J. I. Redick's sub. full lot, 75x140 east front, good 6-room cottage, modern conveniences. There is $1,000 of a bargain in this now, and on easy terms.... 4,500

VACANT PROPERTY.

2 lots in Hillside, each.... $3,000
20 lots in Hanscom Place.... $1,000 to 3,000
2 lots in Himebaugh Place.... 4,200
1 lot in McCormack's add.... 2,500
2 lots in Thornburg Place.... 500
2 lots in Kountze's 4th add.... 3,500
2 lots in Pelham Place.... 600
1 lot in Keyes add.... 5,000
4 lots in Marsh's add.... $2,300 to 3,000
2 lots in Reed's 1st add.... 700
5 lots in Lowe's 1st add.... $500 to 650
2 lots in Parmenter's Place.... 700 to 825
13 lots in Bedford Place.... 500 to 700
2 lots in Auburn Hill.... 250
5 lots in Spring Hill.... 300
25 lots in Kilby Place.... $600 to 1,500
10 lots in Saunders & Himebaughs, $300 to 450
10 lots in Howe's add.... 65
2 lots in Dupont Place.... 700
5 acres in Mayfield.... 1,500
10 lots in Lincoln Place.... 500
2 lots in Coburn's sub division.... 1,200
1 lot in E.V. Smith's add.... 1,800
2 lots in Fosters.... 3,300
3 lots in Terrace add....
5 lots in Lake's add.... $1,600 to 2,000
1 lot in Creston.... 12,000

Business Property.

1 full lot on Jackson street.... 12,000
33 feet on Jones street.... 8,000
2 full lots on 8th street.... 12,000
22 feet on Farnam....
66x88 feet on Jones st., bargain.... 8,000
Full lot on Leavenworth st, with lots of trackage front.... 11,000
½ lot and store on St. Mary's Avenue.... 4,200

These are only a few of the many pieces I have, and I would like to have you call and see me, and I will make you money. Remember the place and name,

W. H. MOTTER, 211 South 15th Street.

E. F. RINGER, Real Estate Agent, 119 N. 15th St., Jacobs' Block

IMPROVED RESIDENCE PROPERTY.

No. 3. Full lot, 8-room house Georgia ave, cheap, $4,000.
No 6. Beautiful 10-room cottage, Delaware street, Hanscom Place, $4,500.
No. 408 Full lot, splendid new house, 8 rooms, Georgia ave., water, gas, sewerage. One week only at $6,000.
No. 9. Good 8-room house, very desirable, Georgia ave, for a few days only at $5,000.
No. 399. Finest east front, Park ave., 2 full lots, with 2 good cottages, 7 rooms each, $6,500 and $6,000 each, or $12,000 for both.
No. 11 Good 5-room house, Virginia ave, good location, $3,000.
No. 7. House 7 rooms, closets, cistern, very desirable, $3,750.
No. 27 Four-room cottage, S. 15th st., $2,600.
No. 409. Four-room cottage, 20th st., Improvement Association add, $1,650.
No. 43. Shull's addition, house 5 rooms, 2 lots, 60x183, cheap, $4,200.
No. 71. 19th st., near cars, 6-room house, $4,650.
No. 75. California st., house 11 rooms, full lot, choice location, $10,000.
No. 76. Harney street, cottage 4 rooms, lot 44x132, $4,300.
No. 74. S. 16th st., house 9 rooms, lot 50x170, $10,000.
No. 420. Corner lot, 2 houses, Davenport st., fine sight, $7,000.
No. 79. Burt st., near 22nd, full lot, 2 houses, rents well, $9,500.
No. 81. 33x132, California st., 2 cottages, rents for $33 per month, will exchange for acre property, $4,200.
No. 83. Jones st., near 13th, 5 houses, rents for $128 per month, $30,000.
No. 84. N. 18th, house 9 rooms, fruits, &c. lot 67x140, $9,000.
No. 418. Harney st., house 7 rooms, cheap, $6,000.
No. 88. Capitol ave., near 16th, house 10 rooms, 99x115, $30,000.
No. 89. 18th st., near Cuming, a corner, 4 houses, rents for $70 per month, $10,000.
No. 93. Saunders st. near Cuming, house 7 rooms, lot 66x150, $6,500.
No. 96. Webster st, house 10 rooms, barn, &c, $12,500.
No. 97. Douglas st, house 9 rooms, south front, $7,200.
No. 103. Douglas st, double house, 9 rooms each, water, gas, rents for $90 per month; $8,250.
No. 105. 23rd st, near Burt, fine house, lot 66x132, $7,500.
No. 106. Farnam st, house 12 rooms, modern improvements, 2 lots, $25,000.
No. 107. 15th, near Jones, house 8 rooms, ½ lot, $6,000.
No. 108. Chicago st, house 9 rooms, ½ lot, $6,500.
No. 422. Georgia ave, 7-room house, fruit, &c, $4,500.
No. 423. Virginia ave, new 7-room house, modern improvements, $5,000.
No. 46. Pierce st, near 24th, lot 60x168, $3,500.
No. 412. Webster st, ½ lot, house 8 rooms, city water, cheap, $4,500.
No. 421. Farnam st, house 9 rooms, lot 66x132, a good bargain, $13,000.
No. 286. Farnam st, house 13 rooms, lot 66x134, $15,000.
No. 416. Webster st, house 4 rooms, near 17th, $3,500.
No. 412. Marcy st, full lot, 2 houses, cheap, $7,000.
No. 405. Farnam st, house 7 rooms, lot 60x125 near 26th, $6,200.
No. 135. ½ lot, 3-room house, Boggs & Hill's addition, $1,100.
No. 423. Saunders st, house 6 rooms, lot 45x126, $2,500.
No. 428. S. 14th, house 6 rooms, lot 60x157, cheap, $4,000.
No. 364. Pleasant st, house 9 rooms, lot 66x113, $7,500.
Douglas st, Boggs & Hill's add, house 4 rooms, $2,300.
No. 140. Denise's add., house 4 rooms, lot 122x75, Saunders st, $4,000.
No. 137. Denise's add, 6-room house, 2 lots, on corner Ohio st, $6,000.
8 houses, Denise's add, monthly payments, $2,000 each.
Georgia ave, house 6 rooms, near Leavenworth, $3,600.
J. I. Redick's add, full lot, good house, 6 rooms, $7,500.
Pelham Place, house 4 rooms, stable, &c., lot 50x136, $2,000.
10 houses, Shinn's add, near car line, $2,250 to $3,000.
Lot 90x173, house 6 rooms, Hamilton st, $5,000.
Blondo st, 2 full lots, house 6 rooms, cheap, $4,000.
Shinn's add, S. E. front, lot 66x130, house 6 rooms, $2,500.
No. 190. W. A. Redick's add, house 4 rooms, lot 40x165, $1,850.
No. 425. Nelson's add, house 10 rooms, good barn, cheap at $6,500.
No. 398. Lake's add, house 4 rooms, ½ lot, $1,900.
No. 423. Lake's addition, house 5 rooms, lot 52x182, $4,500.
No. 204. Cuming st, full lot, 2 houses, $5,650.
No. 209. Georgia ave, house 5 rooms, near Leavenworth, $4,000.
No. 211. Georgia ave, house 5 rooms, city water, &c, $4,300.
No. 212. Georgia ave, house, steam, barn, city water, $7,000.
No. 213. S. 20th, fine location, house 6 rooms fruit, &c., $5,500.
No. 218. S. 11th st, corner lot, house 9 rooms, $4,700.
No. 383. S. E. Rogers' add, house 4 rooms, full lot, $2,200.
No. 790. E. V. Smith's add, N. 18th, house 6 rooms, ½ lot, $2,100.
No. 227. Reed's 1st add, Capitol ave, house 7 rooms, lot 66x115, $7,000.
No. 228. Chicago st, Reed's 1st add, house 8 rooms, ½ lot, $5,500.
No. 427. Davenport st, near 23rd, house 5 rooms, lot 54x132, $4,000.
No. 379. E. V. Smith's add, 20th st, house 5 rooms, ½ lot, $2,100.
No. 295. Harbaugh's add, 17th st, house 8 rooms, will take vacant lots as part payment, $4,200.
Burt street, full lot, 2 houses, $7,800.
Boggs & Hill's add, lot 80x80, corner, house 4 rooms, $3,000.
One of the finest residences in the city, five minutes walk from the postoffice, $10,500.
Beautiful corner on Davenport; very choice, $8,000.
Credit Poncier add, house 4 rooms, 2 lots one a corner; a splendid bargain, $2,400.
Davenport st., large house, full lot, $7,500.
No. 412 66x132, two houses, Mason st, very cheap, $7,000.
No. 418. 50x100, house 8 rooms, Harney street, $6,000.
No. 416. Half lot, house 4 rooms, Bur street, $3,500.
No. 26. House 5 rooms, near Castellar school, Improvement Association, $3,000.
No. 409. Full lot, house 2 rooms, Improvement Association, $1800
No. 34. Lot 40x127, house 7 rooms, Wheaton st., Armstrong's add, $3,500.
No. 33. Five-room house, city water, Division st. Armstrong's add, $2,000.
No. 36. Five large roomed house, good well and cistern, Himebaugh Place, $3,000.
No. 38. House 6 rooms, Leavenworth street, city water, &c., $3,800.
No. 40. 116x150, house 7 rooms, Improvement Association, S. 17th st., $5,200.
No. 42. Lot 65x100, large house, 7 rooms, Poppleton ave., a bargain, $3,800.
No. 47. Lot 60x168, house 5 rooms, Pierce st, cheap, $3,200.
No. 419. S. 14th st., house 6 rooms lot 60x157, fine view, $4,000.
No. 254. S. 19th st, house 9 rooms, lot 54x112, $6,500.

ACRE PROPERTY.

4 acres east of Stock Yards, $250 per acre.
40 acres 4½ miles SW of postoffice, $210 per acre.
1½ miles west of Fort Omaha, 25 acres, 700 fruit trees, small fruits, etc.; a bargain; $8,000 for all.
40 acres 3-4 mile west of Stock Yards, $500 per acre.
5 acre tracts in Tuttle's sub-division, $600.
3½ miles west from postoffice, 80 acres; very cheap at $300 per acre.
20 acres south of Brookline, $500 per acre.
9 acres east of 10th st, $20,000.
80 acres 3 miles west of Fort Omaha, $80 per acre.
1 acre on California street, $3,500.
Wanted—For good parties, business and residence property; also lots in all desirable additions.
List your property with me.
80 acres, fine improvements, 300 apple trees, 800 grape vines and other small fruit, at Irvington, $4,500.
45 acres, 4 miles north of Florence, $22 per acre.
Stock ranch, finest in the state, 1,300 acres, fine house and good sheds, Nance Co., $25 per acre.
50,000 acres of the best land in the state from $3 to $20 per acre.
Several fine farms in Douglas county at bargains.

VACANT LOTS.

25 lots in Hanscom Place, Virginia, Poppleton Ave., etc., $800 to $3,000.
10 lots in Kilby Place, $500 to $1,000.
10 lots in Plain View, $650 to $800 each
25 lots in Park Place, $900 to $1,500 each
10 lots in Drake & Reed's add, $1,500 to $2,500.
City lots near business, $4,000 to $7,500.
Lots in Clark's add, $4,000.
4 lots in Bowery Hill, $800 each.
Lots in O'Neal's sub-division, $1,275.
Lot 40x169, Improvement Association, to party that will build, $1,000; $25 down.
Desirable lots in Improvement Association, $1,000 to $1,500.
10 lots in Schull's add., from $1,400 to $2,250.
Improvement Association lots, choice, $1,000 to $1,500.
Omaha View lot $450 to $800. Will build on these lots with small payment down.
Shull's add., choice lots, $1,500 to $2,250 each.
Burr Oak, choice lots, $850 to $1,050 each.
140x140, corner, on Cass st, $9,000.
12 lots, Boggs & Hill's 2nd addition $90,000.
Lot in Denise's add, $800 cash.
20 lots, Park Place, fine view, $1,500
1 acre on California st, $3,500.
Hawthorne lots, $600 to $15,000;
20 lots, Shinn's add, $1,000 to $2,000
2 beautiful lots just south of R. R. track at $2,000 each.
W. A. Redick's add lots, $800 to $1,000.
No. 191. Harney st, beautiful shade trees, cheap, $3,000.
Hillside add lots, $850 to $1,500.
Plainview lots, $625 to $800.
Marsh add choice lots, $1,500 to $2,500.
Millard Place, 2 fine lots, $2,000 and $3,000 each.
Walnut Hill lots, $600 to $1,000.
Isaac & Selden's add, 4 lots, $1,500 each.
Patrick's add, choice lot, $1,800.
Drake's add, 5 lots, $1,500 to $2,500.
West Omaha, 4 acres for $8,500.
28 lots west Farnam st, near depot.

No. 99. 10th st, near depot, 66x100, rents for $100 per month, $20,000.
No. 94. Farnam st, 132x132, in the heart of the city, $75,000.
No. 100. Leavenworth st, 66x132, on track, $11,000.
No. 108. Jones st, 3 fine warehouse lots for $36,000.
No. 110. Corner on 9th, fine location for warehouse, $19,000.
No. 111. Marcy st, 75x150, house of 5 rooms $6,500.
No. 122 14th st, lot 44x66, good house; this is a warehouse lot—cheap, $7,000.
No. 118. California st, ½ lot, on track, $3,000
No. 119. Jones st, lot 66x132, for trackage $1,200.
No. 423. About 3 acres on track, near depot, $130,000.
No. 123. S. 24th, 186 feet, $125 per foot.
Douglas st, 44x132, improved, rents for $225 per month, $27,500.
Howard st, near Eleventh, 66x99, $25,000.
25 acres on Dodge st, $1,250 per acre if sold at once.

LIFE IN THE LONG AGO.

A Glimpse of Pioneer Homes in the Early Days of America.

The Plymouth Settlers and Their Primitive Mode of Life—The Wonderful Changes of Two and a Half Centuries—A Sketch.

The Plymouth settlers brought with them, in 1620—writes Fred Myron Colby in the Cosmopolitan Magazine for July—no means of fishing, neither seines nor hooks, and for eighteen months they suffered greatly for the want of them. For three or four years, till March, 1624, they had no cattle, and then but four were imported. In May, 1627, they had but one cow and two goats for every thirteen persons; and the first recorded introduction of sheep, five in number, was in 1630. Horses were brought over several years later.

And, most singular of all, though glass windows were introduced into England in 1180, yet 469 years later, Edward Winslow was writing to George Morton, in England, "Bring paper and linseed oil for your windows." Oiled paper to keep out the cold of a New England winter! They brought with them, of course, almost no jewelry, no paintings or works of art, no organs or instruments of music, or anything of the kind.

Let us enter one of the homes of these Puritan pioneers. The house, which is over a small, deep cellar, is built of logs, notched where they meet at the corners, with a thatched roof and a large chimney at one end, built of stones cemented with clay. The small windows are covered with oiled paper, with protecting shutters, and the massive door is an oaken plank, swinging on wooden hinges.

The interior is very rude; yet it has a cozy, homelike air. The immense hearth of large, flat stones occupies nearly an entire side of the house. Forest logs, four feet in length, are piled upon the ponderous andirons, and, on occasions, a big "back-log" is drawn into the house by a horse, and then rolled to the fireplace by hand-spikes. "Blazing hearthstones" had then a meaning, at which, in our days of furnaces and steam pipes, we can only guess. There was no need of artificial ventilation, when, through the crevices of the building, swept keen, brisk currents of air.

The old-time furniture may seem strange to our sight. In one corner is a buffet full of rows of shining pewter dishes. A high-backed chair or two, massive table, a large chest with a carved front, and some Indian birch boxes for wearing apparel are ranged around the walls.

High on the mantel shelf, with a "cresset lamp" on one side and the time-marking hour-glass on the other, is the well thumbed Bible, which was not kept for show. The corselet, matchlock and bandoleer are ready for defense, with a halberd, if the senior occupant of the house holds a commission in "ye train band." One other implement is sure to be there, and one can hear its hum as he stands without the door, the family spinning-wheel, with which the busy housewife, or her daughter, has done some wonderful "stents."

In the best room there will be a carved oak chest, brought over from England, a tent or field bedstead, with green baize or white dimity curtains, and a generous feather-bed. The stout tick for this, the snow-white sheets, the warm flannel blankets and heavy woolen rugs, woven in checks of black, red or white, or the lighter coverlet, were all the products of the domestic wheel and loom. There were no carpets. The floors were sprinkled with fine white sand, which, on particular occasions, was brushed into fanciful patterns with a birch broom or a bundle of fresh hemlock boughs.

The fare of the Puritan colonist was as frugal as it was wholesome. In the morning the farmer and his family sat down to their breakfast of bean porridge, or boiled corn meal and milk, with a healthy appetite. Beer, cider or cold water furnished their usual beverage, for tea and coffee were unknown in New England homes in the seventeenth century. "Rye and Indian" was the staff of life on which they leaned the most.

We can fancy a New England table of those early days, with its pewter dishes, brightened to their utmost polish, and in the wealthier households here and there a silver beaker or tankard, the heirloom of the family. The dinner, which is at noon, opens with a large Indian pudding—ground corn sweetened with molasses—accompanied by an appropriate sauce; next came boiled beef and pork; then wild game with potatoes, followed by turnips and samp or succotash. Pumpkins were served in various ways.

Supper was also a substantial meal, though generally eaten cold. Baked beans, baked Indian pudding, and newly baked rye and Indian bread were standard dishes for Wednesday, "after the washing and ironing agonies of Monday and Tuesday;" salt fish on Saturday, but never on Friday, the "popish" fast day, and boiled Indian pudding, with roast beef for those who could get it, on Sunday.

The daily life of those early settlers was more or less hard and rugged. But little progress had been made in invention and the arts, and hardly one of the modern contrivances for cooking, and warming, and lighting dwellings was known. Not a pound of coal or a drop of kerosene oil had been burned in the country. No iron stoves were used, and no contrivances for economizing heat were employed until Dr. Franklin invented the iron frame fireplace, which still bears his name. All the cooking and warming was done by the aid of fire kindled upon the brick hearth or in the brick oven. Pine knots or tallow candles furnished the light for the long winter evenings.

The water used for household purposes was drawn from deep wells by the creaking "sweep," and it is a curious circumstance that both the well and the outbuildings were often at long distances from the house. No form of pump was used in this country until after the beginning of the present century. There were no friction matches in those early days, by the aid of which a fire could be speedily kindled; and if the fire "went out" upon the hearth over night, and the tinder was damp, so that the spark would not "catch," the alternative remained of wading through the snow a mile or so to borrow a brand from a neighbor's hearth.

Only one room in any house was warmed, unless some of the family were ill, or a courtship was in progress; in all the rest the temperature was at zero during many nights in winter. The men and women of a hundred years ago undressed and got into their beds at night in an atmosphere colder than that of our modern barns and woodsheds.

What powder will I use this warm weather? Why, Pozzoni's Complexion Powder lasts longer than any other, and is not sticky.

Anarchy From An Anarchist's Standpoint.

C. L. James in North American Review for July: Competition among capitalists is constantly reducing the price of commodities to the cost of production. This necessitates increasingly minute subdivision of labor, destroying that technical skill which made the old-fashioned shoemaker or blacksmith independent; degrading the laborers into portions of the machine they operate; stimulating the competition for employment which prevails among them; increasing the frequency of those periods when they are thrown out of work and reduced from comfort to beggary, and of course contributing to increase the revolutionary discontent of educated men, nurtured in hope and enjoyment, who see themselves hopelessly distanced by those whom they can in no way regard as their superiors. The chasm which threatens to engulf our social system is still further widened by the destruction of small capitalists in the battle of competition and the growth of great monopolies, advancing pari passu with pauperization of the laboring class. The miseries and dangers thus engendered by the very nature of modern trade and industry are greatly aggravated by the periodical gorging of the market with goods produced in excess of the demand during seasons of speculation, and the consequent forced migration of capital to other branches by the dreary road along which lie bankruptcy, stagnation, reduced consumption, reduced production, slow liquidation, and that gradual revival of business which closes a financial crisis. The critical character of these periodical revulsions is greatly aggravated by the fluctuations of that uncertain currency which speculative business has everywhere introduced. It has so far been palliated by the extension of the market into new countries—America, India, Egypt, China, etc. But when this process reaches an end and one commercial system extends over the world, then, if not sooner, prices will actually fall to the cost of production, and the catastrophe of production for profit will be reached. Anarchy, therefore, according to anarchists, is the inevitable end of the present drift and tendency of things. Trimmers may devise means to put it off; Napoleons and Bismarcks may, for a time, stifle it in blood, but the longer it is deferred the more violent will be the reaction which brings it in at last. That only is wise statesmanship which gives up moribund institutions to die. That only is reform which anticipates in a less painful manner the work of revolution.

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THE SUMMER WHIMSEY.

The Discomforts of Summer Wanderers.

Philadelphia Record: We are creatures of whim. The great whim of the town—whim with a capital W—is that well-to-do-people, and people who do not do so well, about the 1st of June shall gather up their portable property, like the Israelites fleeing from Egypt, lock up their houses, hide their silver spoons and go to some place. They go. At the seaside we find them jammed together in little 8x10 rooms in ramshackle contrivances called, by courtesy, hotels; eaten by mosquitoes at night and by sand-flies all the time; living on fare which nothing but the hunger-producing qualities of sea air could give them a stomach for; blistering their faces and legs and arms in the pretense of amusement on the arid sands; fishing in the fierce glare of the sun for uneatable fish; bathing with the multitude in a promiscuous swash; dancing at night in ill smelling halls to abominable music, and all the time cognizant of a disagreeable impression that, although the seaside is the proper place to be, although people are obliged to pay roundly for seaside privileges, the whole thing—barring the ocean itself—is a supreme absurdity and delusion.

So with the mountain. After the toil of getting there there is the toil of moving about. The view from "The Knob" is grand, but climbing to where "The Knob" is wears the soles and the soul of the observer. The "mountain house" is built after the plan of the seaside hotel. The question with the builders of resorts is precisely the question that occupies the mind of the builder of sardine boxes—not the comfort of the sardines, but how many may be packed within a limited compass. The box maker is anxious to save his tin, and so is the hotel builder. Mountaineering is an arduous business. It may expand the lungs; it may harden the limbs to clamber over rugged steeps after impossible whortleberries; but, alas and alack! it is work, not pleasure. Why should mortals seek in the clouds for comfort that is only attainable on lower levels? Barring the mountain and the mountain air, is there anything worth paying a mountainous bill for to be found on any of the peaks of the earth?

So with the springs. Contrary to all rules of traffic and transportation, the dearest spot to taste the waters of the springs is upon the spot where the springs spring from. One can see races, can dance a little, flirt a little, gamble a little, without going away from home and without paying spring prices for questionable amusement. Barring the medical quality of the waters—good, perhaps, for one ailing soul and bad for ten—why should a comfort-loving creature with a sane mind and a sound body ever go near the springs, unless he goes to a convention or to bet on a sure horse?

So also with "the country." The farm house, it is true, hath its eggs and buttermilk, salt pork, geese, chickens, ducks, pig-pens and early peas. These delights are pleasing to the imagination. But who that has been to "early breakfast," after sleeping all night on a feather bed in the stuffy best room, cares for them? What would the urban seeker after summer comfort, in a country house of the usual gifts and graces, give for an occasional bath in a bath-tub instead of a wash-tub? Barring the genuine loveliness of the country side, with its fields of waving grain and all its gorgeous greenery of leaf and grass—which may be seen from a car window—how many men or women who do not own it and dig it, and live off it, get summer comfort from it except the comfort of a look?

It is the men and women in the towns who are the most comfortable, who have pleasant, roomy houses and all the convenient knickknackery with which the clever artisanship of the age surrounds them and ministers to them, who take an annual summer flight to narrow compartments in out-of-the-way places, to find for themselves fleas, mosquitoes, bad cooking and a season of silly masquerade. At home they know the cool places, the soft seats, the shady walks, the pleasant drives, the agreeable companions, which they cannot find grouped anywhere else in the world. They can go on little excursions if they like, always in summer time finding home more like heaven when they get back to it. Why should they go a thousand miles for milk when at home the milk is brought to the door every morning? It may be fashionable to stay at Metaposset or Teheran, or to dawdle on the sands at Chincoteague, but it is comfortable to stay at home all through the heated term. There is no place like it. Those who cannot go abroad and who long for the delusive delights of the summer resort do not know it, yet they are the favorites of Heaven. Our Edens from the start have been unappreciated until our dissatisfaction has thrust us out of them.

Let the stay-at-homes who do not believe what I say ask the tired wanderers who will come home after the first frost, and, like Bo-Peep's sheep, bring their tales behind them.

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THEY ALL WRITE STORIES.

The Overstocked Condition of the Cheap Novel Market.

The Pay of Successful Writers of Fiction.

New York World: "No Stories Wanted," reads the large red-lettered sign at the entrance to the publication office of a leading New York story paper. On the plastering above are the following words traced in pencil: "Whoever goes up this winding stair shall ne'er come down again." Besides these discouragers, the whole region about the entrance wears an extremely uninviting appearance, as though the purpose were to deter aspirants for "continued story" fame from entering. To a reporter, who inquired if these precautions had the desired effect, the manager of the concern said wearily: "Not altogether; that sign protects us in some degree from city people, although some of them disregard it; but against mail invasion we have no means of defense. My assistants and I are the hardest worked men in New York. Our chief duty is to repack and return the heaps of manuscript we receive daily, and I assure you that it is a work of no little magnitude. Dozens of stories of varied length come to us every day by mail or express. They come from every section of the country and from persons in nearly every condition of life. Of course it is impossible to examine all the manuscripts, but we must return them with polite notes, anyhow. Why return them? Well, if we did not the circulation of the paper would drop off in no time, because all these would-be contributors are subscribers, and if we were thus to offend each one how long do you suppose we could continue business? Every reader nowadays considers himself capable of writing a novel if he once puts his mind to it. I have no doubt that there is not a tolerably educated man or woman in New York to-day who does not firmly believe that he or she could make a good living by the pen, were the necessity to arise. It seems that most of those who send us stories are of that class—people who have been reduced in circumstances and take to writing in order to increase their meager incomes.

"But these are not the only ones who shower their favors on us. Stories come in from young men and women who care nothing for financial recompense. They write just to see their names in print, and to be able to show off their productions to friends. School girls are our especial persecutors. Not a week passes that we do not receive a work of fiction from some feminine boarding school, with a delicately-scented note informing us that the author has determined to allow us to publish her first work, and that compensation is no object. Young school teachers are even more troublesome. They rate their productions so highly, and enter into such minute calculations about the pay, that their letters would be quite amusing if they were not so numerous. We do not even escape the attentions of persons who lack the ability of spelling correctly. In fact, I believe we have been favored with the literary productions of every class of humanity, excepting perhaps, laborers and kitchen girls."

"Do you read any of the manuscripts received?"

"Very seldom. Were we in need of matter to fill up space we would probably examine the more promising of the works submitted, but every story paper has its regular staff of writers who contribute all the matter that is wanted. These writers have been selected from the men and women who had already made reputations by publishing successful stories. We can not afford to give space to new people of whom our readers never heard. It is true that occasionally we accept brief poems and one-column articles of interest from unknown writers, but most of those would-be authors are above such trivial work. They are satisfied with nothing less than a twenty-week serial."

"Are not nearly all contributors women?"

"Yes. Women are monopolizing fiction at present, not only in the story papers, but in published books as well. This is especially the case in England, where fully nine-tenths of the popular novelists are women. Why is this? Probably because men are taking to the graver branches of literature, as becomes their character, and are leaving the lighter vein for the delicate handling of the other sex—just as they do in the physical works of life. Anyhow the fact remains that the masculine novelist is fast descending to the stratum of extinct animals."

"What salaries are paid to your regular contributors?"

"That depends entirely on the degree of their popularity. Although weekly story papers are considered inferior from a literary point of view, I venture to say that they have paid better than the highest magazine published. Of course you have heard of Henry Ward Beecher's 'Norwood.' For this story, which is of no considerable length, the Ledger gave him $20,000—the largest amount ever paid by any paper or magazine for similar work. The Ledger also paid Fanny Fern an enormous price for her writings. She was engaged to write several columns a week at $100 a column. James Parton, Rev. John Hall and others received almost equal pay for their contributions. Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth, the most noted living writer for story papers, receives $10,000 a year from the Ledger, and has light work, too. She keeps a story running throughout the year, but she is so prolific with the pen that she could fill half the Ledger weekly without over-exertion.

"Of the other story writers of the day the best paid are Mrs. Alexander McVeigh Miller, who receives $5,000 a year from the Family Story Paper, besides the royalties from her published books, and Mrs. Emma Garrison Jones whose $4,000 a year is a fair salary indeed. Mrs. Jones is ours most imaginative writer. The scenes of her stories are invariably laid in New York, London or Paris, and the accuracy of her description is remarkable when we remember that she has never been north of Mason and Dixon's line. She lives in Stafford county, Virginia, and, having been an invalid most of her life, has seldom been fifty miles from her home. The other regular contributors receive salaries ranging from $3,000 to $1,000 a year. This may not sound tempting to youthful aspirants who think they can make a speedy fortune with their pens, but it is as much as the average litterary man earns in other paths of literature.

"I presume the publishers make money as well as the writers," suggested the reporter.

"Well, the publishers of story papers have nothing to complain of. Mr. Bonner has made about a million from the Ledger; the Munros are millionaires; Street & Smith made several hundred thousand; Elverson, of Philadelphia, is said to be worth two millions; Frank Tousey is in pretty much the same condition, and Moses A. Dow, of Boston, had a plethoric bank account. No, the publishers have nothing to complain of."

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