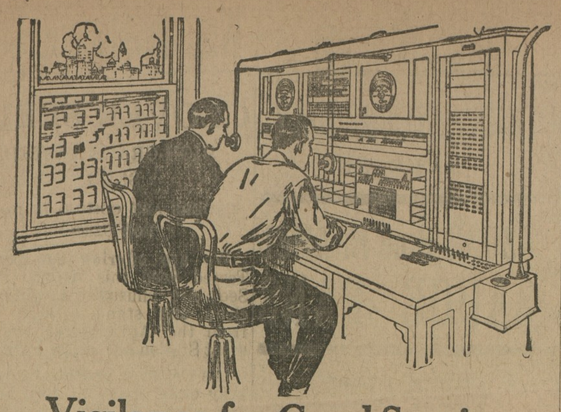


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If—and don't forget the "if"—you were offered as a present either all the land in the United Kingdom or a piece of cheap, common calico of the same area, which would you choose?

Probably, without a moment's hesitation, you would say, "The land" and would imagine that you had got very much the better of the bargain. From one point of view, of course, this would be so, for land lasts longer than does calico. On the other hand, however, you would be choosing very much the cheaper of the two offered gifts.

The land of the United Kingdom, including town areas, is estimated to be worth £2,500,000,000. A piece of cheap calico of the same size as the United Kingdom would cost more than £9,000,000,000.

Difficult to believe, isn't it? Still, the facts cannot be denied. Average agricultural land may be reckoned as being worth £20 an acre; building land, say, twenty-five miles from Charing Cross, £100 an acre; ten miles from Charing Cross, £500 an acre. Now, a common calico costs £121 an acre, a good calico £200, while a good quality linoleum costs £750 and an ordinary Turkey carpet £3,600 an acre.—London Answers.

The Spy In the Reading Room.

An interesting story reaches me, says a London correspondent, of an agent of the Russian imperial police having been stationed in the reading room of the British museum for the purpose of noting the arrival of revolutionaries in England. The type of man who is driven out of Russia is generally the intellectual, and the reading room is probably the first place he seeks out after his arrival in London. My informant tells me that the spy used until recently to sit at a desk near the door, whence he could observe everybody that entered and used to work his way steadily through the monumental catalogue of the museum, taking out books which he opened, but did not read, in alphabetical order.

Welcomes a Whistle.

"It may be ag'in th' statoots," said "Big Barney" O'Toole as he lolled in the assembly room of a police station, "but whin I'm poundin' th' pavement after midnight there's nothin' I like better to hear out 'f a la-ad than a good healthy whistle. A la-ad what's pipin' a tune about his love or th' Blue Ridge mount'ns o' Virginia is seldom up t' anny divilthry. Whin a crook has somethin' on his mind he ain't advertisin' himself so ye can loosen yer grip on th' locust. When ye hears th' la-ad wit' th' whistle he's yer fri'nd."—New York Tribune.

She Would Get Even.

Tired out with an afternoon's shopping, the mother sat back in her easy chair to recite in detail the afternoon's experiences to a sympathetic home circle.

"And to cap it all I met that horrid Annie Green, and she was very impudent to me as usual," she wailed.

"The mean thing," sympathetically snapped out six-year-old Ella. "Why didn't you impudent her right back?"—New York Sun.

No One to Lean On.

"What's the matter, Tommy?"

"Oh, I'm tired of school. I'd like to go to bed for a week."

"Why, how's that?"

"Well, you see, I'm in a very awkward position. I was next to the boy at the bottom of the class—and he's left.—Manchester Guardian.

He Forged.

Trotter—When young Biffkins left college a few years ago, he declared he was going to forge his way to the front. Did he make good? Homer—As a forger—yes. He's now occupying a front row cell in the penitentiary.—Chicago News.

Life's Changes.

Life is full of changes. One day we have an office cat and no catnip, and the next day we have plenty of catnip and no cat.—Toledo Blade.

Wouldst thou subject all things to thyself? Subject thyself to reason.—Seneca.

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A BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE TO THE EASTERN SHORE.

The annual banquet of the Eastern Shore Society at the Rennert in Baltimore last week furnished the "Theme" for the following beautiful tribute to the Eastern Shore by the Bentztown Bard:

I have camped on Shennandoah by the rocks at Rattling Spring,
I have heard the shallow waters of the broad Potomac sing;
I have seen the glades of Garrett in the buckwheat harvest white,
I have watched the moon o'er Frederick kiss Catoctin with her light;
I have known the vales of Harfoad where the lovely Deer Crick flows,
I have tramped the hills of Howard when the rocks were 'neath the snows.
I have known you all my country of the Maryland life and lore—
But my heart goes out forever to my native Eastern Shore!

When the last ties have been broken and we tread on alien sod,
It is then in dreams we follow where our feet of childhood trod;
It is then to you, our mother, we go back in dreams of lore—
Rock me in thy arms forever, oh my motherland of yore,
Where the bugeyes take the morning with a wing of fairy white,
And the blue bay sings forever down the silver shores of light!
Over Kentland, down through Dorset, back to thee we come once more,
Rock me in thy arms forever, oh my native Eastern Shore!

—By the Bentztown Bard.

Warwick Items.

Mr. Charlie Vinyard, who was operated on for appendicitis and peritonitis two weeks ago, died at a hospital in Philadelphia, Feb. 1st. The remains were brought to his home in Middle Neck Monday evening. Funeral from his late residence Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock, Rev. G. J. Hill officiating. Interment in Bethel cemetery.

We are informed that Mr. Wm. Johns' automobile burned last week while he and another gentleman were driving over a very muddy road near The Buck.

Mr. and Mrs. George Goldsborough entertained at dinner last Thursday friends from Warwick and Middle Neck. Anyone who has partaken of one of Mrs. Goldsborough's famous dinners knows what that means.

Visitors to our town last week were: Mrs. Luther Wilson, of Washington, at L. P. King's, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Woodall, of Galena, and Mrs. Gilpin, of Elkton, at Mr. John R. Price's; Mrs. Joseph Rhodes, at her father's, Mr. Cornelius Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Jones at Mr. Alfred Jones; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Merritt and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilson, at R. B. Merritt's, Sr., and Mr. Lewis Aiken, at his brother's, Mr. Walter Aiken.

Mrs. Jane Hall has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Smith, in Middletown.

Mrs. Hattie Hall is visiting relatives in Upland, Pa.

Mrs. Will Vinyard is spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Bland, near Middletown, who has been quite sick.

Rev. G. J. Hill made a flying trip to Baltimore last Monday.

Mr. John Rodney Price and son, Leland, have been on a little pleasure trip to Baltimore and Washington, also to Annapolis, where Mr. Brice's son is a student at the Naval Academy.

Mrs. Price, Mrs. Merritt and Miss Mamie Merritt spent Friday on Bohemia Manor as guests of Mrs. Aiken.

Hazel Price delightfully entertained Misses Mamie Merritt and Belle Hill for several days last week.

Mrs. Lynch has returned to her home after a six week's visit to her daughter at Chesapeake.

Revival services at the M. P. Church are closed. Regular preaching service next Sunday morning at 10.30. Sunday school at 1.30 and Christian Endeavor each Sunday evening at 7.

Linnie, the little daughter of Walter Aikin, has been quite sick.

In consequence of vacancies caused by the death of Mr. R. S. Griffith, Sassafras M. P. Church elected the following officers: Financial stewards, W. A. Colgain and Raymond Thornley; trustee, Edward Stradley; S. S. superintendent, Mrs. Tarbutton; assistant, John Ernest, Jr.

The M. E. meeting at Sassafras closed Sunday night. Regular services in that church next Sunday morning at 10.30, Rev. Mr. Horner, pastor.

Preaching in the M. P. Church at 7, Rev. G. J. Hill, pastor.

We are glad to say Mr. Ernest's condition is very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tarbutton are spending a week with friends in Baltimore, Havre de Grace and Port Deposit.

Massey Items.

Rev. Birnbach and family entertained a few of their friends at dinner on Tuesday.

Mrs. Clarence Maslin is on the sick list.

Mr. A. H. Malsberger is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Frank Daniels, in Jersy City.

Our little town and county is getting so thickly inhabited by Indians I fear the white men will have to leave. I would advise them not to do the war whoop so loud as to scare away some who had concluded to join, but I hope they will pick up a brave heart and join if they do get scalped.

Mr. Lester Newnam is visiting relatives in Quaker Neck.

Miss Edyth Maslin entertained Miss Elva Pratt and Miss Amy Crossley last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Dunn spent Thursday in Galena.

Mrs. Holdien Anderson, who has been visiting her brother Mr. Wm. Maslin, has returned to her home in Baltimore.

We are having lovely weather but plenty of grippe.

Miss Madeline Rowman spent the week-end in Wilmington, Del.

Mr. Raymond Newnam spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Newnam.

Mrs. Bartus Wilkins is visiting her brother, Mr. Bramble, in Fairlee.

Mrs. Herman Massey is visiting in Chestertown.

The Ladies' Guild of St. Clement's Church, will meet on Friday, at the rectory.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Roe are visiting friends in Wilmington.

Worton Items.

These are eventful and progressive times in the history of the First Presbyterian Church, Worton. Sunday, Feb. 1st, four new members united with the church on confession of Faith, namely, Mr. James M. Simonds, his wife and son, Archibald, and Mrs. Agnes Crowding. Sunday Jan. 23th, Mr. Everett Sheats came into our membership.

We can verily say with the Psalmist "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad".

Last Sunday our church was practically reorganized, the following officers being elected: Elder, Mr. George Cooper; deacons, Mr. Warren and Mr. Roy Simonds; ushers, Mr. Everett Sheats and Mr. Chas. Ivens; financial secretary, Miss Bessie Cooper; reporter, Mr. J. W. Simonds. The outlook for this, our church, is very bright indeed and we are all very grateful to God. The subject of the sermon last Sunday was: "Giving". The text was from Cor. 8-5, they first gave their ownselves to the Lord, and I want to state right here that our gifted minister, Rev. William Clews, struck the keynote when in his sermon said that Jesus died and shed his precious blood for you and me and he paid for you and me with his blood, and how many people are walking around and staying away from church with something that don't belong to them. Those that would like to attend the church at Worton and hear something they ought to be knowing, will be more than welcome.

Next Sunday the subject will be: "Home Missions", the text, Luke 14-21. "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in hither the poor and the mained and the halt and the blind." The sermons this month will be a kind of preparation for church action along the line planned by the General Assembly for reaching every member; adherent and sympathizer.

The Mite Society of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Worton will meet at the home of Mrs. J. W. Ivens the 2nd Wednesday in February or the 11th of February. A large attendance is requested.



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