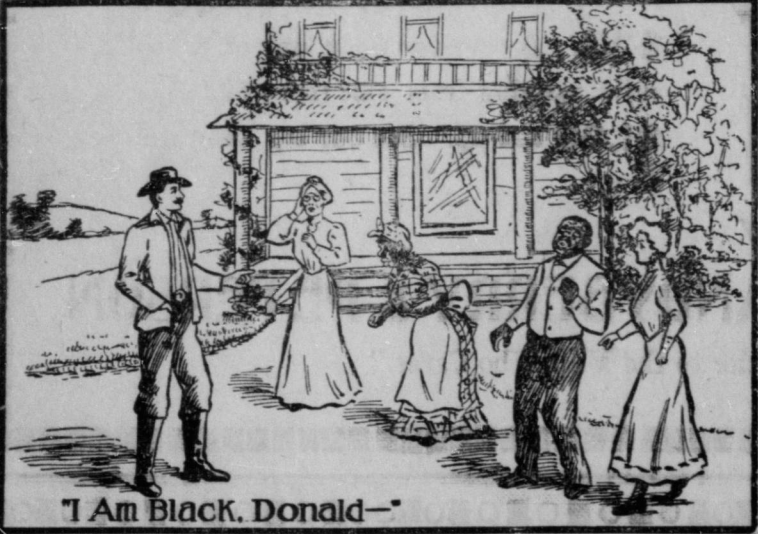


## THEATRE TALK NO. 2.

MRS. E. D. E. N. SOUTHWORTH, THE AMERICAN NOVELIST WHO WROTE THAT FAMOUS STORY, "THE HIDDEN HAND," was born in Washington, D. C., December 26, 1819. She graduated from Henshaw Seminary in 1837, and taught school from 1844 to 1849. She began writing short stories for the Baltimore Saturday Visitor, and in 1849 published her first novel, "Retribution." She became very popular, her writing appealing

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largely to women. In 1856 her world renowned "The Hidden Hand" appeared as a serial story in a famous story paper of that day called "THE NEW YORK LEDGER," owned by Robert Bonner, the owner of the world known famous horses, Dexter and Maud S., the fastest trotters of their time. It was then published in book form, and other than the Bible, has had wider circulation than any other known book, over fifteen million various copies of the story having been placed in circulation since its first appearance, this including the French, German, Spanish and other translations. The story has been dramatized a number of times, but never in the concise and happy manner which has rewarded EUGENE MOORE'S efforts, the version which will be presented in this city in the near future.



"THE HIDDEN HAND" IS A PLAY WHICH APPEALS TO THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE ON ACCOUNT OF ITS HEART INTEREST—in fact a combination of both pathos and comedy that makes it delightful. Like "The Old Homestead," "Human Hearts," "Arizona" and "Alabama" a play must be intense to hold the interest of the auditors and at the same time have sufficient pathos to touch the strings of the human heart. "THE HIDDEN HAND" is a plain, sweet, comedy story of the sun-kissed hills and valleys of old Virginia where the latch string is always hanging outside the door, and every man and woman honest until proven otherwise.

Hundreds of the best people in this great and glorious land have visited "THE HIDDEN HAND" during the past two years. There must be a reason for this—if they did not like it they certainly would not spend time and money. The performance is as clean as a hound's tooth, made up of wholesome incidents and comedy.

These are a few of the factors of its success. "REMEMBER WE EITHER PLEASE YOU OR WE GIVE YOU YOUR MONEY BACK." USUAL PRICES WILL PREVAIL.

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## SOCIETY COLUMN

The American League to Meet With Miss Victoria Stone

COLONIAL DINNER

Ladies of Methodist Society Gave Splendid Dinner

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church have decided to hold a rummage sale and have selected the date of October 14th. They will hold it in the building just one door south of the Democrat and will have for sale anything they can secure new articles as well as old. All the members are working hard to make the occasion a success and any one that can help the ladies in any way will be gladly appreciated.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist and Christian church will hold rummage sales, but have not as yet set the dates, but will do so in a few days.

The true chapter of the Woman's American League will hold its meeting tomorrow with Miss Victoria Stone. The members of the league have been very successful in their efforts to secure subscriptions for magazines, the main object to accomplish just now.

Miss Laura Alban gave a pleasant tea last evening. Guests were Misses Nettie Mises, Nellie Schrock, Ada Springer and Jean Lutz.

The Colonial dinner today at the Methodist church, which was served by the Ladies' Mite Society, was a splendid one and many were seated at the tables. The dinner is an annual affair and always a sumptuous meal. Supper will be served.

Miss Helen Baker, of Peterson, is visiting friends at Napanee and New Bremen.

Mrs. Rachel Elzey, in the west part of the city, has been sick for a couple of months. Mrs. Elzey has not been seriously sick, but has suffered a sort of general breakdown.

Mrs. Mary K. Jenkins who was taken ill during a visit with Mrs. John France, and who is now with relatives at her home in Fort Wayne, remains in about the same condition.

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## PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will hold a public sale at his residence, 1 1/2 miles south of Decatur on the old Elmer Johnson farm, beginning at 9 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, Oct. 6, 1909, the following personal property, to-wit:

Horses—Seven head. One brown horse, 11 years old; black horse, 10 years old; dapple grey, 6 years old; sorrel, 4 years old; 2 bay horses, 12 years old; 1 roan driving mare, 6 years old.

Cattle—Twenty head. Two Durham cows, fresh first of year; 2 heifers fresh in December; 7 yearling heifers 6 yearling steers, 3 spring calves.

Hogs—Twelve head. One Poland-China sow, will farrow soon; 1 Duroc-Jersey sow, will farrow soon; pedigree given; 2 Duroc male pigs, 8 spring shoats.

17 head Shropshire sheep, 16 ewes, 1 ram. One Angora goat.

Implements—One Thomas hay loader, 1 Osborne mower, 6 foot; 8-fork tedder, sure-drip corn planter, 2 riding cultivators, 3 breaking plows, double shovel plow, two 62-tooth harrows, spring tooth harrow, Richmond Champion 9-hoe grain drill, 2 Turn-bull wagons with beds; rubber tire double seated surrey, steel tire top buggy, heavy platform spring wagon, double seated sleigh, mud boat, sack truck, sickle grinder, grindstone, 2 18-ft. hay ladders, corn sled, 2 double set breaching harness, 2 set work harness, 2 set single buggy harness, lady and gents' riding saddles with bridles, fly nets; manger rack, lard or fruit press, steel-topped range, hard or soft coal heater. All the implements named above are practically new, and have been used but little. Household furniture, 1,500 shocks of corn in field, 50 bushels of potatoes, and many other articles.

Terms—All sums of \$5.00 and under cash in hand; over \$5.00 a credit of 9 months will be given the purchaser giving his note therefor with approved freehold security to the satisfaction of the undersigned. No property removed until settled for. Four per cent. off for cash.

GILLIG BROTHERS. John Spuhler, Auctioneer. T. J. Durkin, Clerk.

## PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned will offer at public auction 1 1/2 miles south and 2 miles east of Craigville, or 1 mile west of Handuras at the Dehl school house, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., Friday, October 8, 1909, the following personal property, to-wit:

Horses—One gray mare, 12 years old; 1 brown mare 9 years old, 1 bay mare 8 years old, a good driver.

Cattle—Three good milch cows, excellent winter cows; 2 spring calves. Hogs—Four sows, two with 11 pigs by their side; 1 having six pigs by her side; 19 shoats weighing 75 to 80 pounds each.

Farm implements—A good Studebaker wagon, a good Moyer buggy, 1 good breaking plow, 1 corn plow, good spike tooth harrow, 1 spring tooth harrow, good hay tedder, Deering mower, hay ladders, with hog rack combined; 2 sets of britchen work harness, 2 sets of buggy harness, 5 tons of timothy hay, 300 shocks of corn, good set of bob sleds, 1 tubular cream separator, good as new; set horse clipper, and many other articles.

Terms—All sums of \$5.00 and under cash in hand; over \$5.00 a credit of 12 months will be given the purchaser giving his note therefor with approved freehold security to the satisfaction of the undersigned. No property removed until settled for. Four per cent. off for cash.

JOHN W. BEAL. John Spuhler, Auctioneer. Joseph V. Pease, Clerk.

## PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will hold a public sale at her residence, four miles east and half mile north of Decatur, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., on Tuesday, October 5, 1909, the following property, to-wit: Horses, Cattle, Hogs, etc.: On bay mare 7 years old, in foal, city and lady broke; three good milch cows. One sow, 8 shoats, weighing about 150 lbs. each; five dozen chickens. Farm implements—One McCormick binder, 1 McCormick mower, 1 Champion disc grain drill, 1 Monarch corn plow, one Black corn planter, 1 breaking plow, 1 Diamond riding breaking plow, 1 hay rake, spike tooth harrow, 1 spring tooth harrow, 1 double shovel plow, 1 cultivator, 1 3 inch tire Studebaker wagon, 1 narrow tire wagon, clover bouncer, pair bob sleds 1 top buggy, 1 set work harness, 1 set buggy harness, 1 set fly nets, 1 set dump boards 1 pair hay ladders, 450 shocks of corn, and a great many other articles not mentioned.

Terms—All sums of \$5.00 and under cash in hand; over \$5.00 a credit of 12 months will be given the purchaser giving his note therefor with approved freehold security to the satisfaction of the undersigned. No property removed until settled for. Four per cent. off for cash.

MRS. MARY HACKMAN. John Spuhler, Auct. C. S. Niblick, Clerk.

## PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned will offer for sale at his residence 3 1/2 miles south of Decatur and 2 1/2 miles north of Monroe, on the Monroe and Decatur pike, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., on Tuesday, October 5 1909, the following property, to-wit:

Horses—Ten head. One sorrel driver, 5 years old, lady broke; 1 grey gelding, 3 years old and broke to all harness; 1 2 years old roan gelding, broke to work; 1 2 years old grey 1 2 years old bay, broke for driving; 1 sorrel team of geldings, coming 2 years old in the spring, with white mane and tails; 1 sorrel team of mares (Belgiums) coming 2 years old in spring; 1 bay Belgium colt.

Cattle—One Durham cow, fresh in January; 1 cow fresh in four weeks, 1 steer, weigh 800 lbs., 1 fullblooded Hereford bull, with pedigree.

Hogs—One sow and pigs by her side, 20 shoats, weighing 75 to 100 pounds each; 8 sows, will farrow soon.

Farm implements—One set double breaching harness, brass trimmings, good as new; 1 check rower, 1 mow fork and rigging, cultivator, top buggy, 11 acres good corn in the shock, and many other articles not mentioned.

Terms—All sums of \$5.00 and under cash in hand, over \$5.00 a credit of 9 months will be given the purchaser giving his note therefor with approved freehold security to the satisfaction of the undersigned. No property removed until settled for. Four per cent. off for cash.

FRED KOENIG. JULIUS BRIGHT. J. N. Burkhead, Auct.

## HOLSTEIN COW SALE

The undersigned will offer for sale at the Shumaker feed yards, at Berne, Indiana, beginning at 1:30 p. m., on Saturday, Oct. 2, 1909, the following stock: Six or eight good draft colts, 2 and 3 years old. Cattle—32 head of fine Holstein cattle. One 6 year old extra good cow, will be fresh in 2 or 3 weeks; 2 cows 7 years old, fresh in two months; 2 large cows, fresh in March; 6 three-year-old heifers, will be fresh in spring; 7 good young cows, giving milk now and all will be fresh in spring; 7 spring calves and 3 young calves four weeks old. These cattle are all three-quarter and seven-eighths bred, and three are full blooded, but with no papers with them; also a few native cows, some fresh now and balance will be fresh soon; 1 Jersey fresh cow. 100 Shropshire breeding ewes—good ones. This is the time to buy good Holstein cattle. All know that Holstein cattle cannot be beaten for milkers.

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### BUFFALO STOCK MARKETS

East Buffalo, N.Y., Sept. 30.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—Receipts 4160; shipments 1710. Official to New York yesterday 580. Hogs closing steady. Heavy—\$8.50@8.60. Medium—\$8.40@8.50. Mixed—\$8.20@8.40. Heavy yorkers—\$8.10@8.25. Light yorkers—\$7.65@7.85. Pigs—\$7.40@7.50. Roughs—\$7.15@7.40. Stags—\$6.00@6.15. Sheep—200; slow; top lambs \$7.50@7.55. Cattle—50; steady.

### TOLEDO MARKETS.

September 29.—Cash wheat \$1.19. May wheat 1.20 1/2. September wheat 1.19. December wheat 1.20. Cash corn .68. May corn .62. September corn .68. December corn .59 1/2. May oats .43 1/2. September oats .42. December oats .41 1/2.

### CHICAGO MARKETS.

September 29.—May wheat \$1.02 1/2. September wheat 1.06. December wheat 1.00 1/2. May corn .60 1/2. September corn .64 1/2. December corn .58 1/2. May oats .41 1/2. September oats .44 1/2.

### PRICES ON COAL.

Chestnut coal \$7.25. Hocking Valley \$3.75. West Virginia splint \$4.00. Wash nut \$4.90.

### HAY MARKET

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