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**HOME NOTES**

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**MAY MORNING.**

How the bright morning star, day's harbinger,  
 Comes dawning from the east, and leads with her  
 The rosy May, who from her green lap  
 Throws  
 The violets and the pale primrose.  
 Hark, hark! the wind is at the door  
 It rills and ripples and warm desire;  
 The wind and doves are at the door  
 It rills and ripples and warm desire.  
 If it had dith-bone it had a long  
 The wind would take them with our early song.  
 And welcome then, and with thee long.  
 —Willon.

Vol. XXI, No. 1.  
 Hurrah for the Lady Minstrels.  
 W. C. T. U. Contest Friday eve.  
 May 13.  
 George W. McHenry is sojourning in the far west.  
 Don't fail to attend the Contest. Admission five cents.  
 Will Fay visited his brother Louie at Battle Creek last week.  
 Two young ladies and six young gentlemen in the contest class.  
 Watch out for the program of Minstrels in next week's Eccentric.  
 Next lesson for L. L. C. will be the third lesson of No. 6 magazine, C. S. Travis, of Big Beaver, called on Birmingham friends Monday.  
 Cargill Young, of Holly, visited his parents the fore part of the week.  
 Miss Birdie Trowbridge, of Pontiac, visited Mrs. T. A. Ward this week.  
 Mrs. Sarah Kent, of Pontiac, has been a guest of Mrs. Nellie Camp this week.  
 Mrs. Mary Cooper, of Detroit, formerly of this place, Sundayed in Birmingham.  
 Miss Jennie Cooper, of Detroit, Sundayed with her sister Mrs. E. C. Poppleton.  
 Rev. A. Marsh preached a very interesting sermon on "War" last Sunday evening.  
 We are 20 years old this issue and at close of this volume we will be old enough to vote.  
 Regular meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star next Wednesday evening, May 14th. J. B. Hunt, Sec.

Don't fail to see Miss Caroline Whitewash and her song and dance at the Lady Minstrels, Friday eve, May 13.  
 It's very hard luck to be a girl during these times when every one would like to be fighting the "Spin-nach."  
 Mrs. Percy Pease and little daughter Elizabeth, of Detroit, were guests of her parents the first of the week.  
 A. B. McGahan has organized a class in vocal instruction in Pontiac and is engaged at that place Mondays and Thursdays.  
 Talk about bones and tambourines, you ought to hear some of our girls play next Friday evening, May 13, at Liberty Hall.  
 Merritt Randall has been busily wielding the painter's brush about the homestead of late and the improvement is marked.  
 Lady Minstrels: First part—large circle—sixteen voices—Grand March—Jokes. Second part: Specialties—Songs and Dances.  
 The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church meet with Mrs. Jas. Shain Friday afternoon, May 6. Everybody invited to attend.  
 Now then, line up, everybody. What's the matter with Dewey? He's all right! Who's all right? Dewey! Who says? Everybody. Tiger!!!  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Johnston and little Miss Jean McLaughlin, of Detroit, were guests of Mrs. G. H. and Miss Carrie Mitchell over Sunday last.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, a good gen's bicycle—not much used—good as new—cheap. See Wesley Goodman at once for a genuine bargain.  
 Did three certain young men cyclists enjoy their trip to Rochester last Sunday? We understand they returned by the light of the moon.  
 The Ladies' Tuesday Club will meet next Tuesday evening, May 10, at the home of Miss Anna Bell. Lesson—"Song of Life," chapters 3, 4 and 5.  
 Friday—and the thirteenth day of the month. That's the day and date—but the Lady Minstrels aren't a bit scared—and will "minst" just the same.

The ice-cream social at the Baptist church last Friday evening was largely attended and the B. Y. P. U. cleared the snug little sum of eight dollars as a result.  
 Chas. Cowles, of Saginaw, E. S., was a welcome guest among his many Birmingham friends the first of the week. Charlie's Naval Reserve uniform becomes him well.  
 John G. Wilson, well and favorably known and for years our cemetery sexton is quite ill and fears are entertained for his recovery. We hope soon to see him around again as usual.  
 Uncle Sam has done more in the past five days to abolish bull fights than any one or anything since the creation. In a week more the only place to see a Bull fight will be in Spain, Europe.  
 Mrs. Erastus H. Wooster and Lyster Miles, Spencer Wooster, of Madison, Ill., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Wooster, and if any one is having a real good time in young man Miles.  
 Mr. H. R. Miller was called to Petersburg, N. Y., on Thursday by the serious illness of his sister. Mr. Miller had only returned from the east about one week previous to receiving the message.  
 A single trial will convince any one that Knapp Malt Coffee is the best substitute for coffee and also the best addition to coffee that can be had in the market. Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell.  
 Ed. Miller very reasonably asks where the pathmaster is who has the road west of the mill in charge. Judging from what Ed says there is blood on the moon if the pathmaster don't do something for the highway.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Eli H. Wooster (Pet) are still rejoicing over the safe arrival of a bouncing baby boy, at his home in Sterling, Illinois. Eli is prospering finely as an undertaker and funeral director in his western home.  
 With four carpenters and three masons, who says the residence being erected by Mrs. Grace McKinney on Brown street will not be pushed rapidly to completion? The location is fine and the new house will indeed be an acquisition to the street.  
 Our town is dry. No bar running. Landford Geo. E. Dames will not apply for a license and John DeConick's application and bond is hung up, waiting for the Board to take action thereon. Meanwhile Royal Oak and Pontiac get our big trade and welcome.  
 Rev. A. Marsh will give a lecture on Luther and his times next Monday evening, May 9th, at the Presbyterian church, under the auspices of the two literary clubs of this place. This will be a free lecture and everybody is cordially invited to be present. Lecture to commence at eight o'clock.  
 Elsewhere will be found an account, taken from St. Louis paper, of the death of Frank W. Blair's wife. The many friends of the deceased will be startled to read of her sudden demise, and we feel free to say that the afflicted husband of the heartfelt sympathy of every acquaintance in this vicinity.  
 Many of our people have noticed with what apparent reluctance the leaves have come out this spring. The matter was explained the other day when the leaves of the maple were heard calling to those of the elm: "Say, neighbor, has the saw mill gone yet?" "Sh-sh-sh!" said the elm—"not yet, wait a few days longer."  
 We are pained to announce the severe illness of Mrs. A. Partridge on Tuesday last. She had an attack of heart failure and a few hours her life was almost despaired of. Dr. C. M. Raynald was in attendance and only prompt medical skill and tender nursing saved her. At this writing she is out of danger and much better.  
 The work of tearing down the old Rogers building for Erity's new three story brick store to complete the Ford block began Wednesday morning. F. Ford is having a new artificial stone walk laid in front of his Maple Avenue stores, much to the joy of W. I. Deer and M. Levinson, tenants of the new stores.  
 The Presbyterian ladies are all looking for work that will bring in "experience dollars." Anyone needing help will find these ladies both industrious and competent in every and all kinds of work. House-cleaning, whitewashing, painting, paper hanging, scrubbing and "going out doing day's work done here" is the motto. "Remember the \$" is their war cry.

Dr. W. J. Herdman, of the University of Michigan says: "I find Slioman's Diamond Wiping Purge Whiskey all that could be desired." All leading druggists and dealers.  
 The Village Improvement Society have placed two trees in front of the Baptist church, and have planted vines around the Methodist and Episcopal churches and Library Hall. The young people's societies of these churches have promised to care for them. The society stands ready to do for the other churches anything wanted in line of improvement for the village.  
 Charley Cowles, who was a heart broken Naval Reserve on account of not being accepted in the first call to go to the Yosemite off Norfolk, was made gloriously happy Monday last by receiving a telegram to report at Detroit at once, as he was wanted at Norfolk. He left his relatives here, whom he was visiting, at once, a happy lad for the opportunity to go.  
 Major Schoof's lectures next Monday and Tuesday evenings on "Darkest Africa Lighted up," together with his museum of African curiosities will be the most unique entertainments Birmingham has had in years. The price of admission is so small that everyone should enjoy these thrilling lectures. Children free, adults 50c, at the Methodist church, May 9th and 10th.  
 Everybody remember the lectures next Monday and Tuesday evenings, by Gustav Henry Schoof, who for many years belonged to the Birmingham mounted border police of Africa. This talented lecturer has won a great reputation in Pontiac, several gentlemen from that city, including Rev. Sheridan, of the M. E. church and John Pound, speaking of him in the most complimentary terms. Don't miss these inspiring lectures, under the auspices of the Epworth League.  
 Birmingham has three boys now in the United States Navy: Geo. Ewing and A. C. Meyers, who were made happy by being accepted in the Michigan Naval Reserve and one on board of the Yosemite, of Norfolk, Va., and will see action, as this boat is to be attached to Sartrons flying squadron. Strathairn Hendrie is a Lieutenant on this boat and Geo. Hendrie is a fighter before the mast. We might claim George as a Birminghammer, as his work was here at the Power House.  
 Last Sunday afternoon while Mrs. Harvey Staley and Mrs. Wee Faint and three children were out driving their horse became frightened at an umbrella and ran away, completely capsizing the buggy and throwing the occupants to the ground. Mrs. Staley's left arm was badly hurt, some of the bones being dislocated and causing her much suffering. The rest of the party escaped without a bruise, which seems almost miraculous. The tip-over occurred on Pierce street and the frantic horse continued running away out Maple avenue west before it was stopped.  
 The teachers for our school have all been re-engaged for another school year, with the exception of Mrs. H. T. Randall, whose only obstacle is that she is married—that being the objection that a majority of the board had against her re-engagement. We don't think that is a wise decision. She is an excellent teacher, much above the average, her management in the school room is remarkable, her energy and ambition is impartial to the reputation of her instruction; and as long as she was a married woman when engaged we think that this step is a bad one for the Board to make; at least they should have given the lady warning so that say two months ago she could have been along with hundreds of other teachers first in the field seeking a new location. We are sorry to lose her and our school sustains a great loss.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Graton, S. D.: "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four doctors came me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman. Tried all the free at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store. Regular size 50 cents and \$1. Guaranteed or price refunded."

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Whitehead & Mitchell visited our soldier boys in camp at Island Lake Sunday last and witnessed a fine drill at 2 p. m. Over 4,000 men participated and the numbers, the arm, the music and all were quite thrilling. The boys are in good condition, anxious to get to the front and with very little dissatisfaction. The only trouble is the fear that the boys will not fight under their own officers. Will Irving, grandson of Hugh Irving, is among the number, and he, with hundreds of others, left big paying jobs to fight for their country. God bless them and bring them all home safe and sound.  
 Mrs. Claude Harris was cleaning house one day last week (they have the fever in Troy as well as in Birmingham) when she ran across a French Brandy—the clear quill Malaga wine, choice, Old Monks, the hula, whiskey, rum, gin, etc. by the barrel, gallon, or up. They sold campbelle also. The papers of today of our county set show the requisite advancement.  
 Dr. I. Voorhes, surgeon dentist fills teeth with pure gold foil, while Hagg & Kelsey take a whole column of the paper to tell about their Old French Brandy—the clear quill Malaga wine, choice, Old Monks, the hula, whiskey, rum, gin, etc. by the barrel, gallon, or up. They sold campbelle also. The papers of today of our county set show the requisite advancement.

**DEATH CALLED HER**  
 And She Sank to Sleep.  
 With scarcely a warning to the family Winifred, wife of Frank W. Blair, of this city, sank into that sleep that knows no earthly awakening last Sunday afternoon. The news of her death came like a thunderbolt from a clear sky to her friends and the first report of it was doubted. Inquiry verified the sad news and furnished the full particulars. Mrs. Blair was seized at 2 p. m. with acute albumenuria. She was soon unconscious and did not revive in spite of the efforts of Drs. Whitehead and Kennedy who were hastily called. At 3 p. m. her breathing ceased.  
 The funeral services were held from the residence on Church street, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. H. B. Jefferson, rector of Emmanuel church, officiating, and were attended by a host of sorrowing friends. The Sorosis society, of which the deceased was a member, sang in a beautiful funeral service. The choir gave the hymn, "Lead Kindly Light," and the casket with its covering of lilies and roses was borne to its final resting place—St. Louis Republican Leader.

**Obituary.**  
 Thomas Green, a resident of Bloomfield for half a century, died Wednesday, April 27, 1898, in the eighty-second year of his age.  
 He was born in Bramley, near Leeds, Yorkshire, England, Oct. 11, 1816, and emigrated to America in April 1848. He at once purchased and cleared the farm, and built a portion of the residence recently destroyed by fire. On January 1, 1851 he was married to Martha B. Sendorook, of Bloomfield, who survives him. He leaves six children, also six grandchildren. Politically Mr. Green was a Republican, voting with that party since its organization.  
 The funeral was held from the residence of Charles W. Green, of Bloomfield, Saturday, April 30, Rev. Eugene Allen officiating. The remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery.

**A Narrow Escape.**  
 Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Graton, S. D.: "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four doctors came me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman. Tried all the free at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store. Regular size 50 cents and \$1. Guaranteed or price refunded."



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**BRUSH'S RETURN.**  
 A reply to Wm Faint's article in Friday's Eccentric of April 29:  
 I wrote "The Game," I did, indeed. Faint: An 1904-05 I read your paper. If I'm true, your accusation, I've what you lack, a reputation. But then, I don't say you are a would-be funny man; If twenty jokes would save me, and not the first one, I'd be glad to do so. I'm just the just the sort of a man you need. Cause me to do the thing I ought. A sad mistake you sure have made in taking pointing for your trade; Get you an organ, say, or tractor the lead. The leader of a minstrel band. C. A. BUCH.

**Advertised Letters.**  
 The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the post-office at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending April 30, 1898:  
 John Fall, C. M. Newton, Wm. J. Young, D. M. McCarthy, Miss Hawley.  
 Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised."  
 GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

**OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES.**  
 A little south side girl was standing at the window as a drayload of hives was passing by. Running into the room she exclaimed: "Oh, mammy, there goes a whole pile of cows' overcoats."  
 Tommy, aged three, was playing out on the lawn one evening, and happening to see a shooting star for the first time, he ran into the house exclaiming: "Mamma, mamma, some here, King; God 'jes' let one of his stars fall!"  
 Little four-year-old Gracie had been sitting very quiet for some time, seemingly lost in thought. "What are you thinking about, dear?" asked her mother. "Oh," she replied, "I was just wondering where the todays go when they get to be yesterday."  
 An observing girl of five was visiting one of her playmates who owned an organette, and she was very much taken with it. On her return home she described it to her mother as she thought in the language she thought she had learned in the parlor when they poked porous plaster and ground them up into music.  
 Little Willie disliked to attend school, so one morning he thought he would play off sick. "What is the matter with you, Willie?" asked his mother. "I'm knowing a whole vocabulary of ailments to select from, on the spur of the moment he replied: "Why, my teach tick."

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