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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, APR. 21, '99

HOME NOTES.

THE EARLY ROBIN.

The early robin came to town
One frigid April day.
The trees were bare, the grass was brown,
And people heard him say:
"Spring! Spring!
It's much too cold to sing."
And so he chirped and shivered and wished he hadn't come,
For a most unhappy object is a robin frozen dumb!

An artful cat the robin saw
That frigid April day,
She softly tried each curving claw,
And people heard her say:
"Spring! Spring!
I'll make a little spring!
Spring! Spring!
I'll catch him by the wing!"
And before the robin knew it, his little life was o'er,
And the cat had wiped her whiskers and was looking 'round for more!

—*Exchange.*

Lecture tonight, Baptist church.

Notice change in D. & M. time table.

Bicycling season has once more arrived.

Ed Parks' soda fountain is now in running order.

Don't forget that tree you are to plant this year.

Notice change of ad for C. H. Going, of Pontiac, this week.

FOR SALE—Light Brahma eggs. Inquire of Raynale Whitehead.

The Village Improvement Society has ordered four new waste baskets.

Excavating is now in progress for the new postoffice building in Holly.

WANTED—A girl for housework in a family of three. Mrs. Harvey C. Wilson.

W. A. O'Neal has a fine assortment of jardineers in all the unique designs.

Get your fortunes told at the social at the Bigelow residence next Thursday evening.

This office is turning out some neat job work this spring. Bring it along, we can suit you.

Here's a chance—negligee shirts from fifty cents to three dollars at R. H. Traver's, Detroit.

If water be taken to the new subdivision several new houses will be built there this summer.

The St. James Sabbath school was reorganized last Sunday with a complete re-election of officers.

Experiences, charades, palmistry, good things to eat and lots of fun at Mrs. Bigelow's next Thursday evening.

Frank Blakeslee has a new line of men's shirts and overalls at prices to suit you. Wall paper till you can't rest.

Birmingham never takes a back seat in yard cleaning season, as will be noticed in various localities about town.

Go and hear Rev. Hudson's lecture at the Baptist church this (Friday) evening. Admission only 10 cents.

FOR SALE—Fine Jersey heifer, 10 months' old. A. B. Saltzer, 1 1-4 miles south of Birmingham on Pierce Street. 5t12*

You can get a handsome couch for $5 at O'Neal's Emporium—and be sure to look at that 5-piece parlor suit also.

Rev. C. C. VanDorn, of Holly, is expected to occupy the Baptist pulpit, both morning and evening next Sunday.

A pleasant and comfortable room to rent to either lady or gentleman. Call at Mrs. Eliza Crosby's, Maple Ave., west. 5ot2*

The premises of Mrs. Eliza Crosby on Maple Ave., have been very much improved by the removal of the fence.

Wanted—Dressmaking and plain sewing to do at my home on the Watkins farm. Work guaranteed. Mrs. W. Allen. 5ot2*

Addison Rotsel is in town in the interests of the Modern Woodmen of America. He intends starting a lodge here in the near future.

Mrs. L. H. Rousseau, Southfield Ave., has an assortment of spring millinery on hand. Take your trimmings and give her a call.

Remember the Y. P. S. C. E. entertainment in Presbyterian church Friday evening, April 28. Foreign and home talent. Good program.

The Ellenwood residence on Maple avenue is now occupied by Nehemiah Caswell and family, and Mr. Bench, of the firm of Bench & Whing, has taken possession of the Adams house on Woodward avenue, vacated by Mr. Caswell.

WANTED—An apprentice to learn the milliner's trade, at one of Pontiac's best establishments. For further particulars enquire at this office. 5ot2

The Cemetery Society has ordered pipe to extend the water 100 feet towards the east part of the old ground.

Geo. E. Duff's meat market is being equipped by an immense refrigerator, with all the modern attachments.

C. H. Schlaack & Co. are now ready for business in their new establishment, equipped with everything in the hardware line. See change of ad this week.

Ye Olde Folkf Concerte Co. have an engagement in Southfield at United Presbyterian church, this (Friday) evening. Why not get up a load from here and accompany them?

Notice Dr. Townsend's sign near O'Neal's Furniture Emporium, Saginaw street. The doctor can be found in his office any hour of the night. He makes night work a specialty.

Are you inclined towards a reasonable price for a bicycle. They never before have been so cheap as they are this year. Call at Whitehead & Mitchell's and see their bargains in second-hand wheels.

Alex McKinney, of Southfield, fell from the church steps at that place last Saturday and dislocated his shoulder. Dr. Shaw is his attending physician and the patient is getting along nicely.

A communication from Alex Peaslee and family, former residents of Birmingham, now residing at Lind, Wash., states that they are prospering finely in their western home and enjoy life there very much.

The Birmingham L. O. T. M. added between 20 and 30 sisters to their list on Wednesday evening of last week with imposing ceremonies. About 40 were present from Detroit, including Lady Guards and other officers.

Dr. N. T. Shaw and family are pleasantly located in the Ford Block. The Doctor's commodious office is entirely separate from his dwelling apartments and is over O'Neal's furniture store, directly opposite the postoffice.

Following the usual choir practice the "Merry Chanters" of St. James held a dainty little "spread" in their church Friday evening. Ice cream and cake were served and the young people enjoyed the evening to its fullest extent.

Have you decided to paint? If so you should get Whitehead & Mitchell's prices on Boydell Bros'. ready mixed paint. It comes the lowest and is the best paint that can be used. They also sell Fahenstock's strictly pure white lead. See them before buying.

Parents, get your boys a nice suit of clothes. You all like to see them well dressed. Just think of getting a nice boy's suit for $2.50. But you can do it at Hammond & Judd's, the young clothiers of Pontiac. See their ad on first page; their nobby suits are all the rage.

Martin Blunt will sell at auction for Francis Poole, on the premises, 3 1-2 miles east of Birmingham and 1 mile north of Clawson, on Saturday, April 22, at one o'clock p. m., horses, cows, drags, cultivators, harnesses, oats and many other articles. For terms see large bills.

There is a package at the Birmingham postoffice without any address, sent to this office by Bessie Johnston, of Colorado Springs, Col. If any one has friends by that name at that place, they had better call and see if said package belongs to them. John Hanna, P. M.

Last Saturday J. F. Rundel and Mason W. Leonard sold a carload of fine Illinois horses at auction in our village. Martin H. Blunt was auctioneer and a large crowd attended the sale, which was successful in every particular, the buyers being especially gratified with their purchases and prices.

Fred C. Pillsbury, who appeared on the Epworth League lecture course this winter and who gave the famous tornado views here several years ago, has been engaged for one of his magnificent illustrated lectures at the Methodist church on Friday evening, May 12th. Full announcements will be given later.

The finest colection of photos we have yet seen of Cuba belongs to Ira J. Chatfield, sent to him from that hot land by his son Fred, who is connected with the hospital corps of the U. S. army. Wish we could describe them to you but it is simply impossible. They must be seen to be understood and appreciated.

E. N. Auten has purchased the Tomlinson photo car and will remain in Birmingham two weeks or more to do business. Mr. Auten can furnish all kinds of pictures in all sizes, from the stamp photo up, at prices as reasonable as any one. Now is your opportunity to be "took" at home. Give him a call.

A Big Beaver young man advertised for a wife under an assumed name and his sister answered it under an assumed name. Then photographs were exchanged and the sister felt so humiliated that she told her mother. The old lady broke the news to "pap" who remarked: "Mother, it's pretty hard to have two fools in one family."

It was a success in every sense of th word—the social given by the Y. P. S. C. E. last Saturday evening. It was a balmy time for a "trip around the world," the passengers were numerous and accommodating, the menu was first-class, and last but not least of the happy results was the snug little sum realized, which made a merry clicking in the money basket.

The Sunday Tribune is winning much praise for its generous quantity of reading matter, both fact and fiction, fun and fancy. But its greatest wonder is its half-tone supplement. Not long ago a half-page photograph of the Michigan State Senate in session and later on the House of Representatives in session. These were the largest half-tones we ever saw and absolutely perfect.

No doubt the ladies will be pleased to know that they can get nice, thick Jersey cream by leaving orders with E. J. Ferguson, and we will hear of ice cream melting away by the carload, with such an opportunity at hand for supplying socials, etc. Mr. Ferguson has a grist of bargains in his bran new ad this week. Don't fail to read it for it contains something for everybody.

Spring fever is the prevailing disease at present. The symptoms are a general state of agitation and unrest throughout the whole domestic economy, and an air of pick-up-ativeness and renovation in the back yard, accompanied by the flutter of carpets, bedding, etc., on the clothesline. The disease has to run its course and usually is not to be feared or dreaded, unless complications should arise from a premature taking down of stoves, and similar causes.

The Exchange Bank will soon be in the museum business if the good friends of Cashier Whitehead keep on bringing him curios. This time it is a present from Eugene Brooks, of a magnificent skin of the Florida "diamond-back" rattlesnake, measuring almost six feet from the neck to the rattles. It was killed by a friend of Mr. Brooks, who had been sent for by Mrs. Frank Brooks' sister, who had discovered the monstrous reptile coiled up in the pathway. She did not faint or scream but simply kept the reptile occupied until she had sent a boy after her father, who promptly came and shot the head off his snakeship.

For the next six monts the prayer meetings at the M. E. church will be conducted according to a new plan. The first Thursday evening of every month will be devoted to missionary interests, some foreign country being briefly and interestingly studied by the aid of maps and illustrations. The last Thursday evening will be given to the review of some book helpful in the christian life. The intervening Thursday evenings will also be taken up by practical devotional subjects. Pastor Allen has had neatly designed topic cards printed which bring the plan of the whole six months' prayer services before the eye at once.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

D. M. Doty was in Toledo Sunday.

Eugene Heth is visiting friends in South Dakota.

Robt. Hanna, Sr., is very ill, with no hopes of recovery.

T. A. Ward is home once more from an extended business trip.

Lorenzo Corey, of Toledo, Ohio, visited relatives here over Sunday.

Mrs. Robt. Bird, of Detroit, visited Mrs. J. R. Corson Saturday.

Charlie Fredericks, of Detroit, visited his many friends in town Monday.

Glen Watkins is able to be out again, much to the joy of his many friends.

James McClure is the proprietor's right hand man at the furniture emporium.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leonard, of Detroit, were guests of Mrs. Will Benedict last week.

Mrs. Theron Smith and Miss Ida McKinney Sundayed with Miss Eva Banghart, of Gondison.

L. S. Sawyer gets out occasionally now, after a serious and protracted tussle with the grip.

Miss Grace Cooper, of Lake Superior, is spending the summer at the residence of W. C. Jenks.

Gus Kreger has secured a position in Detroit and himself and family removed to that city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hough of Lapeer, have been recent guests at the residence of their son Escar.

J. W. Ross, of Calumet, is spending a few weeks at Cal Ellenwood's. While here he will take treatments at Mt. Clemens.

H. A. Hamlin and family have decided to rusticate in the country this summer and are now enjoying life on the McVittie farm.

Mrs. H. S. Justema, of Marine City, has been spending a few days in Birmingham. She will soon be come a resident of this place.

R. W. Drury, of Boston, Commandant of Cadets' Michigan Military Academy, was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bigelow.

Miss Inez Caswell, who has been detained from her school in Detroit by illness for some time past, is able to resume her duties again.

T. C. Williams and wife, were in Detroit Monday to witness the elocutionary graduating exercises of which class their niece was a member.

Miss Bessie Bigelow is the happy possessor of a handsome "Imperial" bicycle, which she manipulates in a manner far above the average amateur rider.

Mrs. E. F. Waldo and Mrs. Retta Barr were sent as delegates to the W. C. T. U. Convention held in Milford, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Misses Iva Bruce, Zilla Campbell and Mae Wattles, and Edward Benedict, of the U. of M., are enjoying their spring vacation at their several homes this week.

Hon. A. C. Baldwin and wife, of Pontiac, were in town Sunday calling on old friends. Among the number were Mrs. Edwin Baldwin and Captain J. A. Bigelow.

Eugene Brooks, son Frank and wife arrived home Wednesday from the "Sunny South." They all seem pleased to be back again, for "there's no place like home."

Mrs. Clarissa Alger gave a delightful tea on Thursday afternoon of last week, to several of her lady friends. The repast was elaborate, to which all did ample justice.

Rev. F. L. Church and family left for Byron, their new field of labor, Saturday, carrying with them the best wishes of a host of friends, all of whom sincerely regret their departure from this community.

Dr. Harold Wilson and family removed to Detroit, their former home, this week. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have made many friends during their short residence here who will regret their removal from Birmingham.

THE STAGE.

AT THE LYCEUM.

"The Highest Bidder" is the bill at the Lyceum theater, and marks the close of the first month of the Cummings' stock company season at Mr. Stair's play house. The play smacks of the old English school, the school that produced its plays between sips at English breakfast tea, and never gave the audience credit for a tin teaspoonful of brains. Like all the plays of the Merton period of the English drama, "The Highest Bidder" is conventional. Its story is one of villainous machinations foiled and love triumphant, all this, however, accomplished after drawing room methods.

AT WHITNEY'S.

The persons that are responsible for "Town Topics," the musical farce now on at Whitney's, either fell upon a happy accident or practiced uncommon shrewdness in reserving the best for the last. To make the hint quite clear, the third and last act is much the best division of the nondescrip, though there is a deal of good material that is cleverly handled in act two. John W. World is one of the most versatile, nimble and humorous chaps in his line of work and his bicycle finish for the second act is a startler and a novelty of great effectiveness. Wm. H. Mack is a good running mate for him, a graceful dancer, and agile tumbler and a first-rate burlesquer. Mack & Stewart introduce a three-ply cake walk and Mack & Phelps give a life-like representation of a pair of Bowery spielers. The performance is a notable hit with the Whitney regulars.

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It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has lame back and weak kidneys, malaria or nervous troubles. We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to the Liver and Kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor. Try Electric Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c a bottle at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store.

Umbrellas

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Gray Cheviot Tailor Made Suits--very stylish, well fitting and nice materials --$12.75 and $18.75.

Tailored Suits in Cadet, Castor, Royal. Yale, Brown, Tan, Havana, Black--some tight fitting, others Eton, box or fly front styles--at very low prices.

All shades in Covert Cloth Suits--box style, well made and stylish in every detail--$10. What Modiste would or could make one as good for the money?

Broadcloth Suits--black, blue and cadet--Eton Jacket style, Tunic skirts, silk lined, very swell garments--$37.50.

One item of Black Goods--Black Silk Crepon, $1.39 a yard for an advertisment--don't wait too long, however.

Splendid Black Satin Luxor--excellent value--69c, 89c, $1 a yard.

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