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ROYAL OAK.

The little daughter of H. Bartell is on the sick list.

Mrs. M. Felker and daughter have moved to her old home again.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner entertained her cousins the past week.

Rev. Axtell and family will move in A. Decker's house on Maine street.

Mrs. W. Campbell is on the sick list and under the care of Dr. Campbell, of Birmingham.

Mrs. Ira Barnum and Miss Rosalia Rose have gone to their home in Clio for an extended sojourn.

The Maccabee quilt drawing was a grand success. C. Stump was the lucky winner of the quilt and E. Palliater, of Big Beaver, won the sofa pillow.

The soldiers will meet tomorrow evening for the purpose of arranging for Decoration day. All soldiers are requested to be at the Town Hall at 7 o'clock, April 29, 1899.

Mrs. Wm. McClellan was buried last week Wednesday. She was sick but a few days. Deceased leaves a husband and two daughters. The aged mother, of deceased, Mrs. Bara Blackman, died the following night of old age and grief. These two deaths coming so closely together cast a gloom over this community.

Regardless of Age.

The kidneys are responsible for more sickness, suffering and deaths than any other organs of the body.

A majority of the ills afflicting people today are traceable to kidney trouble. It pervades all classes of society, in all climates, regardless of age, sex or condition.

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No one need be long without it as it is so easy to get at any drug store at fifty cents or one dollar. You can have a sample bottle of this wonderful discovery, Swamp Root, and a book telling all about it, both sent to you absolutely free by mail. Send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghampton, N. Y. and kindly mention that you read this liberal offer in the Birmingham Eccentric.

CLAWSON

J. Harris works for O. A. Hunt this summer.

Cal Cadie has moved into the Irving Millard house.

Lee Halsey is home for a few days delivering fruit trees.

Mr. and Mrs. David Atkins, of Troy, visited at Eli Phillips' Sunday.

Oscar Martin, of Rochester, visited old friends here last Wednesday.

Robt. Groves and Hannah McCannon were married Thursday evening

Mrs. B. Eldred, of Birmingham, visited Mrs. H. J. Bowers Thursday.

Miss Mattie Campbell, of Royal Oak, visited Lottie Robinson recently.

The weddding of Frank Bowman and Grace Kolka took place Monday, the 24th inst.

Mrs. Bowers and daughter, Mrs E. E. Avery, Mrs. O. A. Hunt spent Saturday in Detroit.

Samuel Groves was taken with one of his bad spells one day last week. He is able to be out again.

Mrs. Mary Fuller of Bingington, N. Y., called upon Mrs. H. J. Bowers this week.

Mrs. W. Williams of Detroit, spent last week with her mother and sister, Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Lawson.

We have been informed that the survey stakes for the electric road from Orion to Detroit via Clawson have been driven.

Mark Hall and Eli Philips were appointed a committee to solicit a bonus for getting the electric road. They are doing well.

Married at St. Mary's church Royal Oak, on Monday, Frank Bowman, of Clawson, to Thressa Holkie, of Warren. The reception was held at the bridegroom's residence from Monday until Tuesday morning. The church band from Detroit furnished music.

TROY.

Bert Clark and friend, of Royal Oak Sundayed at the parsonage.

Mrs. Harry Aspinwall entertained guests from Utica and Rochester Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Jarvis visited friends in Pontiac Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Foisey, of Pontiac, spent Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. Wm. Lakie.

Miss Jennie Dasenbury was able to attend church Sabbath for the first time in many months.

Misses Lawrence and Watkins gave an informal card and dancing party at Grandpa Leonard's Thursday.

J. D. Cutting and son are extending the Troy hall and will put in a staging and scenery.

The Ladies' Aid have purchased three beautiful dark oak pulpit chairs for the M. E. church.

Miss Young closes her school Friday, May 5. Closing exercises in the afternoon. Everybody welcome.

Frank Sprague of Grafton, Dacota, and the Misses Page of Pontiac, called on their relatives in Troy the first of the week.

OVERPERSUADED BUT SATISFIED.

An interesting letter from Mrs. T. L. Reynolds, of Exton Rapids, Mich., to the manufacturers of Drake's Dyspepsia Cure & Nerve Restorer:

"Messrs. Drake & Rhodes.

"Dear Sirs:—I have been troubled with Stomach troubles for over two years. I was induced to try your Dyspepsia Cure & Nerve Restorer. After using three boxes my stomach troubles left me. It has been over Six Months and no signs of its returning. I feel as if I wanted to speak in praise of your Medicine, you are at liberty to publish this to my friends, and those suffering from any stomach trouble.

"Very truly yours,
"Mrs. T. L. Reynolds."

The title Mrs. Reynolds gives her letter is appropriate, from the fact that she had tried so many preparations for this disease without receiving any lasting benefit, that she very reluctantly consented to try this new treatment. Drake's Dyspepsia Cure & Nerve Restorer is a combined method treatment in tablet form, which does not contain Opium or Calomel, and will not harm the most delicate stomach. For any form of stomach or nerve trouble this treatment has no equal. For sale by F. Hagerman, Druggist.

A FAMILY JAR.

"Ugh!"

This exclamation fell from the ruby lips of Miss Alice Brown as, one August morning, she entered the presence of Mrs. Emma French and, trembling from head to feet, dropped into a chair.

"I knew it was a sultry morning, as most mornings are during dog days," Mrs. French observed, "but I had no idea that it was so disagreeable as your puffing indicates," smiling as she uttered the last words.

"The weather has nothing to do with it."

"Then what is it?"

"You know how highly Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herbert have been esteemed since they came to reside in this village?"

"Certainly. And it is no wonder that they are thus esteemed, in so commendable a manner have they conducted themselves."

"Judging from my personal acquaintance with them, I have regarded them as models of what husbands and wives should be, but appearances are deceitful.

"As I came by their place this morning I heard them quarreling terribly, using the worst language possible aside from the profane. Among the things he said was: 'I wish you would make yourself scarce,' And she sharply retorted: 'If you don't mind your own business and get out of my way I'll smash your head with this rolling pin!'"

"Well, I declare! I do not wonder that you were excited by such talk, falling, as it did, from the lips of those who have been ranked among the best people in town."

"What a conspicuous position they have held in church affairs!"

"Yes. They have been prominent in all efforts for the mental and moral benefit of our people; ever ready to aid those who were engaged in any philanthropic enterprise. And I have heard many say that they thought Mr. Herbert better fitted for a clergyman than an ordinary day laborer."

"I believe that their conduct—publicly—has been what it has to mislead people as to their real character."

"It would seem so from what you have just stated."

"Now, I will acquaint you with what

"I HEARD THEM QUARRELING TERRIBLY."

caused me to call upon you so early in the morning. You have probably heard that some of the folks in the village are getting up an entertainment for the benefit of poor Mrs. Eaton, that is to come off next Tuesday evening."

"I have."

"The managers of the affair have deemed it advisable to close the entertainment with a dance—despite the hot weather—so fond of dancing are our young people. And, just prior to the dance they think it best to have a supper, which will materially increase their receipts. My aunt is one of the managers and wished me to see if you are willing to furnish some of the food therefor."

"I am more than willing to do anything that I can to help the things along. I should have proffered my assistance had it not seemed to me that such a course would be deemed 'presumptuous.'"

"Thank you. Now I will leave you, as there are several other ladies whom I wish to see to the same end. Good morning."

"I hope your efforts will be successful. Good morning."

The town hall in the village that is the locale of this sketch was crowded to overflowing when the aforementioned entertainment occurred.

All the exercises were of a pleasing character, but none other of them so completely captured the audience as did the last—of which no mention was made on the bills. This was a farce "A Family Jar," in which Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herbert were the principal characters. It called from the audience such applause as had never before been known in that building.

When this applause had ceased Mr. Herbert, stepping before the audience, said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: During the past few days there have been rumors that tended to tarnish my wife's reputation, and what has been whispered was that some one chanced to hear us say when we were rehearsing that which you have just listened to. I beg leave to assure you that I am not an abusing husband and there is no better wife than mine."

He disappeared behind the curtain and shouts—louder than before—resounded through the hall. More than that, one person in the audience—bolder than the others—exclaimed:

"No one but an idiot would for a moment imagine that you and your wife ever had any family jars."

"That's so," fell from many lips.

Miss Brown, who chanced to sit beside Mrs. French, turned to her and, tremulously said:

"These 'rumors' were due to what I unkindly told others, as I told you, what I heard Mr. and Mrs. Herbert say to each other. I knew nothing of the farce and am ashamed of my conduct."

As she uttered the last words tears coursed down her cheeks.

Within half an hour thereafter she had explained matters to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert, apologized and asked their forgiveness, which was readily granted.

"We are all of us likely to be mistaken," he laughingly remarked, "when we form an opinion of a husband and a wife from 'a family jar.'"

OUT OF TUNE AND HARSH.

Stove's Unevenness Affects Piano's Sweetness.

The girl had a new piano. She was a musical girl, and it was as nice a piano as could be found. When she had it properly set up and ready for use there was probably not a happier girl. But as she sat down to play a look of discontent and wonder spread over her face. It was strange, but this new piano was certainly out of tune; certain notes sounded like the hammering of a piece of iron. That would never do; she couldn't play on a piano like that; she couldn't understand it, either, for certainly that piano had a very sweet tone in the shop. So the piano man was sent for in great haste, and came to see what the trouble was, very much astonished himself. He ran his fingers over the piano, and then, turning, gazed curiously around the room. That is a most curious and impertinent man," thought the girl, as she watched him, his fingers moving over the keys, but his eyes wandering searchingly from one piece of furniture to another. Finally he left the piano, went to a stove in the room, tucked a piece of paper under one leg, and went back to the piano, when, strange to say, every note was as sweet and clear and full as could have been desired, and there was not a suspicion of discord. During the cold weather a stove had been placed in the room, and, not standing evenly, with certain vibrations of the piano it was made to move, and there followed a little clattering of iron, which, coming simultaneously with the striking of the keys on the piano, sounded as if that instrument had produced the disagreeable sound. "That is all right now," said the man, as he left the piano, "only it was a stove man you needed instead of a piano man."

VIRTUE IN IVY LEAVES.

Used for Making Old Gowns New Again.

A woman in England has recently discovered the peculiar virtues of the ivy leaf as a means of bringing up pristine freshness to a soiled, faded or spotted gown. This is her recipe: Pick about twenty ivy leaves, young, green ones by choice, wash them carefully and place them in a jug or basin. Add about one pint of boiling water, cover up the basin or jug, and leave all to soak for two or three hours, when the cleanser will be ready for use. Meanwhile the garment must be thoroughly brushed inside and out, and all untidy braid or lining removed from the bottom. When ready, spread it on the table and carefully sponge it with the ivy water. It must then be wrung out dry, when it will be found to have recovered its former color and to look quite like new. Black silk may be cleaned in the same manner, but it needs more care. If the silk is in the breadths it must be lightly sponged and then tightly rolled over a cloth wound round a roller and left to dry. Black lace may also be renovated when soiled or brown with age by sponging it with ivy water, and then rolling it over a cloth wound round a collar. It should not be ironed.

Where College Men Are in Iowa.

Andrew Carnegie having recently asked, "Where is the college-made man?" the superintendent of schools in Sioux City, Ia., has directed a systematic search for the missing individual, with no little success. A canvass of the leading men in the following named professions and occupations in the principal towns of Iowa gave these results:

	Whole number canvassed.	College bred.	Per cent.
Ministers	67	60	90
Teachers	63	55	85
Lawyers	78	53	68
Doctors	85	52	60
Bankers	66	26	40
Editors	53	16	30
Merchants and manufacturers	119	31	26

Love Is Like the Ocean.

How like the sea, the myriad-minded sea,
Is this large love of ours; so vast, so deep.
So full of mysteries! It, too, can keep
Its secrets, like the ocean, and is free.
Free as the boundless main. Now it may be
Calm like the brow of some sweet child asleep.
Again its seething billows surge and leap
And break in fullness of their ecstasy.
Each wave so like the wave which came before,
Yet never two the same! Imperative,
And then persuasive as the cooing dove;
Encroaching ever on the yielding shore—
Ready to take, yet readier still to give—
How like the myriad-minded sea is love!

Mother and Babe Adrift.

Mrs. Margaret Bootman died recently at Hoosick Falls, N. Y., at the age of 103. The ship on which she came from Germany sixty years ago was wrecked. She was lashed, with her 10-months-old babe, to a mast, and drifted for three days without food or drink. But both were finally rescued by an American ship. When asked for the secret of her longevity she said she had but one rule, "Early to bed and early to rise."

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