Hills Old Folk Not at ‘Home’

The search for time-wise residents of Bloomfield Hills led to Myra Layton’s Retreat House, a magnificent place, as one of the oldest houses that had been restored. When asked on the telephone the age of the institution’s oldest occupant, the maids made a joke: “Oh, about 29.”

After listening to a flustered explanation and apology, the voice, now sounding younger than springs, replied, “That’s all right. Some people think we’re a cemetary.”

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