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MARRIED INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE OPERA.

THEY ARE NOW MR. AND MRS. McCASLAND.

Miss Mildred Wolfe, Seventeen Years Old, Is the Bride—Mother Surprised.

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"There was no objection at all to the marriage," said Mrs. Wolfe that night, "and I don't think my daughter anticipated any, beyond that we would oppose it because she was so young. Why, I suppose she is large that she is married. She looks quite a lady. But I suppose they expected objections and took matters in their own hands. When they came home and told me they were married it quite took my breath away."

Mr. McCasland said he had planned elaborately to surprise and treat a pretty bride. He had taken a box at the opera on Washington boulevard. He said that after he had telephoned his uncle, J. T. McCasland, of his business, and the bridal couple were alone in the house, "Mildred said she would rather go to the opera than anything else. So we changed our minds and were married instead."

After the dinner they went to northern parts in Washington, both years which Mr. McCasland had furnished in anticipation of his marriage. They will remain there until Mr. McCasland can arrange a home for Mrs. McCasland in East St. Louis, where he is engaged in the real estate business. Mr. McCasland and his bride had been engaged since they went to school together. The Wolfe family for many years was very prominent in Belleville, where the family lived until a year ago. For quite a while Miss Carrie Wolfe, the eldest sister of the young bride, was the chief operator of the Telephone Exchange. Mr. McCasland relatives are prominent people in the district of East St. Louis, one of the county having been the Mechanicsburg Opera House. His father was that of Miss Wolfe, as was his uncle, Indiana and the children played together. When the young lady became elder, Mr. McCasland some years her senior, frequently visited the family, but it was least noticed that he paid any particular attention to the youngest of the family. He was on affectionate footing and was hardly considered a suitor.

Mr. Wolfe is quite a prominent citizen and has only recently moved to the good skirt. About a year ago the Wolfe family moved to St. Louis and Miss Wolfe, who was attending High School in Belleville, dropped her studies. Mr. McCasland came over at times to visit the family in their new home, but not as frequently as formerly. When he was in town he would call on the young pieces of amusement, and he was treated quite impartially. The news is a surprise to all surprising when the young man came to take Miss Mildred to the opera yesterday afternoon.