

The roof fell in on pranksters' visit to newlyweds

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ladder, and abduct both bride and groom, who were to be given a long ride in a beer wagon waiting outside."

What happened next would indicate that the house was a one-story model. Continued the *Courier* and *Mail*, "But unfortunately in stumbling around in the dark in the unfloored attic one of the young brig-

ands missed a joist and thrust a long bony leg through the ceiling of the parlor."

Obviously, the "old pals" had gone beyond the point of trespassing and vandalism. The newspapers put it clearly. "The falling plaster attracted the attention of the rightful inmates of the dwelling to what was going on overhead, the din outside had prevented them from discovering before; and they hastily got a pump shotgun, an ax, a hatch-

et and few other impromptu weapons with which to repel boarders."

It is quite understandable that the owner of the house did not take kindly to having his house vandalized because of an old custom. In fact, he was downright hostile.

Fortunately, the "old pals" decided that survival was preferable to finishing their mission. As the newspapers put it, "The attacking party, finding that they were likely

to get their hides filled with rabbit shot, retired in good order, leaving a badly damaged building in their wake."

It is likely that the homeowner had the last word. When the *Mail* went to print, the owner was putting together a list of the "visitors" to turn over to the sheriff. And the newspaper concluded, "... we don't blame him. The shivaree business is only an excuse for rioting, anyhow."