

THE OAK AND THE WILLOW.

One morning, after a fearful stormy night, father Richard went out with his son Anselm into the field, to see whether the storm had done any harm.

Little Anselm said, "Oh, look, father! the great stiff-oak lies yonder on the ground, and the slight willow is standing pliant and upright by the brook here. I thought, now, the tempest would have destroyed the willow easier than the proud oak, which has hitherto defied every wind."

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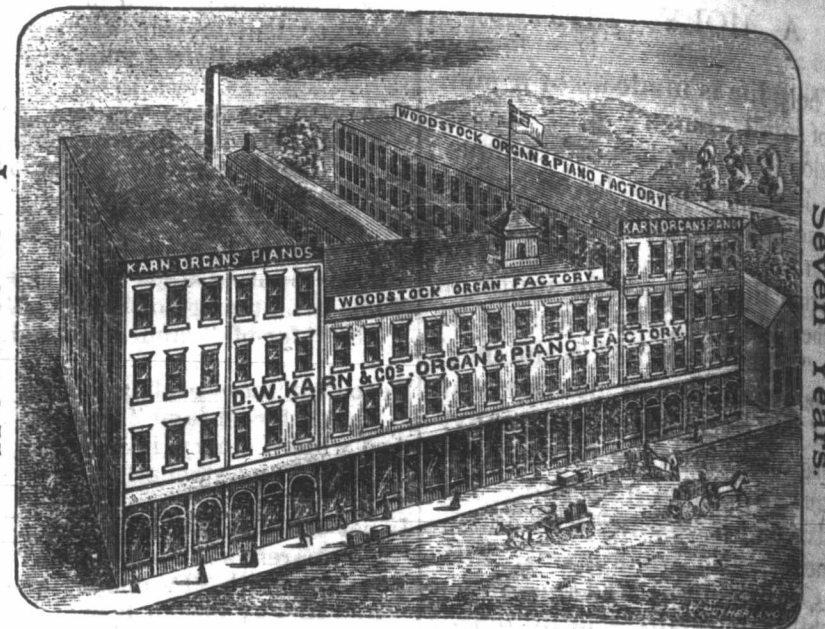
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