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## EDWARD JOHN LYONS (1878-after 1924)

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**EDWARD JOHN LYONS**, proprietor of a fine hardware business in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, is carrying on a successful and extensive business which is the legitimate result of his own well directed and persevering efforts. Even in a republic like ours, where there is no favored road to fame and wealth, where all may aspire to the highest point that ambition may set without natural hindrances, individual failures are more numerous than individual successes; and it requires excellent business qualities, the closest application and untiring energy, to conquer the circumstances which force a man to make his own way upward.

**THOMAS LYONS**, father of the above mentioned, was born in Ireland, and came to America in his early youth. He settled in Philadelphia, where in the course of, time he became a well known contractor and excavator. He has been engaged in this line of business for many years and has met with well deserved success. During the past forty-five years he has been a resident of Haverford, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, where he and his wife are members of the Catholic church. He married in Philadelphia, Catharine Lynn, also a native of Ireland, and they have had four sons:

James Lyons, who is a plumber, resides in Oakmont;  
Thomas Lyons, also a plumber, lives in Ardmore;  
Edward John Lyons, whose name heads this sketch;  
Nicholas Lyons, a bicycle dealer, lives in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

**EDWARD JOHN LYONS** was born in Haverford, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, June 25, 1878. His education was furnished by the public schools of Bryn Mawr and the parochial schools, and at a suitable age he was apprenticed to learn the machinist's trade. This knowledge was acquired under the auspices of his brother, James, and Mr. Lyons followed this occupation for a number of years. In 1909 he established himself in the hardware business, opening a store on Lancaster avenue, Ardmore, and has built up a trade which is second to none of its size and class in the county. He carries a stock which averages twelve thousand dollars, and his business dealing is noted for its integrity and reliability. He is a Republican in politics, and he and his wife are members of St. Dennis church, on Eagle Road, and generous contributors to the support of this institution.

Mr. Lyons married, in 1904, Mary Wahl, born in Philadelphia, a daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ and Catherine C. Wahl. They have no children. The life of Mr. Lyons is one of fidelity to duty and of sterling worth, and he has a host of warm friends throughout the community.

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