

have a new bond in their common offspring. Life becomes more real, for there is now something to live for, to work for, and if needs be, to die for. But, oh, the mystery of it all. Not only the father and the mother, but the grandfather and grandmother, are in a measure enabled to live their lives over again in the life of the child growing up in their midst. Its coming made for unity in the household. This unifying effect seemed to extend beyond the Yoder house to the whole community.

In due time the friends of the young couple organized a surprise party for the house of Yoder. They made glad their own hearts in making glad the hearts of the Yoders. They came with a feast of fat things which they had brought with them in order the better to make merry. As on the wedding night, after the elders had withdrawn, the young people continued the merriment. The old people did not now think of thumping on the wall. On the other hand, they seemed to rejoice in the merriment of the young people. The Golden Rule had found its application, and all went merry as a marriage bell. Something had broadened them; the old people now wanted to live and let live; and, on the other hand, the young people were anxious that the quiet of the old people's lives should not be unnecessarily disturbed. The finer issues of life, those for which the soul was created, seemed now to be receiving more emphasis, and a check was given to that absorption in material things into