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## Something About Spiders.

**W**E may not like the spiders, but that ought not to keep us from studying what is wise and wonderful about them: just as we ought to try and see all the good things we can in people that we do not like.

There are many things about the spiders that show wisdom—not so much in the spiders themselves as in God who made them. One wonderful thing about spiders is the little spinning and weaving mill in their bodies, by which they spin little threads which they can wind and unwind, and weave into carpets for their "parlours," where they invite the flies. No man has ever been able to make thread as fine and strong as the spiders make.

There is in Africa a papermaking spider. With her little threads she weaves on the wall of a house a sheet of paper about the size of a hand, and then a long piece about as wide as a little finger; then she fastens the two pieces down, until really she has made a paper tent on the wall. In this she puts a number of little eggs, then

takes her place on the top of her tent, and keeps watch for three weeks against any insects that would harm the eggs. At the end of that time the eggs change to little spiders that fill the tent.



The most wonderful things about spiders are their eyes. Each spider has eight. Those that live in dark holes, and only need to see in front of them, have all of their eyes in the front of their bodies; but the spiders that live in webs, and need to look in every direction, have their eyes all over their bodies, upon eight little watch-towers, as if each eye was a watchman. Thus we are reminded that God thinks not only of the stars, but also of the sparrows and spiders, and all little things, providing for their needs.

Solomon tells us in Proverbs that the spider takes hold with her *hands*; but whoever saw the hands of the spider?

They have plenty of legs, but where are their hands? Well, if you take a microscope, and look at what you thought were the front feet, you will see on each of them a thumb and forefinger; with these they take hold in kings' palaces. Now, all of these things