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HAPPY HOMES.

This significant motto is on the wall of a college for young men and women m a Western town:

"The ornament of a house is cleanliness:

The honor of a house is hospitality; The blessing of a house is plety;

The happiness of a house is contented ness.

The students of that college who go out into the world to found homes of their own will be wise and fortunate if they found them on the principles of this

found them on the principles of this most.

"The ornament of a house is cleanliness." Lacking this it will not be the abode of health or comfort. No man likes his wife to be slatternly in her personal habits and in her system of housekeeping. Nor is there anything harder for a wife to endure than a husband who becomes careless in regard to his personal appearance after marriage, and who in time thoughtlessiv descends to the low estate of being actually dirty. If the ornament of a house is cleanliness, the shame of a house is actual dirt. It is a far cry from the man who wants simple cleanliness and order in his home to the man who is an "old betty," to whom a speck of dust or a misplaced book is an unparionable sin.

It is just your thank a place in every will ordered home. The question then access. What is hospitality?" My decreasely says that it is "the spirit, practice or act of receiving and entersations strangers and guests without rewerl and with kindness and consideration" Hisplicality, like all the other cardinal virtues must emanate from the hear. It counts for little, and is not

werd and with kindness and consideration" Hospitality, like all the other cardual virtues must emanate from the
hear. It counts for little, and is not
the honer of a house if it is the result
of any other motive. Some cynic has
said that hespitality was "regarded as
a sacred duty by the savaegs of America until the invasion of European manners. Still practiced by Sciochmen in
comic operas." It is certain that modere i lea of hospitality sometimes lacks
the motive on which all true hospitality
should be based. It is not prompted
by a sincere desire to give pleasure.
This is particularly true of many privuite social entertainments at which
the cinef desire seems to be the getting
together of a crowd that one may have
the unenviable reputation of having
given a "crush affair." It is not true
hospitality to entertain beyond—one's
means or to invite more guests than
one can make comfortable. The law of
loving kindness is the law on which
all hospitality should be founded.

And surely no greater blessing can
come to a house than the blessing of

all hospitality should be founded.
And surely no greater blessing can come to a house than the blessing of genuine plety. Most of the great men of the world have given testimony to the power and the value of plety in the home. And how shall abide in a home in which there [am all prevailing spirit of discontent? It cannot be. A spirit of discontent? It cannot be. A spirit of discontent caused by a multistude of trifles is at the boutom of the unhappiness so appallingly prevalent in many American homes. There is a "screw loose" somewhere in our social system when this spirit of discontent is so prevalent. It is surprising to know how much of it is the result. I a longing for the things that would a during happiness if they were vouched that to those who want them. The series of repose is in our own k-eping. We must find repose within curselves or we will not find it at all. If will never be found in a constant structle to imitate others in our survey. cursalves or we will not find it at all. It will never be found in a constant arrugale to imitate others in our style of living, nor in a continual longing for the things beyond our powers of the things beyond our powers of achievement. There is a wice old Arabian proverb, the teaching of which is that if we cannot have what we want, it is test to be satisfied with what we can get There is a deal of philosophy and good sense in this, and it would contribute much to the happiness of the world if we had the meral force to care contribute inten to the happiness of the world if we had the mural force to carry it into effect in our lives. It is certain that the heat elements of human happiness are the simplest and most frugal. Jet my Taylor says that "to secure a contented apirit, measure your desires by your ferrine, and not

They have attained a very high de-

and have solved the problem of happy home life, who can say out of the ful-rers of their hearts, "L-have learned, in whatever state I am, the content."-[J. L. Harbour. therewith to be

A CHEAP PARCELS POST.

The government expends nearly \$14. 000,000 a year and employs over 14.000 postmen in the collection and delivery of mail matter for the 50,000,000 people inhabiting the 735 cities having a population of over 10,000 people and doing a postal business of \$10,000 a year and upward. Never in the history of governments was there a service established at once so beneficial and so profit-

ed at once so beneficial and so profitable. Last year the groas revenue from this business was nearly \$70,000,000, leaving nearly \$54,000,000 to be used in the rest of the postal business.

Now it is time that this system of free collection and delivery of the mails was extended to the country. But what the country wants capecially is a system of dispatch on the one hand for farm products and on the other hand for bringing to the farm the produce of the city. What the country needs to-day above all other things is a parcels post and a house-to-house parcels pos. I have drawn up a bill intended to cover this crying want and it is altogether practicable. If it falls anywhere it is because the rates are too high and it does not go far enough. But it will carry a haif-bushel from the home of the farmer to that of his customer for 15 cents, and the charge for the carriage of a bushel will be but 29 cents. the carriage of a bushel will be

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This bill can be put through congress

tomer for 15 cents, and the charge for the carriage of a bushel will be but 29 cents.

This bill can be put through congress this winter if the farmers say so, for this congress was elected by the farmers' votes and it is bound to carry out their will.

It is a bill for the consolidation of third and fourth-class mail matter and for the establishment of a parcels post, with free collection and delivery, country and city, with indemnity in case of loss or damage. The rates in this third or consolidated class are placed as follows: On parcels up to one pound, 3c; from one to five pounds, 5c; over 5 pounds to 10, 10c; over 10 pounds to 30 pounds to 10, 10c; over 10 pounds to 30 pounds, 15c; 30 pounds up to 60, 20c. These rates must be prepaid, if not prepaid, the rates will be doubled. The bulk of five-cent parcels shall not be over one cubic foot. The rates shall include the collection and delivery, house to house, of all parcels transported by the postoffice wherever a waron car collection and delivery scrvice is now or shall be hereafter established. Wherever there may be only a foot service, the postuman shall not be required to carry any parcel of a greater weight than five pounds.

On unregistered prepaid parcels, without declared value, an indemnity up to 310 shall be paid by the postoffice department, without extra charge, for such actual loss or damage as may occur through the fault of the postal service. On parcels of declared value, and rates have been prepaid, the postal service. On parcels of declared value, and rates have been prepaid, the postal service up to 360. The fee for insurance up to 350 to be 5c; for each additional 350 up to 3800. The fee for insurance up to 550 to be 5c; for each additional 350 up to 3800. The fee for insurance up to 550 to be 5c; for each additional 350 up to 3800. The fee for insurance up to 550 to be 5c; for each additional 350 up to 3800. The fee for insurance up to 550 to be 5c; for each additional 350 up to 3800. The fee for insurance up to 550 to be 5c; for each ad

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There are times when a man has to

lie to his wife."
"And that isn't the worst of it."
"What is?"

There are times when he has to tell truth."

Sunshine and Shadow.

TRUE ARE THE HEARTS.

True are the hearts of those who toll
That loved ones may not lack for
bread!

bread!
Their sturdy arms break up the soil,
Their feet o'er furrowed acres tread.
Their hands sow well the seeds of gold
That soon shall rise the earth above,
The rich increase a thousandfold,
To grace the shrine of faithful love.
RUTH RATMOND.

FRIENDS.

Where'er I go, by land or sea,
In language that I ken
All nature's children speak to me,
From forest, glade and glen.
And knowing these, I need not fear
My learning incomplete,—
A thousand tongues for me to hear,
A thousand friends to greet.
L. MITCHELL.

READING THE BIBLE

Many young people and children do not like the Bible because it is presented to them in a wrong way—and they have erroneous views in regard to it. I knew of children who were told to read two chapters every week day and five on Sunday, so as to get through it in one year: Some were paid \$1 for deing it' Think of trying to "get through" such a hook! Why, if treated as it ought to be young people would leve it, and never wish to be through with it. A distinguished clergyman of Boston said that he had many of his people say to him that they "did not like the Bible," and he always found they were those who were trained in that way—and felt that it was a duty and a task to read it. Now the Bible is a record by human hands in which he who seeks truly and reads wisely will find the word of God.

The Bible does not offer all it tells in the Old Testament for imitation. Rather it shows how a barbarous nation advanced because it was reverently led-from age to age—till it came out a nation well advanced in morals and religion. "If ye seek me ye shall find me, if ye seek for me with all your heart."

This wonderful Hebrew literature, which has come down to us, is our day and five on Sunday, so as to get

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This wonderful Hebrew literature, which has come down to us, is our greatest blessing if rightly understood. The boy or girl who has been taught to separate part from part, who knows where is history, and where is poetry, and where is sympathy and where to look for simply fact, that is the boy or girl who loves the book, and when the leaves are starting from the binding who cannot bear to give up the dear old book, but has a cord tied 'round it to keep the parts together. Give me that kind of tenderness and reverence. ence

The book unfolds itself from age to age. More and more does it lift the people above the world. The throne of Solomon falls, Israel is trampled by of Solomon falls, lernel is trampled by Alexander's char:

7 Ptolemy, by Pompey. But although men these quaint records gleam with this divine life, which never lighted Egyptian sculpture, nor spoke in the rescripts of Roman law. Then for a hundred years or more the oracle is dumb. A blank page is between. You turn it and an eager world is looking for some one to come who will save it from its trials.

At last there is born, then grows.

from its trials.

At last there is born, then grows through youth to manhood, then walks through Galilee, then dies in Jerusalem, then rises again to life, the divine man of man, the Savior of the world, Son of Man? Yes! Son of God is he? Yes, the leader of mankind! [Edward Everett Hale.

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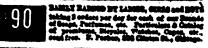
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