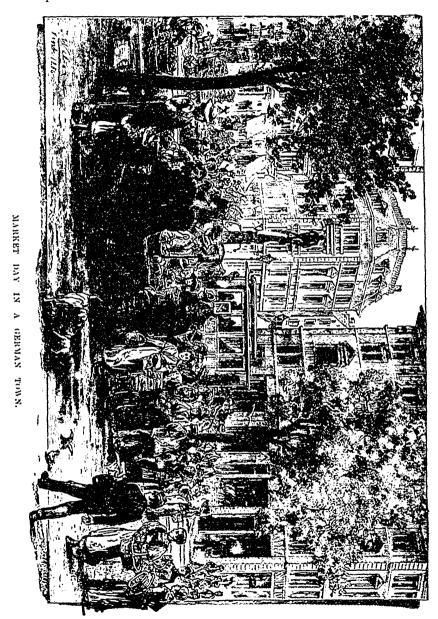
Comedy, the village song, and Comic, that marked by the light and glad familiarity of the village; far deeper and broader than this, speak to you this evening of the home life in a country which has no word corresponding to our word "home," to designate the



and marked by a unique sense of purity and sanctity are the feelings suggested to us by the word "home." But I am going to centre, the hearth from which this life is enkindled.

Yet it would be strange indeed, if we did not find in a great nation