

THE HOME

When on my day of life the night is falling,
And in the winds from unquiet oceans
Blows,
I hear far voices out of darkness calling

Thou, who hast made my home of life so pleasant,
Leave not its taint when its wall decays;
O Love divine, O Helper ever present,

Be thou my strength and stay!
Be near me when all else is from me
Distant,

Earth, sky, home's pictures, days of
shade and shine,
And kindly faces to mine own uplifting

I have but Thee, O Father! Let Thy Spirit
Be with me then to comfort and uphold;
No gate of pearl, no branch of palm, I
merit,

Suffice it if—my good and ill unreckoned,
And both forgiven through Thy abounding
grace—
I find myself by hands familiar beckoned

Soon humble door among Thy many
mansions,
Some sheltering shade where sin and
striving cease,

And flows forever, through heaven's green
expansions,
The river of Thy peace.

There, from the music round me stealing,
I faint would learn the new and holy song,
And find, at last, beneath Thy tree of
healing,

The life for which I long.
—J. G. Whitier.

To Mothers

There are so many mothers who yearn
over and pray unceasingly for indolent,
dissident children, especially boys, that

While parents are praying for, coaxing
and urging boys forward in the right way,

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—Routine is an excellent thing, but just
at this time, when winter is changing into
spring, and some of us are tired, if it were
possible, to break away from its fetters.

THE FARM

Sowing Flower Seeds.

The following hints on the sowing and
cultivation of flower seeds are taken from
an illustrated hand-book and seed catalogue
published by W. W. Rawson & Co., seed-
men, of Boston.

In regard to the soil best adapted to
flowering plants, the hand-book recom-
mends a light, friable loam, containing a
moderate amount of vegetable matter, and
sufficient sand to render it porous.

In his recent lecture in Tremont Temple
on "A Hundred Years' Fight with the
Liquor Traffic," Rev. Louis Albert Baeks
likewise spoke of the soil.

Some good people are very much dis-
couraged with the temperance outlook,
because there is such a diversity of methods,

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wholly neglected. As the Spring opens,
the soil should receive a dressing of
fertilizing material, and the soil thoroughly
cleared of any appearance of weed or soil
growth.

A writer in a Western paper says that
having heard that an infusion of tomato
leaves sprouted, he young rose-bushes
and other plants would effectively protect
them from the attacks of insects, he deter-
mined to try it on his melon vines the
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A Sermon for Parents

We are sure no father or mother can
peruse the following chapter from the pen
of that rare humorist, Bob Burdette, and
fail to be helped by its tender teaching:

Flow quiet the hours in at midnight!
The people who talk and laugh and sing
in it every day are asleep, and the people
who fell asleep in it long ago come back
into it. Every house has these two classes
of tenants. Do we love best those with
whom we can laugh and talk and sing, or
the silent ones who come to us sol-
emnly to our side and whisper to us in
faint, sweet, far away whispers that have
no sound, so that we hear only their very
silences?

I am not tired, but my pen is weary.
I find some things that I can't say. I
start to leave the table and my eyes fall
upon a little book lying on the floor. It is
a little first reader. He left it there this
afternoon. I remember just how I was
impatient because he could not read the
simple little lesson—such an easy lesson—
and I told him it was a waste of my time
to teach, and pushed him away from me.
I remember now. I see the flash come into
the little tired face, the tearful look in his
eyes—his mother's brave, patient cheerfulness
struggling with his disappointment and
pain. When it is the last book in the world,
the little face bend over the troublesome
little lesson, such a simple, easy lesson any
baby might read it. Then, after a little
struggle alone, it has to be given up and
the book laid aside, with one more
appealing look toward me for reinforce-
ments, sighs and goes away from the lesson
he cannot read to the play that comforts
him. And there lies the little book just as
he left it. Ah, me! I could kneel down
and kiss it now as though it were alive and
loving. Why, what was that my own work-
ing me to-day? What was there in the book
I wanted to read one half so precious to me
as one quivering word from the prattling lip
that quivered when I turned away? I hate
the book I read. I will never look at it
again. When it is the last book in the world,
I think I would burn it. All its gracious
words are lies. I say to you, though all
men praise the book, and though an hour
ago I thought it excellent, I say to you that
there is poison in its hateful pages. Why,
what can I learn from books that baby lips
can not touch me? Do you know I want
to go to the door of his room and listen;
the house is so still maybe he is not breath-
ing. Why, if between my book and my
boy I chose my book, why should not God
have my book with him?

But I was not harsh. I was only a
little impatient. Because you see his lesson
was so easy, so simple.

Ah, me, there were two of us trying to
read this afternoon. There were two easy
simple lessons. Mine was such a very
simple lesson, please me to leave my
lesson, just a little throb of patience, of
gentleness, of love, that would have made
my own heart glow and laugh and sing.

The letter was so large and plain, the
words so easy, and the sentences so short.
And I, Oh, pity me, I missed every word.
I sat and read my lesson straight. Here
is my copy now, all blurred and blotted
with tears and heartaches, all mangled and
mutilated and blotted. I am ashamed to
show it to the master. And yet I know he
will be patient with me. I know how loving
gentle he will be.

Why, how patiently and lovingly all
these years he has been teaching us this
simple lesson I failed on to-day. But
when my little pupil stumbled on a single
word—my little, then, so much more
precious than the master's that I can not
teach the little lesson more than once?

Ab, my friends, do not waste time when
we play courtesies for ourselves these hur-
rying days, these busy, anxious, shrewd,
ambitious times of ours, wasted when they
take our hearts away from what we should
love and give us fame and love and gold
for kisses. Some day, then, when our
hungry souls will seek for bread, our selfish
god will give us a stone. Life is not a deep,
profound, perplexing problem. It is a
simple, easy lesson, such as any child may
read.

You can not find its solution in the
ponderous tomes or the old fathers the
philosophers, the investigators, the theo-
rists. It is not on your bookshelves. But
in the warmest corner of the most heart-
less house it glows in letters that the
blind may read; a web, plain, simple, easy,
loving lesson. And when you have learned
it, brother of mine, the world will be
better and happier.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

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