

Literary Comments.

"The Story of a Young Man," by Clifford Howard, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps's new novel, "The Successors of Mary the First," "A Story of Beautiful Women," "Blue River Bear Stories," by the author of "When Knighthood was in Flower," are all begun in the October Ladies' Home Journal. "Romances of Some Southern Homes" gives some glimpses of social life in the South before the war, and "The Longings of a Secluded Girl" and "A Minister Among the Cowboys" tell of achievements in face of obstacles. Edward Bok sharply criticises the Pullman Palace Car Company for the exhibition of bad tastes displayed in the decorations of its cars, which misleads the uncultured in decorating their homes. "An American Mother" writes on "How We Can Lead a Simple Life," and "A Minister's Wife" enters a protest against the criticism to which the clothes of a minister's family are subjected. There are three architectural features in the October Journal which will interest home-workers: One presents the plans in detail of "A Georgian House for \$7,000," and another those of "A Good Farmhouse for \$5,000," and the third shows "A Successful Country Home," in the Northwest, of log construction. There are also a number of practical articles. By The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia. One dollar a year; ten cents a copy.

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