

# HOUSEHOLD.

## A Spring Thought.

Spring brings joy to thousands of hearts, and to no one does it bring a fuller joy than to little children. They do not realize why they feel so happy, they hear a new note in the air; it is the note of resurrection, but the children think it is the coming of birds. They know that the song sparrow and robin and bluebirds are once again with them, and that many more favorite songsters are on their way. The children are happy because of sweet music and delicious spring odors. They are happy because the days are longer, and that they can play out of doors until sunset. They feel as if they must sing always. They are happy because the crocus and the anemone, the arbutus and the daffodil may be found for the searching, for all nature is once more awake. To the trees also, and the shrubs, to the grass, yes, even to the smallest stream or the most ice-bound brook, as well as to wide rivers and great waterfalls has come resurrection.

Small wonder, therefore, that the blue sky overhead, and the sunshine all about, the cheer of the spring, in contrast to the chill of the winter should fill everyone with thanksgiving. Small wonder that each heart should want to shout Hosannah!—Emma Duff Gray.

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When weary; none can ever know  
How hard it is but mother!

The lamplight flickers; tired out,  
The toiler dreams of rest; no doubt;  
But every little head abed  
To-morrow, next day, must be fed—  
This thought gives strength to mother!

At last the drowsy clock strikes one,  
And that day's work is almost done!  
Some basting-threads to take away—  
The love sewed in will always stay;  
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—Adelbert F. Caldwell, in the 'Christian Endeavor World.'

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