











Ladies Department.

"MOTHER'S ROOM."

BY THOMAS CORBY BATES.

As I sit alone in the twilight,
In my cushioned easy chair,
I forget that I am an old, old man
With wrinkles and silver hair.

It was always of an antique
In that cool and restful nook,--
The place to which we always stole
To read a favorite book.

Home.

There is no word in our language
around which clusters so many pleasing
recollections and gentle memories,
as this one word, home.

Let home be the source of truth,
simplicity, refinement and honor.
We should aim to make home congenial
and attractive to our children
and their associates.

Let our home surroundings be what
they may, we should not forget practical
home duties indoor and out.
Whatever tends to develop the intellect,
refine the taste and purify the affections,

light hearted, always remembering
there are others whose troubles are
greater than our own.
In the home circle we should show the sunny side
of our natures, not go about complaining,

I wish to make a plea for our boys at
home.
Boys must have something to
quiet their uneasy restlessness and I
imagine their masticating organs

In looking over the current items of
the day, the most careless reader can
not help but note the struggle on the
part of the poor for a better chance to
win a competence or wealth.

The farmer works hard and, economize
as he may, he can not become
rich; can not remove the mortgage
from the farm, while railroad men
grow to railroad king- with millions

Now upon the eve of another
political campaign. We have not the
ability to discuss the great issues at
hand if we wished and with Pope
could say: "For forms of governments,

It would make no difference what
party were in power, if they would
elect the best men for the people;
those that would dare to do right and
strenuously maintain the privileges of
the rich and poor alike.

AUNT HATTIE.

A Dream.

One evening, just at the close of a
warm, delightful afternoon, I stood
watching the beauty and grandeur of
a gorgeous mid-summer sunset,
the cares and responsibilities which had
reigned supreme during the day,
seeming to flee before the approaching

Scarcely realizing what I did,
I turned me to the organ, to unite, if
possible, the charms of simple melody,
to the already enchanted hour.
There, just as I had left it the day before,

"O, we are volunteers in the army of reform,
Forming into lines as our legions come,
We are under marching orders to take the
battle field,

To what strife had these soul
promptings reference?
Was there really a conflict raging about me
that concerned me individually?
One in which my material interests were at
stake? Or were they but meaningless

The slowly descending mantle of
sable darkness would soon shut from
our sight another day, with its pains
and pleasures, its joys and sorrows,
locking them up into the long etern-
ity. I thought how little I knew of
the world at large, or of the myriads
of fellow beings contending with ad-

In an instant I was traveling
through space; borne upward
by an invisible power; and onward,
by an irresistible longing to take ad-
vantage of the opportunity so strange-
ly presented. I experienced a craving
curiosity to be satisfied, and at the
same time a timidity, difficult to

We soon came to a vast pillar which
resembled a column of marble, slight-
ly pyramidal in form, reaching far
beyond the clouds and losing itself in
the blue above.
"This," said the old man,
"is the pillar of time.
The events of all ages, all time, and all
places, are chronicled here and pre-
served in living reality.

and at best, only a brief synopsis
can be given.

I saw spread out beneath me,
the "land of the free and home of
the brave" in all the beauty
and grandeur of its primitive state
ere artifice had usurped the powers of
nature.
Far to the north was the
bleak and desolate British Dominions;
eastward the stormy Atlantic was
seen in its majestic splendor;

Following these, in quick and eager
succession, came multitudes, throng-
ing to the new found Eldorado, and
very soon a change was wrought in
the scene.
The homes and villages
of the new comers dotted the eastern
coast, and the former owners were
compelled to move toward the west;

The seeds of corruption were scatter-
ed broadcast and, ere long the scene
again was changed.
I saw wealth and affluence usurp the power of
former industry and frugality;
pride and arrogance weaken the bond of
united friendship and all again was

He waved his wand as before
and I was once more transported
through space, waded downward
with a sensation of falling, which
startled me, I awoke to find myself
still sitting by the window with the
book, and "Army of Reform" still

I watched the conflict of light con-
tending with darkness. I saw the
masses wake up to find that there was
yet a power that even money did not
possess; that right is mighty and
must prevail; that unity, strength
and courage had lost none of the
power they had, when, a hundred
years before, it rescued the nation
from the hand of despotism.

After viewing the present, all be-
came blank and the old man once
more addressed me.
"You have seen the past and present. Believe now
and be satisfied.
If thou wouldst know more of the future, live and
learn.
Improve the present as it passes.

Enlist in the Army of Reform if
thou aspire to usefulness, and you
labors will receive their just rewards.
Go mingle with the world, but forget
not the precepts of the lesson you
have just learned.
Add dignity to labor and in your
dealings with your fellow men be
honest, be just, and fear not.
Avoid intemperance in eating, drinking
and language, also in work and recre-

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January 20th, 1884.

Children's Day.

Brother Cobb:--Having seen nothing
said, of late, concerning Colon
Grange, if I may be allowed a small
space in your columns, I will en-

I wait to speak especially of "Child-
ren's day," which we celebrated for
the first time, on the day of our first
regular meeting in April.
We had never attended anything of the kind,
nor received any instructions,--it was
entirely experimental.

The children and company were
served first and nearly filled our two
tables, which are as long as the hall
will allow.
A third table was filled with the remaining members, after
which the tables were cleared,
and the afternoon exercises began,

and throughout our exercises, music,
both vocal and instrumental, was
freely interspersed.
Methinks this day will become a very popular one among
the Grange's, and it is believed that
each meeting will become more and
more interesting.

We should like to hear through the
columns of the VISITOR, from other
Grange's who have held these meet-
ings--what their mode of proceed are
is--and what the general opinion of the
members are, regarding its success--
how often they are to be held, etc.
It seems to me, by sufficient forethought
and experience, the program can
be much varied, so as not to become
monotonous.

We consider our Grange in a very
prosperous condition.
Our meetings are regularly and well at-
tended, have a home of our own,
beautifully located, and, best of all,
a kind and brotherly feeling among our
members, with no symptoms of that
disease, "I am better than thou."

While it is true that we have not a
rich treasury, yet, we expect by the
prudence and economy taught in the
Grange hall, and in the greater part
of our homes, to improve upon the
one talent which we have, until it
shall bring forth a hundred fold,
and we become truly independent
Grangers and farmers--both in mind
and purse.

MRS. A. S. PROUT.

COMMON SENSE.

Grange work has a field infinitely
broad.
When one gets to love work, his life
is a happy one.--[Ruskin.]

We let our blessings get mouldy and
then call them curses.--[Beecher.]
Forgive thyself little and others
much.--[A Archbishop Leighton.]
Have you a beautiful home? If you
have, keep it so; if not, make it so.

There is abundance of pure literature
accessible to all persons whose minds
are pure.

A Grange means something or noth-
ing, precisely as its members give it
significance.

Love of the beautiful tends to en-
large the affections and refine the
heart.--[Husbandman.]
Be always at leisure to do good;
never make business an excuse to de-
cline offers of humanity.

"Hold fast that which is good"--and
the Grange must be regarded as of this
character.--[Husbandman.]
Short papers, as a rule, are preferred
by ordinary readers. Let every Grange
stimulate this kind of exercise.

He who has such an idea of time
that he takes none of it for rest wastes
all of it.--[T. De Witt Talmadge.]

The Grange cannot do better than to
impress upon all members the impor-
tance of kindness to domestic animals.

Improvement in the daughter will
best aid in the reformation of the sons
of this age.--[Margaret Fuller.]

As one's character may be told by
the company he chooses, so is it re-
vealed by the issues of the press he
prefers.

A man's house should be on the hill-
top of cheerfulness and serenity--so
high that no shadows rest upon it.--[H. Ward Beecher.]

The Grange has call for exercise of
talent, latent before members had
association in the body, and exercise
has brought development.--[Husband-

Duty is the little blue sky over
every heart and soul, over every life,
large enough for a star to look between
the clouds, and for the sky-lark happi-
ness to raise heavenward through and
sing in.

It is the deep-seated life purpose
which tells upon the countenance,
burns out its coarseness or stupidity,
redeems its lines, embosoms its hues,
and by the art of soul sculpture pro-
duces the likeness of high thinking
and right living.

There is dew in one flower, and
not in another, because one opens it-
self and takes it in, while the other
closes itself and the dew runs off.
So God rains goodness and mercy as
wide as the dew, and, if we lack them
it is because we will not open our
hearts to receive them.

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far as we have heard, were entirely
satisfactory.--ED.

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by Mr. Hayes before the Grand R. ver
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so they shall not touch each other or
the metal, and boil in water three
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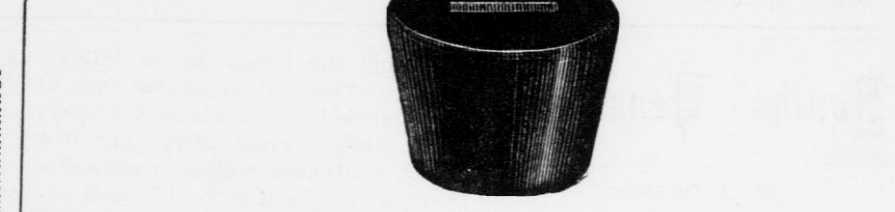
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