#### A QUIET HOUSE.

My quiet house and home are very still. I watch the sunshine and the rain. The years go on. . Will Death fulfill Life's broken promise? Nay? God will! My house, my home, my heart, are still!

My house is quiet now-so still, All day I hear the ticking clock; The hours are numbered. Clear and shrill, Outside the robins chirp and trill. My house is quiet now-so still.

But silence breaks my heart. I wait, And waiting, yearn for call or knock, To hear the creaking of the gate, And footsteps coming, soon or late. The silence breaks my heart. I wait!

All through the empty house I go; From hall to hall, from room to room, The heavy shadows spread and grow. The startled echoes mock me so, As through the empty house I go!

Ah, silent house! if I could hear Sweet noises in the tranquil gloom, Soft broken songs, and laughter clear, The joyous tumult, loud and near, w That vexed me many a happy year!

Ah, lonely house! if once, once more My longing eyes might see the stain Of little footprints on the floor, The sweet child-faces at the door-Ak, blessed heaven! but once, once more!

#### ONE WAY.

"How would you go to work to keep your chil-

dren from reading sensational books The best way to answer this question is by telling you what I have done. The other evening, coming into the sitting-room, I saw James reading a dime novel; at least, I thought it looked like a dime novel. Mother had her sewing; Jennie was working on an afghan; Tommy was making

a set of jackstraws out of a piece of red cedar.
"Let's have some reading aloud," said I.
"James, you seem to have got hold of an interesting book there; suppose you read it aloud to us."

James looked up with a flush on his face.

"I don't believe you would care for this," said "It isn't much of a book." he. "It isn't much of a book."
"You're mightily interested in it," said Tommy,

"for a book that isn't much of a book." "Yes! come," said Jennie, "let's have some reading aloud. Why not, James?"
"Mother-wouldn't like this book," said he.

"Why not?" said mother.

"Oh, you wouldn't, that's all," said James. "It's just stuff." "If it isn't worth reading aloud, it isn't worth reading at all," said Jennie.

"That does not follow," said I, "by any means.
There are a good many books worth reading that are not worth reading aloud. But if James is too much interested in his story to put it aside, the rest of us will form a reading circle and get something that is worth reading aloud."

"Oh, I don't care anything about it," said James. "I was just reading to get through the evening. "If you have got anything better on hand, let's by all means have it."

With that he laid the book by with a shove that sent it half way across the table. "What shall it be?" said I. "How would it do to begin a course of history? There's our 'Hume' in the book-case. I don't believe that any one of

us ever read it through. How would that do?" I thought to myself that probably none of us ever would read it through, but I did not say any-

thing. I waited for some one else to respond. "I've got a jolly book up stairs," said Tommy.
"What is it?" I asked.

"'David Crockett,'" said Tommy. "I will go and get it."

With that, and before any of us could decide whether we wanted it or not, Tommy was off up stairs. He is as quick as a flash in everything. It proved to be one of Mr. John S. C. Abbott's

Pioneer and Patriot series.

"What is there jolly about it?" said I to Tommy, when he had produced it.

"Why, it's full of adventure—about a fellow that lived in the wilderness when the country was new, and even Ohio was as wild as an Indian-

what you call it?"

"Reservation," said Jennie.

"Yes, reservation," said Tommy.

"What do you say, James," said I, "will you read aloud for us while I go to work on the shoebox I am making for mother?"

Lames said he would, and we then and there in-

James said he would, and we then and there inaugurated a reading-circle. We have kept it up,
so far, all Winter, James and I taking turns in
reading aloud, and the rest going on with their
work. Tommy is quite expert with his knife, and
he has begged off from the readings to go on with
his carpentry. We followed "Davy Crockett"
with "Daniel Boone," and then took up Mrs.
Brassey's "Voyage Round the World in the
Yacht "Sunbeam.'" We are reading that with an
atlas, and look up the places in the atlas, and
Jennie sometimes looks them up further in the
cyclopædia, and tells us more about them at the
next reading.

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And I haven't seen anything more of James' dime novel. My way to keep our boys from the bad literature is to overcome evil with good.

How can I find the time? Well, I believe that

he that does not provide for his own family is worse than an infidel. And I think that it is part of my duty to provide my children with good books and good company in reading them. And I will not take so much work on my hands that I cannot do something for my own children.— Christian Union.

There is a good deal of feeling in Washington over the fact that Mr. Hayes insists on having the White House "banked up" for Winter, the same as farm houses in Ohio are banked up, with "maneuver" from the barn-yard. Fashionable residents of Washington stick up their noses at it, but Mr. and Mrs. Hayes insist that the flavor is not unpleasant, and that potatoes and apples keep better in the cellar when the house is banked up that way.—Peck's Sun.

A man had the misfortune, recently, to lose his wife. Over the grave he caused a stone to be placed, on which, in the depth of his grief, he had ordered to be inscribed: "Tears cannot restore her therefore I weep."—Ez.

It is claimed that a man never loses anything by politeness, but this has proved a mistake. As an old Philadelphian lifted his hat to a young lady, the wind carried away his wig.—Philadelphia Chronicle-Herald.

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Formerly the Oregon Central, is doing a good business. This road runs through the fertile country on the west side of the Willamette River, and its southern terminus at present is at Corvallis, 97 miles from Portland.

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PORTLAND, DALLES AND SALT LAKE R. R. Will be constructed at an early day. This will give us three

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Have been filed to construct a road from Battle Mountain Nevedeen filed to construct a road from pattle Mountain, Nevada, in the direction of Oregon, to connect with the Oregonian Bailway Co.'s road, and make Portland its ter-minus. This will give us direct communication with the richest silver mines in the world, and will make Portland

richest silver mines in the world, and will make Portland one of the greatest railroad centers in the Union.

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