My quild house and home arin very stal.
I wateh the sunst nee nad the ruin. The yeara go on. Wui Death tulain
Lates broken promiseo Nayt God Mites broken promiset Nayl (ood wim:
My house, my homio, my heart, are tull : Ny house is qute now-so sull, The hourn are numbered. Cleaerk and shrill, Outaide the mobus ehirp and trin.
My house ts quiet now-so atil.
But silenene braks my heart 1 watt,
And watting, yearn for call or knock, hear the ermakiong of the sate, And foostepst comings, woon or late
The silenee brenks my heart. 1 wall All through the empty house I zo:
Yrom hall to hail, trom romit to The teavy shadows spread and srow.
The staricod cehoos mock me mo The staritind chooss mock me no, hi, sient house: If 1 could hear
sweot noikes in the trinquil kloom
 That vesed mo many a happy your

 ont heavent but onee, on
ONAY. onge more:
"How would you go to work to keep, your chit-
dren from reading ensational books, The best way to answer this question is by tell-
ing you what 1 have done. The other evening ing you what have done.
coning into the sitting-room, I saw James read-
ing a dime novel; at least, I thought it looked like ing a dime novel Mother had her sewing; Jennie was working on an afghan; Tommy was making
a set of jockstraws out of a plece o red cedar.
"ILt's have some reading aloud," said I. James, yon seem to have got hold of an interest
ng book there; suppose you read it aload to us ing book there; suppose you read it alond
Sames looked wp witha tush on his face.
"I don't believe you would eare for this, "You're mightily interested in it," said Tommy, "for a book that isn' much of a book."
"Yes! come," said Jennie, "let's have some "Yes: come," said Jennie, "let's have sor
readfing atout." Why not, James?
"Mother.wouldn't like this book," said he. "Mother wouldn't like this book," said he.
"Why not?" said mether.
"Oh, you woudant, that's all," said James:
"Its just stuff? "It it isn't worth reading aloud, it inn't worth
eading at all," said Jeninie. "That doess no follow," said I, thy ant means. 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 cirele and get somerest of us wil worm a reading eircee and get some-
thing that is worth reading aloud."
"Oh, I don't care anything about it," sald James, "IW was jast reading 'to get through the
evening. "If you have got anything better on evening. "If you have got anytbing better on
hand, let's by all means have it,
With that he laid the book by with a shove that
sent it halif way across the table.
"What shall'it be?" said I. "How would it do to begin a courseof history? There's our 'Hume' us ever read it through. How would that do?"'
I I thought to myseif that probably none of us
ver would read it through, but - d did not say anyever wing. I waited for some one else to reaspond.
.I've got a jolly book up stairs, O said Tommy.
"What is it " I asked. 'Mom, "I will go and get it,",
With that, and before any of us could decide Whether we wanted it or not, Tommy was ofr up
stairs. He is as quick as a llath in everything. Pioneer and Patriot series. ${ }^{\text {"What is there jolly about } 1 \text { I? sala } T \text { to }}$ Tommy, when he had producedif. about a fellow new, and even Ohio was us wild as aif Indianwhat you call it?"
"Reservation,"
"Yese, reservation," said Tomm
"What do sennie.
"What do you, say, Jamess," said I, "will you
read aloud for us while I to to work on the shoe-
box I am making read aloud for us while 1 go to work on the shoe-
box I am making for mother ${ }^{\text {", }}$ James said he would, and we then and there inaugurated a reading-ecrcce. we we have kept it up,
Wo far, all Winter, James and I taking turns n so far, all Winter, James and 1 taking turns in
rending sloud, and the rest going on with their
work. Tommy is quite expert with his knife, and work. Tommy is quite expert with his knife, and
he has begged otr from the readings to go on with
his carpentry. We followed "Davy Crockett" his carpentry. We fore awed "Davy Crockete"
Fith upanie. Boone, and then took up Mrs.
Brasey's "Voyage Round the World in the
Yacht 'Sunbeamis". We are reading that with an atlas and look up the places in the attas, and
Jennie sometimes looks them up further in the And I haven't seen anything more of James'
dime novel. My way to keep our boys from the bad ifterature is to overeome evil with good.
How can If the the time? Well, I believe that he that does not provide for his, own fammily is
worse than an inflice. And I think that it is part of my duty to provide my children with good
booki and good company In reading them. And
I will not take mo much work on my hands that I
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Wife. Over the grave he caused astone to be plice. Over the grave we caused as atone to be
ondered to be in the depth of his grief, he had
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