LIGHTS OF HOME

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Stephen did not mind the dark. The night was tempestuous and back of him the sea moaned. He was sure, however, that in a little while he would see the lights of home; that always opposite me, Anne." had always been the joy of his return. His mother had kept a candle in the window, and after a long voyage the steady flame was Stephen's welcome. A jutting rock hid the cottage until one was almost upon it, said. but he knew that the obstacle once passed he would see the starlike gleam. It was with a feeling of intense disappointment, therefore, when having rounded the rock, he faced blackness. Following the disappointment came fear. Why had the light gone out?

The house when he reached it showed a locked door and closed shutters, the forlornness of an uninhabited building.

Stephen sat down weakly on the front steps. He was sure that something had happened to his mother. In his voyage of two years it had not been possible to receive letters, although he had written regularly. Many things might have happened in that time-illness, death.

With a feeling of deep foreboding he rose, uncertain where to go, but with the remembrance of a former schoolmate, little Anne Martin, who had comforted his mother in her

He went down the path with heavy steps, then stopped short and turned as a sudden flicker of light Illumined the darkness. With the light life came back into the empty house, the



From Outside the Window He Called the Girl: "Little Annel"

shutters in the sitting-room were opened, and the candle could be seen straight and tall ou the table. It was not the candle at which

Stephen looked, however, but at a girl who stood behind the table, her tall and fair with a blue ribbon band- last voyage. ed around her shining curls. The room behind her had the dreary look of a place not lived in There was no fire on the hearth, no work basket on the window ledge, or purring cat on the cushioned bench. There was an sailed away and left her. unreal air of tidiness which chilled

From outside the window he called the girl: "Little Anne!" She came and looked into the dark-

"Is it Stephen," she asked, breathlessly, "at last?"

He caught her hand in his. "Where is my mother?" he demanded. "Oh!" she wailed, "has nobody told

you?" "No, but the room tells me," he

said, heavily. "She was very III," the girl said.

softly, "and at last she went to sleep wharf to watch the ship come in, never dreaming that you were on it." Little Anne." She opened the door and let him in.

"It is a sad home coming," she said, "but you must let me get your supper. I bought mine in town and I will cook it here and then I won't have to eat alone."

"Alone?" he questioned. "Father is out fishing. There's just

the two of us left."
In the basket which she brought from the steps were a loaf of bread, bacon and eggs.

"There is tea left in your mother's you will build the fire I will soon have ing. Its range of explosion is onethings ready."

With the fire burning steadily in the comforted him. In his wandering life less than that of aceteylene. As it conto room. Her presence rested and he had felt little need for domestic joys. The little New England village sonous.—America. had not provided enough excitement to satisfy him, and he had traveled

was it worth? He had a sense sud- leave me alone! denly of utter forloraness. With his mother dead, there was no one who knew you as well as I do

to the end of the world seeking adven-

had a vision of what life might be if he could make himself settle down Have Children During Touir Schoolin some quiet place with this girl as his wife. Surely there would be much that was pleasant in an existence with such a woman by his side. feeling.

She was pouring his tea and she of her back and arms. smiled at him brightly. "You must "What are you doing?" the fond stay with father and me until you go mother inquired. "Do you think this away again."

She shook her head at him. "You

could never stay in one place long," she said. "Perhaps if there was some one to keep me," he said, significantly.

she insisted.

him, and she refused. "The spirit of the wanderer will ically. come upon you," she said. "Your ship sails next week, you will want to go with it, and I could never live the life that your mother lived, waiting with

the candle in the window." "I would stay with you," he said ardently. "You would hold any man." But she persisted in her refusal.

"You will want to go with your ship," she repeated; "you will grow restless, and I shall feel that I am second in your thoughts."

"I shall not want to go," he declared, but, when the time for sailing came, he found himself drawn irresistibly to the dock. The great steamer was ready for her voyage, fresh with paint; and there was about her the atmosphere of mystery which belongs to vessels that sail the tropic seas. The other end of her voyage would find her where dark-skinned people stood on white sands to welcome her. Back of them would be waving palms, where bright-hued birds made their nests-a land of indolence and allurement.

· He realized that his love of Little Anne was a thing of recent growth, while, all his life, his passion for the sea had held him. Was there anything about this fair-haired girl which would keep him contented in a future

Even as he thought of her, she came and stood beside him on the dock.

"I want you to go away, Stephen," she said, "and if, when you come back in two years, you still care for me, I fancy, if desired. will believe that you know yourself better than you do now."

It was not easy for him to go, yet he realized when he was once on his Ewe's Care of Blind Lamb Proof They journey that it would not have been easy for him to stay. The spell of was on him, and he was fore everything else, a sailor.

ets, but things which would beautify ring of curious workmanship, of beaten gold with a dull blue stone, he knew that he had made up his mind. hand shielding the flame. She was He knew, too, that he had made his

On the return trip his heart failed him. What if Little Anne had not been true? What if her love were not waiting for him? Other men knew her charm, and other men had not

She was not on the dock when the things he dreaded he took his way to in amazement. his mother's cottage. As he rounded the jutting rock he looked for the light. And it was there! Anne was waiting!

"I shall never go away again," he ture. said, as she welcomed him.

"But won't you long for the sea? Into a lump.

I am jenious of it." He shook his head. "I know now that nothing has for me the charm of the lights of home. There is beau- ture to pack well into the silo. ty to be found elsewhere and wonder and I promised to keep the light al- and adventure, but these things do not the young pigs get plenty of exercise. ways in the window for you. Tonight | count when weighed in the balance I was late because I stopped at the with such women as you. I have found churn to remove any particles of curd that out, and I know my mind now, or dried cream.

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Dld Not Know Him.

Wadtighter (who has just been asked for the price of a night's lodg-He had found it, and what after all ing)-I wish those beggars would

McIntimatte-They would if they

cared. No one but little Anne. He DEVELOPING LOVE OF ART

days Acquire the Habit of Visiting Picture Galleries.

A small lassie was conducted by her While he was not conceited, he had mother on a tour of the Layton gallery little fear that he could win her. They and the established etiquette for art had been friends, always, and he did galleries in general was being includnot doubt that he could rouse a deeper ed as a part of her instruction for the day. Standing before a particularly He voiced some of his feeling prosate-looking canvas, she found it when, as they sat down at the table, convenient to divert her mind by he said, "I wish your face might be utilizing the brass railing as a trapeze-thereby developing the muscles

is a gymnasium? You don't come to "Perhaps I shall not go away," he an art gallery to swing on a railing. You come to look at the pictures, ten miles, the condenser-tubes over Stand up there, if you want to come again." The implied threat as a pump up more than fifty thousand tons finality was effective so far that there of water a day, and the furnaces conwas no question in the onlooker's mind sume about eight million cubic feet of as to the treat the little lady evident- gir per hour. No fewer than 50,000 ly regarded a visit to the gallery. That separate pieces of steel are used in But she refused to take his mean is the great point—to have children the main structure of the ship. ing. "You could never settle down," during their schooldays acquire the habit of visiting picture galeries. It was not the time or the place to Then it will be but a matter of time press his suit, but when he had been for the development of discriminative home a week he asked her to marry appreciation. That and real affection for the truly beautiful will follow log-

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Are Not Devoid of Intelligence.

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GENERAL FARM NOTES.

Daisies are a nuisance in as pas-

Be careful not to churn the butter There is no pleasure or money in

keeping unprofitable sheep. Corn should contain sufficient mois-

Something should be done to have Always strain the cream into the

Fall plowing for alfalfa is recommended by the best authorities where the seed is to be sown early in the spring.

A wire stretched across the barn behind the cows for a lantern is usually in evidence on well-manured

Dandellons are not a weed when found in the pasture, because their medicinal qualities are very beneficial to live stock

Bee-keeping, for those inclined that way, is certainly a well paying business, as there is less competition in raising bees and producing honey than in any other side line of farming.

New York Journalism. "See this society belle about her rumored engagement." "Yes, sir." "If she admits it, get ten lines. If she denies it, get half a column and her

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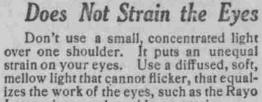
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