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I had just questioned myself in my

own mind how an old house might feel, that I would like to show you, sirif feel it could, on seeing itself thus our old-fashioned nursery; but as you unceremoniously moved out of the are the minister, and have to listen to way, knowing that a new-fangled no. a great deal of talking, and are contion in brick or stone with the improvements was soon to take its place. When the spirit of the old house thus addressed me: "No, no, sir, I feel no you, that the new house they build envy, I bear no malice; that is all as it should be. It is right that new plans and new materials, yes, many and more of them should occupy the ground which I, in my old-fashioned crib too near the servants' ha way held so long a time. It is well that the new life should have a new body, a new house to live in. A house larger, more convenient, more attractive if you will, but, sir, if you will condescend to listen to an old fogy of a building like myself, I must say that I feel sad sometimes, that they do not embody more frequently in the new mansions a few of those things which were often tried and seldom found wanting in the old."

"Will you mention some of them?"

"Well, here," said the spirit of the house on wheels, "before I obey the injunction, 'Come, move on!' I will tell you: To begin first at the very entrance into a house, there are some things belonging to a door that we seem to lose. This old threshold of mine you see worn so low, had something sacred about it. The inmates, felt that when they reached it, home, with all its meaning was just inside; and so, no matter what romping, and rushing, and scampering there bad been outside, they paused to enter the presence of the household gods with at least, reverent and respectful mein.

"I am told, and indeed I catch glimpses of it sometimes, when too many blinds do not intervene, that in the new and better buildings they are simply to stay. And so people hurry on, saunter out and in with hearts only full of the outside.

"Can you step up on that large block and over that large pulley, sir? I just want to show you this roommy first floor, front, or parlors, as you call them. Well, in the new build-ing which follows me on the old lot in more light, more air, more that is cheerful and pleasant to the eve, and these things they tell me they have in the new. There is one thing, however, I could wish they had more of, which we old ones never found unwelcome. I mean furniture which in its very look seemed to invite to hospitality, and made every one at once feel cosy and comfortable. When things get very stiff and very shiny, you know, sir, people will stand off from them. It's instinct like, and it does seem kind of hard to keep your mother and your brethren who have come a long distance to see you and whom you know are at the door, waiting in dismal state while the servant passes up

certainly it needed it. We never gave enough attention to that in the old house. The instruments are much finer now-the piacos, all Mr. Thingumy's grand, the teachers are better and more plentiful, taste higher-

tlemen much for the way they have ters connected with the church service stirred us up on the music question. as well as other things. There is that Mr. Thomas—what's his The lesson concerning I have a man in my congregation other name? Well, no matter, I don't ty suggested by meeting the old house want to take one bit of praise away on wheels, is scarcely less important. not full, but empty ones. That is his business. If you have an old house that you don't know what to do with, even though it was good enough for your father and grandfather, you just speak to my friend, and he lifts it up, puts it on wheels or rollers, and trundles it down the streets or around the ger and the song, or to the player and to preach, or to discharge any other corner, into some out-of the way place, the piece. Classic music is grand, sir, and you are at liberty to go on put- and severe in style and, taste, I think ting your brown stone front on the they call it, and we will doubtless have more of this when we become more classical. The romantic school, too, has its admirers, and even sensational music may have its place in the modern score, if it has "the language of the feelings." I think it very expressive of much of the emotion of the present day; but, sir, to see a poor girl or boy playing a piece which touches their own souls at no one point, to a company seated on shiny chairs, who also are touched at no one point by the classical, save at the point of weariness; that's not good,

sir, for it ain't natural.
"There's another room up-stairs stantly called on to make remarks, I however, let me say in parting with the children's room too far away from the rest of the family, and too near to the servants' hall. Depend upon it,

body like me, sir. Good by, sir!"

The mention of the fact of my calling, and that officially my time would probably be fully taken up, brought me back from my reverie, and gave me some thoughts of that household of faith for which it is my privilege and duty to labor and pray.

I thought how much of that old house of the former church seems to be passing away. Like the house on wheels, moving from the prominent front it once occupied to the rear, I rejoiced indeed as I thought of its progress and the glorious destiny in store for it. I looked with delight upon the new and oragnificent temples the bands of wealth are rearing in our large cities, and I asked myself the question: Are not there some things moving off with the old as it wheels into the rear, that can be illy spared by the new house as it wheels into the front? To have a large beautiful, and fully appointed church building, is a grand, good thing; but to be lacking in that godly fear and wholesome reverence with which we entered the old church building, would be sad in

It must be confessed, I think, that away. He told other boys, and by that all comers should read it. into the newly up holstered pews. A stranger might often think the congregation gathering for a party rather than for a prayer.

Not is this mere thoughtlessness, which in itself were surely sin enough, but with some it is premeditated purtown, I am told they have most elegant parlors, lots of shining veneering and all that sort of thing. Well, I am glad of it. I often thought mine ed very frequently by the appointuppermost in the heart—a love fostered very frequently by the appointments of the new building upon which they have entered. The rustle of the costly dress, the wave of the superb fan, and the flash of the sparkling jewels are but a part of the startling there is a day. It was romance and charity so well combined that it gladdened their purchased it on the sly, took it home, might be vastly improved-more room, ments of the new building upon which jewels are but a part of the startling effect to be produced. These are they of whom the prophet writes of old They are haughty and walk with stretched-forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mineing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet." The solemn awe and befitting reverence of worship has no place in the constitution of such people. The public service of God in its spiritual aspect is a burden to them. They need all the arts of rhetoric, all the ap-pointments of architecture and upholstery, all the charms of rapturous music, to make the humble, simple ser-"Now, I don't know that it was the stiffness of the furniture; perhaps it was not; but somehow their hearts ionable alses and pews, this irrevervice of the sanctuary even endurable. got nearer and quicker together in the old house, sir. pit, so that it is no new thing now-a "That little room off there to the days to see a very popular preacher right is the music room. I'm told that's on the most familiar terms with God. much improved in the new house, and How many clergymen, either from lack of taste or because of the gay panorama before the pulpit, forget the sanctity of the hour and of their office, and fling to the winds all the proprieties of the day and place.

A smack of the irreverent has an all right to; don't think I'd grumble dare not wait upon, I would;" and seventeen hundred dollars for each at that. We owe those foreign gen- this is a thought which is true of mat-

The lesson concerning true hospitalofficial duty by the request of the congregation or the order of the Presbytery, some of the members thought it right and proper to see that he was comfortably cared for-not simply as to boarding and lodging, but also with a little Christian fellowship and kindly sympathy. Now, such affairs in many of our large churches are canducted with less true fellowship than prevails between two business men trading for a small bill of goods. A letter is written and sent; a letter is read and answered; the strange minister arrives and stops at the hotel, or with some member whose house is the church hotel. The hour for service arriving he enters the rickly-appointed pulpit, fulfills his engreement, and glides out of the handsome and handy little side door to hurry off to his own are the minister, and have to listen to little parish, and nobody is bothered entertaining him. Much might be said also of the lack of attention to stranwon't detain you longer. I do think, gers, and even to those coming into the church communion for the first time. But I must pause to let this thought, and others, concerning the music room and the nursery or Sabbath-school room, which last, in my opinion, is often too far from the old crib too near the servants' hall and folk's room, to carry you along at too far away from Mamma. Much your leisure. Trusting that before obliged for your attention to an old long we obey the injunction of this busy age, "Move on, sir!" we will stop to inquire which way we are moving: backwards or forwards, up-

"GERTIE."

wards or downwasds.

TITUSVILLE, PA.

Boys of ten or twelve, seen on the sympathy, and yet you wrong them. Among the houses on Clinton street is one which has missed many a pane of glass in its windows. Rags and papers are used to keep the cold air out, or it may blow in and whistle through the desolate rooms without let or hindrance. A girl of ten, whose life had been one long period of hunger, pain and unhappiness, was taken sick one day in March, and people passing by get well was fully as great as the docter's or the mother's. Whatever present they had they handed it through be carried to far. the broken pane, waited for her to their hearts and made them fond of each other. Yesterday morning a lad's hand, holding a sweet flower and a big orange went up to the window. No white fingers touched his as they grasped the offering. He waited a moment, and then with beating heart looked through into the room. The bed had been taken away. On a table rested a pine coffin, and on the coffin was a bunch of faded flowers which had been handed through the window the day before. Death had been there

and the boys no longer had a mission. You might not have seen the boy hiding in a door-way and wiping tears from his eyes. He was seen, however, and when asked the cause of his sorrow he sobbed out the whole sad romance in four words:

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KILLED BY AMBITION.

A terrible comment on the process of brain-cramming which obtains in our public schools, is the melancholy death of a New York school-boy. The boy, it would appear, was of an street, appear heartless and without ardent, ambitious temperament, highly sensitive, and up to a certain critical point in his school boy life, studious to the extent of distancing all class competitos of his own age. fortunately, as the result showed, these qualities attracted the attention of his teacher and his parents, who, desirous of creating a prodigy, had the lad promoted to a higher class, with the members of which it was morally impossible for him to cope. could see her lying on a miserable bed | The natural result followed. The stunear one of the windows. It was cu- dious boy lost his ambition with the rious that any of the boys coming or full knowledge that he could not gratgoing should have stopped to think ify it, and gradually found his way or care about it, but they did. One to the end of his class. He became of them, feeling sad at sight of the so negligent that his teacher, in the sufferer's pale face, handed an orange belief that he had degenerated through through a broken pane, saw it clasped simple carelessness, wrote up his name by slender white fingers, and then ran in great letters on a blackboard, so we lack in our modern church too and by there wasn't a day that some rest is shortly told. The boy told his erecting, this part of a door is frequent much the form as well as the spirit of lad didn't halt at the window to pass schoolmates that he would commit suly left out. The massive panels of the humble adoration in our worship. in fruit or flowers. None of them knew icide, and he kept his word, though new house close too often on a place The rush and romp of the outside the family or ever spoke to the girl, they thought it was school-boy brava He deliberately hung himself with a book strap, and the verdict of went without marbles and the other the coroner's jury was simply "suicide by hanging." There is no doubt that that their pennics might buy an orange, lemon or some simple flower for study, and he became a sacrifice to Gertie, and their anxiety for her to "the ambition that kills." Studiousness is an excellent thing, in the scholar, but, like all good qualities, may

> his plate at dinner he found his watch. "Good! bully for me! You are a

As he opened the watch, his smiles all faded away. Noticing the change, his father asked:

noble father!" he exclaimed, in de

"Isn't the watch all right?" "It's a good enough watch," was the

reply. "Then what's the matter?"

"Why, you have had my name engraved on the case, and no pawnbroker will give me five dollars on it if get hard up.

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