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To the bone and sinew of our nation, those who are comfortably off, far removed from the millionaire-realm, equally far removed from those whose lives are hard, sad, and laborious, these pages are addressed. Through the examples which they set and the character of the homes which they build up, will this country stand or fall.

*“Everything that a dwelling contains is bathed in an ether of personality.”—Charles Wagner.*







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THE house is the shell of the home, the outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual grace which abides within its walls. Therefore everything that concerns the house is important, and no detail is insignificant. The house, it is true, perishes with the using, and must be continually renewed, beautified, and strengthened, that it may continue to be the appropriate shrine for the home, which is of enduring substance. This is a truth to be forever repeated over and over in emphatic statement, all the more that we live in a day when lax ideas of its sacredness have in some quarters obtained a footing and menaced the solidity of the home. In the home the family attains its finest development, and only as house and home together approach the perfect ideal, can the family receive its best nurture, and realize its highest usefulness.

Miss M. E. Carter, the author of this excellent and practical treatise on "House and Home," knows whereof she speaks. She understands the ordinary routine of the ordinary home, where comfort is sought rather than display, where dignified economy must be enforced, and where self-respecting people scorn to live beyond