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Preface.

GETTING married is a subject in which every one is interested ; and this interest does not pass away with the years. The oldest people will take the liveliest interest in a marriage. Yet the value and meaning of marriage are very little considered. There is no step pertaining to our earthly life more solemn or fraught with a deeper meaning, and yet there is no step which is taken so thoughtlessly and with so little consideration of what is involved. The novels, so widely read in these last days, to a great extent cause this, by filling the minds of the young with foolish notions of marriage and of life. The true ends of marriage are thus thwarted,

and much and lasting injury results. In the hope of proving helpful to the young and of directing attention to the vital matters discussed, the author has been led to write this little book. If he shall in a single case succeed in impressing upon any mind the importance of wisdom in getting married, the amount of human happiness that will thus be secured will amply repay the labor of preparing the book. It is a subject which must eventually become an important element in the education of the young. When it is borne in mind how little serious thought is given to the true meaning of marriage, the wonder is that there are so many happy marriages. To increase the number is the wish of the author.

These talks are left in the form in which they were delivered, as being on the whole best suited to the purpose in view.

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"Maids want nothing but husbands, but when
they have them they want everything."
— *Shakespeare.*

"Woman's empire, holier, more refined,
Moulds, moves and sways the fall'n yet God
given mind,
Lifting the earth crushed heart to hope and
heaven."
— *Hale.*

"Earth's noblest thing, a woman perfected."
— *Lowell.*

Marriage Considered from the Husband's Standpoint.

"For the daughter of Ahab was his wife."
II. Kings, 8: 18.

FEW nobler characters are mentioned in the Bible than Jehoshaphat, a son better than the sire, and who continued the work of Asa, his father, in all his plans for the benefit of his people. But alas, what a frightful change came when Jehoram reigned in his stead. Judah was peaceful and prosperous and happy when the good king died; idolatry had been rooted out from the land and wise and just Judges, who acted in the fear of God, had been established in all the cities. Trade and commerce were flourishing,

and the neighboring nations were tributaries or allies, anxious to keep the good will of Judah. Peace within and without, a happy, united and prosperous people, with a well-filled treasury; these were bequeathed to Jehoram by his father. Never did a king ascend the throne with brighter prospects for happiness and glory than did Jehoram. All difficulties had been removed from his path, if he will only go on in the way of his father and grandfather.

But alas! with all his goodness, Asa had committed a sin, which, though a little thing seemingly, bore bloody fruit in after years. When attacked by Baasha he had recourse to the King of Syria for help, against the warning of the prophet. Then when Jehoshaphat came to the throne Syria became so troublesome that he entered into an alliance with Ahab, and to strengthen this alliance he married