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PREFACE

A HOME must be considered not only from the personal standpoint, but also in relation to the community ; and since a house once built must stand for many years, much thought should be given to the building to make it one that will add to the beauty of the neighbourhood.

Too often the owner has been disappointed in his house when built, because he has been unable to express his wishes to the architect, and unable to comprehend the plans and specifications prepared for him. Therefore it is a great advantage and protection to have a clear idea of the kind of home desired, and, if possible, photographs and written descriptions.

In these pages I have endeavoured to be

of service to those who are about to build, and who are trying to decide what style of house is best suited to their mode of living and the furniture that they may already possess. I have described some interesting and inexpensive homes, the majority of which have been built for less than \$10,000, while some have been built for as little as \$5000. I have pointed out some interesting features which I hope will help those who are still undecided as to their requirements. I have also given suggestions for those wishing to remodel or to make slight improvements, as well as hints for the decoration of the interior.

I wish to extend to all my readers my good wishes for the ultimate success of their home-making, and I trust that they may experience the joy and peace that comes from the environment of an artistic home.

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Good Housekeeping.

House Beautiful.

Home Needlework.

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