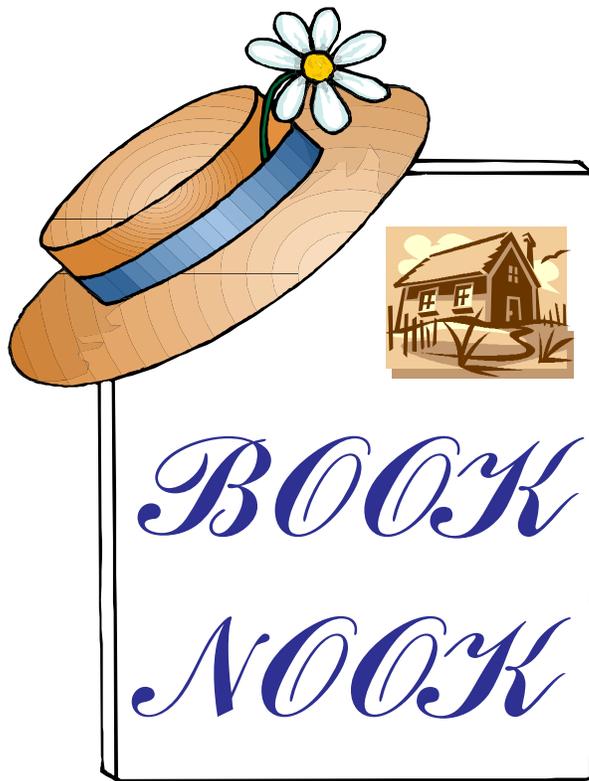


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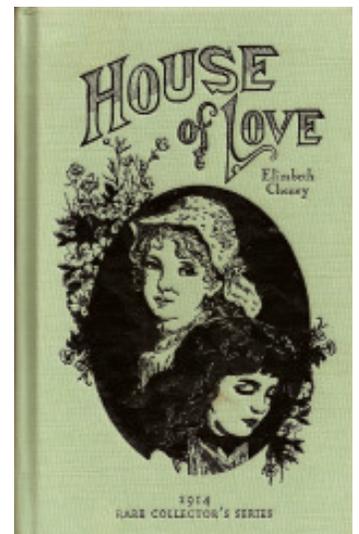
House of Love

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Doris Avery had lost her mother and was sent to a farm where, in exchange for servant's work, she would receive food and a place to live. The house she was going to was not a very happy place. There was only one child in the house - a girl named Aurelia Wilde. Aurelia's mother was determined that her daughter would be the best in everything and gave her all she wanted and thus the child was extremely spoiled. When Doris got there, she excelled in things that were way beyond Aurelia. Jealousy quickly sprung up in Mrs. Wilde and she and her girl did everything possible to be mean and unjust to Doris. But the young girl believed that one day she would "dwell in the house of the Lord forever." She knew that God is love, and the "house of the Lord" must be the "House of Love."

Even though some people didn't like her, at the church Doris went to, she made many friends. She had a beautiful voice and the head of the choir heard her and wanted her to be in the choir. He spoke to some of the ladies of the church to ask Mrs. Wilde if Doris could join. The next day the ladies visited Mrs. Wilde and told her that the sister of one of the women had admired Aurelia's great beauty and wished to paint a portrait of her for a painting contest - if Mrs. Wilde would consent to having Doris join the choir. Doris Avery join the choir?!? Never! On the other hand, how could she refuse this chance to have her daughter's portrait painted? She finally consented. Doris was beside herself with joy.

There are many, many more blessings of joy to come to Doris but I do not want to tell you the whole story, so you will have to read it yourself. I really liked "House of Love" because it shows how you can have joy at whatever you are doing, or who you are with - no matter if they are mean or nice. This story also teaches that when we have a good attitude at our work, the Lord has special blessings for us. *God Bless You!*



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