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The Mortgage on the Hip-Roof House.—This is the title of the latest book written by Hon. A. W. Tourgee. We have been a faithful reader of Judge Tourgee's notable list of American novels, from Fool's Errand on, but if his name had not been stamped on the "Mortgage," we should hardly have recognized it as his work. It is a homely story of humble life, in which the brave endeavor of a foundling boy, repaid a hundred fold the kindness of his great hearted benefactor. The vital question of a nation's life and prosperity, the social points which tear and burn society's heart, which have been so ably and so conspicuously not to say tragically treated by Judge Tourgee in his former books, have no place here. The boy hero of the book lives and moves in a comparatively narrow sphere, and this is more of a juvenile story in its treatment than we have ever before known to come from the Judge's masculine pen. The characters of the old farmer and the boy and the girl and of the boat captain are finely drawn, and the pen pictures of country scenery and especially of the full bearing orchard are delicious. It is a charming book for boys and girls. Published by the Western Methodist Book Concern of Cincinnati.

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