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A New Treat in Store for the Long Winter Nights—For You and Your Family

As winter comes on with its long nights and before every hearthstone the family is drawn together around a sparkling fire, who doesn't wish to vary the program of serious reading with some tale of daring and danger, of love, intrigue, and high adventure? There are times when we wish a merely sweet story, or a merely humorous story. But with the storms of winter coming on, the heart likewise enters the spirit of the season and yearns to follow some beloved or trusted hero through the storms and perils of adventurous life—provided, of course, there run through it all the love of a man for a maid, and especially if this love be beset by difficulties that seem to offer no way of happy escape. John Charles McNeill voices the feeling of all of us, young and old—for the oldest man or woman never outgrows the spirit that makes the youngest child beg over and over for "a tale"—when he sings:

"Now for a blazing hearth!
Now for the chimney nook!
Now for the sage talk and jest and mirth
And the old love story-book!

"For when the winter shuts us in
And the dark crowds up outside
In some old tale of love and sin
We'll wander far and wide;

"With many a lassie and her lad
Who moved with sorrow's feet,
Shall grieve that love is ever sad
And sin so falsely sweet.

"Old sorrow and old vain desire
That long ago have died—
Ah, that's the thing for a rousing fire
And a screaming wind outside."

And the Progressive Farmer now has a story to fit this need of the coming winter nights and meet the heart's desire of every man or woman, boy or girl, who loves a bold and moving tale. This week we begin to print "The Prisoner of Zenda," by the famous author, Anthony Hope—the story of Rudolf Rassendyl, a modern English knight errant, and his marvelous adventures in the little Kingdom of Ruritania. The story is packed with incident enough—and accident enough—to bring a new source of interest and thought to every family of readers, and with it there is

the worthy lesson of risking life and limb in a good cause, and keeping a great trust in high fashion; while mingled with all the sterner noise of powder, sword and trumpet, there runs the sweeter music of a rare love story—a love story which if it might have been happier, on one side at least, could hardly have been nobler.

Do not cheat yourself or your family out of the pleasure of follow-



A VIEW OF MRS. HUTT'S HOME, RALEIGH, N. C.
Note how Boston Ivy and the Spiræa add beauty

DON'T FAIL TO READ— Page

Let every North Carolina subscriber read *first of all* the plans on page 16 for meetings and work in every North Carolina school district Friday and Saturday of this week, and join in making his neighborhood better.

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ing this great story during the next few weeks. Let some one member read it aloud to all the other members of your family each night when the paper comes, then talk over the situation and guess as to the hero's final chances of success or way of escape, and you will find yourselves looking forward to the story each week with as much zest and eagerness as your little boy listens to stories of fairies, giants, Bre'r Rabbit and Robinson Crusoe.

May we not ask, therefore, that you begin now by reading aloud to the whole family tonight the preliminary explanation and opening chapters on page 5, and resolve to make the most of this rare treat provided for all members of our big Progressive Farmer family?