

now the residence of J. F. Crank, with the adjacent places of Bridgen and Craig, form a cluster of improvements that antedate all others within the territorial limits of what is now Pasadena. Fourteen years ago Mr. Eaton, with the courage and hardihood born of a long life on the frontier, laying aside his law books and judicial toga, took up his residence on these high table-lands, against the advice of friends, who predicted failure in home building in this forbidding locality. Nothing daunted, and with an abiding faith in what Mrs. Stowe calls the "genius for

hard work," he began the task of developing the water source, clearing the land, and planting trees and vines.

Discarding the theory that irrigation was essential to vine growing, which had been held by vine growers in Southern California from time immemorial, he began the work of establishing a vineyard upon the theory of non-irrigation and thorough cultivation. Such was the success of his efforts that in a few years he had produced a vineyard of seventy thousand vines, which, in the quality and character of its fruit, was equal to any vineyard in the



HOME OF F. J. WOODBURY.

country. Thus, by the judicious and determined effort of one man, was the previously held theory of the necessity of irrigation in vine growing overthrown, and a fact was demonstrated which has worked a great change in this portion of the State, for thousands of acres of non-irrigable land, heretofore deemed worthless except for pasturage, have, as a result, since been devoted to grape growing, and the productive capacity of the country largely increased.

To the extreme northeast, at one of the

highest elevations of the entire San Gabriel Valley, and under the very shadow of the Sierra Madre Mountains, are located the improvements of Mr. Abbott Kinney, which are perhaps the most remarkable in all this region of wonders in home building—remarkable for situation and surroundings, for the difficulties and obstacles overcome, and for the results which have been achieved.

Three years ago the place which marks these truly magnificent improvements was a piece of apparently undesirable land, sloping rather