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A Fine Country Home.

We had the pleasure, recently, of calling at the comfortable, pleasant, suburban home of Mr. August Hersch, a short distance above town. Mr Hersch came to Napa Valley some six years ago, and, being favorably impressed with the advantages offered by this locality to those desiring permanent homes, he purchased a portion of the Lyman tract. On the valley land to the east of the county road Mr. Hersch planted some 12 or 15 acres of choice vines, which are now just coming into bearing. Occupying a slightly and slightly elevated location, on the opposite side of the road in the shadow of the symmetrically proportioned "sugar loaf" mountain, he "buildded his home"—a modern country cottage of nine, large, hard-finished rooms, conveniently arranged and elegantly furnished. A wide piazza extends along the front and two sides, forming an inviting place to lounge away the long summer afternoons. Extending underneath the entire house is a large cellar with stone walls, having a storage capacity of 20,000 gallons. Mr. Hersch being an experienced vintner, makes his own grapes into wine, the yield last year aggregating 5,600 gallons. He has on hand some very choice white wine and claret, from which store he supplies a number of metropolitan customers regularly at stated intervals, receiving good prices. Back of the house his premises extend a short distance into the wooded hills and canyons, where there are a number of cozy retreats to delight the city guest. A fine supply of pure mountain water is also derived from springs in these hills. Taken all in all, Mr. Hersch has a charming country home, whose natural advantages have been supplemented by mechanic and laborer under intelligent direction. Mr. and Mrs. Hersch are much pleased with their home, and have no reason to regret locating in the beautiful Napa Valley.