

An Attractive Type of Womanhood.

"She stood in her place with a smile on her face, Keeping her little world bright."

The great poets differ considerably in their ideals of womanhood, the qualities most admired by some being unnoticed by others; but in almost every instance, their standards are worth studying, as are also those of writers not so well known. There is, indeed, a large and steadily-increasing class of poets concerning whom we know little; but whose verses frequently supply us with what we need most, the helpful thought or the inspiring strain, leading to better things. True, the poet's name may never be known, but that is of little moment. And so, too, with the lines quoted above—simply a couplet printed in a paper without word or comment, not even the name of the writer—but what a beautiful thought they contain.

Do you not see the woman whose portrait has been drawn for us? In your mind's eye can you not picture her standing, "with a smile on her face"? And the smile would, of course, be the right kind of a smile, cheerful, hopeful and glad. Yet it may have been hard for her to smile; she may have had more cause for sorrow than for joy. But she conquered her own inclination, and won a victory for the right.

We may be sure, too, that the smile accomplished its mission, and helped someone to be brave and strong; and, believing this, is it not well for us to follow her example, and constantly practise the art of smiling in the best way. Then our influence on those around us will certainly be for good, for "we help one another by our joy more than by our sorrow."

Again, we are told that she was "standing in her place." The two last words are short ones, but they include a great deal, as the question of "place" is important to us all. Sometimes the place we occupy is not the one we would choose for ourselves, for other lines of work may appeal to us more strongly. Or, at times, we may grow discouraged and think that our place is but a narrow one, one from which we would like to change for a broader outlook.

Still, it is ever the highest wisdom to accept our limitations wisely, resolving to make the best of our place. If we choose, we can make it a happy place, a helpful place, and more than anything else, a sunny place. It depends entirely upon ourselves, and upon the way we live from day to day.

Then, too, there is the last line of the verse, "keeping her little world bright." Does that not sound very attractive, a bright world? And, after all, is it not what we most desire to accomplish, this keeping our world bright? We are not told how the poet's woman did this; but we may be sure that the expression on her face helped, for a happy face tells of a happy heart, and a happy heart goes a long way in making the world brighter and better. We may not always attain our desires, but if we keep this end in view, we shall not fall of our purpose.

But it is only a pen-picture, you think, and not that of a real woman. Yes, but it has been said that the poets study their types from life, and so it may have been in this instance. And even if it was not, can we not make it real and true ourselves by keeping the little verse in memory, thinking often of it, and resolving to practice its example steadily. If we do, it will help us in many ways, for the smile on our faces will make our own and other lives fuller and happier, and is that not an ideal worth striving for and worth winning here and now?

Stellarton, N. S. S. L. HARIVEL.

Sirs,—I like the "Farmer's Advocate" very much, not only for the help it gives relating to farming, but its moral tone is uplifting, and the Home Magazine department and Quiet Hour is edifying. I join in wishing the editor, and all the staff, a Happy New Year.

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We, all of us, try to forgive and forget. When similar treatment we crave, And think we are virtuous paragons, yet We cannot forget we forgave.

Recipes.

LEMON CHEESE CAKE.

Two cups of sugar, one-half cup of butter, three-quarters of a cup of sweet milk, whites of six eggs, three cups of flour, and three teaspoons baking powder.

1-2-3-4 CAKE.

One cup butter, two cups sugar, three cups flour, four eggs, one cup milk, one-half teaspoonful cream tartar, and one-half teaspoon soda. Very good.

COCOANUT LAYER CAKE.

Excellent. Two cups sugar, one-half cup of butter, three eggs, one cup of milk, three cups flour, and two teaspoonsful baking powder. Bake as for jelly cake, in six round tins. Filling—One good cocoanut, shredded; whites of three eggs, beaten to a froth, and one cup of powdered sugar. Spread this between the layers of cake. Then to one-fourth cup of cocoanut add four table-spoonfuls of powdered sugar and spread thickly over top of cake.

COLD SLAW.

Sprinkle a quart of finely-chopped cabbage with salt; let it stand an hour or more. Drain off the liquor into a granite saucepan. Then pour into it half pint of strong vinegar, a piece of butter (size of a hickory nut), a teaspoon of mixed mustard, half teaspoon black pepper, and a dash of red pepper. Let this come to a boil. Then stir in two well-beaten eggs and three table-spoonfuls of sweet cream. Pour hot over the cabbage, and serve cold. A most delicious relish with all kinds of meat.

TAPIOCA FRUIT PUDDING.

One-half cup of tapioca, soaked over night in cold water enough to make a quart. In the morning cover the bottom of a pudding pan with any kind of fruit (peaches or quinces are very nice), and sprinkle with one-half cup of sugar. Pour the tapioca over the fruit, and bake one hour. Serve cold with sugar and cream.

SIMPLE PUDDING.

Put a pint of milk in a saucepan, and, as soon as it begins to boil, stir in three table-spoonfuls of flour, stirring briskly. Let it cool a little, and put in three pieces of candied orange peel cut in shreds, a little grated nutmeg, and a teacup of treacle, with one whole egg. Mix well, and turn into a pie dish lined with a nice, short crust. Bake in a hot oven for half an hour.—[Mass. Ploughman.]

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

Those who have trouble with custards are recommended to scald the milk to be used, set it aside until cool, and make the custard as usual. It will not curdle.

To make cream sauce for venison, put in a saucepan, with half a pint of cream, one cooked onion, well chopped, and a piece of butter rolled and worked in flour. Stir the whole over the fire till it boils. Then move the pan to one side, and mix in the beaten yolks of two eggs and a spoonful of any flavoring preferred. Stir over the fire until it thickens, but do not let it boil again. Serve in a sauce dish with the game.

Restore creased ribbons by laying them evenly on a board or table, and dampen them with a clean sponge and a little clear water. Then roll them tightly and smoothly around a good-sized bottle.

Tart apples and crisp celery cut up in equal quantities and mixed with hickory-nut meats make an excellent salad. Serve on lettuce hearts with a mayonnaise dressing.

For fig jelly filling take a pound of figs, chopped fine, a cupful of sugar, and half a cupful of boiling water. Boil to a jelly, stirring constantly.

For caramel filling for cakes, boil a cupful of brown sugar in a half cupful of boiling water until it threads. Beat the white of an egg until stiff, and add to it three table-spoonfuls of cocoa and half a teaspoonful of flavoring. Pour the boiling syrup over the egg and cocoa, and stir in a bowl until it hardens.

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GOSSIP.

POSTPONED SHORTHORN SALE.

Owing to the severe snowstorm, on Jan. 21st, blocking the railways, the dispersion sale of the herd of Shorthorns belonging to Mr. C. N. Blanshard, Appleby, Ont., advertised to take place on that day, was postponed, and, as announced in the advertisement in this issue, will be held on Thursday, February 11th. The herd has been long established, has had the benefit of a long list of Scotch-bred sires, and should be well up to the standard of approved type. The farm is near Burlington, on G. T. R., near Hamilton. C. P. R. runs to Hamilton and Radial line from there to Burlington.

HANMER'S SALE OF SHROPSHIRE.

Mr. J. G. Hanmer, Brantford, Ont., advertises his second annual unreserved sale of high-class Shropshire sheep and Jersey cattle to take place at Hill Home Stock Farm, about three miles from the city, on Wednesday, Feb. 17th, next. Mr. Hanmer informs us that there will be no reserve. Intending purchasers will, therefore, have a rare opportunity to procure first-class stuff at their own prices. The offering consists of 200 sheep and 9 cattle. The sheep to be sold comprise 75 ewes in lamb to that excellent imported ram, Harding's 282, 191934, a lifelike engraving of which appears in the "Farmer's Advocate." This ram was a winner at the Dominion Exhibition, Toronto, 1903; also at the International, Chicago. Viewed from a mutton standpoint, which is the principal one, this ram is an excellent specimen, and should leave stock of high-class quality. Fifty of the above mentioned ewes are yearlings, mostly from imported stock; the remaining 25 are imported, ranging from two to five years old (just in their prime). They are a strong, well-covered, typical lot that will average about 170 lbs. each, just in breeding condition. The 75 ewe lambs, taken all together, are a superior lot, some of them being imported. The



Harding's 282, 191934.

Imported Shropshire ram used in flock of J. G. Hanmer, Brantford, Ont.

home-bred ones are mostly sired by Canada King 161726, an imported Royal winner, and Lord Roberts 147559, the sweepstakes ram at Toronto, 1902. Mr. Hanmer's show lambs and winners of 1903 are included in this sale, as is also the 15 that (we are informed) Mr. G. Howard Davidson, of Millbrook, N. Y., refused to compete against, when Mr. Hanmer offered to accept his challenge at the late Chicago Live-stock Show for \$500.00 a side. Mr. Davidson's reply was, "I cannot compete; I withdraw my challenge." When we consider that Mr. Davidson's was one of the best flocks in the United States, this in itself ought to be a sufficient guarantee as to the quality of these lambs. The 50 rams that are being offered are mostly lambs and yearlings, just as well bred as any of the above mentioned. There are many among them good enough to be placed in the best of flocks; in short, they are a good, useful, well-covered lot, neither culls nor over-fitted stuff being included in this sale. It is probably the first time that the sheepmen of America have had such a good chance to get selections from such a large number of good Shropshires at their own prices; no doubt many of America's future winners are among this lot.

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