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of cooking clubs for women, and was sure they would be a source of great profit and pleasure combined. Farmers feel now more than ever the need of scientific and practical knowledge, and should that knowledge be denied the farmer's wife in her special line? The Bible says that it is not good to be unequally yoked together. At this institution we had already many of the requisites for such a school, and she had no doubt but that it would be greatly appreciated. Good housekeepers are rare. An eminent woman authority in Chicago states that only one woman in a thousand is qualified for successful housekeeping.

In the country where fresh air is abundant how often are the rooms kept darkened and closed until the air feels thick and musty with its myriad microbe inhabitants. Country life could be made just as charming as city life, and more so if people would only make better use of their opportunities. In how many parlors was the furniture arranged more as if it was intended to be looked at than used.

There is no reason why country women should not dress as tastefully as their city sisters if they would only study harmony of colors and avoid striking contrasts. She had interviewed Mr. Ross on the question of introducing Domestic Science into the schools, and he had given her plan serious consideration, which had raised him greatly in the favor of the ladies. She brought out many valuable points with a skill which carried conviction, and brightened her address by

many flashes of wit and humour which were thoroughly appreciated and applauded by the audience.

BEAUTIFYING THE HOME.

This topic was taken up in a practical manner by Mr. Thos. Greiner, of La Salle, N. Y. He said that the desolate homes of the land were to be found, belonging to both rich and poor, and after speaking on this for several minutes gave us the methods to make the home beautiful throughout. First, the inside of the home must be filled with sunshine: not only light from the sun but the sunshine of good deeds and kindly feelings. We must have plenty of light to enliven the long winter evenings and make the home so cheerful that the boys will stay on the farm. When our fathers used the meagre light of the tallow candle, the boys had to receive their cheer elsewhere, thus giving them a distaste for home. In this particular matter no pains are too great, because if we lose the young people off the farms, we lower the standard of our industry. It is better to open the window and let in the light, even if it does fade the parlor carpet, than to have the pale cheek and unhealthy form which arise from life in the musty and damp rooms that are almost always kept darkened. It is better that the carpet fade than the cheek.

Outside, have plenty of shade trees and put them close to the house so that it may be cool in the hot weather. But not so close that they exclude the light. Chestnuts and apples make very good shade trees as they supply the two essentials. Then shape the lawn, sowing it with some suitable grass, and don't neglect it, for with a little care this may be made the most beautiful part of the place.

Mr. Greiner is apparently fond of good living, as he advises plenty of fresh eggs, Jersey cream and butter, and plenty of vegetables and fruits. These, of course, necessitate well kept poultry houses and stables, with a good garden, and orchard.

The garden is one of the most important factors in farm life. It lends variety to our food; and the fruits and vegetables also help to keep our bodies in a proper state of health. There are many beautiful homes, well laid out, with plenty of flowers, but they have no currants, gooseberries, strawberries, no melon patch, or any of those luxuries which so charm and invigorate us. The garden is an ornament and thing of beauty, and this together with the money that it will bring in makes it well worthy of considerable attention.

OUR PROVINCE.

This very interesting topic was discussed by Hon. John Dryden in a masterful and interesting manner. There is no more important theme for us than our Province, and his wish was that he might convey this idea to us. The name of Ontario has an inspiring sound to him, as he was born in the county of that name, and had followed with interest the affairs of the Province so long.

Our Province is very large. We have no idea of its size till we compare it with other countries. It is larger by many thousand square miles than Great Britain and Ireland, and also larger than the New England States. Much of it at first sight appears as useless wilderness land, but, upon examination we find that it abounds in mineral deposits, large forests, great beauty, and has unequalled advantages as an agricultural country. Many go to foreign lands to