

COTTAGE CRAFT

On the St. John Road, half a mile from St. Andrews, lies Beech Hill, the cradle of Cottage Craft. There four years ago a modest beginning in the home industries was made by Miss Helen Mowat.

Firmly implanted in her mind was the idea that there must be a certain amount of natural artistic talent in the country where the surroundings were so beautiful. From her childhood she had admired the texture of the hooked rugs done by the farmers' wives, and she thought how much the rug industry could be developed if only more artistic designs were chosen. With this idea in view she went around the countryside teaching the people new patterns and the artistic combination of colors. Then she bought the finished product which she placed with the Handicraft people in Montreal. The work found such a ready sale that she increased her business. In a room in her own home she opened the Cottage Craft Shop, where she sold rugs and homespuns.

From their attics and store rooms the people got down their grandmothers' looms and began to weave, first, homespuns and then rugs.

Miss Mowat now began to enlarge her original plan. She thought if people would use native art on native materials that it would open up a new field in handicraft. She told the women to embroider pictures of their every day life.

Nature is the teacher. She shows grace of design and harmony of coloring. There are no stamped patterns for the work. The farmer's wife looks at the thing she is most familiar with and reproduces it on her rag mat or homespun bag. "The exalted idea of city life," says Miss Mowat, "accounts for the bad taste attributed to the country." When the country woman follows her own natural instincts she creates a work that the city woman appreciates and takes back to her home in the ugly, sordid city as a reminder of the fresh, clean country.

From a small start Miss Mowat now has more than seventy workers. She has branches, each under the supervision of a competent woman, all over the county. Lately she has established a branch in Calais as a centre for Washington County, Me. In the autumn she hopes to increase her radius of activities still farther.

The other day I visited the Cottage Craft Shop at Beech Hill and examined the work for the year.

The first thing I noticed was the pile of rugs, both hooked and woven. There were many designs, roosters, bunches of flowers, ducks, fruit, winter scenes. The two that I admired most were a yachting scene, and a typical farm scene—a little house and a big barn.

The bags, the idea for which originated with Miss Edith Townsend, are rain-bow-hued, some are woven with bright wools; others have crocheted flowers and berries applied; while most fascinating are the ones with the embroidered pictures, one with a flock of chickens, another with a country village, a third an old fisherman rowing out to his weir. The most attractive was a farmhouse interior where an old couple sat winding wool, on the floor was a braided rug, a bird hung in a cage, geraniums were on the window sill, and on the wall was the motto "Bless Our Home."

On one table I saw two bed spreads that were really lovely. One was knit, the other crocheted. Beside them were the toys. Of these I shall mention only the block villages. In each box are ten pieces, houses, barns, a church and a school house. These were made by the country children during the long winter evenings on the farm. There was also a quaint pin cushion, a potato basket of grey country wool with a bunch of woolen flowers on the side. The corsage bouquets of colored wool were also very pretty.

On account of the display of originality and character the work of Miss Helen Mowat stands out among the rest. The worker is a true artist. Space will not permit me to describe all her work, I shall take only two things—a set of luncheon serviettes and a tea cloth. Each serviette is embroidered with a different country scene. In one a farmer drives his sheep down the lane. Another shows a sunset. A third is a farm in winter. No two are alike but they all depict scenes familiar to every native of Charlotte County. The tea cloth is so unique that it is almost beyond description. It is the Charlotte County Fair. Two sides represent the road leading to the Fair, the other side the Fair grounds. We see the balky cow, the prize pigs, the crated fowl. As we turn the cloth we find the ice cream stall, the soft drinks stand, where two people are sucking pink lemonade through a straw. As we pass the man selling balloons to the children, we come to the fancy work and preserves, while near by are the prize vegetables. Among the admiring spectators we can pick out the pastor of one of our rural parishes. "The whole cloth is a miracle of design."

Of the financial side of Cottage Craft I have said nothing, but it is not because it is small. It is only that the onlooker loses sight of it in admiration of the work accomplished.

The value of Miss Mowat's efforts for the countryside cannot be estimated. She has opened a new life to the country women. She is training them to use their own ideas and to develop originality. She has put Charlotte County under a heavy debt of gratitude.—F. W.

"Father. "Yes my son." "May I—er—call on you for \$50?" "Yes. You may call on me for \$100 if you wish." "Thank you sir." "But you won't get it."—*Birmingham Age-Herald.*

First Woman (angrily)—"Your Johnny gave my Willie the measles." Second Woman—"No such thing! Your Willie came over where my Johnny was and took 'em."—*Boston Transcript.*

"DON'TS" FOR REFRIGERATOR USERS

Don't save ice and let food spoil. Don't keep the refrigerator in a warm sunny back porch. Don't get the ice box filled only twice a week. A little ice every day will be the most economical in the end, if the ice box is quite filled each time. Don't leave the food-chamber doors open unless by some mischance the ice has all melted, then open the doors wide and keep them open until the new supply of ice has begun to melt rapidly. Don't put warm food in the refrigerator. Don't put food in the ice box, it will be cooler in the food chamber if the refrigerator is properly managed. Don't put foods with a strong flavor on the top shelves, and if possible don't put them in the refrigerator at all. Don't use shallow dishes for soft or sloppy food. Square-cornered dishes are the most economical of space. Don't allow unwashed ice to be put in the ice-box it will clog the pipe. Always wash the interior once a week with a strong solution of soda. Every day be sure that the pipe is not clogged and that the water flows off freely. Don't forget to empty the water pan.

To prevent frying fat from getting onto the stove, place a colander over the frying pan; the holes will allow the smoke to escape, but the fat will be caught by the sides of the colander.

To cream butter quickly for cake-making, press it through the potato ricer. A great deal of time and labor will be saved by this simple means.

To blacken a stove which has become brown from over-heating, rub the inside of potato peelings on the brown parts of the stove before applying the black lead.

To clean vegetable greens, put a tablespoonful of salt in the water; it will cause small insects to float to the surface of the water.

To remove heat marks and grease from a dining-room table, sprinkle powdered pumice lightly all over the polished surface and rub thoroughly with a rag moistened with linseed oil. The spots will all disappear.

To prevent cooked icing from sugaring, add a pinch of salt to the sugar before the ingredients are mixed together; there will be no granular texture when the icing is cold.

To sweeten rhubarb without using an extravagant amount of sugar, cut the rhubarb into small pieces and allow them to remain in a bowl of water in which a teaspoon of baking soda has been dissolved, for several hours. Pour off the water and cook the rhubarb as usual. Not only will the rhubarb require less sugar, the flavor will be better.

COST OF PRESERVING GREATLY EXAGGERATED

Women now Determined to Save the Fruit Crop.

Present Price of Sugar Adds Only 1 1/2 cents to the Cost of Putting Up a Quart Jar of Preserves.

Last summer, many women did not put up their regular supply of homemade preserves; and bitterly they regretted it. They became scared at what they called the high price of sugar. When sugar reached 7 1/2 cents a pound, they let the strawberries and cherries go by. When sugar sold at 8 cents and 8 1/2 cents, they permitted the luscious peaches, pears, plums and apples to rot on the ground.

But never again. This summer will see a genuine, old time revival in home-made Preserving; because the women of Canada now realize what a foolish extravagance it was to do without Preserves; especially when the increased cost of putting them up is infinitesimal.

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Turning back the files of papers publishing market prices, we find that in 1913, 1914 and 1915, up to the outbreak of war, the average price of granulated sugar was 5 1/2 cents a pound. To-day, the best granulated sugar retails at 8 1/2 cents. This is an average of 3 cents a pound for the whole of the country.

A quart jar of preserved berries or fruit requires but half a pound of sugar; so that the increased cost of preserving, due to the increased cost of sugar, is only 1 1/2 cents a quart, compared with the cost of preserving before the war when sugar was unusually cheap.

Now is the time for the women of Canada to come gallantly to the aid of the country and help to conserve our food supplies. The fruit crop this year, promises to be a record one, both in quality and quantity. Foreign markets being closed because of the shortage in transportation, it rests almost entirely with our homemakers as to whether this crop worth millions is to be a source of profit or a complete loss.

With the home pantries filled with delicious jams, Preserves and Jellies; with these delicacies served for dessert instead of Pies and Cakes; enormous quantities of wheat will be released for the troops in

MAGNA EST VERITAS

HERE, in this little Bay, Full of tumultuous life and great repose. Where, twice a day, The purposeless, glad ocean comes and goes, Under high cliffs, and far from the huge town, I sit me down.

For want of me the world's course will not fail; When all its work is done, the lie shall rot; The truth is great, and shall prevail, When none cares whether it prevail or not.

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LOST—In the automobile accident last week a silk bag containing a sum of money. The finder will kindly return to the BEACON office, and receive a reward. J. W. A. HOLT.

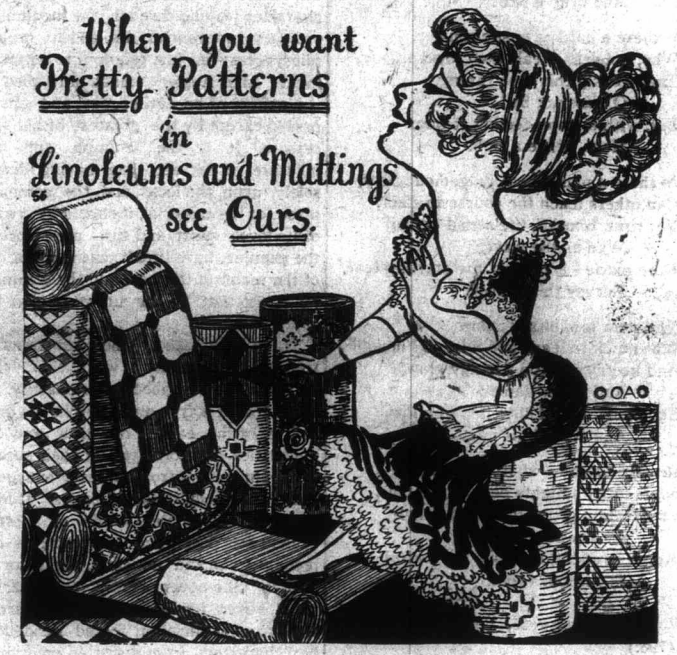
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