

You say that my love is plain,
But that I can never allow,
When I look at the thought for others
That is written on her brow.

The eyes are not fine, I own,
She has not a well-cut nose,
But a smile for others' pleasure
And a sigh for others' woes.

Quick to perceive a want,
Quicker to set it right,
Quickest in overlooking
Injury, wrong, or slight.

Hark to her words to the sick,
Look at her patient ways;
Every word she utters
Speaks to the speaker's praise.

Purity, truth, and love,
Are they such common things?
If hers were a common nature
Women would all have wings.

Talent she may not have,
Beauty, nor wit, nor grace,
But until she's among the angels
She cannot be commonplace.

There is something to remember :
cultivate sympathy, gentleness, for-
giveness, purity, truth, love; and
then, though you may have no other
gifts, "until you're among the angels
you cannot be commonplace."

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GROWTH OF TIMBER TREES.

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IT has been a great mistake that so many of our steep hillsides have been cleared of wood and made into farm lands. These steep fields, so subject to wash, are becoming more unproductive and unprofitable every year, so that not many years hence they will be abandoned for agricultural purposes, and then they will be an eyesore and a detriment to the farm. In fact many of our creek hills are already in that condition. Where formerly giant trees grew, there is in many places barely soil enough left to grow shrubbery. After cutting out the ripe wood, had the young trees and the sprouts been taken care of, and where necessary the vacant places filled out by judicious planting, these hillsides would to-day be the most valuable part of the farm. After all the valuable articles that are yearly given to the public on the uses of trees as shelter, influence on climate, rainfall, etc., there is very little progress made in forest planting. The reason of this can perhaps best be at-

tributed—1st. To the idea that most persons have, that it takes one hundred or more years to grow a forest tree to profit. 2nd. People have so little idea of what varieties should be planted to attain success. 3rd. Too little knowledge of how to plant and care for trees. I here give the growth of trees of my own planting—it may help to dispel the idea that it takes 100 years to grow trees before they become profitable :

White pine,	40 years old,	72 ins. circum-
Hemlock,	" "	48 " "
Locust,	" "	50 " "
Larch,	" "	54 " "
Walnut,	35 " "	54 " "
Sugar maple,	" "	42 " "
Silver maple,	30 " "	68 " "
Tulip poplar,	" "	50 " "
Paulonia,	25 " "	72 " "
Catalpa,	" "	45 " "

This would show that an acre of such hillside land as I have described, planted thirty-five years ago to any of the varieties named, would to-day, instead of being an eyesore, be worth more than any other acre of the farm.