

CANADIAN HABITANT

She asks for the cast-off and useless clothes, tears them into rags, dips them in home-made dyes, and weaves the strips together, by means of a strong twine, into a firm and useful carpet, called "*catalan*." Her instincts, if immature, are artistic. There is no attempt at tawdry ornament nor gaudy cheapness, no terrible anti-macassar. The walls of the kitchen (which is also the living-room) are of pitch-pine, and the ceiling is made picturesque by rafters. Generally a little staircase, painted deep-red, leads from one corner of the kitchen to the rooms above. The fireplace is open, and much what one sees in Norman cottages. The chairs, severe