

" At mete wel i-taught was sche withalle;
 " Sche let no morsel from hire lippes falle . . .
 " And sikurly sche was of gret disport,
 " And ful plesant, and amyable of port,
 " And peyned hire to counterfete cheere
 " Of court, and ben estatlich of manere,
 " And to ben holden digne of reverence.
 " But for to speken of hire conscience,
 " Sche was so charitable and so pitous,
 " Sche wolde weepe if that sche sawe a mous
 " Caught in a trappe, if it were deed or bledde.
 " Of smale houndes hadde sche that sche fedde
 " With rostud fleissh, and mylk and wastel breed,
 " But sore wepte sche if oon of hem were deed,
 " Or if men smot it with a yerde smerte:
 " And al was conscience and tendre herte.
 " Ful semely hire wymples i-pynched was;
 " Hire nose streight; here eyen grey as glas;
 " Hire mouth ful smal, and thereto softe and reed;
 " But sikurly sche hadde a faire forheed.
 " It was almost a spanne brood, I trowe:
 " For hardily she was not undergrowe.