

Read what the wisest, perhaps because
most married, of men says :

She seeketh wool and flax,
And worketh willingly with her hands.
She is like the merchant ships ;
She bringeth her food from afar.
She considereth a field, and buyeth it.
With the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
She girdeth her loins with strength,
And maketh strong her arms.
She perceiveth that her merchandise is good.
Her lamp goeth not out by night.
She layeth her hands to the distaff
And her hands hold the spindle.

She is not afraid of the snow for her household :
For all her household are clothed with scarlet.
She maketh for herself coverlets,
She maketh linen garments and selleth them,
And delivereth girdles unto the merchants.

No wonder "her children rise up and call
her blessed" and it is somewhat conde-
scending of her husband when he "praiseth
her." All we learn of him is that he "is
known in the gates when he sitteth among
the elders of the land." With a wife like
her, this was all he had to do.

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