

PREFACE

Striving to better, oft we mar what's well.

—King Lear.

IN presenting the second and enlarged edition of the King's Daughters Cook Book to the ladies of Victoria, I wish to express the keenest satisfaction with the splendid reception accorded the initial edition. Believing that a need in this direction existed and has been partially supplied by the previous effort, it is not difficult to be persuaded that a more comprehensive compilation is now warranted, if not actually demanded. No apology is therefore necessary to the introduction of a second edition of carefully selected and tried recipes, and to a hope that it may merit a place in every household. There has not been any attempt at display or effect, the compiler being content to rest her claim for success upon the excellence of the several recipes herein, representing as they do, the ripe experience of the best chefs in home and hostelry. A hope is expressed that the publication of this volume may stimulate that just pride for cooking without which the work is drudgery, and great excellence impossible.

Our indebtedness to all who have so kindly contributed to this volume is hereby acknowledged. We would be glad to express our thanks to each individually. This, however, is accomplished in part by the publication of the donor's name with each recipe.

To our advertising patrons we are indebted for the material aid thus furnished, and we bespeak for them a liberal recognition by the public who desire to be well served with good goods in satisfying measure.

Victoria, March, 1911.