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A PRACTICAL HOUSEWIFE

'Civilized man cannot live without cooks'

Lucille—Owen Merapith

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INTRODUCTION.

'With her own hands she dress'd the savoury meat, With her own fingers wrote the choice receipt.'

CRABBE.

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THERE are many young housewives, welleducated as well as practical, who like to
prepare with their own hands the dainty
trifles which give variety to the ordinary
bill of fare. They delight in placing before
those whose comfort is committed to their
trust some pleasant surprise as a proof of
their culinary skill. A new dish successfully
achieved is to them a source of honourable
pride, and a receipt found in some century-old

^{&#}x27;She has no desire to be praised but for her cookery; nor wishes any ill to the rest of mankind, but that whenever they aspire to feast, their custards may be wheyish, and their pie-crusts tough.'—'RAMBLER.'

INTRODUCTION.

'Look to the baked meats, good Angelica; Spare not for cost.'

'ROMEO AND JULIET.'

note-book, tried and pronounced to be 'very good,' is a welcome discovery.

To these young housewives I dedicate my book. It may cost them an effort sometimes to put down Shakespeare, Tennyson, or Browning, and to leave the library for the kitchen. Perhaps, if quite candid, they will own that the receipt-book open beside them does not keep their thoughts from turning a little longingly to the favourite author left unread. But good housewifery will find that even so prosaic a thing as cookery has its aesthetic side. It is the prerogative of the poets to be everywhere at home, and our young matron with her cooking apron on will hear their friendly voices cheering her

'Go, sirrah, take them to the buttery,
And give them friendly welcome every one:
Let them want nothing that my house affords.'
'TAMING OF THE SHREW.'

INTRODUCTION.

Labour is light where love (quoth I) doth pay;
(Saith he) light burden's heavy if far borne.

DRAYTON.

throughout her domestic duties as clearly as though when, with the 'Æneid' or 'Odyssey' in her hand, she wandered through the fields of classic literature. The truth is, there is nothing in either rank or culture which is incompatible with the homeliest details of Our own Princess Royal, for domestic life. instance, one of the most accomplished women in Europe, is well-known to be equally at home in the kitchen and at Court. It is a fact that during the residence of Princess Louise in Canada, a guest at Government House, remarking on the excellence of some patties, was told by the lady who sat beside him that they might 'well be good, for the Princess herself had made them.'

^{&#}x27;The best mutton-broth, the best veal-cullets, the best necks of mutton and French beans, the best fried fish and plumpest partridges, in all Brighton were to be had at Miss Honeyman's.'—THACKERAY.