

Victoria's Home Life.

Queen Victoria's home life has ever been a subject of widespread interest and sympathy. It is as the ruler of the greatest empire in history, but it is as the woman who from the fiercest light has beaten for over sixty years without revealing aught of shame, that Victoria, Queen of England and Empress of India, is regarded with affection and veneration.

Perhaps the most remarkable feature in the Queen's career has been the skill with which she has contrived to maintain the charm and simplicity notwithstanding the pomp and ceremony which necessarily belong to a court.

In treating of this subject in the Harmsworth Magazine, Mr. W. J. Wintie says that strict economy was the rule in the early home of the present sovereign of Great Britain and India. The daughter of the Duke of Kent, a Prince of very limited income, a young Princess Victoria, saw little of the luxuries which are commonly supposed to abound in royal circles. Her early training has never been forgotten.

Amid the costly magnificence which characterizes the state apartments, Queen Victoria's private rooms are always notable for their comfort and homeliness. It has long been known that in matters of dress Queen Victoria is far more practical than many of her middle class subjects. Apropos of this the following story is related by Mr. Wintie.

Some time ago a newly appointed equestrian was going to court in a shabby black dress and mushroom hat looking at the horses. Possessing more zeal than discretion, he at once called out, "My good woman you must go away at once. Strangers are not allowed here when the Queen is in the room."

As she did not seem inclined to leave he went on to threaten to have her escorted to the gates. Judge of his feelings when the shabby dressed old lady turned round, and the Queen stood revealed!

The Queen attributes her long life and excellent health very largely to her practice of spending as much time as possible in the open air every day. Every morning Her Majesty goes out in her little pony chair, often visiting the farm and stables in the course of her drive. Sometimes her chair is drawn by a horse, and sometimes by a purchased in the South of France by his royal mistress to save him from ill treatment.

This donkey rejoices in the name of Jack, and on holiday occasions wears a curious harness adorned with bells and with two oxen's brushes hanging over the blinkers.

The greater part of the forenoon of each weekday is devoted to business, for no woman in the land gets so much more actual work in the course of each week than the Queen. Her despatch boxes are arranged on a table set in Windsor Park, near the regent's house, whenever the weather permits. In summer she will by this time have breakfasted out of doors.

The Left Hand of Samuel Dodson

"A respectable elderly woman did you say, Marshall?" said Mr. Greatheart in his room at the office. "Certainly bring her in. Very likely I would wish to get her son admitted to the Bluecoat school, or some poor householder in trouble about his son."

"You don't trouble me. If I can be of any use, nothing will please me so much as to see you in my study. I will be glad to see you at any time. Now, sit down and tell me all about it. That was why the respectable poor love him."

"It is my husband or your son you are anxious about?" for she was much agitated. "I notice that a woman who is so kind to me, and who is so good to me, is not the woman."

"No, it's neither for I am an unmarried woman. It's about my master, Mr. Dodson. You mean; I should think so. Have known him for fifty years—since we served our country together in Palmer's cotton office."

"He's dead—this morning. You'll excuse me, I was his housekeeper for thirty years, and—I'm a little upset."

"Good gracious! No wonder. Maria Wilkins, did you say, was his wife? Tell me how this happened, for we've heard nothing in the city. He didn't die, did he?"

"No, sir, he was never ill at all—not what you would say proper; but I've seen him faint for some time getting thin and growing down—and last night he was that white and shaky that I wanted him to see a doctor. But no, he wouldn't. If it had been me or the girl, he would have had a doctor when there was nothing wrong with us, but he wouldn't. He had been another people but for himself."

"Mr. Greatheart nodded—indicating that Mr. Dodson's unselfish character was well known to him. "No, no, Maria, says he, 'a doctor can do no good to me. I'm a tough old fellow—speaking the truth, I've been long with you, but I'll be all right to-morrow.' But I made bold to put a glass of brandy in his hand, and he drank it, and he was all right to-morrow."

"His hearer was of opinion that from what he knew of Mr. Dodson's obstinacy, Maria Wilkins had done all in the power of a woman to get her husband more than could have been accomplished by any man."

"This doddering old fellow, I rose and listened to his face, when he said to say—and I heard nothing; but with two oxen's brushes hanging over the blinkers. I took it on me to open the door. Mr. Dodson was a-sittin' up in his bed at the sight of his face I knew how it would be. He was all right to-morrow. My old master . . . was gone."

"Dear, dear! So, Sam Dodson is gone, an able and successful merchant, one who always met his obligations, and whose word was as good as his bond. He had a warm heart, and any person knew. I've seen a look in his face at a time, and am sure that he was in his own way. 'God bless our lord Jesus!' but it's what I could have looked for from what I may say it without offense. 'God bless our lord Jesus!' but it's what I could have looked for from what I may say it without offense. 'God bless our lord Jesus!' but it's what I could have looked for from what I may say it without offense."

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Agricultural

Every class of domestic animals has been subjected to scientific study in order to find or establish a balanced ration that will furnish the necessary food elements in the proper combinations, and at a reasonable price. In this particular work the Agricultural Experiment Stations have conducted many important experiments but very few of them have been in the poultry line, and a person seeking information on this question must therefore accept the results of individual experiments or abide by the theories promulgated by individuals.

These may be and doubtless are in most cases as reliable as the theories of the educational institutions, but the latter are qualified to make the correct tests, analyses, etc., renders it hard to obtain the results of any carefully conducted experiments.

Of course the same general rules should be used in the preparation of foods for poultry as for other animals, giving due consideration to the differences in the powers of digestion and assimilation, as well as in the chemical composition of the product, and likewise of the periments to apply only to poultry.

The general principles of feeding have been followed by Professor Cushman as follows: Certain food elements are required to sustain life and renew the various parts. If more food is given than is required for this it is stored up in the body.

The popular idea that a farmer works harder than men in other industrial callings is not true as applied to the work of the year. The farmer's work is not done in the winter months, but in the summer months, when the weather is hot and the work is hard.

Among the other strange things in the island of Ceylon is the "Eve's apple tree," the forbidden fruit, the flowers of which have a fine scent. The color of the fruit, which hangs from the branches in a very peculiar and striking manner, is very beautiful, being crimson within. The fruit itself presents the appearance of having been cut in two, and the red color of the fruit is very bright.

Both in the northern and western islands of Scotland the natives have some peculiar customs unfamiliar to the dwellers of the main land. One of these, known as the "Kiln-burn," is practiced in the island of St. Kilda, where the population barely exceeds a hundred. The desire among the islanders to increase their numbers does not seem to be exceptionally strong, and every man before he is deemed an adult is put to a severe test.

PRACTICE. The burglar, said the citizen, lighted parlor matches all about the house, but evidently he knew how to strike them without making a noise, for we all slept soundly, and none of us awoke. All said the detective. Evidently a married man.

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