

AN ISLAND OF WOMEN.

Brittany's Women Do Farm Work While Husbands Sail Away.

A visitor to Quessant, off the Brittany coast, will see few, if any, Quessantals. All that he will see are Quessantaises—women of Quessant, harvesting. The men are at sea. The women do all the work of the land, and one may see them in their quaint shortblack petticoats, their tight bodices, their black kerchiefs on their heads, binding and bending in strenuous labor over the flail. The men of Quessant do no farm work. They belong to the sea, and the sea is a jealous mistress. At 15 the lads go off as sailors. Then they serve in the navy. When the navy sets them free they usually re-enlist so as to earn a pension when they are too old to work. Others are in the merchant service, and all, navy men or merchant men, are married. A very few are fishermen, but they are at sea nearly always, and you will rarely meet them about in the island. When the sea is too rough they sit and watch her. They do not know or care about the land. The land is woman's business.

One sees this idea in the women's costume and in their hair which they wear short, as the men of peasants of old time used to wear it. They are straght, well-built, handsome women, dark, with big brown or big slate colored eyes. They are entirely unlike the Breton women of the mainland, and look more like Italians. They are calm and dignified and kindly to the stranger, and they are afraid of nothing except the photographers. They do not like photographers, for they fear that their pictures may go abroad on post cards, and that they would not like.

When news comes of a loss at sea—and such news often comes—the widow and friends of the dead man hold a wake. In the living room of the little cottage, a little waxen cross, called the "procella," is put on a clean napkin in the centre of a table and round it are placed a few, lighted candles. The dead man's relatives and friends are there, and

a nun reads a chapter from the lives of the saints and mumbles prayers for the dead. The door and windows of the cottage are left open, so that the spirits which are abroad at night (the Quessantals believe in wandering spirits) may stop and listen to the prayer. Those present bring and eat a little of the national pastry called le gar. The few men tell of the dangers from which they have escaped at sea. The women have met at sea, and of their dreams of home, and so the night passes. In the morning the priest comes with his incense swingers for the procella, and gives absolution at the house door. The little church's bell sounds the glas, or funeral knell. The widow, followed by the priest and her friends, carries the procella down to the church. There, there are prayers and everybody kisses the small waxen cross and on the following "day of the dead," which is the day after Ash Wednesday, the procella is carried to the cemetery, where it is placed with many others in a special place. All round the resting place of the procella are tombstones. And the names on the tombstones are names of women only. For the Quessant men have died at sea.—London Evening Standard.

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The Path of Progress.

There is no good reason, if human life cannot get up on a level of the beatitudes, that it should not try to get as near as it can. There is no reason why, if business cannot be done on the square and the golden rule govern it completely, that it should not get as close under these influences as possible. There is no good reason, politics cannot be absolutely pure and unselfish and upright that it should not hope to reach as close as may be to those wholesome conditions. It often happens when one contends for higher ideas in the rule of social and political life that he is told it is no use trying to establish a millennium this year, this, that the world is not ready for it, and such bosh, as it is liable to stagger weak hearers and make them let of high aims. Nobody is expecting a millennium now. No one is counting on a sinless world during the present century. But the fighting for one that is to come a few thousand years from now is making this age better, and is making manlier and truer the life of the man who is engaged in the conflict. Indifference to this fact is next door to a crime. These men, who go along catering to downward tendencies and comparing manly effort with selfish purpose, pile up evil by creating despair. Men should see a higher purpose in their lives than such experience implies. "To every haven of desire each yearning opens a portal," sang Gerald Massey. It is so. The path of progress leads in that direction, and in no other.—Ohio State Journal.

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