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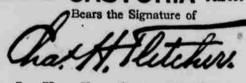
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THE OLD RAG CARPET.

Well, yes-it's a plain rag carpet, the kind called "hit-or-miss" Aunt Nancy Cubberly wove it, she and her girl Meliss. It's wore and faded and frazzled; reckon it's had its day, But makes me feel like cryin' to see it bundled away.

My, but we thought 'twas pretty, the mornin' we tacked it down-The colors clean and cheerful, the chain a yallowish-brown; That was the very first carpet we'd had to kiver the floor Since Jim and I'd been married a couple o' years or more.

Twas 'most like one o' the fambly; I'd saved the rags from the start, And not a scrap of the fillin' I didn't know by heart; Cotton and wool and linen, there wasn't a single thread I couldn't told how it come there-purple or blue or red.

And talk about things a-lastin' and holdin' out to the end! I tell you that old rag carpet has been a faithful friend. Aunt Nancy said when she fetched it: "Cynthy, I've wove it fair, And the stuff is good that's in it; it'll stand a heap o' wear.

'Twas common enough, I reckon-jest plain and every day, And mebby I'm sort o' foolish, talkin' on this-a-way; But still there's a streak o' somethin' wove in with the carpet-chain That's sweet as the smell of roses a-drippin' with summer rain.

There's homey kind of memories: my old wide rockin' chair-How many a time of evenin's, as I'd be rockin' there, I'd think how well the carpet looked, so cheerful-like and neat, And how it stood the stiddy strain of little rompin' feet.

But Time kep' trackin' right along; the years went joggin' fast; The warp and fillin' frazzled thin, and faded out at last. And now the children wonder why I ain't as glad as they To see a thing so out o' date tuck up and hauled away.

They've bought me a brand-new Brussels; it's mighty good and fine; Of course it's more befittin' than that "hit-or-miss" of mine. But still there's a streak of somethin' wove in with the old brown chain That's sweet as the smell of roses a-drippin' with summer rain.

DREAMS.

Life to her was a tangle of dun-colored threads; 'Twas a tissue of dreariest hue,

That was woven by Fate of the roseate dreams She entrusted to Time to make true.

It is long since she came into woman's estate But the work of the shuttle goes on; And there's none of the fabric that comes from the loom With texture of tint she would don.

And her heart is replete with a longing untold; Midst her smiles and her doubts and her tears, She moves passively on in her womanly way In the silence she learned from years.

If she's misunderstood would you deem it her fault? Is it better to shield or to blame?

Who has measured the innermost depths of her heart, Gauged its frailty, its strength, or its aim?

There are deeps in each life which the world cannot sound; Knotted threads which they cannot perceive; Since there's never been raiment so fashioned and formed That a heart could be worn on the sleeve-

Just suppose there should dawn in the midst of her dreams Phantom Hope, ever hard to gainsay; Would you sagely propose that she cast it aside, And ignore it, or send it away?

But, perhaps, after all, it might prove a mirage-What is ever so true as it seems? Would you venture to vary a pattern of life For illusions so fickle as dreams?

FINDS GREAT CONTRAST.

Characteristics of Boys Differ From Those of Girls.

A boy has as much fun in stoning Finally she decided it was up to a cat as a girl has in hunting for her to start something, so the next violets. A boy's curiosity is directime he called she pointed to the ted to the ice box; a girl would like carnation in his buttonhole and to see what is in the top bureau said:

A girl can give the impression when away from home that her pirents are wealthy; a boy cannot Every boy is old enough to be welcome to sit in the neighbor girl's parlor many years before his the room. sister thinks he is old enough to sit

in the parlor at home. A girl is never so young that she will reveal to guests at a party that the spoons are borrowed; a boy child never grows so old that he fails to.

Give a boy a dollar and he will eat it; give his sister one and she

A brother and sister may have

the larger share of pie; when sisters quarrel, one has worn something belonging to the other without asking permission.

Love may be blind, but it's fool sh to attempt to work off a past diamond on a girl under the im pression that you have her hypno tized by your good looks.

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-Daisy Crump Whitehead.

A shy young man had been calling for months on the sweetest girl in the world, but, be-The difference is apparent early: ing bashful, his suit languished.

> "I'll give you a kiss for that car nation.

The young man's color outdid United States the carnation in brilliancy, but the exchange was made. Then he grabbed his hat and started to leave

"Why, where are you going?" she asked, in surprise.

"To the florist's for more carnations," he called from the front

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INCOMPREHENSIBLE.

"Maggie, how was it that I saw a young man talking with you in the kitchen ast night?" asked the

mistress of the cook.

The girl pondered for a few moments and then answered, "Faith, an' I can't make it out mesilf; you must have looked through the key-

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S ASTORIA



I'm mighty glad I was born a real Southerner. Just suppose I had been an Eskimo, or an Indian, or something with rings in my nose and ears!

Yes, sir-I am good and proud of my Southern birth. My mother is from Virginia and my father is from the Carolinas. I was born and raised down here among you all.

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