

### *The Cactus Blooms*

garden. This is goods for a waist for you, Miss Hazy."

"It 's rale pretty," said Miss Hazy, measuring its length. "If you 'd 'a' brought me enough fer a skirt, too, I 'd never 'a' got through prayin' fer you."

Mrs. Wiggs was indignant. "I declare, Miss Hazy! You ain't got a manner in the world, sometimes. It 's beautiful goods, Lovey Mary. I 'm goin' to make it up fer her by a fancy new pattern Asia bought; it 's got sailor collar."

"This here is for Chris," continued Lovey Mary, slightly depressed by Miss Hazy's lack of appreciation, "and this is for Mrs. Schultz. I bought you a book, Mrs. Wiggs. I don't know what it 's about, but it 's an awful pretty cover. I knew you 'd like to have it on the parlor table."

It was the "Iliad"!