

Choice Miscellany.

The Children's Hour.

Between the dark and the daylight, When the night is beginning to lower, Comes a change in the day's occupations, That is known as the Children's Hour.

I hear in the chamber above me The patter of little feet, The sound of a door that is opened, And voices soft and sweet.

From my study I see in the lamplight, Descending the broad hall stair, Gave Alice, and laughing Allegra, And Edith with golden hair.

A whisper, and then a silence: Yet I know by their merry eyes They are plotting and planning together To take me by surprise.

A sudden rush from the stairway, A sudden raid from the hall! By three doors left unguarded They enter my castle wall!

They climb up into my turret O'er the arms and the back of my chair; If I try to escape they surround me, They seem to be everywhere.

They almost devour me with kisses, Their arms about me entwine, Till I think of the bishop of Bangor In his mouse tower on the Rhine!

Do you think, O blue-eyed banditti, Because you have scaled the wall, Such an old mousecatcher as I am, Is not a match for you all!

I have you fast in my fortress, And will not let you depart, But put you down in the dungeon In the round-tower of my heart.

And there will I keep you forever, Yes forever and a day, Till the walls shall crumble to ruin, And moulder in dust away.

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