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From Fireside to Factory (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from From Fireside to Factory Few young men and women of the present generation are familiar with that old-time household implement, a spinning-wheel. Fewer still have ever seen a spinning-wheel in action. For spinning-wheels, for the purpose of manufacture, are as obsolete as stage-coaches for the purpose of travel. Yet there was a time - and not so very long ago - when a spinning-wheel was an essential necessity in every American homestead. There are old men and women living to-day who still remember, from their dim and distant childhood, how their mothers used to sit by the fire and spin, and much romance of the good, old days is associated with the spinning-wheel. It has received much attention in poetry also. Goethe, in his Faust, has drawn an immortal picture of Gretchen at her spinning-wheel. Longfellow, in his charming epic poem, The Courtship of Miles Standish, describes the sweet Puritan maiden, Priscilla, as Seated beside her wheel and the carded wool like a snowdrift piled at her knee, Her white hands feeding the ravenous spindle,...



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