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Evolution of Nancy Cabot quilt patterns

Fannie Smith Tobey

Fannie Smith Tobey was reportedly the byline with a weekly, 3-column, self-contained quilt pattern feature distributed ca. 1929-1934 through Distinctive Newspaper Features, Hamilton, Ohio, owned by her husband, Walter Lawrence Tobey (1870-1938). Hamilton is in southwest Ohio north of Cincinnati.

The annual Syndicate Directory supplement published by Editor & Publisher, August 30, 1930, identified this feature as a "Nursery Quilt Pattern" but examples are not known.

Fannie Douglas Smith and Walter Tobey were married December 19, 1894. She was the society editor for her husband's newspaper, the *Hamilton Republican*, for many years. Mrs. Tobey died in November 1947 in Cincinnati.

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