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RAIN.

Life billows of love and pain,
The grey cold clouds hang low,
The writing-boughs of trees wind-lashed
Toss madly to and fro;
The drip and beat of millen rain
Its rhythmic cadence fall
On mists of gloom and lightning rods,
White load the wild winds call.

The drip and beat of falling rain—
The horse win's moaning call—
They come to me like voices sweet
That pain and unrest thrill.
After the brown folds seem to lie
Beneath the tempest's blast,
With patience mute that knows 'tis this
Will make their blooming sweet.

After the hills against the sky
A misty, dark wall runs;
Their rain fringed crests seem reaching up
To end the hidden sun,
And fashions with my heart
Look up as do the hills
To find their sun beyond the storm
That all the present fills.

What though my fields seem waste and bare—
What though my acres seem dead—
My heart has planted precious seed
In those fields of love and care,
And trusting God, who knoweth all,
I patient bear the wait.
Of present's storm he hath sent
To wake their blooming sweet.

—Boston Transcript.

HOW SHE CAME HOME.

By Kennedy King.

A vivid sketch of a girl who had erred returning to her parents.

It was gloaming when Janet Goudie crept to the white gate leading to her father's farm. On the ridge between her and the west she saw the two long shafts of a tilted roller standing up dark against the twilight sky. She thought of her father. Was it he who had been working with the roller—who had left her there an hour since? She paused with a beating heart.

After a little she opened the gate and slipped quietly through, holding it carefully in her hand as she turned to fasten it. She remembered how it always swung to the post with a clasp, and though she was far from the house, she shrank from making a noise. Then she turned up the hilly road.

When she came out upon the bare uplands, they were dooled with an evening light. It dazzled Janet so that she could scarcely see the house lying straight before her. Her whole body felt hot visible to the farm folk it must be, coming on illuminated in the yellow glow. She covered so closely to the stunted hedge that the struggling brambles tugged at her. A burst of terrible splendor came athwart the world, an awful dying glow. Far and wide flamed the red and silent woods like alms light for the end of time. Janet crept on, feeling mean and little in the great desolation.

At last she stood within the long avenue that was cast toward her by the house. So dark and silent were the buildings that her heart stopped beating with a sudden dread. But presently a familiar sound fell on her ear, and she breathed with relief and joy. It was the low, croaking of the ducks waddling home, late as usual, and clattering away to themselves. When the drake stood up and flapped his wings, the white rind of his breast shone vividly.

The farm road led to the square close at the back of the dwelling house. The front was to the sunset. Janet stole to the corner of the barn and peered down the shadows to the kitchen door. She was shaking with fear. Her father had threatened that if she came back he would bound the dog at her. She hoped it would not bite her. The tall white wooden pump glistened like a ghost in the gloom. She remembered every feature of the place as if it were yesterday she went away. Yet she felt she was looking at it at a distance. The double feeling of familiarity and strangeness made her conscious of her physical abasement. Everything at home was the same. It was she who was different, different.

A still tide of low sound in the empty byre, and the mournful sound in the empty barn, and the low moan of the wind in the chimney, were all as new as the first day. She remembered every detail of the place as if it were yesterday she went away. Yet she felt she was looking at it at a distance. The double feeling of familiarity and strangeness made her conscious of her physical abasement. Everything at home was the same. It was she who was different, different.

"We've made changes here," she said, as if showing alterations to a stranger. She pointed to a bed, the curtain head of which was close to the door on the left. Janet had begun to tremble.

"The mother opened the room door, which fell to the right, and then stopped, speaking over her shoulder.

"There's your father," said Mrs. Goudie.

Janet turned her eyes from the light and they lay her father in his shroud beneath the full glow of the sun.

The clock ticked loudly in the kitchen.

A fringe of sandy whiskers stuck out from the light hair on her forehead to the stunted hedge that the struggling brambles tugged at her. A burst of terrible splendor came athwart the world, an awful dying glow. Far and wide flamed the red and silent woods like alms light for the end of time. Janet crept on, feeling mean and little in the great desolation.

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ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.
DAILY No. 46—Passenger—Leave Boston 6:00 A. M., New York 7:00 A. M., Philadelphia 8:00 A. M., Baltimore 9:00 A. M., Washington 10:00 A. M., Norfolk 11:00 A. M., Rocky Mount 12:00 P. M., Wilson 1:00 P. M., Goldsboro 2:00 P. M., Warsaw 3:00 P. M., Magnolia 4:00 P. M.

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DAILY No. 47—Passenger—Leave Boston 6:00 A. M., New York 7:00 A. M., Philadelphia 8:00 A. M., Baltimore 9:00 A. M., Washington 10:00 A. M., Norfolk 11:00 A. M., Rocky Mount 12:00 P. M., Wilson 1:00 P. M., Goldsboro 2:00 P. M., Warsaw 3:00 P. M., Magnolia 4:00 P. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.
DAILY No. 48—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8:10 A. M., Sanford 9:10 A. M., Jacksonville 10:10 A. M., New York 11:10 A. M., Boston 12:10 P. M., Philadelphia 1:10 P. M., Baltimore 2:10 P. M., Washington 3:10 P. M., Norfolk 4:10 P. M., Rocky Mount 5:10 P. M., Wilson 6:10 P. M., Goldsboro 7:10 P. M., Warsaw 8:10 P. M., Magnolia 9:10 P. M.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company has called a special meeting of the stockholders of the said company to be held at the company's office in the city of Wilmington, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock M., on Friday, the 20th day of April, A. D., 1900.

JAMES F. POST, Secretary.

Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 9.

To Take Effect Tuesday, Aug. 8, 1900, at 9 A. M.

GOING EAST				GOING WEST			
Passenger Trains		Freight Trains		Passenger Trains		Freight Trains	
Arrive	Leave	Arrive	Leave	Arrive	Leave	Arrive	Leave
Wilmington	7:00 A. M.	Wilmington	7:00 A. M.	Wilmington	7:00 A. M.	Wilmington	7:00 A. M.
Goldsboro	8:00 A. M.	Goldsboro	8:00 A. M.	Goldsboro	8:00 A. M.	Goldsboro	8:00 A. M.
Wilson	9:00 A. M.	Wilson	9:00 A. M.	Wilson	9:00 A. M.	Wilson	9:00 A. M.
Rocky Mount	10:00 A. M.	Rocky Mount	10:00 A. M.	Rocky Mount	10:00 A. M.	Rocky Mount	10:00 A. M.
Washington	11:00 A. M.	Washington	11:00 A. M.	Washington	11:00 A. M.	Washington	11:00 A. M.
Norfolk	12:00 P. M.	Norfolk	12:00 P. M.	Norfolk	12:00 P. M.	Norfolk	12:00 P. M.
Baltimore	1:00 P. M.	Baltimore	1:00 P. M.	Baltimore	1:00 P. M.	Baltimore	1:00 P. M.
Philadelphia	2:00 P. M.	Philadelphia	2:00 P. M.	Philadelphia	2:00 P. M.	Philadelphia	2:00 P. M.
New York	3:00 P. M.	New York	3:00 P. M.	New York	3:00 P. M.	New York	3:00 P. M.

Trains connect with W. & W. main line at Wilmington, N. C., and with N. & W. at New York. For Wilmington and intermediate points, see Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Co. Time Table No. 9.

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