

**THE OLD HOME.**  
It sleeps beneath the sunny hill  
As in a tranquil dream:  
The giant elms are spreading still  
Above the meadow stream.  
Wild birds that join in music sweet  
And quiet sheep and cows  
Find grateful shelter from the heat  
Beneath those lofty boughs.  
All day among the scented grass  
The crickets leap and sing,  
And green and golden shadows pass  
Like swallows on the wing.  
How calmly in this sheltered nook  
The summer hours may go,  
Yet bright and joyous as the brook  
That sings with deepening flow!  
O world, with all thy cities' pride,  
Thy plains and valleys green,  
Thou hast not in thy bound'ries wide  
So sweet, so fair a scene.

**A Baffled Inquirer.**  
(Harper's Magazine.)  
There nestles among the hills in that  
delightful uncertain portion of our glorious  
commonwealth known as "down east"  
a small but ambitious little city,  
which we will call, for purposes of convenience  
and dissimulation, Southtown.  
There is no railroad to Southtown,  
and the stage routes are of tedious length.  
Consequently few travellers visit the city,  
save those who have business of some importance.  
One evening however, there climbed out  
of the daily stage at the door of the principle  
hotel a neatly attired person, who carried a  
small hand bag. He entered the office, wrote a  
very commonplace name in the register, and  
desired to be shown to his room.  
Who was he?  
That was what every loafer in the office  
asked, and before the new comer had sat down  
in the quiet of his room above, twenty-five  
persons in the room below knew his name—if it  
were his name.  
What was his business?  
The stranger had not registered that;  
Southtown must wait and see.  
But, strangely, enough he did not seem to  
have any business. He came down to tea, and  
then went back to his room. He walked down to  
the post office the next morning, smoking a very  
fragrant cigar, obtained two or three letters  
and then came back to his room. After dinner  
he sat down in the office for a short time, and  
some of the bold-er spirits engaged him in conversation.  
He seemed social enough, but somehow his  
talk was all general; he would say nothing  
personal.  
Thus matters went on for several days, and  
all the city became curious. Vague rumors were  
afoot that his name, for the best of reasons, was  
an alias, and it began to be considered a  
patriotic duty to catechise him.  
Several essayed to do it, and although the  
stranger answered every direct inquiry with  
courtesy, yet there was such an evident coolness  
on his part when the topics began to concern  
himself that no one dared to ask the question  
nearest the beating heart of the city.  
At length the mayor, a man of great suavity  
and boldness, engaged to brave the Douglass  
in his hall, and ask him a few questions in  
smooth but pointed Anglo-Saxon.  
He had not yet met the mysterious stranger,  
and so he dropped in accidentally, and was  
introduced. He opened fire at once:  
"Ever in Southtown before?"  
"No."  
"Going further, I presume?"  
But whether he presumed correctly or not the  
stranger did not apparently feel bound to say,  
so he was silent.  
"How much longer will we have you with us?"  
queried the mayor, leaving presumption and  
returning to interrogations.  
"About two weeks."  
The crowd leaned forward as one man.  
"Ah, indeed! Are you travelling for pleasure?"  
"No."  
"Pardon me, but may I ask, not from idle  
curiosity, but for certain reasons, what  
business you represent?"  
A visible thrill ran through the small  
assembly. That was a point black shot.  
Would he dodge?  
"You are Mayor, I believe?" said the stranger.  
"Yes."

"Then I don't mind telling you; in fact I suppose  
you ought to know."  
"Yes?"  
"Well, I stole a saw mill" (sensation),  
and got away with it all right; but, like a fool  
I went back after the dam, and they caught me.  
I was tried and found guilty, and the judge gave  
me my choice—six months in jail or three weeks  
in Southtown; and, like a con demned idiot, I  
took Southtown."  
A solemn hush followed this frank disclosure,  
and the stranger, lighting one of his odoriferous  
cigars, strolled away to the Post Office, and was  
soon after seen intently reading an official  
document that he received through the mail.  
As he left town the next morning, it was  
supposed that his sentence had been unexpectedly  
remitted, and that the official document was a  
pardon.

**YE UMBRELLA AND YE MANNE.**  
Ye carefalle manne he taketh ye um-  
brelle ye first daye and it doth not  
rayne. Ye seconde daye he alsoe taketh  
it, and neither doth it rayne. Then he  
becometh wearye of totinge ye umbrelle  
about soe manye dayes for naught, and  
on ye thirde daye he leaveth it at home.  
Then surelye after he getteth down  
town ye rayne descende and he wander-  
eth aboute wette to ye skinne. Ye  
nexte daye he surelye forgetteth notte  
ye umbrelle, but it doth not rayne at  
alle. So he leaveth it in ye corner of  
ye strange office he hath visited, and  
ye nexte manne who cometh, perceiv-  
inge ye umbrelle lonely and forsaken,  
taketh it.

When a young man who has been  
educated to adore the beautiful, to wor-  
ship the good and true, to trace his  
soul with the rainbow hues of the im-  
agination, and wrap his spirit in the  
gossamer drapery of fancy—when a  
young man of this description is mis-  
taken for a tom-cat, while crawling  
surreptitiously over a garden wall, to  
keep a secret tryst with the idol of his  
heart, and an empty soda-water bottle,  
violently launched from a third story  
window, catches him in the diaphragm,  
he does not howl and goon like common  
clay, but lies just where he fell, amid the  
pansies and geraniums, and composes  
his epitaph.

A horse dealer, describing a used-up  
horse, said "he looked as if he had been  
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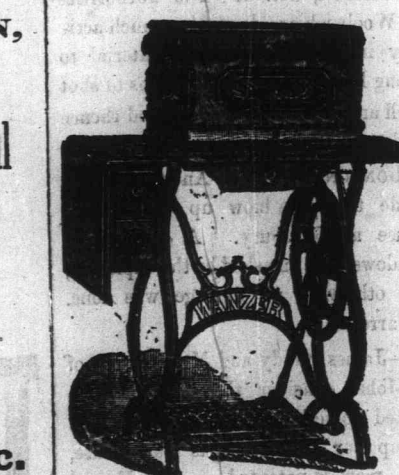
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GOING EAST.	Accm. Daily.	A. M.			Exp. Daily.
		A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	
Annapolis Leave		5.30		1.45	
14 Bridgetown "		6.25		2.23	
28 Middleton "		7.28		3.07	
42 Aylesford "		8.32		3.30	
47 Berwick "		8.55		3.43	
50 Waterville "		9.10		3.50	
59 Kentville dpt	5.40	10.40		4.20	
64 Port Williams "	6.00	11.00		4.33	
66 Wolfville "	6.10	11.10		4.38	
69 Grand Pre "	6.25	11.22		4.54	
72 Avonport "	6.37	11.33		5.03	
77 Hantsport "	6.55	11.53		5.08	
84 Windsor "	7.45	12.45		5.30	
118 Bridgetown "	10.00		3.10		
130 Annapolis arrive	10.25		3.55	7.25	

GOING WEST.	Exp. Daily.	A. M.			Accm. Daily.
		A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	
Halifax Leave		7.20		2.30	
14 Windsor Jun "		8.00		3.30	
46 Windsor "		9.15		4.05	
73 Hantsport "		9.35		4.30	
58 Avonport "		9.48		4.50	
61 Grand Pre "		9.56		5.03	
64 Wolfville "	10.05	12.24		5.48	
66 Port Williams "	10.10	12.38		5.53	
71 Kentville "	10.40	1.25		7.10	
80 Waterville "	10.58	2.02			
83 Berwick "	11.05	2.17			
88 Aylesford "	11.18	2.40			
102 Middleton "	11.48	3.47			
118 Bridgetown "	12.23	4.53			
130 Annapolis arrive	1.00	5.50			

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