THE HOMELAND.

Last night I heard the river moan along the gray coast line,

And a strange, o'erpow'ring feeling came to this heart o' mine;

The Wanderlust was over and I longed to see again The hills and fields of Canada, the wide and grassy plain.

I'd roamed for years, through other lands, from Erin to Japan,

And felt again like coming home, a wiser, sadder man—

The gold of life was in my heart, but O, I longed to see

The little cot down by the hills, where Youth once played with me!

And, in a mist before mine eyes, I saw the old home place,

The Summer wooed the stately hills, God's smile upon his face;