TWO PICTURES.

I.

An old farmhouse with meadows wide
And sweet with clover on each side;
A bright-eyed boy, who looks from out
The door with woodbine wreathed about,
And wishes his one thought all day:
"Oh! if I could but fly away
From this dull spot the world to see,
How happy, happy, happy,
How happy I should be."

II.

Amid the city's constant din,
A man who round the world has been,
Who, 'mid the tumult and the throng,
Is thinking, thinking all day long;
"Oh! could I only tread once more
The field path to the farmhouse door,
The old, green meadow could I see,
How happy, happy, happy,
How happy I should be."

—Universalist Leader.

THE BACHELOR COUSIN.

From New York Times.

Mandy he's coming again this year the same as before. About how many years has cousin Jim been coming here to stay the summer?"

"Twenty, counting the last stop—which was from May until November; really that makes twenty and a half times your cousin Jim has visited us. He began early and stayed late the last time, you know. What has Jim Fosdyke got to say this time, Silas?"

"Same old thing, Mandy; same old thing. Jim never changes his tune; works on my feelinge and tells about how he longs to visit the old nooks and corners of the farm once more. Speaks in a fetching sort of way about the old swimming hole down under the willows; also grips me tighter than a burr about the fishing place below the mill dam, where he once yanked out a four-pound pike with a minnow hook. Jim's got the same old gift of drawing folks to him that he always had. Poor old boy! He has not changed a bit since he went to the city to build up a fortune. He's cut out for a bachelor and will always go it alone to the end. If he was married and was going to bring along a haughty wife and a lot of fresh and saucy children I'd think different about his coming here year after year. The poor lonesome old boy clings to the place if he has got barrels of money; I can't say as he throws his wealth around when he does come——"

"Only pays ordinary price for board, that's all and no more. I will say this about cousin Jim—he never finds any fault with things; he never complains; warm meals or cold, they're all the same to Jim. He really seems to enjoy plain fare the best, and always tells me not to fuss with fancy dishes. He crawls up the narrow stairs to the little chamber without a murmur. Some rich old bachelors who live most of the year in high-toned hotels and fashionable boarding houses would find lots of fault. He don't; he's common like and easy to please: just likes to take off his coat and loaf around; hangs on the fence as though he was watching the grass grow; loves to sit on the stoop in the evening like any poor man listening to the tree toads and frogs. Silas, your cousin Jim has never risen a peg above you if he has got barrels of money. Poor Jim, I saw he was ailing when he was here the last time. Perhaps that was the reason why he came so early and stayed so late."

"I don't like to write and tell him that crops look poor, and that we are a little pinched, and don't really don't care for company this——"

"Don't you do it Silas; don't you do it. Why, that would be cruel and wrong; and it would break the poor old bachelor's heart. You are the only one he has got left of the old stock in these parts; the rest are all gone to the city. Silas, cousin Jim just pines for a sight of your face, and the old place where you and he were boys together. It is like a heaven with him to get back here with you and the dear old familiar things he loves so much. Now you sit right down and tell him we will be tickled to see him again. Tell him the apple trees are bumping up against the window of the little chamber; tell him that the grass is greener than ever, that the snowball bush hangs heavy, and that the roses were never so sweet. You might tell him that my last churning was the best I ever turned out since we got the new cows. Mention a word about my raised biscuits and say a little something about the bees and the nice honey. It will come like a breath from the old sweet home when poor Cousin Jim reads all that. He will hardly be able to wait, poor boy!"

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It was the same old home-coming, only Cousin Jim hunched over a little more in the buggy as Silas drove from the station through the shady lanes of maples leading to the little farmhouse ensconced among the apple trees at the further end.

During the short drive he said but little, and when Silas asked him a question he hesitated, faltered and rubbed his chin before replying. When Old Gray turned down the lane where the robins were singing and the squirrels chippering, a trace of the old light came back to the old bachelor's eyes and the faded, sunken cheeks glowed a little.

"Si," he murmured, laying his thin hand upon the other's knee, "let me drive Old Gray home through the lane."

The lines hung listlessly from his hands as the old mare walked slowly along the familiar place toward the house, where Mandy stood in the door-way with a glad smile of welcome overspreading her kindly face. Then when the horse halted at the block, he said, handing over the lines:

"I think I have been driving right into Heaven, Si."

"Why, Cousin Jim, I am so glad to see you again. It seems so like old times to see you and Silas driving home through the lane." And the good woman came forward, with both hands outstretched. Her eyes grew moist when she saw how feeble the old bachelor cousin was. She and Silas had to almost lift him from the buggy, and her strong arms supported the frail form as he walked with dragging steps up the gravel walk and into the cool, flower-scented parlor. His eyes roved about the quiet place and he sighed:

"Heaven, Heaven at last!"

"You lie right down on the couch, Cousin Jim, and take a nap while I get supper. I'll call you in time to wash and freshen up. I'm going to have some raised biscuits and honey—you always liked that."

The tired man laid his head back and murmured:

"Dear Mandy! I am so glad to get back home again. I will rest for a few moments. I am so tired—and so—so happy to get home—home!" Mandy went out and closed the parlor door. "This must be Heaven—at last. It is so still, so sweet, so nice. To-morrow I will go down to the mill dam; I will go to the old swimming hole under the willows once more, where dear old Si and I used to swim. I will sit an the stoop in the cool of the evening, and—I will be at home once more with the good and true and unselfish ones."

And thus he murmured as he drifted into the land of sweet dreams. At rest, finally, there in the cool, flower-scented parlor of the little farmhouse, afar from the noise and bustle of the city.

The bees buzzed among the lilacs, where the humming birds whirred; apple blossoms bunted against the blinds and the fragrant petals fell upon the sleeper's face—but he did not stir. He was dreaming of the dear old days of boyhood, days filled with joy and delight and sweetness.

Then the good angel of the old man's dreams came in a chariot of silver, and his eyelids were touched with a magic wand. He roved in green pastures, where blue cloud-fleeced skies bent; and he wandered by crystal streams in the cool shady woodlands where birds made glad the fragrant breezes of the summer day of unending bliss.

And then—then it was no longer a dream. Oh, the glory of it all! It was a blessed reality.

"Jim!"

There came no response from the old man on the couch.

"Silas, come quick! All is not well with poor Jim."

They approached the couch and looked down upon the face. The tired look had disappeared. There was a smile instead. Cousin Jim was no longer ill—he was at rest, peacefully at rest. And all was well with him.

The city relatives wailed when his will was read. The good and true ones who had loved him to the end, the kindly ones who lived in the little house at the end of the lane—Jim had given all to them.

A cornet-player in a local orchestra (a native of the Fatherland,) recently got into trouble innocently and unexpectedly.

"Let's have that over again," requested the conductor, surprised at hearing a note that was not on the score.

The note was sounded again.

"What are you playing?" he asked at last.

"I am blaying vot was on de paper," said the musician. "I blay vot is before me."

"Let's have a look."

"The part was handed to the conductor.

"Why, you idiot!" he roared, "can't you see that this is a dead fly?"

"I don't gare," was the reply, "he vas zere un I blayed him."

Many complaints had come to the school board of the dirtiness of one of the school buildings.

A member of the board had called to inspect the premises, and found the floors littered with the leavings of the previous day.

"I think," soliloquized the member of the board, as he stood there amid the dirt, "that whatever change is to be made here should be a sweeping one, at any rate."

Nodd—"You say your baby does not walk yet? Mine does. Same age, too. Your baby cut his teeth yet?"

Todd—"No."

Nodd—"Mine has, all of them. Your baby talk?"

Todd—"Not yet. Can yours?"

Nodd—"Great Scott! yes."

Todd—"Does your kid shave himself or does he go to a barber's?"

"Hiram—"That oldest boy of Zeke's is through achool, and now Zeke is going to hev him learn farmin'." David—"Guess not. The boy told me he was going to be a druggist," Hiram—"Well, he ain't. Zeke said this morning he was goin' to hev him take a course in farmercy."

"Old Bullion is the very soul of old-school courtesy, isn't he?"

"What makes you think so?"

"Why, he wouldn't play bridge with his daughter's husband for fear he might win some of his own money back."

"There is a time," she said, "when nearly every woman believes in luck, and also a time when she ceases to believe in it."

"When are the two times?"

"When she is engaged and when she is married."

"So he advertised for a wife?"

"Yes and he got twenty-three letters from other men saying he could ha e theirs."

Jennie—"Come and sit in my pew this morning."

Anna—"I can't. My hat isn't trimmed for that side of the church."

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TRAINS WEST.

LEAVE	1. A.M. *	11. A.M. †	15. A.M. †	23. P.M. †	29. P.M †	53. A.M. ‡	55. P.M ‡
New York							
Philadelphia							
Washington							
Baltimore	4.30	8.25	10.12	4.45	6.12	9.75	3.00
Arlington		8.46	10.39		6.36	9.58	3.24
Mt. Hope		8.48	10.42		6.39	10.03	3.27
Pikesville		8.54	10.49		6.45	10.10	3.34
Owings Mills		9.04	11.02	5.28	6.59	10.23	3.56
Glyndon	5.11	9.17	11.14		7.10	10.33	3.09
Emory Grove		9.18	11.15		7.11	10.34	4.10
Finksburg		9.20	11.35		7.19	10.46	4.42
Carrollton		9.36	11.38		7.31	11.00	4.2
Westminster	5.40	9.52	11.53	5.54	7.47	11.15	4.44
Avondale		9.58	12.08		7.53	11.22	4.51
New Windsor	5.53	10.08	12.10	6.09	8.03	11.34	5.05
Linwood		10.13	12.16		8.08	11.40	5.10
Union Bridge	6.00	10.17	12.20	6.18	8.12	11.45	5.15
Middleburg		10.22	P.M.	6.23	P.M	A.M.	P.M.
Bruceville	6.07	10.25		6.27			
D. P. Creek		10.29		6.31			
Rocky Ridge		10.36		6.37			
Thurmont	6.25	10.47		6.47			
Edgemont	7.05	11.31		7.31			
Waynesboro	†7.22	11.51		7.52			
Chambersb'g	†7.50	12.22		8.28			
Shippensburg		12.55		8.55			
Hagerstown	7.30	11.57		8.00			
Williamsport	A.M.	P.M.		P.M.			

TRAINS EAST.

LEAVE	22. P.M. *	4. A.M. †	6. A.M. †	12. P.M †	10. P.M. †	52. A.M ‡	54. P.M ‡
Williamsport							
Hagerstown	4.12		7.05		2.10		
Shippensburg	†2.55		6.00				
Chamb'rsburg	†3.30		6.28		1.45		
Waynesboro	†4.10		7.01		2.18		
Edgemont	4.40		7.35		2.41		
Thurmont	5.17		8.16		3.21		
Rocky Ridge	5.26		8.26		3.31		
D. P. Creek			8.33		3.38		
Bruceville	5.38		8.37		3.44		
Middleburg			8.99		3.47		
Union Bridge	5.45	6.25	8.45	12.55	3.55	6.45	4.00
Linwood		6.30	8.49	12.59	3.59	6.50	4.04
New Windsor	5.53	6.37	8.54	1.04	4.06	6.57	4.10
Avondale		6.50		1.13	4.14	7.11	4.22
Westminster	6 07	7.00	9.09	1.19	4.20	7.20	4.29
Carrollton		7.15	9.24	1.33	4.34	7.37	4.45
Finksburg		7.25	9.32	1.42	4.44	7.52	4.57
Emory Grove		7.34		1.50	4.53	8.02	5.09
Glyndon	6.36	7.41	9.41	1.51	4.53	8.07	5.10
Owings Mills		7.53		2.02	5.04	8.19	5.23
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Baltimore	7.17	8.30	10.20	2.40	5.37	9.07	6.11
Washington							
Philadelphia							
New York	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M	A.M	P.M

*Daily. †Daily, except Sunday. ‡Sunday.

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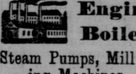
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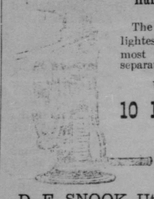
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