I AM THINKING OF HOME.

(By Mary F. Kirby.)

I am thinking of home, of my Father's house,
Where the many bright mansions be;
Of the city whose streets are all covered with gold,
Of its jasper walls, pure and fair to behold,
Which the righteous alone ever see.

Chorus—
Oh! home, sweet home, sweet home!
I am thinking and longing for home!
Beyond the pearly gate many mansions wait
For the weary ones who journey home.

I am thinking of home, of the loved ones there,
Dearest friends who have gone before;
With whom we went down to the death river's side,
And so sadly thought, as we watched by the tide,
Of the thrice happy morning of yore.

I am thinking of home; I am home sick now,
And my spirit doth long to be
In the far better land, where the saints ever sing,
Of the love of christ, their redeemer and King,
And of mercy, so costly, so free

I am thinking of home, yes, of "home, sweet home,"
May we all in that home unite
With the white-covered throng, and exulting-ly raise
To the Triune God sweetest anthems of praise,
Singing glory and honor and might.

Answered Love Letters.

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BY FLORA STEWART EMORY.

Miss Wright closed her typewriter with her usual exactness. Somehow one knew she was an old maid when she did that. There was a way she did it—maybe because she was naturally precise.

Yet Miss Wright had had many offers of marriage and refused them all. She was waiting for the man who could completely fill her heart, and none of those she had known could do it. Sometimes she was tired and weary waiting. Work was either too slow or too fast. When it was too slow she got real hungry—although no one knew it; no one beside herself. When it was too fast her fingers ached and her heart longed for rest even if she had to go hungry for it. But it did not do to turn work away; she could not afford to be so independent.

Outside on the snow-covered pavement a little German band was playing "Home, Sweet Home."

"I don't believe that I am a bit homesick any more," she mused, leaning back in her chair. "I almost think I am sorry, too, for being homesick gave me something to cry about when I heard music. One must have something to lay the tears too. They come so easily sometimes."

The men had left their offices rather earlier than usual, and long before Miss Wright laid aside her work the big building was quiet.

"I will go, too, if Mr. Jayson is not late," she said aloud. Being so much alone she had acquired the habit of talking to herself, and it seemed to comfort her at times to hear her own voice.

Mr. Jayson was the man for whom she was doing twenty five dollars' worth of typewriting. He was a contractor and builder; more than that, he was in love with Miss Wright. But he was an Irishman with a red face, and Miss Wright adored beauty. She repeatedly repulsed his advances, even when she was longing for love.

"I want none of your half-way business," she had told him, and at his assurance of sincerity she had only laughed. She was growing cynical, as well as middle-aged.

At six o'clock Mr. Jayson had not come and it was cold in the office.

"I cannot understand why he has disappointed me," she thought. Then she smiled bitterly. "He does not realize I will have no Christmas dinner, I suppose," she continued, slowly drawing on her coat. She glanced at the large pile of manuscript and then smiled again: "Let me see," she said reflectively, "I'll make my first course on the first dozen sheets, I guess. I will try the next dozen on the half-shell, only that there are so many figures in the lot that I fear they will not be very digestible."

As she turned toward the door, she saw standing in the hall a man whose high fur collar completely hid his face. He evidently did not see her although he appeared to be in a listening attitude. She quietly closed her door, for she did not want anyone to see her just then. Perhaps she was homesick, for tears filled her eyes in spite of herself.

"Oh, dear," she thought, "I need not be hungry. Men are all alike and I might as well marry before I lose all my chances."

She opened her door quietly a few minutes later, intending to hurry away—back to the little box-like room she called "home," for want of a better name. Still stationed there was the man with the fur collar. He heard her this time and turned to look at her.

"I beg your pardon," he said in a clear, musical voice, but can you tell me where I can find a public stenographer? I was directed to this floor, but everyone seems to be gone. I must get some work done tonight and am willing to pay any price."

Miss Wright almost smelled roast turkey then, and she could have shouted for joy. She forgot her tired, numb fingers; forgot everything, in fact, except that she would have a Christmas dinner after all.

The man sat down in the chair opposite her and began to read slowly.

"Oh, I can take dictation faster than that," she said pleasantly. "We will never get through at such a rate."

He read faster then. Letter after letter she wrote, each one filling her with keen pleasure, not unmixed with pain. They were love-lettes from a man to a woman he loved—loved just as Miss Wright had always wanted to be loved. Deep, passionate words they were, and always pleading, begging for a reply. She wondered how any woman could receive such a letter as any one of them, and not answer. Then again she wondered how this man came to have them, and why he wanted type-written copies. She began to long to see the handwriting. All the time she wrote on and on, tapping the soulless keys mechanically.

The last letter was finished and the man rose to go.

"How much do I owe you," he asked, taking the letters from her hand.

"You may pay me what the work is worth to you," she responded. "I am almost paid in the pleasure they have given me."

He had hardly looked at her before, but he searched her face as she said this.

"You think they are well written?" he asked.

"More than that, they are feelingly written. Nowadays there is so little real feeling, you know, one cannot help appreciating it when one sees it."

The man smiled. "They are written to an ideal, not a real woman. They are simply a literary production."

He handed her ten dollars—a dollar each—and disappeared in a wonderfully short time, leaving her dazed and puzzled. She again forgot it was Christmas Eve; forgot she was hungry.

Still seated at her typewriter, she answered the letters that had so recently been read to her. How easily she recalled those burning words of love! First she was calm and shy. Then she became bolder and answered the pleadings just as she would have done had the man of her heart's ideal spoken to her.

It was midnight when she had finished. The lights were going out and the stillness of the air frightened her.

"I always suspected that I was a fool, and now I know it," she thought, gathering up the ten letters.

"I wonder what I will do with them," she said. "Perhaps I can sell them," the man said the others were a literary production, and I might try, to. Yes, I will," she continued, "and I'll send them off this very night, or, it is morning now?" She had never done anything of the kind before, but she knew the address of a certain pnblishing house, and she sent them her bundle of manuscript.

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Ten months later all Philadelphia was talking about the two wonderful books which had so recently appeared. "To My Ideal," by the popular and successful Emory Thorne, creating no more sensation than "My Answers," by an unknown downtown stenographer, which appeared the very same day and answered perfectly those letters in Emory Thorne's book.

At first Mr. Thorne was chagrined and angry. He understood how it must have happened, and resented it. By and by his curiosity to again see Miss Wright mastered his other feelings, and he sought her office, hardly knowing whether she would be there or not. Her book was selling faster than his and she had no further use for her machine. It was Christmas Eve again, and he chose the same hour to make the call as the one before.

"I am homesick," a woman's voice was saying, and I wish I had never done it, for he despises me, I know."

I was hungrier then than I am now," she sobbed, "but the hunger I feel now is worse than the other."

In the street below another little German band was playing, and the tune was the same as on the Christmas Eve a year ago.

"Miss Wright," a man's voice said, softly. She started up, frightened, but realized instantly where and when she had heard the voice before.

"Oh, can you forgive me?" she cried, turning to meet his clear gaze.

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Hanover, &c.	....	....	12 57	....	....	....
Gettysburg, &c	....	....	1 30	....	....	....
Glen Falls	....	9 09	11 26	†521	5 53	7 30
Finksburg	....	9 12	11 28	†525	5 56	7 33
Carrollton	....	9 25	11 41	†536	6 08	7 51
Westminster	5 30	9 40	11 55	5 51	6 25	8 10
Avondale	....	9 47	12 01	†557	6 31	8 19
Medford	....	9 45	1 06	6 00	6 34	8 22
New Windsor	5 52	9 57	12 11	6 10	6 41	8 39
Linwood	....	10 01	12 16	6 15	6 46	8 45
Union Bridge	5 59	10 05	12 20	6 20	6 50	8 48
Middleburg	....	10 11	....	6 27	....	....
Bruceville	6 05	10 18	....	6 33	....	....
D. P. Creek	....	10 22	....	6 37	....	....
Rocky Ridge	....	10 30	....	6 50	....	....
Emmittsburg, &c	....	11 00	....	7 20	....	....
Loy's	....	10 34	....	6 58	....	....
Graceham	....	10 38	....	6 57	....	....
Thurmont	6 32	10 43	....	7 01	....	....
Deerfield	....	10 55	....	7 16	....	....
Sabillasville	....	11 00	....	7 22	....	....
Blue Ridge Summit	6 48	11 10	....	7 30	....	....
Highfield	6 55	11 13	....	7 35	....	....
Buena Vista Springs	6 52	1 15	....	7 38	....	....
Pen-Mar	6 55	11 20	....	7 42	....	....
Blue Mountain	6 58	11 23	....	7 45	....	....
Edgemont	7 05	11 33	....	7 55	....	....
Waynesboro, Pa., ar	7 20	11 50	....	8 12	....	....
Chambersburg, ar	8 05	12 27	....	8 48	....	....
Shippensburg, ar	8 35	12 55	....	9 17	....	....
Smithburg	7 11	11 58	....	8 00	....	....
Cavetown	....	11 39	....	8 02	....	....
Chewsville	....	11 45	....	8 17	....	....
Potomac ave	....	11 52	....	8 17	....	....
Hagerstown	7 30	11 55	....	8 20	....	....
	AM	A M	P M	P M	PM	PM

TRAINS EAST.

STATIONS.	Ac.		T. s	Ac.	W E	FM
	AM	A M	A M	P M	P M	P M
Hagerstown			7 10	2 10	4 05	....
Potomac ave			7 04	2 14	....	....
Chewsville			7 17	2 21	....	....
Cavetown			7 15	2 26	....	....
Smithburg			7 28	2 28	4 22	....
Shippensburg, Pa.			6 00	1 40	3 55	....
Chambersburg, Pa.			6 3	1 45	3 30	....
Waynesboro, Pa.			7 08	1 48	4 10	....
Edgemont			7 38	2 28	4 35	....
Blue Mountain			7 5	2 35	4 42	....
Pen-Mar			7 4	2 48	4 45	....
Buena Vista Springs			7 53	2 54	4 50	....
Highfield			7 55	2 55	4 52	....
Blue Ridge Summit			7 58	2 58	4 55	....
Sabillasville			8 0	3 04	....	....
Deerfield			8 8	3 18	....	....
Thurmont			8 20	3 20	5 18	....
Graceham			8 23	3 23	....	....
Loy's			8 26	3 26	....	....
Emmittsburg			7 15	2 55	....	....
Rocky Ridge			8 20	3 30	5 37	....
D. P. Creek			8 37	3 36	....	....
Bruceville			8 44	3 45	5 42	....
Middleburg			8 46	3 48	....	....
Union Bridge	5 10	8 20	8 52	12 10	3 55	5 50
Linwood	5 17	8 28	8 56	12 54	4 08	....
New Windsor	5 23	8 38	9 0	1 59	4 06	6 00
Medford	5 26	8 36	9 47	1 06	4 14	....
Avondale	5 40	8 38	9 06	1 18	4 17	....
Westminster	5 00	8 45	9 8	1 15	4 30	6 13
Carrollton	6 15	8 57	19 3	1 30	4 48	....
Finksburg	20	1 6	9 40	1 42	1 54	....
Glen Falls	6 32	1 6	19 42	1 4	5 5	....
Gettysburg	6 29					
Hanover	5 54					
York, &c.						
Emory Grove						
Glyndon	6 44	7 5	9 48	1 5	5 05	....
Owings Mills	6 16	7 35	9 57	2 03	5 15	....
Greenwood	....	7 44	....	2 12	....	....
Pikesville	7 07	7 6	10 06	2 14	5 20	....
Sudbrook	7 09	7 49	10 0	2 7	5 23	....
Howardville	7 11	7 51	10 08	2 8	5 24	....
Mt. Hope	7 15	7 54	10 12	2 24	5 25	....
Arlington	7 18	7 58		2 24	5 28	....
Walbrook	7 2	8 06	11 0	2 30	5 35	7 07
Fulton Station	7 30	8 05	10 23	2 33	5 38	7 10
Penna. Avenue	7 33	8 1	10 2	2 36	5 41	....
Union Station	7 37	8 20	0 30	2 40	5 45	7 17
Hillen Station	7 42	8 25	1 35	2 45	5 50	7 22
	A M	A M	A M	P M	P M	P M

†Stops only to take on passengers for points west of Union Bridge.
‡Stops only to land passengers from points west of Union Bridge.

Blue Mountain Express.

Leaves a. m., Hagerstown at 6.40; Blue Mountain, 7.12; Buena Vista Springs, 7.18; Blue Ridge, 7.25; Thurmont, 7.42; Rocky Ridge, 7.50; Bruceville, 8.00; New Windsor, 8.15; Westminster, 8.25; Glyndon, 8.51; Sudbrook, 9.07; Walbrook, 8.46; Fulton, 9.39; Union, 9.25, arriving at Hillen at 9.30. Leaves p. m., Hillen at 5.3; Union, 5.30; Fulton 5.25; Walbrook, 5.3?; Westminster, 4.30; New Windsor, 4.42; Bruceville, 4.58; Thurmont, 5.18; Blue Ridge, 5.45; Highfield, 5.45; Buena Vista Springs 5.4?; Blue Mountain, 5. 4, arriving a Hagerstown at 6.20.

The Owl. Week Days.

Leave Hillen 11.25, p. m., Union 11.?0, Pa. ave. 11.34, Fulton 11.37, Walbrook 11.39, Arlington 11.45, Mt. Hope 11. 8, Howardville 11 50, Sudbrook Park 11.52, Pikesville 11 54, Greenwood 11 55; Owings Mills, 12 ?5, Glyndon 12 14, Emory Grove——, G en Falls 1 .0, Finksburg 12.23, Carrollton 12.3?, Westminster 12.47, Avondale 12 53, New Windsor 1.02, Linwood 1.07, ar. Union Bridge 1.0 a. m. Leave Union Bridge 4 50 a. m., Linwood 4.53, New Windsor 4.59, Avondale 5.06, Westminster 5.12, Carrollton 5.24, Finksburg 5.41, Glen Falls 5.46, Emory Grove Glyndon 5.59, Owings Mills 6.09, Pikesville 6.16, Sudbrook Park 6.18, Howardville 6.15, Mt. Hope 6.?7, Arlington 6.30, Walbrook 6.?5, Fulton 6.28, Pa. ave. 6.31, Union 6.35, ar. Hillen 6.40.

Frederick Division Pennsylvania R. R. (daily except Sunday.) Trains for Frederick leave Bruceville at 8.38, 9.33 and 10 40 a. m. and 5.00 and 8.56 p. m. Trains for Taneytown, Littlestown and Columbia leave Bruceville 8.47 a. m. and 3 45 p. m. Trains leave Frederick for Baltimore 7.18 a. m., 3.00 and 4.55 p. m. Trains leave Hanover for Columbia 5 56, 8 20 and 10.46 a. m. and 2 25 and 4.35 p m; for Littlestown at 8.40 a. m and 3.5 and 5.02 p. m.

Through trains for Hanover and Gettysburg and points on Ba