EVENFALL.

[From the Century Magazine.]

Come, heap the logs, and send the blaze up higher,
And make good cheer about the roaring fire—
Nay, but the bluebird's here! Or, stay, I think
I heard the laughing of the bobolink!
Was that the ash upon a coal took shape,
Or is 't the blue bloom of a pulpy grape?
Within my chimney corner's happy gleam
A cloud of wizard sprites the seasons seem,
And all the year a many-colored dream!

Can I mistake, or was 't but yester-eve
I saw the fireflies dance the fairies weave?
Was it this morn that from his sphere of flame
Love stooped, deific, uttering my name?
Surely no music or of flute or bird
Like the child's voice this afternoon I heard!
Through what meridians of light you fare,
Oh, lovely Life, and through what stress you bear
My wondering soul to this serener air!

—Harriet Prescott Spofford.

THE SENATOR'S COAT.

From the New York Sun.

'Just take Fido for an airing around the square, won't you, Buffum?' called Mrs. Macwilliams' charming voice over the stairs.

I laid the big bundle of my Congressman's mail on the hall stand, though aware that the Honorable Seth was cooling his heels and inflaming his brains for me in the back office, and off I put with the wretched poodle, like myself, on a string.

It was better so. When I accepted office as clerk to a kid Congressman long experience told me what to expect. Things regulate themselves after a while. The newcomers learn to see themselves as others see them.

But the freshness of the Congressional woman does not so readily fade. Each one comes to town assured that she has a part, and a large part, too, of her husband's official prerogatives. So, of course, Fido and I proceeded meekly to take the air in McPherson Square.

It was a pretty day, as the Washingtonians say, in the spring of the long session, the air soft and golden and balmy, the giant magnolias bursting into glory like celestial cabbages. I took a seat just this side of the statue and smoked contemplatively.

Over by the Fifteenth-street entrance to the park I saw the erect and dapper form of Senator Devius approaching. His gaze was fixed in the direction of our house, on Vermont avenue. Presently he raised his hat, bowing and smiling gallantly. Then he took the red carnation from his buttonhole and pressed it to his lips.

I looked over my shoulder. Mrs. Macwilliams was standing on the veranda, waving a greeting with one hand, while with the other she shook down a shower of wistaria bloom from the vine. Youth and beauty beaming through the purple spray was an alluring sight, but somehow I didn't like it.

As he came swinging along the asphalt walk, a fine and stately presence, with his ambrosial locks tightly curled and the fire of his eyes still unimpaired, I noticed that he was wearing a suit of black serge of the same cut and make as one which Mr. Macwilliams had recently purchased. This similitude brought to my mind the fact that the two men were much alike in height and size; both rather short and compact and both saved by strong personal qualities from insignificance.

Mr. Macwilliams looked up with lack-lustre eyes through his spectacles as I entered the office on my return.

'Here already, Buffum?' he said absently. 'Don't bother with that mail just now, but make me a copy of this brief I worked out last night on the bill for the relief of the Continental Divide Railway.'

Poor man! True to his convictions, single in his devotion to duty, he needed other glasses than those that enabled him to dig and delve through statute and treatise. And so, while he plodded sedately and doggedly up the rocky path of his ideals, his light-hearted young wife was frisking through the social garden, delighted with every new prospect and determined that the official rank which gave her such importance should continue and increase.

Mr. Macwilliams hurried away like an errand boy to the departments, and I set about my task. And as I transcribed the notes, so laborious, so exhaustive, my typewriter kept singing, 'I can see his finish, I can see his finish,' for they presented cogent reasons why the bill in which Senator Devius was so deeply interested should not become law.

And again and again there flashed across my mental vision that eager, inviting face through the wistaria bloom, so innocent, so ignorant. Did it not appeal to me more inspiringly than when it had peered over the stairs an hour before? While not ambitious, I had no intention of becoming tied to a dog.

A week later, Judkins, one of the Capitol policeman, was talking mysteriously to me out of the corner of his mouth.

'How does your old man stand on the Continental Divide?' he asked. 'And that's not a bad name for it, either.'

'He's again it,' I replied, adopting the vernacular to encourage confidence.

'Then the chariot will roll over him.'

'Oh, he's got his wits about him; he can keep on his feet and out of the way.'

'Listen,' retorted Judkins earnestly, 'you know what; you can put two and two together. Last night at midnight a cab drove up to the Senate wing. Murdock himself alighted. Devius's messenger, who had been waiting around that close mouth, one armed man, you know—yanked him into the committee room in a jiffy.'

'Well, what of it?' I ventured, as verdant as a fourth class postmaster.

'Oh, I'm not sayin' a word,' he returned. 'Only they weren't expoundin' the Constitution for the next two hours. Mebbe I couldn't see their shadows on the curtain from me beat outside, their heads bobbing together and papers pushing back and fort'. Mebbe the Senator didn't file away a long narrow slip they all had signed in his pocket case and then shake hands hearty. Nawthin' to it, of course; but that bill will go t'roo all the samee like the voice of a pedler t'roo a tin horn.'

There was more truth than poetry about this information, no doubt, though I was skeptical regarding the shadows, and so I tucked it away in my mind for use when available. But it would not do to have Judkins adopt a similar course; so I yawned and said, 'What are you givin' us?' and changed the subject to a kick against the regulations of the police force and the unreasonableness of not allowing the men camp chairs, pipes and novels during the long watches of the night.

The availability of this information became apparent the very next day. I was alone in the office. Mr. Macwilliams had hurried off on his departmental errands like a sublimated messenger boy. The song of the typewriter was stilled.

Doubtless it was thought that I had accompanied my chief—to hold up his hand in his struggles with official Philistines. At all events, from the adjoining library there came distressful sounds—the soft sobbing of a woman, not only not in a temper, but without that hope which is often at the bottom of one.

I coughed once or twice, but the warning was unheeded. Then I opened the door and entered the penitential room. Mrs. Macwilliams was stretched out on the sofa, as abandoned in her grief as the wrecks and estrays on the shore of time. The contrast between her abjectness and that wistaria hued vivacity which had seemed to fit her as some dainty creature of the golden light was pitiful.

I remembered that I was old enough to be her father, though nobody would suspect it, and I would never tell. I remembered, too, the dog; and began to see, as through a glass darkly, a release from its leash. So I ventured the suggestion that I was somewhat expert in adjusting the silver lining of clouds to a particular emergency.

She sat up, pouting and rubbing her eyes like a child.

'Oh, if you only would, Buffum,' she exclaimed. 'I would be eternally grateful. You see, I was so anxious that Mr. Macwilliams should succeed—succeed himself, you know. But I had no right to interfere with public matters—I am such a fool—'

'That is more of an official incident than an official disqualification, ma'am.'

'Of course, my intentions were the best in the world——'

'Washington is paved with that sort, ma'am.'

'But I can't forgive myself for having written that rash letter——'

'That is the lamentation of political Jeremiahs since the world began.'

And then gradually I gleaned the wretched story.

To insure her husband's return she had tried to bind Senator Devius to her through innocent coquetries, unmindful that he might have a word to say as to the style of the binding. When through the wiles of which he was past master she had been induced to send him a silly letter, which might be construed as compromising, he began to make himself clear, and then she began to understand—to despair.

A sad story; a shameful story. I had thought myself sympathy proof through long experience with myriad pretence, but as I vowed that this evil one and all his works should be confounded, a wave of honest emotion swept over me, like the memory of childhood.

It was the habit of my Congressman, on the afternoon of this particular day of each week, to wend his way to the discreet and retired barber shop of the Arlingham to have his hair trimmed. At about the hour when I knew that Senator Devius was accustomed to be shaved there I suggested to Mr. Macwilliams that I would accompany him thither; so off we went, he mounted on his hobby of transcontinental railway abuses and oblivions that the pockets of his black serge coat had been stripped as free of their contents as his soul was from guile.

Nothing could be more favorable than the way the preliminaries presented themselves on our arrival. The boy had fled on craps intent. There were only two barbers in attendance, one already engaged with the Senator's reverential chin. I helped Mr. Macwilliams to remove his coat, and as he seated himself in the other chair I hung it next to the Senator's, and then deftly changed their hats on the hooks just above.

'Good evening, Congressman,' said the Senator, turning languidly—evening is any old time after breakfast in Washington. 'Not afraid of the fate of Sampson, hey? That shows the superiority of moral strength. And you, too, Buffum,' he continued, in the same tones, half-patronizing, half-insolent, 'faithful even unto the strop, I see.'

'You might say even unto the lather, sir,' I replied, and somehow after that the conversation languished.

I lost no time on our return to the office.

'Have you your telegraph frank book in your pocket?' I asked. 'I will leave it to be replenished on my way down.'

Mr. Macwilliams thrust his hand into this pocket at that. He drew forth a long, slim pocket case and held it before him like Macbeth's dagger.

'Bless my soul, Buffum' he cried, bewilderedly, 'Where did this come from? It isn't mine.'

I looked him over with much care.

'I swear, Congressman,' I exclaimed, at length, 'if you haven't taken the Senator's coat, and he walked off with your's!'

'What will he think?' lamented the poor man. 'I never had such a thing hapen to me in all my life.'

'He won't have time to think, sir,' I returned encouragingly, as I helped him to disrobe. 'I'll have this over to him in a jiffy.'

'And do be careful, Buffum,' he called after me, 'that nothing falls from the pockets.

I was so careful that I stopped in the first convenient joint to verify the contents. I looked through the long, slim pocket case, and in the innermost division I found Mrs. Macwilliam's letter, with a red carnation pressed within it—could the Senator be sentimental after all?

I continued my search, and from the compartment on the other side brought out—what do you think? Why, the narrow slip of paper, which Judkins had seen signed and delivered in the committee room, of course. It was a memorandum of what the Senator was about to receive when the bill authorizing the extension of the Continental Divide, with a liberal allotment of public lands, should become a law; and I must say there was every reason why he should be duly thankful.

The Senator was standing in his shirt sleeves, in the middle of the floor of his hotel room as I entered, a look of dismay on his august face.

'Ah,' he exclaimed with a comprising glance, 'I was just wondering what had become of my things. That is all right; they couldn't have been in safer hands than the Congressman's——'

'You forget, sir, that I have also had charge of them,' I said quietly; and I sat down.

He gave me another comprising glance; and as he turned toward the window, the long, slim wallet in his hand, his lips were sickly white.

He examined first the division which had contained the letter—I give him credit for that—and then he went deliberately through the book. I could see his face twitching, his hand clutching, his throat gulping; but when he again confronted me he was as rigidly impassive as marble.

'You have got me both ways,' he said. 'How much do you want?'

'I want you to let both Mrs. and Mr. Macwilliams alone,' I replied bluntly.

Then she does care for that dull dolt, after all?'

'There is no accounting for taste, sir.'

'Hum! How did it happen that his pockets were empty?" he asked with sudden suspicion.

'I fixed that, sir. Of course I recognized that you weren't a dull dolt.'

The Senator laughed blithely.

'So it was your bedevilment from A to Izzard,' he cried. 'Well, there should be no trouble in men of the world like you and me coming to terms, especially in a case of unconditional surrender. When will you be so good as to return the—er—memorandum?'

'On the day after Mr. Macwilliams' re-election.'

'And meanwhile?'

'Honor bright, it shall be as safe and secret as if it were in your own possession, sir.'

'I believe you, Buffum,' said the Senator gently, and as he opened the door for me he shook my hand.

The next morning as I mounted the steps of our house with the inevitable bundle of Congressional mail under my arm, Mrs. Macwilliams came out, with Fido on the leash.

'Shan't I take the dog for an airing around the square, ma'am,' I asked.

'Oh, dear, no, Mr. Buffum,' she replied, her face flushing charmingly, 'I couldn't think of such a thing. You are such a busy man; your time is so valuable; I don't know what Seth—I don't know what we would do without you.'

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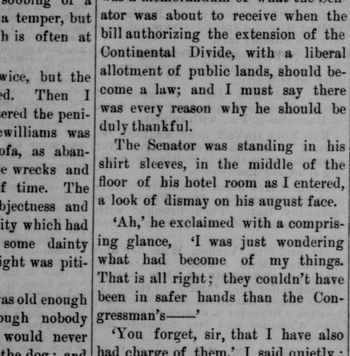
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Norfolk & Western R. R. at Hagerstown
B. & O. Railroad at Hagers own n
Cherry Run; Penna. R. R. at Mercersville, and Hanover; and F. W. & B. N. C. and B. & P. Railroads at Union Station, Baltimore, Md.

Taking effect SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1905.

TRAINS WEST.

STATIONS	Ac.	Ac.	Ac.	Ac.	Ac.	Ac.	1 Ps	Ac.
	AM			A M	PM	PM	PM	PM
Hillen Station	4 30	8 10	10 15	4 15	5 00	6 15		
Union Station	4 35	8 15	10 20	4 20	5 05	6 20		
Penna. Ave.	4 38	8 18	10 24	4 24		6 24		
Fulton Station	4 42	8 22	10 28	4 27	5 10	6 27		
Walbrook	4 45	8 27	10 31	4 30	5 13	6 30		
Arlington		8 34	10 39	4 37		6 40		
Mt. Hope		8 37	10 43	4 41		6 43		
Howardville		8 40	10 46	4 46		6 46		
Sudbrook Park		8 42	10 48	4 50		6 48		
Pikesville		8 44	0 50	4 70		6 50		
Greenwood								
Owings Mills		8 53	11 04	4 58		7 03		
Glyndon		9 04	11 14	5 12		7 14		
Emory Grove								
York, ar.								
Hanover, ar.								
Gettysburg, ar								
Glen Falls		9 11	11 21	5 18		7 16		
Finksburg		9 18	11 24	5 20		7 29		
Carrollton		9 28	11 35	5 31		7 41		
Westminster	5 40	9 45	11 50	5 45	6 05	8 04		
Avondale		9 50	11 56	5 52		8 10		
Medford		9 53	11 59	5 56		8 14		
New Windsor	5 55	10 00	12 06	6 05	6 25	8 25		
Linwood		10 05	12 11	6 10		8 35		
Union Bridge	6 08	10	1. 1	6 15	6 35	8 41		
Middleburg		15		6				
Bruceville	6 07	0		6 45				
D. P. Creek		24		6 49				
Rocky Ridge		10 32		6 57				
Emmittsburg								
Loy's		36		7 01				
Graceham		40		7 0				
Thurmont	6 51	45		7 10				
Deerfield		1 00		7 26				
Sabillasville		11 06		7 33				
Blue Ridge Summit	6 49	11 15		7 43				
Highfield	6 50	11 17		7 45				
Buena Vista Springs		11 2.		7 49				
Pen-Mar								
Blue Mountain								
Edgemont	7 05	11 35		8 05				
Waynesboro, Pa., ar								
Chambersburg, ar								
Shippensburg, ar								
Smithburg		11 40		8 10				
Cavetown		11 42		8 12				
Chewsville		11 48		8 17				
Potomac ave.		11 57		8 25				
Hagerstown	7 35	12 02		8 30				
	AM	A M	P M	P M	P M	P M	P M	

TRAINS EAST.

STATIONS.	Ac.	Ac	Ps	Ac.	WE	FM
	AM	AM	A M	P M	P M	P M
Hagerstown			6 50		2 06	4 05
Potomac ave			6 55		2 11	4 10
Chewsville			7 05		2 18	4 18
Cavetown			7 12		2 25	
Smithburg			7 15		2 27	4 25
Shippensburg, Pa						
Chambersburg, Pa						
Waynesboro, Pa						
Edgemont			7 25		2 36	4 35
Blue Mountain						
Pen-Mar						
Buena Vista Springs			7 38		2 48	
Highfield			7 40		2 50	4 50
Blue Ridge Summit			7 45		2 55	4 55
Sabillasville			7 52		3 02	5 01
Deerfield			7 56		3 06	
Thurmont			8 08		3 18	5 17
Graceham			8 11		3 21	
Loy's			8 15		3 25	
Emmitsburg						
Rocky Ridge			8 20		3 30	5 26
D. P. Creek			8 27		3 37	
Bruceville			8 35		3 45	5 40
Middleburg			8 38		3 48	
Union Bridge	5 10	6 20	8 45	12 05	3 55	5 47
Linwood	5 14	6 25	8 49	12 54	4 00	
New Windsor	5 21	6 30	8 55	12 59	4 06	5 55
Medford	5 30	6 00	9 02	1 06	4 14	
Avondale	5 44	6 55	9 05	1 18	4 17	
Westminster	5 52	7 05	9 5	1 15	4 25	6 10
Carrollton	6 15	7 25	9 25	1 30	4 38	
Finksburg	6 30	7 34	9 37	1 41	4 48	
Glen Falls	6 32	7 37	9 38	1 43	4 50	
Gettysburg						
Hanover						
York, lc						
Emory Grove						
Glyndon	6 43	7 47	9 46	1 5	5 00	6 42
Owings Mills	6 56		9 54	2 03	5 10	
Greenwood						
Pikesville	7 07	8 02	10 01	2 13	5 18	
Sudbrook	7 08	8 05	10 03	2 16	5 20	6 57
Howardville	7 10		10 05	2 18	5 21	
Mt. Hope	7 13		10 08	2 20	5 23	
Arlington	7 17		10 09	2 22	5 25	7 02
Walbrook	7 24	8 17	10 15	2 30	5 35	7 07
Fulton Station	7 30	8 20	1 18	2 33	5 38	7 10
Penna. Avenue	7 32	8 25		2 36	5 43	7 12
Union Station	7 37	8 33	10 25	2 40	5 48	7 17
Hillen Station	7 45	8 40	10 30	2 4	5 55	7 25
	AM	AM	A M	P M	P M	P M

‖Stops only to land passengers from points west of Union Bridge.

‡Stops only to land passengers from points west of Glyndon.

†To take on passengers for points where it stops west of Union Bridge.

The Owl. Week Days and Sunday.

Leave Hillen 11.15, p. m., Union 11.20, Pa. ave. 11.24, Fulton 11.27, Walbrook 11.30, Arlington 11.37, Mt. Hope 11.40, Howardville 11.43, Sudbrook Park 11.45, Pikesville 11.47, Greenwood 1.48, Owings Mills 11.57, Glyndon 12.08, Emory Grove—Glen Falls 12.16, Finksburg 12.18, Carrollton 12.31, Westminster 12.45, Avondale 12.52, New Windsor 1.05, Linwood 1.10, arr. Union Bridge 1.15. Leave Union Bridge 4.30 a. m., Linwood 4.34, New Windsor 4.39, Avondale 4.48, Westminster 4.55, Carrollton 5.11, Finksburg 5.28, Glen Falls 5.31, Emory Grove—Glyndon 5.42, Owings Mills 5.53, Pikesville 6.3, Sudbrook Park 6.06, Howardville 6.08, Mt. Hope 6.12, Arlington 6.16 Walbrook 6.24, Fulton 6.28, Pa. ave., 6.30, Union 6.35, ar. Hillen 6.45.

Trains for Hanover and Gettysburg and points on Baltimore and Harrisburg Division leave Baltimore, daily, except Sunday, at 7.00 a. m and 9.45 a. m., and 3.15 and 4.10 p. m.

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