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POETRY.

HE WANTED PERFUMERY.

In the drug store of the village stood the elderly clerk concerned in the making of some medicine...

OUR STORY.

HARRY HARCOURT'S DREAM

Harry Harcourt was not given to dreaming on ordinary occasions; in fact, he seldom dreamed at all...

retire from the firm and give him a much-needed lesson. And she bent low over the cradle and kissed the sleeping baby...

The night passed away, morning, rose and radiant, beamed in at the curtained window where Harry Harcourt sat watching...

The breakfast was a complete failure. The children would not eat his primitive cooking, and the baby's wailing cries racked his nerves...

And then came the washing. A screech, crosser man than Harry Harcourt never sat down to a cold dinner.

And then his health began to fail; and his strength forsook him, and his head ached, and his temples throbbed, and his feet grew sore and weary...

"What is the world's matter, Harry Harcourt?" asked his pale-faced wife in alarm.

"I been awry? Why, Harry, you must be crazy! How could I get away, I'd like to know? With all these backs to clothes and all these months to feed, to say nothing of washing, ironing, spinning, scrubbing...

and taking care of the baby; I've too many responsibilities here to think of going away, unless death calls me. And, to tell you the truth, Harry, I don't think it will be very long before I am called, for my strength is failing rapidly...

"The work is the very smallest part of my trials, Harry. I've been a mother to all these children in that time, you know."

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"Wife, your husband has been a con-founded selfish, short-sighted idiot, and you've been a silent, suffering angel!" exclaimed Harry Harcourt...

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