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Poetry.

SATURDAY EVENING.

How sweet the evening shadows fall, Advancing from the west: As ends the weary week of toil, And comes the day of rest.

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