

IN THE GLOAMING.

The summer day is dying. The drowsy flowrets fold; Long shadow soft is lying On the green and gold.

The brook, what is it saying. Or is it laughter sings. Some voice of joy was playing Among day's happy things?

The brook is flowing. But not like summer streams; Faint lights are on it glowing— It is the drift of dreams. —John Vance Cheney, in Century.

Joshua Baker's Downfall.

Joshua Baker's downfall began with the election of women to the school board. In the little Massachusetts hill town where he lived he had ruled with a rod of iron, since the unlucky day when he was sent to represent his district in the legislature. That was his introduction into public life, and it created within him an insatiable appetite for office.

"One moment Mr. Baker," she said, grimly. "I guess this has gone about far enough. We may as well understand each other right now. Neither Mrs. Ayres nor I want to be chairman. We've been voting each for the other right along, and we can keep it up a spell longer if need be. That shows that you have been voting for yourself."

Miss Samantha, having enjoyed her victory to the full, declined a reelection, but Mrs. Abel is still a member of the school board, and will be continued there so long as she will consent to serve.—Youth's Companion.

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