berries and strawberries. "Uncle Perry" felt his importance, for there was no opposition to him and he knew his pockets would be well filled with the proceeds from his sales, when he returned to his kind master and mistress.

Mr. Thomas Wright was a public-spirited man and a beautiful declaimer, but devoted to country pursuits. When he returned to his home and familiar fireside, after the performance of public duties, where little ones climbed on his proffered knee for a gentle caress from "Father," a happier man could not be found. The affairs of State had been adjusted by a wise head, and he felt that his course was appreciated. It was the pleasure of his life to pace around "Walnut Grove" on his black pony—monarch of the woods and fields. Yes, far more pleasant than to mingle with the great men of the country, for he loved his wife, his children and his peaceful home. "He had a brain and a heart, too." "Words of wrath were strangers to his tongue."

> "Kind was his heart, his passions quick and strong,
> '*Hearty*' *his laugh* and 'jovial' was his song."

As a child, I was impressed with the happiness that pervaded this household, and can never forget the tender expressions of Mrs. Wright to her husband. I can see her now—

> "Giving her own, her fond caress
> And looking her eloquent tenderness."

Oh! how priceless is woman's love.

> "'Tis bright as the stars' shining light,
> 'Tis mild as the calm summer evening,
> 'Tis sweet as the whip-poor-will's song after night,
> And gentle as dew-drops from heaven.
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> 'Tis soft as the murmur of some hidden stream,
> 'Tis pure as the azure-decked sky,
> 'Tis lovely as spring in her first robe of green,
> 'Tis enchanting as beauty's bright eye.
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> When the high soul of man is by sorrow oppressed,
> On the rocks of adversity driven,
> How sweet is its voice to his care-stricken heart;
> It speaks like a blessing from heaven.
>
> If mortals can know in this drear wilderness
> A foretaste of blessings above,
> If anything savors of heavenly bliss,
> 'Tis virtuous woman's love."