AFTER THE RAIN.

T had rained all night, but the sun shone in the morning. The cottage-roofs steamed in the sun; the roses in the garden were still heavy with rain and droppled with garden-mold; the wet trees gave out green lights; little rain-pools shone in the road like liquid gold, and the sparrows dipped in them. It had rained all night, but the sun shone in the morning.

The lover whom love had forsaken looked out of his window. All night had he lain awake, listening to the rain on the roof, and longing for his lost love, while the memory of her caresses clung to his soul as sweet and evasive as the perfume of the roses in the garden.

It had rained all night, but the sun shone in the morning. The lover whom love had forsaken looked out of his window. "My love has forsaken me," he said, "but it has stopped raining."

Mary E. Wilkins.
1. In addition to his association with Addison in the publication of *The Tatler* and *The Spectator*, Sir Richard Steele (1672-1729) published a number of other journals, among them *The Lover* under the pen name of Marmaduke Myrtle, Gent. The paper ran for 40 issues from February-May 1714.

2. Kipling's "The Gypsy Train" and Mary E. Wilkins' "After the Rain" appeared in *The Century Magazine* XLV, No. 2 (December 1892) on pages 278 and 271 respectively.