

Poetry.

THE SONG OF THE BROOK.

A little brook was hurrying fast
Into the ocean deep and wide,
And as it glided swiftly past
It very softly sighed.

P. H. H.

Miscellaneous

The Wife's Story; or John Dawson's Ruin.

My father was a thriving tradesman in a Canadian country town. We were respectable people, and associated on terms of entire equality with all our neighbors, unless it might be with two or three old families who lived in handsome mansions in the outskirts of the town, and made a little circle of their own.

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