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| novei of a vasisizd hand. <br> Ob.wiy thould tho world seom drange, <br> Antubt beaty atopind mot suils? <br> I hat gone with a buoyant step, <br> Bo cheorily on my way: How ond I belifeve so colm a 1 ght Coult turn to so chill a gray? <br> And whorofore? Bocauno the hand <br> That held in ths givsp my own- Whose touch was a beniediction such As only the blest have known- <br> Wes catzht by the viewlens hand- Of an angol, and upward drawn. <br> Of an angol, and upward drawn, What hope, what comfort, what guldatce now, <br> Since the stay of my life is gone? <br> "But a stronger is left to thee," Bomo comforting whiteper saith <br> The arm that shall carry thee safo to him When thou erossent the tides of death." <br> If Christ in His mortal hour Hat noed of the chonen thre <br> To wath writh Him through the awful throea of His dread Gethsomane, <br> Oh, surely His human heart Will plty and understand <br> That speoehless yeariunngs too doep for worde, For the "touch of the vanighed hand! <br> For the "touch of the vanighed hand1" - Margarot J. Preoton, in Hiarper's Bazar." |
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