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WITCHES' EVE

By A. LESLIE

The wind sighs through the grasses,
The shadows flow and flutter.
A dour owl plains to a gibbous moon
With quavering moan and mutter.

Moonlight shudders through the trees
In grave-white splotch and bar,
And a rosebud droops and closes
In the shadow of a star.

A leprous toad with jewel eyes
Squats on a heap of bones,
While fleshless fingers scratch and claw
Beneath the moldy stones.

A nameless thing with gory head
And awful lipless grin
Rocks and slithers through the air,
And a bat hangs to its chin.

Athwart the moon in silhouette,
Flickering from the gloom,
An eery glimpse of a high-peaked cap,
A long cloak, and a broom!