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My First Cigar

POR the first half-hour after finishing my first cigar I was afraid I should not live till morning. For the second half hour I was afraid I should live till morning. The third half it was all over.



Nonsense

WOULD flee from the city's rule and law,

From its fashions and forms cut loose And go where the strawberry grows on its straw

And the gooseberry on its goose.

Where the catnip tree is climbed by the cat,

As she crouches for her prey: The guileless and unsuspecting rat

On the rattan bush at play.

I will watch at last for the saffron cow And cowlet in their glee,

As they leap in joy from bough to bough On the top of the cowslip tree.

Where the musical partridge drums on his drum,

And the woodchuck chucks his wood, And the dog devours the dog-wood plum In the primitive solitude.

Oh let me drink from the moss-grown pump

That was hewn from the pumpkin tree, Eat mush and milk from the mushroom vine,

And milk from the milk-weed sweet, With luscious pineapples from the pine Such food as the gods might eat.

And then to the whitewashed dairy I'll turn,

Where the dairymaid hastening hies, Her ruddy and golden-haired butter to churn

From the milk of her butterflies; And I'll rise at morn with the early h

And I'll rise at morn with the early bird
To the fragrant farm-yard pass,

When the farmer turns the beautiful herd Of grasshoppers out to grass.