

"You may, sometime, when starting up
So sudden from repose,
Do, just as frightened people do,
Shoot friends instead of foes.

"I have a cosy house myself,
That's handsome, neat and new;
I fashioned it without the aid
Of friends, as well as you.

"While other creatures sought the shade,
I stuck to business still;
Until the whole concern was made,
I hammered with a will.

"The doorway faces to the south,
So we can have the sun;
I had the plan all in my head
Before a thing was done.

"I chose with care a leaning tree,
And though the rain may fall,
A drop can seldom find its way
Beyond the outer hall.