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The country like a fox or a bird, and passed through it as freely by paths of his own. He knew every track in the snow or on the ground, and what creature had taken this path, before him. One must submit abjectly to such a guide, and the reward was great. Under his arm he carried an old music-book to press plants; in his pooket, his diary and pencil, a spy-glass for birds; microscope, jack knife and twine. He wore a straw hat, stout shoes, strong gray trousers to brave shrub-oaks and smilax, and to climb a tree for a hawk's or a squirrel's nest. He waded into the pool for the water plants, and his strong legs were no insignificant part of his armor. On the day I speak of he looked for the Menyanthes, detected that it had been in flower five days. He drew out of his breast pocket his diary, and read the names of all the plants that should bloom on this day, whereof he kept account as a banker when his notes fall due. The Cypripedium not due till tomorrow. He thought that, if waked up from a trance, in this swamp, he could tell by the plants what time of the year it was within two days. The redstard was flying about, and presently the fine grossbeaks, whose brilliant scarlet makes the rash gazer wipe his eye, and whose fine clear not Thoreau compared to that of a tanager which has got rid of its hoarseness. Presently he heard a note which he called that of a night-warbler, a bird he had never identified, had been in search of tiwelve years, which always, when he saw it, was in the act of diving down into a tree or bush, and which it was vain to seek; the only bird that sings indifferently by night and by day.

His eye was open to beauty and his ear to music. He found these, hot in rare conditions, but wheresoever he went. He thought the wished it the bearing of the telegraph wire. His poetry might be good or bad; he no doubt wanted a lyric facility and technical skill; but he had the source of poetry in his spiritual perception. He was a good to be deceived as to the presence of absence of the poetic element in a

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