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Folk of the Dark

By N. L. BREWER

Hid in the depth of the dark,
Cringing and shrinking from sight,
Gibbering softly—but hark!
Surely you hear them tonight!
Swishing so gently about
Ears of the flesh can not hear,
Heard but by senses of doubt,
Known but by feelings of fear,
Crouching unseen and afraid—
Always afraid to be found,

Pausing for fear they have made
Audible, tangible sound;
Desperate, terror-filled, blind,
Ready to leap from their lair
Panic-struck into the mind
Haplessly finding them there;
Maniac, guttering, stark,
Hideous creatures of fright
Dwell in the black of the dark—
Surely you hear them tonight!