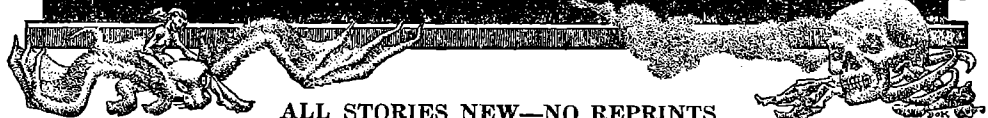


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# Futility

By MARVIN MILLER

Though man aspires to immortality  
With stone and mortar, structures that he lifts  
Above reclaiming earth and slashing sea,  
Will sink to nothingness: the hieroglyphs  
On Toltec temples tell perhaps of all  
Their builders knew of architecture, and  
In lost Lemuria the starfish crawl  
Through colonnaded altars in the sand.

Like drunken giants, jealous of their power,  
Sluggish waves of oceans toss and roll;  
Sublunar thunder teaches man to cower;  
Volcanic caverns praise a primal plan  
Of That which fashioned carefully the soul,  
But moulded mountains mightier than man.