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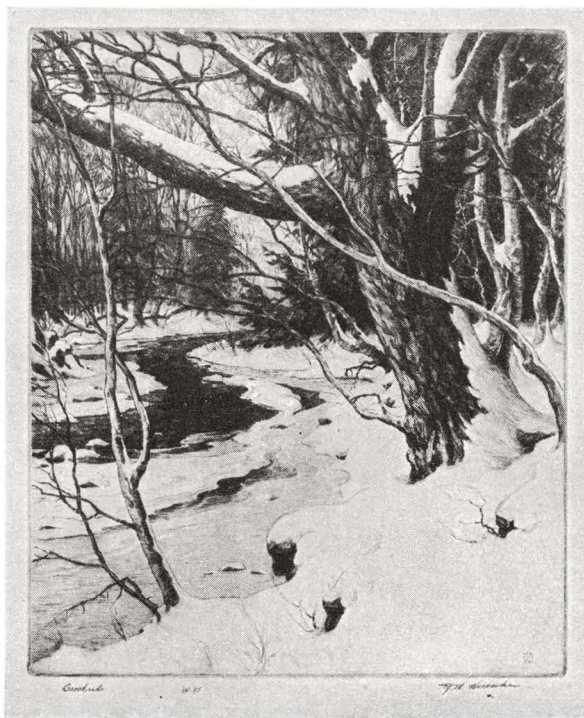
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I SOUGHT the wood in winter
 When every leaf was dead;
 Behind the wind-whipped branches
 The winter sun set red.
 The coldest star was rising
 To greet that bitter air,
 The oaks were writhen giants;
 Nor bud nor bloom was there.
 The birches, white and slender,
 In deathless marble stood,
 The brook, a white immortal,
 Slept silent in the wood.

—WILLA CATHER.