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# Inheritance

By SUDIE STUART HAGER

I'm grateful to people, a thousand years back,  
Who let their minds run on a fanciful track—  
Saw silver-winged fairies dance lightly in rain;  
Heard witches conniving at trickery and pain;  
Felt shivers when ogres, hobgoblins and gnomes  
Shrieked nightly in forests or haunted their homes.

I, too, search for eggs Easter rabbits have laid,  
And footprints where shy woodland brownies have played;  
Deliciously shudder at Hallowe'en bats,  
Great owls, with eyes flaming, and spitting, black cats.

Had all folk bequeathed things of practical need,  
Oh, life would be prosy and meager indeed!