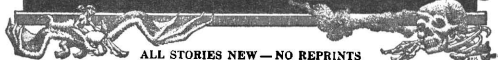


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THE HAUNTED

By STANTON A. COBLENTZ

AND some are nearer to the haunts of ghosts,
 And feel the shadowless rangers of the dark,
 And hear invisible sounds on unseen coasts,
 Whose lamps have beacons many a weightless bark.
 And some have held communion, not in speech
 But by the signals of some flecter sense,
 With clouds and forms astir beyond the reach
 Of us who go where walls are real and dense.

Always, with brows down-turned and ears that bend
 To throbs and murmurs from the voiceless night,
 They walk bemused, apart; their eyes distend
 With awe and worship where there beams no light,
 While through the world like alien souls they roam;
 Like wanderers lost, who vainly look for home.