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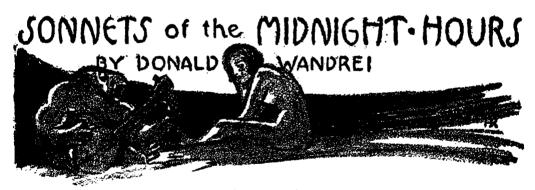
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10. The Red Specter

There was a red, raw dripping thing that mowed And tottered in a spreading pool of blood; There was a shape, on which a scarlet flood Enwrapped it in a steaming blood-red shroud; There was a sound, gigantically loud, That seemed to pour from where the horror stood; There was a crackle as of blazing wood, And all the air was misty as a cloud.

And both my hands were covered with that red,
And everything was red and strange and mad;
I scarce could know the evil that I did;
The air from some vast stellar carnage bled
And veiled the shrieking shape in haze that had
Red phantoms in its bleeding mystery hid.