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*The rose-leaves, like flakes of crimson snow,
paved the turf and the moss below.
The lilies were drooping, and white, and wan,
like the head and the skin of a dying man.*

*And Indian plants, of scent and hue
the sweetest that ever were fed on dew,
leaf by leaf, day after day,
were massed into the common clay.*

*And the leaves, brown, yellow, and gray, and red,
and white with the whiteness of what is dead,
like troops of ghosts on the dry wind passed;
their whistling noise made the birds aghast.*

*And the gusty winds waked the winged seeds
out of their birthplace of ugly weeds,
till they clung round many a sweet flower's stem,
which rotted into the earth with them.*

*The water-blooms under the rivulet
fell from the stalks on which they were set;
and the eddies drove them here and there,
as the winds did those of the upper air.*

*Then the rain came down, and the broken stalks
were bent and tangled across the walks;
and the leafless network of parasite bowers
massed into ruin; and all sweet flowers.*

*Between the time of the wind and the snow
all loathliest weeds began to grow,
whose coarse leaves were splashed with many a speck,
like the water-snake's belly and the toad's back.*