

DREARY NIGHT WINDS.

Dreary night winds, why are you sighing, Whispering as if you a secret knew...

THE PRIEST'S BRIDGE.

There can be little doubt that the holiest spirit the saintliest man, who ever lived in the world was Juan de Nava.

It was shortly after this that the holiest spirit was unexpectantly struck by the news that the beloved priest had solicited, and after much protest and remonstrance, had obtained, from his ecclesiastical superiors, permission to cross the sea to the island of New Spain.

It was in Mexico that Juan de Nava, who had been regarded as almost more than human, by those who had known him, save when from time to time came back reports of his saintly life and zealous ministrations.

It was in a great measure this poverty that determined his place of abode. The Spanish conquerors, having razed the Aztec city, built up the canals with its debris, had marked out for themselves a district, out lined by a deep cutting called La Traza, the which was spanned by a few bridges leading to the outlying quarters, where dwelt the Indian population, who, for fear of robbery or imprisonment, were forbidden to remain within La Traza after certain hours of the evening.

But he had reasoned in ignorance of the character of the maiden. Good blood and noble courage in the veins of Beatriz de Millan, and blood will tell, prate how we will of the equality of man.

There was somewhat of a change came into his life from this day. He spared himself no more than of old, but he varied his labors.

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