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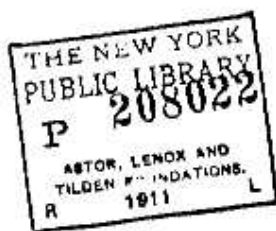
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*To*  
*All My Fellow Fools*  
*But*  
*Particularly To Those Who, By Force of*  
*Circumstance, Dwell in Philistia.*





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### *Et in Arcadia Ego*

In a cave dug out of the side of a cliff,  
—The Agent calls it a flat;  
He thinks he knows, so I pay my rent,  
And let it go at that—

I dwell in peace and fair content,  
Nor mind the lack of air;  
For the Garden of the Gods is mine  
By climbing just one more stair.

My cave is snug and warm and cheap,  
And rich with the loot of years;  
But the key of the Yale lock lets me out  
Too often, Margot fears.

But what can I do, when the house top calls  
With a voice that I must obey.  
It's no use to try—let the work go hang—  
I'll do it another day!

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Up on the house top, under the sun,  
—Ah, but it's good to be here—  
The wind off the river's a wee bit sharp,  
But I fancy the sad old year

Like some poor woman, young at heart,  
And use to being fair,  
Forgets her age and thinks of spring;  
For spring is in the air.