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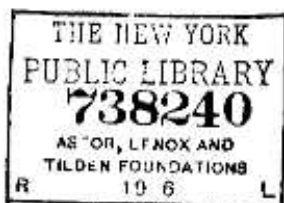
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“Une odeur d'éther un jour de soleil”

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In the winter of 1903, a cold night and a colder dawning sent girls shivering to their work in the factories of an American town. Among them Leonie X . . . , the still girl who never told her name. She, frail as she was and weary, slipped upon the icy pavement and fell. The hurt proving dire, she was carried to a small Franciscan hospital hard by, where she lay for two years — true to herself — saying little with her lips and much with her mournful eyes.

Here she wrote many "little letters to herself," which were hidden beneath her pillow and which the good Sister Jerome, who was her sole nurse, lovingly preserved after her death.