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A Song Omitted from Pique-Dame

The Ace of Clubs is too much like a clover--
Three-leaf if not four--
To have a hint of death be carried over
From its metaphor

The Ace of Spades. Nor is a diamond,
In spite of curses such
As may upon the big Hope Blue be found
A competition much.

The jinx of jinxes, as by enharmonic
Change, escapes its suit:
As cosmic pique in heart and blood subsonic
Says still, "Dig, poor brute;"