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*Science Gossip: Leaves from Modern Trees*

Black rains—

red rains—

the fall

of a thousand tons

of butter.

Jet-black snow—

pink snow—

blue hailstones—

flavored like oranges

flavored like the Super-Sargasso Sea.

A circle in the sea.

A hand only a hand, beautiful.

Adjustment another name for Equilibrium.

## ABOUT THE POEM

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“*Science Gossip: Leaves from Modern Trees*” was created from *The Book of the Damned* by Charles Fort (1919). *Science Gossip* is a periodical which Fort often cites. About the poem and the process of composing it, Susan Kay Anderson writes:

I changed the order of sentences and broke them into lines. I added punctuation and also took some out and added or deleted capitalization. I felt somewhat like a wizard while doing this and realized that this text is describing the wizardry of the Earth.

