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## *Such is the Way of Immortal Life*

I WORKED with a chisel to mold wood into beautiful shapes, materializing the ideas of my mind in the delicate carvings. Every night I laid the precious little chisel to rest on a little velvet cushion. This little dwarf of a chisel worked incessantly every day and began to grow worn and old. Many times I rejuvenated it. But at last it had given all of its body to transform rustic wood into furniture and other beautiful things so that they might associate with and serve living Souls.

At last the little, serviceful chisel was laid to rest in the graveyard of a junk shop. *Such is the way of mortal life.* The chisel of ambition serves to shape our crude desires into material accomplishments. Then it sleeps in the arms of silence and wakes with power to serve again, until at last it sleeps in the arms of oblivious death.

However, the little chisel of wisdom has shaped many crude Beings into Holy Souls to serve God. It has molded me to be fit for His Temple. Every night the little chisel slept on the velvet bosom of silence and woke with new life. And now at last it has finished its duty of molding many Souls, and it has not been thrown into the junk heap of oblivion, but has been picked up by some invisible Light and has received its reward of immortality by remaining forever in the heart of grateful Souls and in the breast of God's Infinite Wisdom. *And such is the way of Immortal Life.*

—By S. Y.