

# M. Nerveux Chronicles: Toad Suffers a Bad Business

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Part Cajun part Creole part Celt, M. Nerveux mayors Le Bayou Sauvage.

Voudou priest and advocate, he communes with all night creatures: with Possum, with Monkey, with Champigon and Climby Vine.

These, the chronicles of his musings, will appear de temps en temps in various forms. Today a poem:

## **Toad Suffers a Bad Business**

Herr Toad smokin'  
free pack  
a day.

Got the  
turbal cough  
n'est pas?

Wartie but  
ain't slimy,  
see.

Nicotine  
patching a  
toad.

