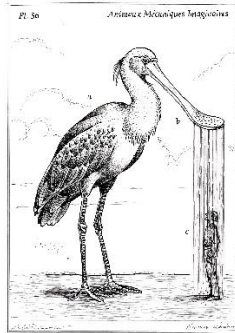




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*A relative of the Spoonbill,
the Spoonbeak is a magnificent wading bird
of great size,
spread throughout all of Eurasia.
Despite this, it appears only rarely,
and only when it is needed.
As soon as, in fact, a person places themselves beneath the Spoonbeak,
it, without any need to be near water,
gently waters them, and for a long time,
washing away sadness and every regret.
For this reason,
– according to what the naturalist Carelman writes
in his legendary Animaux Mécaniques Imaginaires
(Laval, 1907) –
it can be identified with the ancient Cascade,
with the Persian Genius of Memory,
and with the Chinese Rain of Pink Petals.*

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