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Original Poetry.

THE SUN WILL ARISE.

"Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness."—*Psalms.*

What, though every glimmer of light,
Flickers out from the path of a Saint;
And, amid the dark shadows of night,
He journeys on, weary and faint.
Faith and hope, like twin angels attend,
And the hand of his Father is nigh,
Through the darkness his steps to defend;
And the sun will arise by and by.

Mid the billows of sorrow and care,
God's dear children, learn to be great;
Learn to laugh at the clouds of despair,
Though their joys should dissolve into gloom,
And though darkness envelops the sky,
Learn to smile at the threatening doom,
And the sun will arise by and by.

Of the chalice of grief you may taste,
And the chill of the storm you may feel.
O'er hope's towers, laid in ruin and waste,
You may almost despondingly kneel;
But the hand that is mighty to save,
Will set up your banner on high—
Though your path be as dark as the grave,
O! the sun will arise by and by.

The foes that are jubilant now,
E'er long will come bending to thee;
And the shadows that darken thy brow,
At the dawn of to-morrow shall flee.
The wing of the storm shall be broke,
Golden beams shall spread over the sky;
Then cast off grief's heart-galling yoke,
And the sun will arise by and by.

Payson.   R. SMITH.

THE MAGIC BOX.

A housekeeper's affairs had for a long time been becoming very much entangled, and the poor woman knew not what to do to get out of her difficulties. After a time she bethought herself of a wise old hermit who lived in the neighborhood, and to him she repaired for advice. She related to him all her troubles, saying:—

"Things go on badly enough; nothing prospers in doors or out; pray, sir, can you not devise some remedy for my misfortunes?"

The hermit—a shrewd, rosy old man—begged her to wait, and retiring to an inner chamber of his cell, after a short time brought out a very curious looking box, carefully sealed up. "Take this," said he, "and keep it for one year; but you must, three times a day and three times a night, carry it into the kitchen, the cellar and the stable, and set it down in each corner. I answer for it that shortly you will find things improve. But be sure at the end of the year, to bring back the box. Now, farewell!"

The good woman received the precious box with many thanks, and bore it carefully home. The next day, as she was carrying it into the cellar, she met a servant who had been secretly drawing a pitcher of beer. As she went a little later into the kitchen, there she found a maid making herself a supper of omelets. In the stable, she discovered, deep in mire, the best cow standing, and the horse uncurried, and had hay instead of oats. So every day she discovered and corrected some new faults. At the end of the year, she, faithful to her promise, carried the magic box to the hermit, and besought him to allow her to keep it, as it had a most wonderful effect. "Only let me keep it one year longer, and I am sure all will be remedied." The hermit smiled and replied, "I cannot allow you to keep the box, but the secret which is hidden within you shall have." He opened the box and lo! it contained nothing but a slip of paper, on which was written this couplet:

"Would you thrive most prosperously,
Yourself must every corner see."

ORIGIN OF FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

About the year 1830 the "hemp fever" broke out in Central Vermont. In Caledonia and Lamoille counties the farmers entered largely into its production; and it was this enterprise, which eventually proved so unprofitable to those who engaged in it, that gave birth to one of the most important instruments in the civilized world—the "platform scale."

It came about something in this wise: Merchants and others made contracts to purchase hemp by weight, and as it was a slow process to weigh such bulky material with the old-fashioned steelyards, Mr. Thaddeus Fairbanks, who has great inventive talent, by this circumstance had his attention called to the science of weighing, and in a short time he invented and had constructed a rude apparatus which he suspended in a frame building, and which answered the purpose of weighing this hemp. This rude weighing machine was the first platform scale; for, although there have been various and multiform improvements since, the principle of leverage, etc., upon which that instrument was got up, is precisely the same as that of the platform scale to-day.

The inventor's older brother, Erastus, discovered at once that this was a useful invention, and a patent was applied for and obtained. This in brief was the commencement of the scale business, which has now grown into world-wide notoriety. It increased very slowly for the first ten years, but from 1842 to 1857 it doubled every three years. Owing to the financial panic of the latter year there was a slow increase for several years, but since 1860 it has grown with immense strides. The production now amounts to about $1,500,000 a year. The firm expended about $80,000 a year in advertising. In their factory some 500 men are employed, and a handsome village of 3,000 inhabitants has grown up from this humble beginning at St. Johnsbury, Vt.

The senior partner, Erastus Fairbanks, two and two years the Governor of the State of Vermont. He and his younger brother, Joseph P., are both dead. The head of the firm is now Thaddeus, the original inventor. It has been his lot, unlike that of many inventors, to enjoy the rewards of his skill and industry.—*Chicago Journal of Commerce.*

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