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POETRY

WEIGHING SUGAR AND BUTTER Old Farmer Ray came home one day With groceries from the Center; And jumping from his queer old shay,

He called out. like a Stentor : 'Ho, there! Bringout the steelyards, Ruth I'm some mistrustful, I am. Friend Barton's scales don't tell the truth And I'm a going to try lem." So then his wife the steelyards brought, And Farmer Ray proceeded To weigh each article he'd bought,

To see if puglit was needed To make it of the proper weight.
And, lo! the trial ended, The sugar lacked just one pound, eight, Of what hall been pretended. Into his shay jumped Farmer Ray,

And whirled around in a jiffy. Then out the gate, and down the way He started off, as if he Were riding for his life. "I'll teach The rascal to cheat me, sir !" He mattered. "Ill make him a speech, As sure as my name sin't ('msar!"

Arrived before the Center store. He roughly shouted, " Whoa, sir! DAY'S BOOKSTORE To Dobbin; then turned towards the door To seek the guilty grocer. There, at his fiesk, Friend Barton stood, So smiling, fat and ruddy, One felt at once he was too good To mjure anybody.

Oho! Back are ve. Furmer Ray?" Pleasantly quoth friend Barton; Left suthin that you brought here, hey Wall, now, I felt right sartin'-" But here the farmer cut him short: " Yes, sir!" he cried; " yon've hit it. I did leave something that I bought, And I've come back to get it!

I'd like to know," continued he Though well-nigh choked with choler. How much white sugar, usually, You sell folks for a dollar? Ten pounds, ch? Then you just weigh th Two dollars' wuth complete, it Purtends to be; but if it is,

Thon I'll agree to -ent it !" With this he threw the sugar down Before him, and awaited His answer, with a threatening frown The grocer, thus berated. Looked up, amazed, apparently, Although his mouth was working Oddly enough and in his eye A humorous gleam seemed lurking.

What, neighbor Ray, d'ye mean to say There's less than twenty pounds there Wall, now, that's funny, anyway. I'll tell you how I know it: You'll grant that this, if anything, Is evidence to show it.

You brought some butter in to-day, All into balls made nicely; Just twenty of thom, said to weigh A nound apiece precisely. Wall, when I took 'em from the pail (Jes' so's to save the bother). put all twenty in one scale, An' weighed your sugar in t'sther.

'An' so you see it must be right. An' you have made an utter Listake. However, if you ain't quite Convinced, I'll git that butter-" Oh, don't do that! I beg you wou't! Quickly exclaimed the farmer. I assure ye, there ain't no need on't Whew! Ain't it growin' warmer!"

He paused, and stood and wiped his With his immense bandanna .very different person now, In look and tone and manuer. sickly smile replaced his frown; And 'twas no voice of thunder n which (with eyes that would drop down) He owned he'd made a blunder. 'You're right, you're right! 'Tis plain as day!

I was mistaken, said he.

Wall, wall, I must be on my way!

I've stayed too long already."
So saying he humbly took once more, From where he'd lately thrown it, The sugar, and went out the door, As if he had not shown it. Wall," said the grocer, watching this Retreat with quiet laughter, I guess them butter-balls o' his Will weigh a pound hereafter." Wall," said the farmer, in his shay Pondering the case, " the fact is

OUR STORY.

'T I'm going to put in practice.

've had a lesson in weighing to-day

## A Leaf From Two Lives.

"I will not deny it any longer, Richard this life is growing miserable! I-I am sure I am getting to hate it more and more

She spoke in a quick, nervous way, as if a little ashamed of her words, and yet there was a look of stubborn defiance in her soft

She made a pretty picture standing there in the dark, green woods, her brown hair catching little gleams of gold from the sunshine that filtered down through the interluced boughs overhead, the red roses at her breast scarcely brighter than her cheeks that had suddenly flushed hotly under such strange, powerful emotion.

He had been leaning carelessly against a tree, looking at the slim girlish figure before him, with something like a smile apon his handsome sunburnt face, but at her last words he came swiftly to her side. Placing a hand on either shoulder, he looked keenly at herfor a moment without speaking. The smile had fuded from his lips and his brown cheeks had grown pale with a vague feat and dread.

"You wish to go back?" he said at las as if in answer to the mute questioning her tear-dimmed eyes. She drew her breath quickly, and

"If I have made a mistake, understa that it was because I loved you so," he said were willing and eager to come."

"Because I was foolish enough to lieve that love could brighten the rudest but, steady fall of winter rain; inside, the glow of the patent fancy things, in too common fulfilment of that vow. My improvement into a bower of beauty; because I was work of a cheerful fire, before which he sat, ob- use,-American Agriculturist for January.

which to imagino that life with you, even his droary wilderness, would be a para-

She spoke with exceeding bitterness, meeting his look of sad reproach with one of cornful anger and disdain. And only one year of this life has suf-

ficed to convince you of your mistake. Am I .upt right?" he asked with outward calm. nees, though his heart was beating with a It has taught me this, that even your hearth and fanned the fire into a flerce

to bring me here?" she asked, with sudden on his face, that he swoke to find her kneel. wretched place,"

don into her tear stained face, said :

et I cannot believe that you really meant

all you said a moment ago." The last words were spoken with almost bb. He had withdrawn his hands from he shoulders, and stood tall and erect bofore her, his face grave and white with in-

f' It is too late to wish for freedom, you know that," she exclaimed, bitterly. I have been dreaming for a yeardistining that you cared for me; that you content and happy-and now-"

He broke off suddenly and leaned against the ree. His face wore the dazed look who had received a mortal blow. The world, which only a little while ago had looked fair and smiling, had suddenly grown gray. Even the songs of the birds in the trees overhead seemed to his dulled

senses but harsh, discordant sounds. "The fault was mine as well as yours, suppose, and yet I cannot retract the words I have just spoken," she said, coldly, moving a step further away. "Oh, if you could only be made to understand just how bitterly my heart rebels against this wretched existence," she said, in quick, passionate

I I I think I understand," he sai brokenly, tooking straight into her rebellious eyes, "and I will do what is right and best."

There is nothing to hope for, nothing to do but to live out this miserable life, the said, in a despairing tone. "Give me time to think," he said, lifting his haggard face to her own. "It is all so sudden, so lfard to believe, and -perhaps+ to-night-I may think of some plan to give

you back the freedom you so desire." All that day he walked and thought as one in a dream, feeling nothing of that gladness and freedom which belong to youth kand health and strength, seeing nought the fairness of that soft June day. when at nightful he dragged himself slowly homeward it seemed to him that the very sillness of death hung over everything. There was no light in the little home far up mong the hills, no gleam of white dress through the deepening gloom-no one recet him at the door. And when he en tered there was only a brief note to tell him of that which his heart had feared and

creaded and fought against through the long hours just ended. "I am going away," she wrote. "When I left you this morning, full of anger and sitterness, I little thought I should so soon obtain my heart's great wish. I found my brother at the house waiting for me, waiting to take me away from this wretched place back to the dear old home and the old sweet life Mong for so. I cannot wait to bid you good-bye. I dare not wait. The sight of your sorrowful face might cause me

to alter my decision, and, Richard, I want to go back. "Besides, after what passed between t this morning, life could never be quite the same to either of us again. And if it has given you pain to know that I have been miserable, will it make you less unhappy to know that I am leaving this life happily, gladly, and with no regret save that you will be alone and wretched. Yet you will forget me in time-you must forget me. It

He read it over and over again, every let. ter stamping itself on heart and brain in lines of fire. Could it be her hand that and set up. They are not things to play, ed happiness while she secretly longed for | none, for it may attract the lightning and freedom? Was love but a mockery after then fail to carry it off without damage. all? Yet what did it matter it his own hopes were lost since she had gained her iron, drawn to a long, sharp point, which desire was to make her happy?

He only knew that the days had been long useless when wet.

cheerless winter of the heart.

ix on alike to wind and storm and c lu He had been reading, but the book had fallen at his feet, and he was sleeping-a deep, sweet, troubled sleep.

He had been dreaming, too, for a tea had trickled down and lay on his haggard He stirred unessily and murmured something in his sleep, but did not wake, when the sudden opening of the door let in a gust

of wind that scattered the aslies over the love and tender care cannot satisfy the flame. It was not until a soft hand was c-svings of my heart. What right had you laid on his own, and warm, sweet kisses fell passion. "You might have known that I ing by his chair, the old remembered lovecould never learn to be satisfied in this light shiping in her eyes, though it shone through a mist of tears.

"I must have been mad !" he cried, more | "I have come back," she said, softly, not to himself, than to the woman before him. heeding his bewildered look, and lifting his Then, with sudden, remorseful tenderness, hand lovingly to lay it against her warm he drew her close to his heart, and, looking cheek. "Oh, my love! my love! can you guess how my heart has hungered for Believe me when I tell you that the one sight of your face? How through the with of my heart has been to make you long, weary years, I have prayed day and happy. Has my love been so selfish, dear, night that He would spare my life that that it has failed to satisfy you? Can it might come back and say, 'Forgive me, bethat in my own blind happiness I have Richard. I dared not pray for more. chated myself into the belief that you, too, Richard, the old home life has lost its were content? With the knowledge of your | charms, and it was not long before I learned unhappiness before me I would give my life to understand that I could never be happy to undo the wrong I did you in marrying without your love. I have given up everyyou and bringing you to this lonely place, thing to be with you again to share your poverty, if you will let me, dear.

"I dreamed every night that you ha come back, but I always awoke to despair he said, the look of doubt and perplexity deepening in his eyes. "I'was mad when I threw away my hap-

piness that day," she said, with sad humility, laying her soft cheek against his haggard one. "Can you ever forgive me, Rich ark, for the pain and sorrow I have caused

"I have dreamed so often, so often," said, looking at her with anxious eye Tell me am I dreaming now ?" "It is no dream," she answered, softly Oh, Richard, my husband, can't you un-

lerstand that I am never to leave you-that

have learned at last to love you?" The light of great happiness broke over "The waiting has been long and bitter, he said, holding her close to his breast.

There was no word of reproach for the offering she had caused. "You are sure, quite sure, you have given me-sure that you love me still?" she asked, anxiously

For answer he drew her closer to his "There is no need to tell you what your heart has learned at last tounderstand, my love, my love!"

Sam Jonesisms If you sow whisky you reap drunkards. A man who will swear before his children is a bruto.

The truth follows from a good man like nolasses from a jug A good man is like a city set upon a on can't hide him. Some of you men have sowed enough eed to damn the world.

I have great contempt for a man who has the time to play cards. A man who gets drunk will steal if he not too much afraid of the iail. Most of you don't care if your neighbor goes hungry so you have enough.

Live so your children may put their feet in your tracks and be honorable. There's a merchant in this town tells the truth, and he's mighty lonesome. The man who don't laugh needs a liver medicine. The moper and growler never

goes to heaven. I never knew a first-class billiard-player who was worth the powder and lead in would take to kill him. The most beautiful sight in this world to see a man leading his wife and children

Preachers know a good dear more about their flocks than they dare tell. It might endanger their salaries. "Whatsoever a man soweth he sha roap," is true, both in the Bible and al manac, whether God says it or not. Your daughter may be beautiful and

lovely, but the first thing you know the

devil may pack off a drunken sou-in-law

The Best Lightning-rod.

In general, lightning-rods cost a great

deal too much, and are often badly made

into the gates of heaven.

penned those cruel words? Had she feign: or fool with, and a bad rod is worse than The best rod is of three-quarter inch round

And he took up the burden of life again; to a pole a few feet higher than the build- solicitious, however, was Dr. Foote, that not with the gladuess of hopeful youth, but | ing and set near to it, and it should extend | finally promised I would waive my prewith the strange mad unrest that follows ten or twelve feet above the pole. There judice. I began its use on the arst day of despair, the feverish energy that sometimes is no need of glass fittings, as insulators; June, 1881, and took it according to direcserves as a shield a ainst bitter memories. iron eyes screwed into the pole or hooks tions. At first it sickened me; but this He had not counted the days or even the fixed to bands to fit around the role, are thought was a good sign for one in my de months that had passed since she left him. quite as safe as glass holders, which are bilitated condition. I continued to take it and lonely, and that somehow he had man- The chief point is the ground connection. finally able to retain food upon my stomaged to live them. He remembered, in a This should be carried into permanently sch. In a few days I noticed a decided

come and gone since she went away, for We might give reasons for all this, but if and friends. My hiccoughs ceased and I twice he had counted the buds on her lilac one wishes to know the why and the where- experienced less pain than formerly. tree and watched them burst into fragrant fore, he should study a hand-book of elec- was so rejoiced at this improved condition his hands tightening about her shoulders. blooms. Twice hod the roses bloomed and tricity, and he will learn enough to make that, upon what I had believed but a few "I love you too well to give you up and faded in her little garden, and now they him quite a match for the peripatetic days before was my dying bed, I vowed, in were fading again; yet to him all the sea- lightning rod agent, who, as a rule are not the presence of my family and friends, know that, dear. I pictured to you just sons were the same, because for many desirable visitors. A perfectly safe and should I recover I would both publicly and what life shared with me would be, yet you months he had known but one—the cold, effective rod may be put up in the way privately make known this remedy for the Outside, a gray sky overhead and the dollars, and will be worth more than any I had an opportunity, and this letter is in

LITTLE COES FOR LITTLE BOYS. By and by "is a very bad boy :

Slinn him at once and for ever: For they who travel with " By and by," Soon come to the house of " Never. 'I Can't' is a mean little ceward— A boy that is ball of a man;

Set on him a plucky wee terrier That the world knows and honors 4: 1 No use in trying '-nonsense, I say

Keep trying until you succeed : But if you should meet "I Forgot" by the He's a cheat, and you'd better take heed. Don't Care" and "No Matter," boys,

they're a pair, And whenever you see the poor dolts, Say, "Yes, we do care," and 'twould be If our life should be spoiled by such faults.

A TERRIBLE CONFESSION.

Physician Presents Some Startling Facts. CAN IT BE THAT THE DANGER IN-DICATED IS UNIVERSAL?

The following story -- which is attracting

wide attention from the press-is so re-

markable that we cannot excuse ourselves

if we do not lay it before our readers en-To the Editor Rochester (N. Y. ) Democrat. Sin: On the first day of June, 1881, I lay at my residence in this city surrounded by my friends and waiting for death. Heaven only knows the agony I then enduted, for words can never describe it. And yet, if a few years previous any one

had told me that I was to be brought so low, and by so terrible a disease, I should have scoffed at the idea. I had always been uncommonly strong and healthy, and weighed over 200 pounds and hardly knew, in my own experience, what pain or sickness were. Very many people who will read this statement realize at times they are unusually tired and cannot account for it. They feel dull pains in various parts of the body and do not understand why. Or they are exceedingly hungry one day and entirely without appetite the next. This was just the way I felt when the relentless malady which had fastened itself upon me first began. Still I thought nothing of it; that probably I had taken a cold which would soon bass away. Shortly after this I notice la heavy, aud at times neuralgic, pain in one side of my head, but as it would come one day and be gone the next, I paid little attention to it. Then my stomach would get out of order and my food often failed to digest, causing at times great inconvenience. Yet, even as a physician, did not think that these things meant any. thing serious. I funcied I was suffering trom malaria and doctored myself accord-

ingly. But I got no better. I next noticed a peculiar color and odor about the fluids I was passing-also that there were large quantities one day and very little the next, and that a persistent froth and soum appeared upon the surface, and a sediment settled. And yet I did not realize my danger, for, indeed, seeing these symptoms continually, I finally became accustomed to them, and my suspicion was wholly disarmed by the fact that I had no pain in the affected organs or in their vicinity. Why I should have been so blind I cannot under-

stand! I consulted the best medical skill in the land. I visited all the famel mineral springs in America and traveled from Maine to California. Still 1 grew worse. No two physicians agreed as to my malady. who. One said I was troubled with spinal irrita. tion, another, dyspepsia; another, heart disease; another, general debility; another, congestion of the base of the brain ; and so on through a long list of common diseases, the symptoms of many of which I really had, In this way several years passed, during which time I was steadily growing worse. My condition had really became p.t.able. The slight symptoms at first experienced were developed into terrible and constant disorders. My weight had been reduced from 207 to 130 pounds. My life was a burden to my self and friends. I could retain no food on my stomach, and lived wholly by injectious. II was a living mass of pain. My pulse was uncontrollable. In my a ony I frequently fell to the floor and clutched the carpet, and prayed for death ! Morphine had little or no effect in deadening the pain. For six days and nights I had the death-premoritory hiccoughs constantly! My water was filled with tube-casts and albumen. I was struggling with Bright's Disease of the kidneys in its last stages!

While suffering thus I received a call

from my pastor, the Rev. Dr. Foote, at that time rentor of St. Paul's Episcopa church, of this city. I felt that it was our lust interview, but in the course of conversation Dr. Foo o detailed to me the many remarkable cures of cales like my wish? Had he not told her that his only should be made smooth, and gilded, or own which had come under his ob ervacoppered. The sections must be fastened tion. As a practicing physician and "The past year has been but a dream, a together with screw ferules, and the ends graduate of the school. I deride the idea dream too fair and sweet to last," he told should be filed smooth and bright, and be of any medicine ontside the regular chanhimself in the first bitterness of his despair. fixed in contact. It is quite safe if fasten being in the least beneficial. S the sickening sensation departed and I was vague, dim way, that twice the spring had moist earth, or, better still, into water. change for the better, as also did my wife above described for ten to twenty-five good of humanity, wherever and whenever