AN EASTER SONG.

Arise, my heart, and sing thy Easter song
To the great anthem of returning bird,
And sweetening bud, and green, ascending blade,
Add thou thy word.
Long was the winter and the waiting long;
Heart, there were hours, indeed, thou wert afraid—
So long the Spring delayed.

Shut in the winter's alabaster tomb,
So white and still the sleeping summer lay
That dead she seemed;
And none might known how in her magic side,
Slept the young Spring, and moved, and smiled, and dreamed.

Behold she wakes again, and open eyed,
Gazes in wonder, 'round the leafy room,
At the young flowers. Upon this Easter Day
Awaken, too, my heart, open thine eyes,
And from thy seeming death thou, too, arise.

Arise, my heart; yea, go thou forth and sing!
Join thou thy voice to all this music sweet
Of crowding leaf, and busy, building wing,
And falling showers;
The murmur soft of the little lives new born,
The armies of the grass, the million feet of marching flowers.
How sweetly blows the Resurrection horn
Across the meadows, over the far hills!
In the soul's garden a new sweetness stirs,
And the heart fills,
And in and out the mind flow the soft airs.
Arise, my heart, and sing, this Easter morn;
In the year's resurrection do thy part—
Arise, my heart!

—*Richard Le Gallienne, in Success.*

WHEN OLD AGE COMES.

Sometimes it is Natural and Sometimes Artificial.

There seems to be a fatal epidemic among exceedingly aged negroes in this country. Hardly a day passes that we may not read of the death of a colored man at anywhere from 106 to 124 years of age. A certain recollection of mine may throw some light on the remarkable longevity of these negroes.

In 1879 I was rambling through the South with nothing better to do than to stop and gas with anybody who seemed to offer interest for the moment. On my way from Nashville, Tenn., to The Hermitage, Andrew Jackson's old home, I met a negro who looked ancient enough to have been on earth when the Cumberland mountains were holes in the ground.

"Uncle," I said, in the course of our conversation, "how old are you?"

"'Deed, suh," he answered, "Ah cain't tell 'zact'ly. Ah's a right smart heap o' yeahs dhough."

I pretended to be greatly shocked at his ignorance, and said: "You ought to be ashamed not to know your own age. If I will tell you how old you are will you try to remember it?"

"'Deed Ah will, suh. Ah'd laik to know how old Ah is."

I felt of his pulse, laid my hand on his brow, looked wise and asked him some very foolish questions. Then I said, impressively: "Uncle you are 410 years old."

"Ah reckoned hit was erbout dat," he agreed. "Fo' hun'ed an' ten, huh?" Ah'll 'member dat fo' suah."

Three years later I was recounting this experience to a party of Nashville men, when one of them said:

"I know that darkey. He lives on the Liberty pike and does odd jobs of hauling with an old white mule in a rope harness and a two-wheeled cart."

"The same rig he was driving when I met him," I said.

"Well," the Nashville man continued, "he still tells everybody he is 410 years old. He hasn't aged a day in three years."

But then he really didn't have, to you see.—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

RECOGNIZING A VOICE.

It Cannot Be Done With Certainty Through a Telephone.

Many persons imagine that the human voice is as easily recognizable as the human countenance; they think that they could never be mistaken in the voices of their friends, but in the branch telephone exchange of a big business house the other day an experiment proved that this was not altogether true. One of the employes of the house took his place at the exchange and as various persons called for various numbers he guessed who was speaking. Out of 10 guesses 6 were wrong. He erred in the case of his own brother's voice, mistaking it for that of the proprietor. He was sure that he had detected a fellow-clerk on account of the pronunciation of coffee—"cawfee"—that he believed to be peculiar to this person, but the event proved that there were others in the building who pronounced coffee in that odd way. The girl at the exchange said that she never attempted to tell people by their voices, especially over the phone. 'When you make a mistake it is so embarassing," she murmured. "A roguish voice says: 'Do you know who it is?' You answer: 'Yes; it's Harry.' Whereupon the disappointed reply comes: 'No; it is Jack.' That makes you feel small."

Something Harder.

Auntie (finding Jackie sobbing in a corner)—Why, Jackie, what has happened to make you feel so bad this morning?

Jackie—M-ma missed some jelly.

Auntie—Ho, ho! I see. And her suspicions fell on you, eh?

Jackie—No, auntie; it was her slipper.—Boston Courier.

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