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THINK you how many Springs will go and come
When We are Dead Ones—and the busy Hum
Of life will never reach us—Nothing Done
And Nothing Doing in the Silence Glum!

[Kate Matheron



The Excuse

FROM a mass of material collected during the past twelve years I have chosen for this book some humorous verses that seemed to me to be worthy of a more enduring place than a scrap-book. A few old favorites have been included in order to give the correct versions or to establish their authorship. • • • • • •

¶ Mr. Thayer's "Casey at the Bat" periodically goes the rounds of the press in an incorrect form, generally lacking the first five verses. I am indebted to the San Francisco Examiner, in whose columns the poem first appeared, for a copy of the original version. • • • • • •

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[R. A. L.]

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