

Up flew the endowments, not weighing an ounce,  
And down, down, the farthing-worth came with a bounce.  
Again he performed an experiment rare ;  
A monk, with austerities, bleeding and bare,  
Climbed into one scale ; in other was laid  
The heart of our Howard, now partly decayed,  
When he found with surprise that the whole of his brother  
Weighed less, by some pounds, than the bit of the other,  
By further experiments—no matter how—  
He found that ten chariots weighed less than one plough.  
A sword, with gilt trappings, rose up in the scale,  
Though balanced by only a ten-penny nail,  
A shield and a helmet, a buckler and spear,  
Weighed less than a widow's uncrystalized tear.  
A lord and a lady went up in full sail,  
When a bee chanced to light on the opposite scale,  
Ten doctors, ten lawyers, two courtiers, one earl,  
Ten councillors' wigs full of powder and curl,  
All heaped in one balance, and swinging from thence,  
Weighed less than a few grains of candor and sense.  
A first-water diamond, with brilliants begirt,  
Than one good potato just washed from the dirt ;  
Yet, not mountains of silver and gold would suffice,  
One pearl to outweigh—'twas the Pearl of Great Price,  
Last of all, the whole world was bowled be at the grate,  
With the soul of a beggar to serve for a weight,  
When the former sprung up with so strong a rebuff  
That it made a vast rent and escaped at the roof.  
When balanced in air it ascended on high,  
And sailed up aloft, a baloon in the sky ;  
While the scale with a soul in so mightily fell,  
That it jerked the philosopher out of his cell.

## MORAL.

Dear reader, if e'er self-deception prevails,  
We pray you to try those extraordinary scales ;  
But if they are lost in the ruins around,  
Perhaps a good substitute then may be found.