

## **THEN LAUGH**

Build for yourself a Strong-Box;  
Fashion each part with care.  
When it's strong as your hands can make it,  
Put all your troubles there.

Hide there all thought of your failures,  
And each Bitter Cup that you quaff;  
Lock all your Heartaches within it,  
The 'Sit on The Lid and Laugh!'

Tell no one else its contents,  
Never its secrets share;  
When you've dropped in your Care and Worry,  
Keep them forever there.

Hide them from sight so completely  
That the world will never dream half;  
Fasten the Strong-Box securely,  
Then 'Sit on The Lid and Laugh!'

--Bertha Adams Backus--