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A Pandora's box of good things and bad,  
Of things that are gay and things that are sad,  
As a sign of respect and of greatest esteem  
And with the fond hope that some one may deem  
The offering worthy, we lay at the feet  
Of our State's legislature, and its members we greet,  
With the hope that some time in the dim Future great,  
They will aid education in the South's Empire State  
By something more helpful than bombastic speech,  
For bombast the mind of the youth does not teach.  
The offering is small but the feeling is true,  
The great State of Georgia may at one time rue  
The sad, false economy of her poor legislature,  
Which may sometimes give them a nomenclature.