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The Ridiculous Optimist.

There was once a man who smiled
Because the day was bright,
Because he slept at night,
Because God gave him sight
To gaze upon his child;
Because his little one
Could leap and laugh and run,
Because the distant sun
Smiled on the earth, he smiled.

He toiled and still was glad
Because the air was free,
Because he loved, and she
That claimed his love and he
Shared all the joys they had!
Because the grasses grew,
Because the sweet winds blew,
Because that he could hew
And hammer, he was glad.

Because he lived he smiled
And did not look ahead
With bitterness or dread,
But nightly sought his bed
As calmly as a child.
And people called him mad
For being always glad
With such things as he had,
And shook their heads and smiled.

An Invitation.

"What do you say?" said the Work
To Be Done;
"Shall we start bravely together,
Up with the earliest peep of the sun,
Singing, whatever the weather?
Come, little busy-folk, what do you
say?
Let's begin fairly together today.

"Shall we keep step with a laugh and
a song,
All through the runaway morning?
And when the noontime comes
speeding along,
Whistling his chorus of warning,
Then," said the Work To Be Done,
"let us see
Who has kept up in the hurry with
me.

"Hark, in the midst of the long after-
noon,
When you're a little bit weary,
How all the meadows keep sweetly
in tune,
Toiling, and prattling, and cheery.
What do you say," said the Work To
Be Done,
"Shall we be comrades till setting of
sun?"

John Bright and the Clergyman.

John Bright went into an agricul-
tural district one day, and had to
walk from the station a long way into
the village. A clergyman who was
driving in a dog-cart overtook him,
and learning his destination, offered
to drive him there.

"Have you seen the papers today?"
asked the parson, when the famous
tribune had taken a seat.

"No; what is in them?"
"That rascal John Bright has been
making another speech."

"And what was it about?"
The clergyman explained the sub-
ject.

"Well," said the stranger, "after
all, Mr. Bright may be right, you
know."

"Oh! no," said the irate clergym-
an. "If I had him here, I would
feel like shooting him!"

Before they separated, Mr. Bright
had promised to attend his acquaint-
ance's church the next day. The
theme of the sermon was Mr. Bright's
speech, and at the conclusion, John
Bright thanked him for his sermon.
As the rector was going home, a
friend stopped him and said:

"You have been preaching under
distinguished patronage this morn-
ing."

"How is that?"

"You had John Bright among the
congregation. Didn't you notice him
in the front pew?"

"What," exclaimed the rector,
"that man! Why, I drove him to the

village yesterday in my dog-cart, and
called him a rascal and excoriated
him in all the moods and tenses and
he never said a word. I must go
and apologize at once."

High and Low.

A Boot and a Shoe and a Slipper
Lived once in a Cobbler's row;
But the Boot and the Shoe
Would have nothing to do
With the Slipper, because she was low.

But the King and the Queen and
their Daughter
On the Cobbler chanced to call,
And as neither the Boot
Nor the Shoe would suit,
The Slipper went off to the ball.

Growing Loveliness.

A beautiful Eastern story tells of a
child walking beside the sea, who
saw a bright spangle lying in the
sand. She stooped down and picked
it up, and found it was attached to a
fine thread of gold. As she drew this
out of the sand there were other
bright spangles on it. She drew up
the gold thread, and wound it about
her neck, and around her head and
her arms and her body, until from
head to foot she was covered with the
bright threads of gold, and sparkled
with the brilliance of the silver
spangles.

So it is when we give ourselves
with open hearts and complete devo-
tion to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.
We grow all the time in Christian
knowledge and in power. The beau-
tiful follows the beautiful; each good
thought, and deed is the key to an-
other good thought and deed of still
greater beauty.

Travellers' Aid.

Perhaps no more worthy work is
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large silver badge on which are the
words, "Travellers' Aid Agent."

This work being a department of the
Young Women's Christian Association
is carried on by a committee composed
of two members from each church con-
tributing to the funds of the com-
mittee employing the agents.

Much as we hesitate to acknowledge
it, Canada is in the grip of that deadly
monster, the white slave traffic—traffic
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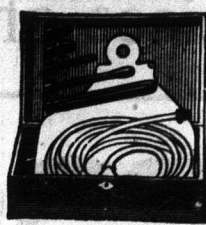
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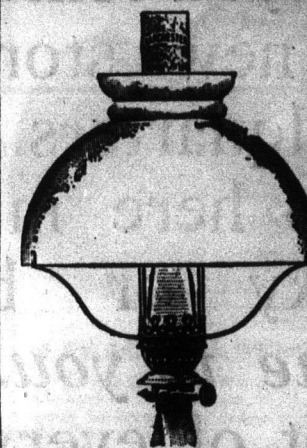
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