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tuture of civilization and the race. If the tide of fireligious radicalism can only be stemmed, all will be well; but if not, the whole social fabric will be undermined and swept to destruction. The intellectual breadth of view of Christianity to-day, and its growing sympathy with Liberalism in the wider sense, the movement towards Christian Socialism, the efforts to ameliorate the conditions in cities under which the poor and fallen live, the recognition of the rights of labour, and so on,-all these are most hopeful signs. they show that Christianity is still a regenerating force, is still capable of adapting itself to the changing conditions of that democracy to which it has given birth, and that it still has a work to do, and a message for

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THE ELEVATOR BOY.

There was a lean, freckle-faced boy, who a year or two ago ran the elevator up and down in an old shackly office building. I often went up in it, but certainly I never suspected "Billy" of any noble quality which raised him above other boys high as was Saul among his brethren.

But one day the old house began to shudder and groan to its foundation, and then one outer wall after another fell amid shouts of dismay from the crowds in the streets. And Billy, as these walls came crashing down, ran his old lift up to the topmost story and back again, crowded with terrified men and women. He did this nine times. Only one side of the building was now standing. The shaft of the elevator was left bare, and swayed to and fro. The police tried to drag the boy out of it, and the mass of spectators yelled with horror as he pulled the chain and began to rise again above their heads.

"There's two women up there yet," said Billy stolidly, and he went on up to the top, facing a horrible death each minute, and knowing that he faced it. Presently through the cloud of dust the lift was seen coming jerkily down with the three figures on it. As it touched the ground the whole building fell with a crash. The women and the boy came out on the street unhurt, and a roar of triumph rose from the mob. Scores had been saved by the fidelity of the heroic elevator boy.

But it was six o'clock, and Billy slipped quietly away in the dusk, and went home to his supper. For your real hero does not care to remain for the shouts and clapping of hands.

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PRINCESS IRENE.

Lucy Perry was a little girl who liked to have her own way. She thought she knew better than any one else what was best for her, and so she was often in trouble.

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"Oh, yes! but Princess Irene must

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