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"_Go then, my little Book, and show to all
That entertain and bid thee welcome shall,
What thou dost keep close shut up in thy breast;
And wish what thou dost show them may be blest
To them for good, may make them choose to be
Pilgrims better, by far, than thee or me.
Tell them of Mercy; she is one
Who early hath her pilgrimage begun.
Yea, let young damsels learn of her to prize
The world which is to come, and so be wise;
For little tripping maids may follow God
Along the ways which saintly feet have trod._"

Adapted from JOHN BUNYAN.

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engraved, and printed under the supervision of GEORGE T. ANDREW.]

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They all drew to the fire, mother in the big chair, with Beth at her feet

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Do it this way, clasp your hands so

It was a cheerful, hopeful letter

How you used to play Pilgrim's Progress

No one but Beth could get much music out of the old piano

At nine they stopped work and sung as usual

Merry Christmas

The procession set out

Out came Meg with gray horse-hair hanging about her face

A little figure in cloudy white

The lovers kneeling to receive Don Pedro's blessing

We talked over the fence

Tail-piece

Eating apples and crying over the "Heir of Redclyffe"

Jo undertook to pinch the papered locks

Mrs. Gardiner greeted them

Face to face with the Laurence boy

They sat down on the stairs

Tell about the party

The kitten stuck like a burr just out of reach

Curling herself up in the big chair

Reading that everlasting Belsham

He took her by the ear! by the ear!

Mr. Laurence hooked up a big fish

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Being neighborly

Laurie opened the window

Poll tweaked off his wig

Putting his finger under her chin

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