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*A bed of old Earth's salt, too soon dissolved,
and never to be replaced.*

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TO THE SMILE KING

"He came and laughed and went his way;
Lending something to the day
That flashed as with a mystic light—
Something wise and kind and gay.
So when he went into the night
Out beyond our mortal sight,
Lo! he left us with his clay
God's joy flashing from the height."

—WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE.

"His mind was pure, his thoughts were clean,
He knew mankind and life;
With smiles he forced the problems of
The Everlasting strife."

"They say he's dead. It is not true.
I can believe that never.
A soul like his could never die,
George Fitch will live forever."

—ROY K. MOULTON.

The quiet, modest, kindly Smile King has gone. And yet the Smile King is here. This little volume will tell you so. And you will believe it. All too soon he went—but he lived a LIFE.

For four years he daily fed his clean, non-stinging Smile Essays to a great nation of humans, through the daily newspapers, whose readers read and laughed and loved. And through this little book let us hope that millions will again read and laugh and love.

George Fitch was one of the rarest friends I ever had or ever hope to have. He was fine and strong and just. And the silent influence that his big heart radiated can never grow less bright nor less beautiful.

Like the never ending Seasons his good works are sure to come into newness year in and year out, until that time shall come when there shall be no more Seasons—just one long, never ending, beautiful Day.

—GEORGE MATTHEW ADAMS.

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