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THE
TRAVELLER.

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Andrew-street, Seven Dials.*

A TRAVELLER full forty years I have been,
But never went over to France.

All cities and most markets towns have been in,
Twixt Berwick-on Tweed and Penzance ;
My own native country with pleasure I range,
All seasons and times of the year,
In fashion still find a continual change,
Something novel will always appear ;
The world, tho' tis round, as about it we go,
Strange ways turns, and crosses we see,
But the favourite road, which I wish to pursue,
Is through life to go easy and free.

The traveller braving a bleak win'try day,
to what place he goes or may reach,
When reaching his inn, is as cheerful and gay
As the sailor that gets into port ;
Well seated and serv'd, his refreshments how sweet,
What comforts it gives to the heart,
And where a few friends unexpectedly meet,
How fond each his tale to impart ;
For know, this idea, which none can detest,
Has long been imprinted in me,
That whatever maxims are follow'd, the best
Is through life to go easy and free.

If fraught with good humour, I care not how much
In sentiment people divide,
In opinion for differing, my temper is such,
I scorn any soul to deride ;
Tho' the dictates of reason flow pointed and strong,
Such prejudice hangs on my mind,
From debates, how'er pertinent, nervous, and strong,
You se'dom a convert will find ;
Then give me the man, wheresoever I call,
That always will sociable be.
If we can't think alike, still the beauty of all
Is through life to go easy and free.

As sons of the Whip must to business attend,
I always make much of the day,
At night with my bottle, my pipe and my friend
The moments glide smoothly away ;
All travellers, truly it must be confess'd,
Good orders are glad to receive,
Disappointments in trade never rob me of rest,
For madness I deem it to grieve ;
Then my worthies, the toast which to give I'm inclin'd,
I trust with all minds will agree,
Wishing every free-hearted friend to mankind,
Through life may go easy and free.