

HOPE AND FAITH. Hope is the centred flower Which, in the breast implanted, Who winds have swept the bosom's bowers Still blossoms like a thing enchanted— Life's sweet inheritance and dower.

THE MAJOR'S STRATAGEM.

Major John Brindson, a member of the Arkansas Historical society, was requested to read a paper relative to the days of the code within the memory of men now living. He cheerfully responded in the following: Arkansas had been a State some ten years when I became one of her citizens. I was a very ambitious young man. Devoted study had stamped a large measure of any distinction in the East, so in this wild country, I was determined to get a living if nothing else.

"If you ever need my services, call on me." "I hope that I shall never need you." "Probably not, but in a country town like this a smart young chap never knows how soon he may need a physician." "Sir," said I, arising, "I am not a doctor. I am a lawyer. I don't know how soon he may need a doctor. Such a peculiar atmosphere in this country," and turning his face full upon me he grinned like a "possum."

strolling in the woods not far from her father's house. I had not spoken to her of love since the time of her refusal. I knew that she would never alter her decision, for I could read determination in every expression of her face. "Let us return. We have walked far enough." "Oh, no, let us go to the brow of the hill and look down on the river." "I had scarcely finished the remark when four men sprang from behind an enormous log. Each man wore a mask. Jassamine tremblingly grasped my arm. "What do you want?" I demanded, drawing a brace of pistols.

HEALTH HINTS.

To cure and heal a running sore, apply alum water twice a day. A liniment of equal parts of oil of wintergreen, olive oil, or soap liniment, used alternately, affords most relief from pain in acute rheumatism.

MAKING ARTIFICIAL ICE.

The Ammonia Process—Clear Blocks of Ice Made from Molids Filled with Muddy Water. Take the worst mud-puddle along the highway and when it freezes up the ice will be as clear as that cut from the river.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Under the name of bengaline, Irish poplins are revived. The new spring hats are very high in the crown and narrow in the brim. A Kentucky belle glories in a head of hair which is five feet ten inches long.

A BULL FIGHT IN MEXICO.

HOW THE MEXICANS "AMUSE" THEMSELVES. The Brutal Exhibitions that are Visited by all Classes of Mexican Society—Hulls Tormented to Death. A letter from the city of Mexico to the Clipper, of New York, says: The bull fight is the national amusement here.

HUNOR OF THE DAY.

Agricultural reports—The corn peeping. Like the worm, the roller skate will turn when it is turned.—Merchant-Traveler. Bakers are generous. They never keep all the bread they knead.—Syllabus.

"I soon learned that the doctor bore the name of a desperate character. He had fought several duels. I expected that he would be a coward, and he did so, but he kept out of my way. The people, I saw, attached great importance to what they termed the defense of honor. No matter how promptly a man repented of his fault, he was not to be taken into the fold of brave men until he had shown his willingness to burn dangerous powder. When anyone reproached his neighbor with a fault, he could attempt to laugh it off, but to my sorrow I found it was a serious matter.

"I don't believe that Judge Blake thinks so." "I don't warrant you that Miss Jassamine has proved to be true. Jassamine is rather a peculiar girl. You cannot tell her by her actions. Once, I thought I loved her. I thought she loved me. She told me she loved me, and I told her she could not love him." "But she cannot love him?" "Stranger surmises have proved to be true. Jassamine is rather a peculiar girl. You cannot tell her by her actions. Once, I thought I loved her. I thought she loved me. She told me she loved me, and I told her she could not love him."

A Paris letter says that among the features of the carnival at Nice this year was the battle of flowers. Precisely at 2 o'clock the gun at the chateau gave the signal for beginning the hostilities. The signal for beginning the hostilities was given by a cannon, which was fired from one end of the course to the other. The people on foot responded with vigor to the attacks of the riders, many of them having provided themselves with large baskets full of small bouquets, in the manufacture of which a whole army of florists had been engaged during the preceding day and night.

Modes of Courtship.

The tailor presses his suit. The shoemaker lays his awl at her feet. The blacksmith strikes the iron when it is hot. The carpenter says her society adjoins to his existence. The woodchopper offers himself as her feller.

Curious Payment for Land in England.

Gloves of various kinds were frequently presented in service for lands. Thus, two farms at Carlottes, in Yorkshire, said "the one a night hand, and the other a left hand glove yearly," while the manor of Elston, in Nottinghamshire, were held of the king by the service of paying at the Castle of Pontefract one pair of gloves fitted with fox skin, or eighteen pennies yearly; while the manor of Elston, in Nottinghamshire, were rendered two pairs of gloves yearly, together with a pound of cummin seed, and a steel needle. Needles are met with several times, but one instance must here be noted. "Roger, for some time held of our lord the king, the lands in Hallingbury, Essex, by paying at the king's exchequer "one silver needle yearly."

He Took the Wager.

"Poor John was so fond of gambling, that he took a wager of \$100 that he could sell 300 claims in twenty minutes. "Did he win the bet?" "Yes, he won the bet," sighed the widow, "but the money didn't do us any good. It took every cent of it to bury him."—New York Sun.

How the Sultan Looks.

"The day before the one appointed for our leaving Constantinople," said Senator Stanford, "I was much surprised at receiving, through a court official, an invitation for the following afternoon to a private audience with the Sultan, during which he wished to question me concerning material developments of Turkey. There was nothing remarkable about the room, except, perhaps, the fact that it was furnished in French style, nor was there much of Oriental splendor in the dress of the Sultan. He wore a blue undress uniform of European cut, the only traces of Eastern costume being a plain fez, and a magnificent mounted scimitar. He appeared to be a rather slight man, some thirty-five years of age, with an intelligent face that showed a somewhat timid character. I should judge, and a decidedly Jewish cast of features."—San Francisco Call.

Wisdom dwells in blue skies and broad sunshine, and the wide hills and the infinite waters in peace of mind and freedom, and the worship of the earth. He is poverty-stricken who is so absorbed in the one little enclosure of which he holds the title deed that he loses his grasp on the bending universe.

There are 64,000 families of Indians in the United States, and they occupy 115,998,191 acres of land on reservations.