

THE BIRTH OF SONG.

One sunny morn when smiling Spring,
From budding flowers sweet scents did fling,
With lavish grace from earth to air,
Making fair Nature still more fair.

At this bright hour two spirits met,
On whom no mortal eyes yet set;
One's name was Hope, the other Love,
And each its birth claim'd from above.

While hand in hand they gaz'd around,
They could not see one earthly sound;
But Heaven, to make their union long,
Bade Hope and Love give birth to song.

HOPE.
BY A. S. HANES.
There's a sweet little girl called Hope,
Who cheers us through every sorrow,
Who puts us upon the cheek,
Saying, "Ah! just wait till to-morrow."

And though that morning may dawn
Midst dark and heavy clouds,
Which every ray of joy
In deepest gloom enshrouds—
Still, still will this little girl hope,
Still cheer us through that day's sorrow,
Still put us upon the cheek,
Saying, "Ah! just wait till to-morrow."

MEAT DEPARTMENT.
Curing and Keeping Pork.
T. E. HAMMILL'S RECIPE.—The hams of Maryland and Virginia have long enjoyed a wide celebrity.

THE NEWBOLD RECIPE.—The following is the famous Newbold recipe, which has acquired so much celebrity: Seven lbs. coarse salt, 5 lbs. brown sugar, 2 oz. pearl ash, 4 gallons water.

TO RESTORE PORK.—In warm weather the brine on pork frequently becomes sour, and the pork tainted.

PICKLE FOR BEER.—To eight gallons of water add one quart of molasses, three lbs. of sugar, four ounces of saltpetre, and fine salt sufficient to make it so strong that it will bear up an egg.

WHY SMOKING PRESERVES MEAT.—Hams and beef are preserved by smoking them over a wood fire.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Dead Sea and the Cities of the Plain.
In the Old Testament scriptures there is an account of the utter overthrow and destruction of certain cities, the inhabitants of which aroused the Divine vengeance.

A book has just been published in England, and we presume will soon appear in this country, which will give the quietus to the popular ideas on this subject.

He was abundantly supplied with means, and having secured a strong body guard of infantry and cavalry he was enabled to proceed with his mission without danger from the nomadic tribes of Arabs.

It is surprising that they have not been discovered sooner. The Holy Land has been a point of interest with all travellers and explorers in all times.

But we easily account for the failure to discover these relics of the olden times. Men have always visited the Dead Sea, and as they looked upon its sluggish salt waters, have regarded them as shutting up in darkness the cities accused of Heaven.

I'll do it Well.
The old adage, says, Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well.

THE BITE OF A RATESNAKE.—The most simple and convenient remedy, says a correspondent of the Maceon Messenger, I ever heard of was alum.

IT IS STATED that hydrophobia is producing more panic in Boston and vicinity than ever attended the small-pox or cholera, and not without some reason.

A VALUABLE REMEDY.—The New Haven (Conn.) Palladium says—"We are able to record another case of the complete cure of erysipelas by the simple application of the raw cranberries pounded fine."

PLEASURE.—I see when I follow my shadow it flies me; when I fly my shadow, it follows me.

AGES OF ANIMALS.

A Bear nearly exceeds twenty years; a dog lives twenty; a fox fourteen or sixteen, lions are long-lived—Pompey lived to the age of seventy.

This elephant was found with this inscription three hundred and fifty years after—Pigs have been known to live to the age of thirty years; rhinoceros to twenty-two, but average twenty-five to thirty.

THE SHIPPING ROPE.
This is a toy which is discarded by the young girl when entering a premature womanhood, but which ought to be locked upon as a necessary article in every boudoir.

BY AND BY.—There is music enough in these three words for the burden of a song. There is a hope wrapped up in them, and articulate beat of a human heart.

EVERYBODY says it—some time or other. The boy whispers it to himself, when he dreams of exchanging the stubbed little shoes for boots like a man.

SOMETIMES it sounds like a song; sometimes there is a sign or sob in it. What wouldn't the world give to find it in the almanacs—set down somewhere, no matter if in the dead of December—to know it would surely come.

A YANKEE IN TROUBLE.—A day or two since the passengers on board the ferry boat en route for the early train on the Hudson River Railroad were highly amused at the perplexities of a Simon Pure down-Easter.

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HUMORIST'S OILIO.

Red Eggs.
SPEAKING of bed bugs, a friend of ours who 'put up' at the Kalamazoo House tells the following 'strong one':

Well I swept 'em up again and made a circle of far on the ceiling too. Thought I had 'em foul, that time; but I swan to man, if they didn't pull straws out of the bed, and built a regular bridge over it!

Tricks upon Travellers.
A MAN once travelling the road between York and Baltimore, stopping at an inn inquired of the landlord, have you any crackers?

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The following are the principal officers in the executive department of the government, who form the Cabinet, and who hold their offices at the will of the President.

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A new volume of the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN commences about the middle of September in each year. It is a journal of Scientific, Mechanical, and other improvements; the advocate of industry in all its various branches.

THE PATENT CLAIMS are published weekly, and are invaluable to Inventors and Patentees. We particularly warn the public against paying money to travelling agents, as we are not in the habit of furnishing certificates of agency to any one.

POST OFFICE STAMPS.
TO POSTMASTERS: The Advertiser, Postmaster at Pleasant Grove, Allegheny county Maryland, is the first person in the United States who conceived and undertook to publish extensively the idea of furnishing all the Post Offices in the country with cheap Stamps.

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GLENN SPRING'S FEMALE INSTITUTE.

THE above Institution located at Glenn Springs in Spartanburg District, S. C., is opened for the reception of pupils on the first of February, 1855.

THE Southern Enterprise.
OUR MOTTO—"EQUAL RIGHTS TO ALL."
THE Subscriber will publish on the 19th of May, the first number of a "New Paper" with the above name, issued weekly, to contain twenty-four columns, printed on new and beautiful type, and neat white paper.

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