

STRENGTH.

That I am strong, my friends, oh! pity me; Nor think me blessed that I can bear alone...

SISTER ROSE

By Helen Forrest Graves.

THE sunshine was steeping all the meadow lands in gold; the wild-roses were opening their pink cups along the course of the little brook...

ENCOURAGING THRIFT.

A Business Man Who Has Found That It Pays.

"I always have confidence in people who save a little money out of their salaries," said a prominent Western merchant...

Her Knowledge of Chinese.

A young woman at a watering place this summer made a reputation as a profound linguist in a rather odd manner...

Saved the Chicken's Life.

Mrs. William Ditchfield, of Upland, has not studied medicine or surgery, but she has performed a surgical operation on a chicken at her home...

Wouldn't it look better if John Bull could take his defeats on the turf more gracefully?

Those immortals who were left out in the cold should get up a Hall of Fame of their own.

Every farmer should have an agricultural library, if only for the influence it would have upon the boys and girls in increasing their interest in the farm and the duties upon it.

The most touching contribution to the aid of Galveston sufferers is \$84, donated by the inmates of the Dunning poor-house and insane hospital, Illinois.

It is a great pity that every attempt to propagate the blue joint grass of the Western prairies is a total failure.

French gallantry, of late years said to be banished from the earth, seems to have found an abiding place in the French courts.

President Jones, of Hobart College, thinks that too much money is spent nowadays in furnishing college undergraduates with enervating luxuries...

The latest development of science provides that ships can go to sea with frozen ammunition. A method of utilizing liquefied air on warships has been discovered...

Coast defense is the most important topic dealt with in the annual report of Chief of Engineers Wilson. He points out that the war with Spain had the effect of hastening the work on the coast defenses to such an extent...

The cost to consumers of the anthracite coal strike calls attention to the benefits resulting in England from the Co-operative Wholesale Society.

Vienna is excited over great jewel robberies that have deprived some of her finest dames of their gems. Not long ago the wife of a nobleman noticed while at a ball that her diamonds did not sparkle with all the brilliancy their cost demanded...

Good Roads Notes

NEW YORK wants good roads. This fact has been demonstrated in no uncertain way by the number of petitions for road improvements which have been presented since the passage of the Higbie-Armstrong law...

STOOD BY HIS BARGAIN.

The Charlot seemed a bit gaudy, but he was willing to use it. "It's a hard life," declared the old circus man, according to the Detroit Free Press, "and I always say at the close of every season that I am through with it..."

WORDS OF WISDOM.

A good conscience is to the soul what health is to the body. It preserves a constant ease and serenity within us, and more than counterbalances all the calamities and afflictions which can possibly befall us.