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### Nature's Photograph.

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In the fine mineral cabinet of John W. Campbell of Sellwood is an agate in which is printed the face of an Indian woman. The face and part of the figure are so clear cut and distinct that there is no question about them. The agate was a very common appearing specimen when picked up on the Siletz Indian reservation, and Mr. Campbell kept it for some time before he discovered the image of the Indian woman. He saw that there was something below the rude surface, and he had that side polished, when the face made its appearance. Mr. Campbell says that the face is nature's photograph. "The sun caught the face and figure of the Indian woman as she was walking along the beach, and fastened it on the agate," is Mr. Campbell's theory concerning the picture .-- Portland Oregonian.

#### Building a Home,

The building of a home calls for good business mind and business purpose. The partnership must be in good faith; there must be an absorbing sentiment that will continually feel its interest, a courage that will not quail before the effort that must be made to sustain it, a cheerfulness that does not falter before the monotonous round of duties that must be kept up year after year to establish it, a harmony that seeks the united interest and a courtesy that ever obeys the golden rule. We believe there is too much complaint entered against the exacting duties of home building .- National Magazine.

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# THE WEEDS IN THE CORN.

#### The Distant Hills.

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"'I'm General Grant,' he said. "We went up in the elevator. 'Are Samural heroism. Nor is that all. you living in the hotel?' I asked. He Each side has learned to recognize the gave me his house number. Now, I valor of the other and to pay it the | knew he didn't live in the hotel and knew where his house was, but somehow I couldn't manage my mind, so I got out on the second floor for fear I would ask him where he had been during the war."-New York World.

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The distant hills are always steep. -S. E. Kiser, in the Chicago Record-Club Herald.

#### Brave Men on Both Sides.

\$1.35 1.35 1.50 1.35 2.85 The fact is frequently and pleasantly observed that the soldiers on both sides in the Asian war are displaying valor. The Russians find in that some consolation for the grievous losses they have suffered. Their seamen at Chemulpo and their soldiers at the Yalu were beaten and perished, but at least they fought bravely and fell like heroes. The Japanese had in "Once I was standing in the Fifth cause for exultation over their vic- came up to me and said: 'Why, how tories. Their seamen eagerly enlist- are you, Mr. Jefferson?' ing for a death errand at Port Arthur

#### The Kissing Habit.

Ethnologists tell that among the primitive races kissing was unknown. The Lapps and Maoris today simply Japan still knows nothing about kissing.

The French and the Germans are Erasmus, who visited England in Tudor times, says that the "mugco-cutaneous investment" was universal and that everybody kissed, so that he felt that he was being "kissed to death" when there.

But science is now making a severe war on this too prevalent habit. The New York Medical Journal says that it is the efficient cause of much invidious bacterial infection. Even the emperor of Germany has been forced to modify the osculatory habit .-- Boston Globe.

# Joe Jefferson's Memory.

At the Authors' club on Thursday night Joseph Jefferson was talking on the importance of memory. His did not always stand by him, he said.

#### The Walking Stick.

For the past few years walking sticks have been more generally used by the gentlemen of the frock coat. They will, bowever, be seen on all ocrub noses. Even the average native of casions during the spring and summer season. The well-groomed man carries his walking stick to business for service all through the day, and the the great kissing races. The learned man who spends but a few hours about the business district of town likewise leans on his stock.

> Some are of white walnut, stained with acid to the taste of the owner. English furze is very popular, as are likewise the Madagascar and cherry. Partridge wood and the pimlenta are sought, and oak is always in demand. It would be quite impossible to say what style of handle is most favored. Each is good if not clumsy in treatment. Thoroughbreds carry the cane for service rather than to twirl in the hand.-Sartorial Art Journal.

#### A Church With a Conscience.

Hobart, Okla., May 25.-The M. E. church, South, damaged in a storm several weeks ago, was insured against tornadoes. The insurance company allowed \$1,300 for damages. The the same circumstances an added Avenue hotel lobby when a little man repairs cost only \$1,000. The congregation decided that it would be wrong to keep the \$300 and voted to refund "'Very well, sir,' I replied, 'but you the money to the insurance company.