

bat, and much opposition to be encountered, seems to be making way. In Spain Freemasonry is still among "*Cosas de Espana*;" in Russia and Austria proper Freemasonry is still prohibited. In South America, in Mexico, Peru, Brazils, Buenos Ayres, &c., Freemasonry seems to be holding its own, but we know little of it.

In North America, in the United States and Canada, Freemasonry is advancing rapidly, and laughs at the puny efforts of credulous sensationalists, as well as the childish utterances of unbridled bigotry. American Freemasonry would, indeed, require a leader to itself, as its expanse is so wide and its developments so magnificent. If we think we see weak points in its armor, and spots in its feasts of charity, we forbear expiating on them, as ours is imperfect realization of facts, and we must live in the United States to grasp properly the peculiar difficulties and dangers, the strong and the weak side of American Freemasonry. But across dividing waters we are proud and glad to hold out the kindly hand of affectionate sympathy to the many good men and true who constitute our American fraternity. — *London Freemason.*

#### MASONIC ITEMS.

There are 5413 Royal Arch Masons in Iowa. Pennsylvania has 10,000, and Ohio 10,085.

The grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race. — *Washington.*

Col. Nathan Huntton, of Unity, N. H., is the oldest Mason in the world. He was initiated in 1803.

Lodge of Israel, 1502, Liverpool, Eng., was specially chartered for the accommodation of the Jewish brethren of that city.

The Grand Master has no more right to pass the tyled door of a lodge

without permission than has a superior officer to pass guard without giving the password. — *Parvin.*

The reprint of the Kentucky Grand Lodge proceedings from 1800 to 1814 will be commenced when a sufficient number of subscribers at \$2 are raised to justify it. Twenty-five extra copies will also be printed and sold at \$4 per copy.

It is claimed that there are some Jews who are members of a Commandery. What a refreshing sight it would be to see Sir Solomon Isaacs the *pawnbroker*, marching down Broadway carrying the banner "*In hoc*" with a ham sandwich tucked under his belt!

Grand Master Bruce Carr, of Indiana, made an appeal on February 14 for a relief fund for the flood sufferers. Up to February 22, 144 lodges responded, contributing in the aggregate \$2,724.95. Individual contributions swelled the amount to \$2,792.45.

The *Texas Freeman* sends its paper out, and announces that those who do not decline by postal to take it will be treated as subscribers, and will be expected to pay. Served 'em right. A mason that can take a Masonic paper and will not, ought to be made to do so.

The Grand Orient of France recognizes a "Supreme Force" instead of a Supreme Being, and communication with its members is interdicted. In Germany they refuse to admit Jews in Masonic lodges, and we extend them the right hand of fellowship. And yet some growlers will say that we are inconsistent.

DISHEVELED HAIR. — In the affecting emblem of the broken column and its addenda, the word "disheveled" is used. But few of our lecturers seem to understand its application. The custom of loosening the hair of women