

The game of chess, together with the board upon which it is played, Jennings states, in his "Rosicrucians," is probably Masonic in its invention, having been founded upon the Masonic, Mosaic or Tessellated pavement.

The Scottish *Freemason* describes the recent annual Assembly of the United Masonic Lodges of Aberdeen province to have been a delightful reunion. The company of brethren, with their wives and sweethearts, numbered three hundred and fifty.

The Masons of Florida are supporting a Masonic Academy at Santa Rosa. Connected with the academy is a public library containing over 1200 volumes. Santa Rosa Lodge, No. 16, of Florida, is now supporting and educating five orphans of deceased Masons.

The growth of Masonry in the West is marvelous. Illinois has more Masons than Pennsylvania, and Michigan, that in 1870 ranked the thirteenth State in population, is to-day with over 26,000 Masons, the seventh, if not the sixth, of American Grand Lodges in Masonic strength.

A Chinaman thus explains the object of the Celestial Order of Freemasonry: "One Chiny man—he bad—steal—he belong—put him out. S'pose Chinyman lazy—no work—put out. S'pose good—work, no steal—he sick—we pay; he die, we cachee box and put him in."

Profanity is one of the besetting sins of the age. It is a habit that once acquired cannot easily be got rid of. Masons, of all men, should never acquire it, and how those who have obligated themselves to reverence God by never mentioning His name but with honor, can persist in a practice so reprehensible, so devoid of decency, we cannot understand: "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain:" so SAYS THE BOOK OF THE LAW.

Bro. MacCalla, of the *Keystone*, has observed that one of the Eastern Star Sisters was recently presented with a floral gavel. He thinks it a very nice thing for a "lady Mason," for there is no danger of its hurting any one. It strikes him that it wasn't the kind he met with in his early experiences—nevertheless he supposes that whoever sees this one in the hands of its fair owner, surrounded as she is by other faries, sees—eastern stars at the same time. A Sister suggests the kind of thing he met with in his early experience was more like a "potato masher," at least, it would be, if he was served as he deserved to be.

THE WAY IT WORKS.—A physician in Washington, D.C., was called to visit professionally a young lady taken suddenly and seriously ill. Employed in one of the departments, she was comparatively without friends or resources, and when rendered helpless by disease, her condition was truly deplorable. The physician, ascertaining the name of his patient to be the same as a brother Mason in Boston whom he had met some years previously, he inquired if she was related to this person. Being told that she was the daughter of this Fellow Craftsman, whom, it should be remembered, the physician only knew as a member of the fraternity, he not only gave to her skilful professional treatment, but saw that she wanted for nothing of care and proper nursing, and when she was sufficiently recovered to travel, he accompanied her on her journey, and was not content until he had placed her in her own Eastern home. Then, exchanging fraternal salutations with his old-time Masonic acquaintance, he returned to his work and calling, hardly conscious, perhaps, of the moving power that had influenced him to so noble a deed in the exercise of a large and generous charity. This incident is but one of a thousand which might be adduced to prove the power and worth of Masonry.—*N. Y. Dispatch*.