PITTSBURGH POST.

TUESDAY MORNING.....JANUARY 22.

HUMOROUS.

WHY BABIES ARE CALLED BUDS.—The London *Critic* noticing a children's book, advises the authoress to seek some other employment if she cannot write something better adapted to infancy than the following. It is called "The Little Brother:" the scene is laid before a nursery fire, and grandmamma is showing a new-born brother to two little girls. One of them says:

"I want to know grandmamma,—I want to know how he came here? I do not believe the story about that old nurse's pocket, for I put my hand in it to day, and it is not deep enough."

"I do not believe that story either, dear, and it is wrong to tell children what is not true."

"Then grandmamma, you tell me what is true; how did the baby come here?"

"God sent him, my dear."

"But how?"

"Ah! that is very wonderful; all that the Great Creator does is very wonderful. Look at your rose tree in the window, Anne: how many buds were on it yesterday?"

"Two."—"And to-day I found a third, a very little one, among the dark green leaves."

"Now mamma is like that rose; yesterday she had but two fair blossoms by her side, her pretty Anne and Helen; and to-day a third, a very little one, is laid within her arms. God bids the buds appear upon the rose, and God gave mamma her children."

"*The buds are red and he's red too,*" said Helen.

DECLINE OF PORK AND FLOUR AT THE WEST.

A letter in the Boston *Traveller*, dated Cincinnati, January 5, says:

"The chog crop is not yet all in. Hogs commencing this season at the unprecedented price of $7 per hundred, have declined to $5.15, at which sales were made this day. Eastern buyers appeared in market early, and the principal part of the pork was packed for or purchased by them. Very large amounts have been held by parties here, though many have tried the market-east by shipments. The rise has been great delay, in the movements of freight forwarded by railroad, so that pork shipped hence last of December or later is hardly in New York by this time; and meantime the decline in that market has been to $6 thus far. No doubt is entertained now that the crop will be large. Your readers who do not look at price current will be pleased to know that flour is sold here at $7 per barrel, and plenty at that.

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Premium notes and Bonds.....
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