

DREAMING AND HOPE.

The rosy wings of fancy
Are folded now in rest.
And hope has hushed her dreaming
To sleep within my breast.

THE FREED PRISONER.

"I consider it the only hope for him,
Judge," said the doctor.
"Will establish a bad precedent. The
prisoners will think all they have to do
is get sick so as to get free," said the
judge, smiling.

Jack, for his father's presence had brightened
up his cell.
"Here, Jack," said the old man, "hit's a-shinin'
in right smart, but hit's so dim in hyar,
ye kaint see hit."

"Now, Bigby, you must get well, so you
can travel."
"I'll never get well in hyar," said the
prisoner, trying to stay his sobs. "All I
crave is a leetle sunshine in fresh a'r."

MEMORY OF SNAKES.
The Shining Stone Which the Cobra Carries
to Attract Fireflies.
The cobras are perhaps the only serpents
which will eat insects. They feed on ants,
grasshoppers, a variety of beetles, etc., but
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