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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

"Ah," said the fence corner to the snow,
"I begin to catch your drift."

THE hens are a trifle behind hand yet. They claim that the weather has been so cold that it has been impossible to get shells delivered.

BOB INGERSOLL spoke on Burns in Chicago the other night. He has acquired a considerable reputation by talking on that line of subjects.

THERE are three important times in a man's life—when he is born, when he marries, and when he dies. And even then his own importance is overshadowed by the curiosity to know if he is a boy or a girl, what the bride wore, and what he left in his will.

A WRITER in an eastern paper protests against the reprehensible habit of slapping a man on the back. It is a good method to take if you want to jar all the friendship and the loving kindness out of a man and fill his bosom with dark and bloody thoughts of murder, sudden death and midnight assassination.

AT last old Sol has a rival. Chicago is to have an electric light so powerful that it will chase affrighted night across Lake Michigan. It will also flood the elusive keyhole of the suburban residence with radiance, adding much to the comfort of the man who has lingered at the club.

MRS. LANGTRY has a \$75,000 yacht in which to enjoy her sea-sickness and be fashionably miserably. Her chief trial will come on when the captain comes down for orders and asks whether the ship shall be put about or go upon the port tack. She would probably suggest sherry as a compromise course.

IN all philosophy you will find that more is expected of men than they can accomplish. The advice of every philosopher has been better than his conduct. No one has taught morals more beautifully than Seneca, but his private life was infamous. In spite of his own weakness, he expected heroic endurance of the people.

THERE is a tribe in Central Africa among whom speakers in public debates are required to stand on one leg while speaking, and to speak only as long as they can so stand. If this plan could be worked on

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the legislature, with this amendment, that speakers be obliged to stand on their heads while vocally agitating the atmosphere, we might get some business done this session.

WIVES OF GREAT MEN.

Jean Paul Richter married to get a housekeeper, and secured a good one, though jealous of all his movements.

Moore got along well with his wife, in spite of his continual flirtation, which after all, may have been only word deep.

Durer's wife was stingy, and in order to increase the family resources kept him so steadily at work that his health gave way.

Lamartine married an English lady named Burch, who, learning that he was poor, offered to share her fortune with him.

The wife of Grotius shared her husband's imprisonment, and finally succeeded in smuggling him out of jail in a trunk.

Heine had so warm a regard for his wife that he wrote, "For eight years I have had a frightful amount of happiness."

Geo. III., albeit a little henpecked, was a model husband, and his domestic life was, for a king, singularly free from contention.

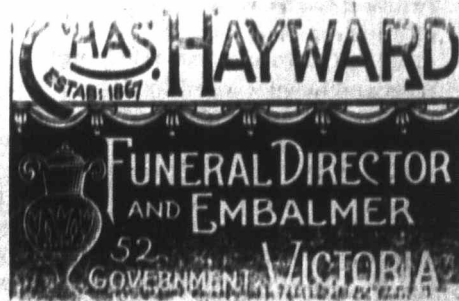
Cato married a poor girl that she might

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be completely dependent upon him, and found her as troublesome as though she were an heiress.

Clarendon was married to one of the most noble women in history, and pays frequent tribute in his writings to her grandeur of character.