

## DOTS AND DASHES.

THE cholera spectre has withdrawn from the scene for the present. Sanitary science has so far proved its superiority to contagion and kept it beyond the sea. Fear of an outbreak this year has been abandoned, and business has settled down to its accustomed channels. America may congratulate herself on this occasion, as the results, had cholera obtained a foothold, could scarcely be conjectured. It looked for a while as though the World's Fair might have to be postponed, and even as it is, it might happen that the celebration next year might be the very means of introducing and spreading the plague on this continent. Let us hope for the best.

The business outlook in Canada is reassuring. Merchants of every class report a growing confidence that holds out promise of improved trade. Managers of our largest financial institutions report a satisfactory state of affairs and show good dividend sheets for the past half year. Farmers are fairly well satisfied with the way the crops have turned out, and although prices are low, there will be plenty of money in hand when grain begins to move.

France, when she puts an army on a war footing, has 4,055,000 men in line, and Russia, under the same circumstances, 4,556,000. Either of these outnumbers Germany's present forces, and the Kaiser and his ministers, in the new army bill, propose to raise the fighting strength of the German army to 4,400,000 men. The calculation is that this goes beyond the limit France's population can bear. If it is not also beyond the German taxpayer's strength it will be lucky for the house of Hohenzollern.

During a recent discussion of war and defense, Edison declared that, with a head of water and a handful of men, he could defy an army. He would surround his fort by an immense electric plant, supply his men with hose, and, when the enemy came within his circuit, play streams of water on them which would make them the connecting link in a powerful current and mow them down by hundreds.

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## MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Of Miss Esther Lyons' appearance in Siberia, a Baltimore paper says: "Sara, the chief female role, the daughter of a son of the chosen people by a Christian wife will be played by Miss Esther Lyons, a dark-eyed, willowy, California girl, to whom Nature has been most lavish in her gifts. In her brunette beauty she looks the character to life, and gives to the representation all the strength and fire of the sturdy Muscovite blood, tempered by patient resignation which ages of wrong and oppression have taught the descendants of the race of Jacob."

The Jeffreys Lewis company were fairly well received at The Victoria, on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday. Forget-Me-Not and La Belle Russe are well constructed plays of their kind, and are not without a moral, but many people no doubt object to the portrayal of abandoned women on the stage. The support was fair.

The Delmonico Music Hall, will be opened next Monday night. The management have engaged a full ladies' orchestra, and several ballad singers. The music will be high-class, and a change of programme is promised weekly.

Sadie Scanlan the actress, sister of W. J. Scanlan, died suddenly of heart

failure, last week, at her home in New York. Miss Scanlan was known in private life as Mrs. George Brennan.

Miller's Diorama will be seen at The Victoria Nov. 22. Besides the views which the Miller Bros. had when here last year will be the Chicago-Exposition.

Joseph R. Grismer is in New York preparing for the production of The New South at Proctor's theatre, in January.

Harry Mainhall made a decided impression in this city. He has a clear voice and a handsome stage presence.

The Frederick Ward-Louis James combination is reported to be doing a fine business in the south.

Marmaduke Wood will read selections from Hamlet at The Victoria Monday night.

A Turkish Bath is doing a splendid business in the south.

Alexander Salvini is noted as a collector of antiques.

Lottie Collins has joined Miss Helyett company.

Essie Tittell will in future be known as Esther Tittell.