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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

IT was a mighty lonesome French statesman that wasn't in the Panama divvy.

DR. HAMMOND says insomnia is due to mental activity. It is sometimes due to infant industry.

AN eastern man shot himself to cure the toothache. Lead fillings are unhealthful, as any dentist will tell you.

THE Lord didn't put eyes in the backs of our heads, because in His infinite mercy He wished to spare us seeing the faces made behind our backs.

ARAB tradition makes Eve 300 feet tall. The man who sat behind Eve at the theatre never made remarks in an audible tone about her hat, that is sure.

CRINOLINE is again coming into fashion, and men, vain man, the Lord of creation, is preparing to slide off the sidewalk and dispute the right of way with the street cars.

ALL the papers in a German town have been fined for mentioning a death from cholera. Victoria papers should have been fined last summer for not mentioning small pox.

THE Winnipeg Free Press naively remarks: "Half a century from now the present generation will no longer be under the necessity of purchasing fuel." The Free Press should not judge "the present generation" by the Winnipeg standard.

ALBERT HAWTHORNE will no longer delight the musical critics of the Queen's Music Hall. Albert attempted to introduce a few startling effects in the shape of firearms into one of his performances the other evening, at which the police authorities are much wroth.

JIM CORBETT has been saying that he was trying to be both a pugilist and a gentleman. Had he refrained from that fatal error to which the great are prone, the error of writing letters, perhaps somebody knowing little either of pugilists or gentlemen would have believed him.

LONDON went daft over Paderewski, and one woman in the abounding exuberance

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of her idiocy threw herself at his feet at the close of his farewell show. But the musician did not forget that he was a gentleman. With self-sacrifice little short of heroic he refrained from stepping on the creature.

WHILE France is worrying about a crisis and a scandal at home, away off in Dahomey there is more trouble. The dusky king is potting soldiers of the republic, and Amazons about the evening camp fire plan how they will trim their winter basques with imported French scalp-locks.

THE medical students in a U. S. university threaten to strike because the stiffs on which they work have fallen too deeply into a state of odoriferous desuetude. Huh! There's a class of medical dudes for you! Do they expect the stiff to wear a Jacqueminot rose in his button hole?

THE New York Press complains because Chicago boomers have not attempted to buy and move up to the World's Fair grounds the equator. If Chicago doesn't get her hooks on the equator she will have a parallel of latitude only a few miles shorter than the equator and fully as astounding a sight for the money.

CANADIANS begin the new year with cheerfulness, as 1892 has been a period of much encouragement, both in the commercial and political world. Despite the war of tariffs and the world-wide depression in agriculture. Canadian farmers have found new channels for enterprise, trade has been active, and many merchants assert that the close of the year finds Canadian commerce generally in a better and healthier condition than it has been for the past six years.

TYPHUS fever, which has made its appearance in New York to an extent to cause the health authorities some anxiety, is, when it becomes epidemic, a very fatal disease. It is known also as jail, hospital, putrid, spotted and camp fever, and is related to typhoid and the emigrant fever. It is one of the worst foes and army has to meet. Between May, 1812, and February, 1813, a Bavarian army of 28,000 men was reduced, chiefly by this disease, to 2,250. In

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Mayence in 1813 14, of 60,000 troops in the French garrison 25,000 died from typhus in six months. The French army in the Crimea during the spring of 1856, lost more than 17,000 from the same cause. Modern knowledge and appliances have, however, reduced the terrors of typhus as of other diseases.