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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

A NEW YORK actor was fined \$20 and costs the other day for kissing a young woman against her will. He is not the first man who has got into trouble by being too free with his mouth.

CORBETT's health is reported good. It is also reported bad. While the discrepancy between the two rumors is visible to the naked eye, the people who do not care a rap which is correct are as the sands of the sea-shore

CLEAN UP!

To the Editor of THE VICTORIA HOME JOURNAL.
SIR—I see that you sometimes read the *Colonist*. Did you see that letter, the other day, headed "clean up!" Doesn't it strike you as having been written by some sorehead with the object, too, of drawing attention away from Chinatown, the hotbed, as every one knows, in which the seeds of zymotic diseases are germinated and carried on the persons of Chinamen and the clothes which they wash to the homes and the families of those who pride themselves upon the better conditions under which they live? Any one can see that the object of the writer is to show the paces of Officer Redgrave at the expense of those who have done such excellent service in a quarter of the town the significance of whose bad sanitary conditions the officer named could in no way appreciate. I maintain, sir, that Chinatown is the source of our real danger, and if so-called enlightened people fail, after the experiences they have had, to do their duty without special notification, so much the worse for them and so much the more worthy are they of that condemnation and reprobation which the *Colonist* correspondent seeks to put upon the Health and Sanitary officers who have really done magnificent service. X.

PREFERS TO REMAIN SINGLE.

"Would I marry?" laughed a lovely young lady of five and twenty, dependent on her income as a teacher for support. "Well, no. When I consider the lot of my married friends I am thankful for common sense enough to remain single. I thoroughly enjoy my free, unfettered life. To be sure, I go to my work in the school room each day, but my married friends have household cares as imperative as mine, with far greater chances of failing to give satisfaction. I have no

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husband to find fault with the coffee or the state of my wardrobe, no children to worry my peaceful hours, no servants to cater to. I have not to plan for three times 365 meals each year and no hungry family comes in to devour in one brief hour the result of my hard morning's toil in the kitchen. No stern tyrant of a husband deals out with grudging hand small bank bills to supply my needs and those of my children. If I am engulfed in a whirlpool of extravagance and purchase a lovely gown, a pair of delectable evening boots or a morsel of a French bonnet I can endure the reproaches of my own conscience with some equanimity, but the scowls of an angry spouse would wither my very soul. When the blessed summer vacation comes around there is a whole continent at my disposal, and according as I have been economical or luxurious, I may choose my summer outing. Old age? Yes, it may come to me. It will come to my married friends, and may find the widows with a half dozen children to work for. But if the worst comes and I can not work or find a snug corner in the old ladies' home, I fancy I could win some gray-haired lover who would offer me a home. There is generally some one round, you know, and the cold-hearted little beauty whisked off around the corner.

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