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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

It is reported that the barristers of Spain have gone out on strike. We were not aware that the lawyers of Spain played base ball.

REV. MR. REAMS will preach in the church of the Holy Ranters next Sunday morning. Some good brother will pass around the collection plate.

While the banana-skin joke is about out of stock, the banana fiend still throws the peel on the sidewalk and people still sit down hard enough to jar the sensibilities of an alderman.

A BOSTON woman caught a man under her bed the other day and compelled him to marry her. There is such a surplus of the tender sex in Massachusetts that a man is a man.

A THOUSAND millions of the animalculæ found in stagnant water do not equal the size of a grain of sand. Yet when a lot of doctors get together in convention they hitch a name as long as a German profane word upon an infinitesimal animalculæ and calculated to drive an unlearned man to seven different kinds of medicine.

AND they said unto themselves, "Behold it is the Sabbath. Let us hie to the waters of E-quimalt even while it is yet morning and fish." And so they cast the line and did troll mightily, rowing the boat in divers places. And they did hook one small bass—also a tenor and two sopranos. But the stories they told were prodigious, so that this generation, wiser in their day than the children of light, did wink openly and bite their thumbs, saying, "Lord, how this world is giving to lying."

WILL TELEPATHY SUCCEED TELEGRAPHY?

There is little doubt that in time telepathy will be reduced to a science, and its laws as well understood and as much under control as telegraphy is at the present time, says an exchange. As the telegraph exceeds the carrying of written messages by a stage coach or sailing ship, so the means of telepathy will as far exceed the telegraph. Humanity will, in the not distant future, arrive at that state of development when a man in Calcutta shall understand how to project his thought on

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the mind of his friend in Chicago or the one in San Francisco thus communicate with one in London. When the laws of telepathy are once discovered, space, of course, will be no factor in the problem. One mile or thousands will present the same conditions.

There is no question but that the time is rapidly approaching when the means of communication among mankind shall be as universal as the air we breathe, or as the light by which we see; when we shall no more need to depend upon personal meeting or writing, or the telegraph or the telephone, but when we shall flash thought and messages from spirit to spirit, as the light vibrates from star to star. There are an increasing number of the most thoughtful and cultivated people who believe that the spirit disembodied may hold communications with the spirit embodied. It is but the logical sequence of this belief to reflect that all life is spiritual—that only spirit is life—and that the individual, here as well as hereafter, is a spirit dwelling among spirits in a spiritual world. It is not unreasonable to suppose that the mere material of which death divests man may be a barrier to this subtle communication, to the outreaching of spirit, and that therefore the embodied will find it always more difficult than the disembodied. Still, the psychic power may be so developed as to overcome the difficulty.

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