

SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

THE Empress of India, which sailed last Wednesday, had a large shipment of dried apples on board. Thus does our Canadian industry help to swell the population of the Orient.

"BE mine!" he cried in a voice surcharged with anguish. "If you refuse me, I shall instantly die." But the heartless girl refused him. That was 26 years ago. He died of starvation last Wednesday.

Collector—Mr. Williams says he can't be bothered sending me to see you every week about this little bill.

Customer—My compliments to Mr. Williams, and tell him every other week will do just as well.

A CLERGYMAN in one of our city churches says: "The best man in Victoria is the man who spends the most of his time on his knees. I don't care who he is." The man who makes a business of putting down carpet would appear to have a pretty sure thing on eternal glory.

WHAT will be the effect of the resolution adopted by the Vancouver Literary Society, that "the stage has a demoralizing effect on the people," is, at the time of writing, difficult to determine. It is known that several London managers sold out their theatrical interests in anticipation of such a result.

ENCOURAGED by the success of the Times' portrait gallery of prominent people, the Colonist will each day contain the picture of illustrious invalids throughout the United States and Canada. The last issue of the great morning daily produces the picture of a Miss Mattie A. Cobb, of Providence, R. I., who, being weak, blind and helpless, was cured by using a bottle of sarsaparilla, and became real strong. The enterprise of the Colonist will be appreciated.

"THIS, then, Miss Beaconhill," said the young man as he started for the door, "is your final decision?" "It is, Mr. Wharfstreet," said the young girl firmly.

"Then," he replied, his voice betraying an unnatural calmness,

"there is but one thing more to add."

"What is that?" she asked, toying absently with the lobe of her shell-like ear.

"It is this," he muttered, "shall I return those black satin suspenders by mail, or will you have them now?"

THERE are 1,400,000,000 people, including a certain Government st. merchant, living on the planet which we inhabit, and yet there is now and then a man who wonders what the rest of us will do when he dies. There are people in "society" who honestly think that all the world closes its eyes when our set lies down to sleep. There are men who fear to act according to their own convictions, because perhaps ten persons in a crowd of 1,400,000,000 will laugh at them. Why, if a man could only realize every moment what a bustling, busy, fussy, important little atom he is in all this great ant-hill of fussy, important little atoms, every day he would regard himself less, and think still less of the other molecules in the corral.

WHAT MRS. GRUNDY SAYS.

That the reading public has become weary of some people's troubles.

That after some wives have had the "last word" they sit right down and cry over it.

That what Swift called the "scandal of avarice" is more apparent now than in his time.

That afternoon teas stopped with the advent of Lent, not to be resumed this year.

That a woman who has credit always buys things she does not really want.

That no sensible people have sympathy with those who run into debt to be "fashionable."

That pathetic scenes at the theatre quickly cause the modern audience to weep.

SAMUEL MATSON,

Manager for B. C. of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society of New York.

Life rates for \$1,000 with profits:

Age—30, \$15.00; 35, \$16.04; 40, \$17.20; 45, \$19.04; 50, \$22.04; 55, \$29.24; 60, \$41.50.

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Real Estate Agents,

18 Broad Street,
VICTORIA, B. C.

Four Room House with street on either side partly fenced, beautiful garden land, \$350.

PORT ANGELES—50 acres, \$30 per acre, short distance from town.

TWO LOTS—Victoria West, with two houses 120 feet x 130, corner, all fenced, \$4000.

MONTREAL ST., James Bay—Lot on front, 104 feet, good house, \$2800.

CRAIGFLOWER ROAD—Lot 120x80, small, new house, \$700, corner lot.

SOOKE DISTRICT—117 acres on the water front, close to railway terminus, \$1,200.

CHATHAM ST.—One lot and 7-room house, \$1700. \$500 or \$750 cash, balance in 2 years.

SOUTH TURNER ST., James Bay, next street to one to water, \$1,500.

FRONT ST., Esquimalt Road—12 to 14 trees, \$500.

ESQUIMALT ROAD—Lot 20, by switch of Tram Co's Line, \$700.

JAMES BAY—Lot and two houses, renting at \$25 per month, \$2,800.

One 13-room house, 2 acres of land, all fenced and cultivated, highest part of the city and overlooking everybody, \$13,000.

OAK BAY, on the water side—7-room house and beautifully situated for bathing facilities, this is an absolute bargain, \$1,650.

Four and a half acres in Saanich District for \$13 per month without interest; also farm of 76 acres on Saanich Road.

ROCK BAY—Two beautiful lots, very suitable for a garden.

EDMONTON ROAD—Lot 18, Block 70, good garden soil, \$425.

Hotel to lease, doing a good business, with four acres of land, \$1,700.

Eighty acres of land, all of first-class quality, Saanich, 30 acres absolutely clear and 50 acres nearly so, facing salt water, \$6,500.

EARL STREET—Two 1-acre lots, \$800 each, partly fenced, well situated. Also one acre of land with house and improvements—\$3,200. Terms easy.

BELMOT AVENUE—One lot, beautifully situated, \$600; also one lot, \$550.

FERNWOOD ROAD and Johnson Street—A fine 3-story dwelling containing 8 rooms, closets, hot and cold water, \$3,600.

VICTORIA WEST—A new 5-roomed house on Front street, fine, airy situation, \$1,200.

FAIRFIELD ESTATE—Dwelling house, seven rooms, rented at \$14 per month, \$1,300.

LAKE DISTRICT—6 acres partly cleared, situated near tram line, \$2,100.

CONSTANCE COVE—About one acre of land fronting on salt water, \$2,500. \$500 cash.

BEACON HILL—Beautiful house and lot, every convenience, 3 rooms, \$4,200.

PINE ST., Victoria West—Very good lot cleared, \$525.

ALBERNI, B. C.—152 acres of beautiful land, barn, stables and everything complete, capable of being made into a first class home for right party, \$3,200.

POWDERLEY AVENUE—Lot 21 113x118x120, \$525.

VICTORIA WEST—One house to sell, 5-rooms, bath and pantry, hot and cold water laid on all over the house, \$1,500 very easy terms. Two houses to let, \$12 and \$16 per month, respectively.

PINE ST., Victoria West—Lot 60x150, fenced, cleared, small house (new), water laid on, \$1,200. Very easy terms.

OAK BAY AVENUE—2 lots 60x120, \$500 each.

ALFRED STREET—One lot, 30x175, \$175.

OAK BAY, Water Front—Large lot, 60 feet front on road and about 120 feet on water, \$1,000.

CADBORO BAY ROAD—Lot, 40x120, \$450.

CADBORO BAY ROAD—Two 7-room houses, very easy terms, \$4,200.

CHAMBERS ST., cor. North Park St.—3 lots, \$2,650.

CHATHAM ST., cor. Stanley Avenue—Two beautiful lots, 108x120, \$2,000.

VICTORIA WEST, Powderly Avenue—A fine lot, 60x120, \$325. \$75 cash.

ESQUIMALT DISTRICT—100 acres excellent timber, all good land, no rock, adjoining Public School, \$3,000.

METCHOSIN DISTRICT—102 acres land, 4 acres cleared, 40 acres slashed, two log houses, two rooms each, \$30 per acre.

House of 5 rooms, bath and pantry, \$1,400. \$18 per month.

No WILD CAT schemes, but solid bargains.