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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

HENRY GEORGE is lecturing on Moses, the man who never read "Progress and Poverty."

Social Note in an American paper—Miss Dollie Johnson, the President's colored cook, is a striking brunette.

SPORTS who delight in dog fights might get much satisfaction if they would attend church regularly and witness the methods of the church choir when they get down to business.

A CHICAGO company has been organized to put up tents in fields near the fair grounds to accommodate visitors. During the intense heat, the delight of the visitors will be in tents.

THE King of Spain ran out his tongue at a nobleman the other day and was soundly spanked by his mamma. The "divinity that doth hedge about a King" sometimes uses a slipper, it seems.

PHYSICIANS claim that it is unhealthy to sit in rocking chairs, and that the rocking chair has broken down a great many constitutions. That may be true of old married folks, but young couples have broken down many rocking chairs.

In HAWAII they have "royal kahunas." A kahuna is a witch doctor who prays people to death. He can be bought off, but he comes high. In Victoria we have witch doctors who prey folks to death, as well a doctor them to death, and they come high also. In many respects the heathen in his blindness, is more blessed than in "Christian" lands.

The London Times is just now publishing lengthy and clever letters upon Australia. Its correspondent is a lady—Miss Shaw, and she is certainly doing her work well. The advertisement thus obtained will be a good one for the Australian colonies, which need all the booming they can get just now.

THE Putman twins of the "Spider and Fly" company were prevented from appearing in their songs and dances in New York last season. An attempt was made to stop them again this season, but their mother testified that they were of age. Those who can remember the first time they saw and heard the Putman Sisters will appreciate the joke.

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THE French chamber has recently imposed a tax on pianos. The young lady who now announces to the startled air that she "Cannot sing the old songs," accompanying the declaration by a wild and hilarious sprinting up and down the keyboard finds the tax gatherer swooping down upon her. Let the good work go on. All hail, la belle France!

The Countess of Aberdeen is laboring to secure a good display of Irish products at the Chicago Fair. The project of representing an entire Irish village at the fair goes on apace, and Lady Aberdeen has already secured £8,000 of the £10,000 required for expenses. She is going to ask Sir George Colthurst to lend the famous

blarney stone for exhibition purposes in connection with the Irish department.

MR. ERASTUS WIMAN announces through the Staten Island Herald that he intends for the future to devote himself to booming his properties on the Island and building 1,000 houses ranging in value from \$2,000 to \$5,000. As there are said to be nineteen people for every house in New York, he contends that the city cannot forever expand upwards and must before long stretch towards Staten Island. When that time comes the millions should roll his way. Incidentally he hopes to have plenty of time now to devote to the Canadian question. Citizens of the Dominion will appreciate such kind intentions, but the vast majority will feel like re-echoing Mr. J. Herbert Mason's words, "For God's sake let us alone."