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MEN and MANNERS

The proper study of mankind is man. —Pope.

The Japanese emperor draws \$3,000,000 yearly from the national treasury for living expenses.

General Booth, commander of the Salvation army, when on shipboard ignores the dinner table, and his staple food is rice.

The present governors of Kansas, Minnesota and Oklahoma were country editors, as well as the state auditor of Kansas and the congressman at large.

The late Secretary Hay in conversation with James Dubois of the state department, less than a year ago, predicted that he would not live twelve months.

William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., ran for the office of chief of the Great Neck fire department a couple of days ago, but Egbert L. Cluse, the village groceryman, beat him.

Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte already has received letters addressed to him as "Mr. Napoleon, secretary of the navy." In signing state documents he writes his name in full.

Charles Leitstone, a glazier, has been arrested in New York City on charge of abandoning his wife and their twenty children. They have been married twenty-six years, and yet he is but 43 and she 41.

Cardinal Richelmy has started a movement to raise funds to erect a monument to Columbus near St. Peter's, Rome, to commemorate the four hundred and fortieth anniversary of the discoverer's death.

William E. C. Nazro of Dorchester, Mass., will be sent shortly to Panama to study the welfare of the canal employes. He is a graduate of Harvard, and is a nephew of Captain A. T. Nazro, now stationed at the navy yard in this city.

General Francis Effington Pinto, who died recently in Brooklyn over 82 years old, was a soldier of the Mexican war, in the First regiment of New York volunteers, and the last survivor of the regiment's officers. He was a California pioneer, and a member of the great vigilance committee

of San Francisco. Returning east and to farming, Mr. Pinto early in the Civil war went out as lieutenant-colonel of the Thirty-second New York and became its colonel; afterward he wrote the history of his regiment in Mexico. He was breveted brigadier-general for Civil war service.

Admirers of the late Secretary Hay in Cleveland propose to start a fund for the erection of a monument to his memory, which will take either the form of a shaft in Lakeview cemetery, or it may be a new building at Western Reserve university named after Secretary Hay.

Professor N. A. Cobb of Spencer, Mass., who has been in the employ of the Australian colonial movement in New South Wales, has been engaged by Secretary Wilson to push scientific farming in the Hawaiian islands. He will assume charge of the new United States experiment station at Hawaii.

William J. Calhoun of Chicago, who has been selected to treat with President Castro as President Roosevelt's confidential agent, comes of a family "who do." Mr. Calhoun is not only a successful lawyer, but he is one of the best posted on international, commercial and corporate law, and is a quiet, modest and unassuming gentleman, who has made his record by sheer ability to win.

A young Russian, claiming the title of Prince Potemkine, and said to be the son of Admiral Potemkine, from which the mutinous battleship Kniaz Potemkine derived its name, is in New York. He arrived on the French liner La Bretagne. The young man made the trip in the steerage, although when his property was examined at Ellis Island it was found that he had nearly \$25,000 in cash. To his fellow travelers the young man said he had sold his place in Russia, had divided a sum, equivalent to \$1,000 among his ten aunts and had left Russia for all time. He said after a short sojourn in the east he would go west and buy a farm. He declared against existing conditions in Russia and said he did not desire to live longer in that country.

Mr. Richard F. Outcault, the famous cartoonist and creator of "Buster Brown," is now abroad, spending the summer in London and Paris, where his drawings are as well known as in America. On his return in September Mr. Outcault will enter on a lecture tour that promises to be unique in the history of the platform. Starting from New York he will travel west, opening his tour in October in the western country. He will fill an engagement at the Lewis and Clark exposition in Portland, Ore., afterward visiting San Francisco, Los Angeles and other coast cities. Then he will lecture in Texas cities, New Orleans and the south, reaching New York about January 1, after having delivered 100 lectures. These lectures will consist of drawing, story telling and narratives of adventure, and will be of especial interest to children, for whom many matinee engagements will be filled.

Winston Churchill is the first of England's coming men. If he chooses to take it, a seat in the next cabinet is at his disposal. Whether he will take it or not, no one knows, not even Mr. Churchill himself. For he has got ten years' start of all his competitors, and as he has time on his side, he need not hurry. Winston is to Randolph as Pitt was to Chatham. It is seldom that son follows so immediately in the steps of his father. Chatham first took office when thirty-eight, Randolph when thirty-six. Pitt refused subordinate office when twenty-three, and was Chancellor of the Exchequer six months later. Winston Churchill, if the general election takes place this year, will have the refusal of cabinet office before his thirty-first birthday. Winston's past has been

Those Subscription Cards
The subscription cards are still being sent out. Most of you have received them. We have a little more than a month now to do real hard work along the subscription line. We believe that every old subscriber will not only be able to get us five new ones but that you will do this work cheerfully. While the last cards are going out many of those first sent out are already coming back with the names of new subscribers on them. In many instances all five of the cards were returned in less than a week from the time they were sent out with a new subscriber's name on every one of them. This shows what can be done. It also shows how much our old subscribers can help us. The Independent appeals to every subscriber to get us five new subscribers.
As suggested before, if you do not have the time yourself then get one of your children interested. Your boy or your girl would like to earn \$2.00 in this way.
There is, however, another consideration that will make you help us. It is upon this that we mostly rely. If this country is ever saved from the corporations and the trusts it must be done by the common people. The railroads just now are waging a fierce fight. They are maintaining literary bureaus all over the country and are telling their side of the story in thousands of papers. What are the people doing? There are many reform papers waging a valiant fight for your cause, but are you supporting them as you should? Surely you will encourage a paper that is making such a courageous fight for the people as The Independent. We must look to you for help. We do not have Wall street nor the corporations back of us. We do not have money back of us. But we do have the people back of us and upon them we rely for our help and encouragement.
We are indeed gratified at the ready response that has already been made. Cards bearing the names of new subscribers are coming in daily, but we want hundreds more every day. Think about this matter and help us. Do not put it off but get your five subscribers right away.
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variegated. His present is exciting. His future is more brilliant in its prospects than that of any other man, save his old colleague, Lord Hugh Cecil. If both are alive and hearty in 1910, one will be leading the liberals, and the other the conservatives. For we are on the threshold of the era of youth.—W. T. Stead in Tom Watson's Magazine.
It is a curious fact that Mr. Gully, former speaker of the British house of commons, at one time was very despondent as to his future, and that the despondency was shared by two of his comrades in the legal profession. There is a story of those three discussing seriously whether they had not better throw up England altogether and seek fortune in India or one of the colonies. Luckily they decided to give their fortune another chance, with very notable results. Mr. Gully ended as speaker of the house of commons; another became lord chancellor; the third died when lord chief justice.
THE WORTH OF TOIL
The noblest men I know on earth
Are men whose hands are brown
with toil;
Who, backed by no ancestral graves,
Hew down the woods and till the soil,
And win thereby a prouder fame
That follows King's or warrior's name.
The workingmen, what'er their task—
To carve the stone or bear the hod—
They wear upon their honest brows
The royal seal and stamp of God!
And brighter are their drops of sweat
Than diamonds in a coronet!
God bless the noble workingmen,
Who rear the cities of the plain,
Who dig the mines and build the ships,
And drive the commerce of the main.
God bless them! for their swarthy hands
Have wrought the glory of our lands.
—Technical World.

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