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**MEN and MANNERS**

The proper study of mankind is man.  
—Pope.

It is said that the wife of General A. R. Chaffee, chief of staff in the United States army, will appear before congress next session as a champion of the canteen at army posts.

Philip Black, an aged western pioneer, who for forty years has lived among the Oklahoma Indians, has been married at El Reno to Miss Euphala Comer of Watongo, his fourteenth wife.

President Stickney's remarks on the making of freight rates has set all the freight agents guessing. The railroad literary bureaus do not regard them as choice morsels fit for general circulation.

Dr. Julius Goebel, who was dismissed as head of the German department of Stanford university without a hearing, has been appointed by President Eliot head of the German department at Harvard.

H. W. Denison, an American attorney, who has been for the past twenty-five years legal adviser in the Japanese foreign office, will retire and return to the United States within a year. He is the only American who has ever held such a high position in a foreign government.

Dr. D. K. Pearson has completed a cycle of gifts to colleges amounting to \$365,000—a \$1,000 gift for each day of the year. On September 19 he announced a gift of \$25,000 to the Montana College School of Manual Arts, at Deer Lodge, Mont. "That closes the cycle for this year," he said.

Green McCurtain, governor of the Choctaw nation, will take his place among the millionaires ere long. He settled up the affairs of the tribe recently involving the sale of coal lands worth \$40,000,000. Of this purchase price Governor McCurtain will receive 10 per cent as commission, or \$4,000,000.

Testimony in direct opposition to evidence by various western railroad officials was given before the interstate commerce commission by President E. P. Ripley of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad. The commission is investigating freight from Missouri river points to Chicago.

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President Ripley declared that the rate on dressed beef between Kansas City and Chicago should be 150 per cent higher than the rate on live stock. He said it cost less to carry live stock than packing house products, and submitted statistics in support of his contention.

Harriman and Hill are having a long distance scrap for possession of the north bank of the Columbia river, where Hill desires to build a railroad to Portland. Mr. Hill likes the scenery in that locality and sees no reason why Harriman should monopolize it. Ever since the securities scrap the Great Northern booster scoffs at the idea of Harriman owning the earth.

Alton B. Parker, democratic nominee for president in the last campaign; Justice Edward D. Hatch of the Appellate division of the supreme court; ex-Lieutenant Governor William F. Sheehan and Charles H. Werner have formed a law partnership, under the name of Parker, Sheehan & Hatch. Justice Hatch placed his resignation from the bench in the hands of Governor Higgins. Judge Parker since the middle of November has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession, confining his work largely to argument of cases, aiding other lawyers as counsel and hearing some important references. Judge Hatch, who has become well known to New Yorkers during his nine years' service on the Appellate division in Brooklyn and Manhattan, has had a wide experience as lawyer and judge. William F. Sheehan has been actively engaged in the practice of law in New York city. Charles H. Werner was a member of the former firm of Sheehan & Collin.

Dr. Thomas John Barnardo, after suffering from angina pectoris for several years, is dead. He was sixty years old, born in Ireland. His intelligent philanthropist founded institutions through which more than 50,000 orphan waifs have been rescued, trained and given a start in life. While Dr. Barnardo was studying medicine his pity was touched by the destitution of orphan and homeless children. Moved by compassion, he opened a small house on Stepney Causeway for the reception of friendless waifs. This was the beginning from which sprang, perhaps, a hundred homes—in London, the English countries, the Island of Jersey and Canada—in which children was rescued from depravity and crime, and

put on their way to be useful citizens. Dr. Barnardo wrote sympathetically but authoritatively, on all questions relating to the very poor.

**THE CALL OF THE RAIN**

Pleasantly the rain is falling  
On the sultry roofs tonight;  
Pleasantly the rain is calling  
In the shadow and the light.

How calm and sweet its dreaming  
Over bush and bud and vine;  
What a peacefulness is streaming  
To this window ledge of mine.

Oft at night this spell has bound me  
With its mercy and its might;  
And no imps of pain dare hound me  
When the rain is in its flight.

But, alas, the heavens waken,  
And the thunderbolts are cast,  
While the very world seems shaken  
With the fury of the blast.

Now no more the soft rain patters,  
Drumming in a friendly way;  
But my dreams the deluge shatters  
Like a mocking fiend or fay.

And I see the many changes  
In this human soul of ours  
Typified by all that ranges  
Through the tempests and the showers.

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