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MEN and MANNERS

The proper study of mankind is man.
—Pope.

Governor Folk of Missouri need not be worried over the charge of plagiarism. It lifts him into the Shakespeare class.

King Alfonso's German professor has been dismissed from service for the alleged offense of spreading the rumor that the king was betrothed.

Mrs. J. G. Phelps Stokes, bride of the New York millionaire reformer, has solved the servant girl problem by being her own cook and housekeeper.

The Hon. A. B. F. Hildreth, founder of the Charles City, Ia., Intelligencer, is said to be the oldest editor in that state, if not in the United States. He is 90 and has been in the printing business for seventy years.

Mrs. Ivy Ashton Root, a niece of Secretary of War Root, has written a play called "Mozart," around the life of that famous composer. It will be produced for the first time in Al-

toona, Pa., on Christmas day.

Edward De Mille Campbell, professor of chemical engineering and analytical chemistry in the University of Michigan, is totally blind, yet in his line he is considered one of the best authorities in the country.

Henry F. Shaw of Boston, well known in railway circles for his devotion to the problem of balancing the reciprocating parts of locomotives, has presented to Purdue university a model locomotive embodying his latest design.

Captain Joseph E. Bernier of Canada has just announced at a dinner of the Arctic club, in New York City, that he expects to be off again for the north pole next summer by way of Bering strait and may be gone half a dozen years or so.

Although a considerable number of young women are known to have died in Kansas City recently as the result of criminal operations, no physicians are in jail, or even under arrest. The doctors seem to stand by each other almost as well as the lawyers.

Editor Hudson of the Tablequah Arrow is an unusual character in Indian Territory journalism. Besides being editor and owner of the Arrow he owns an undertaking establishment, a book and stationery store and until recently was a director of a Tablequah bank.

Miss Neil Havens of San Francisco is the only woman recognized by the government as an expert in photography. She has studied the Bertillon system of identification, and pictures taken by her are accepted by authorities as equal to those made by Bertillon himself.

Seth Natton, father of James, the assistant state auditor of Kansas, has no fear for the number 13. He was born on April 13, enlisted for the war on August 13, was nominated for treasurer of Neosho county on September 13 and was inaugurated on October 13, and has had 13 children.

The credit of being the greatest diamond expert in America is generally awarded to General Mindil, who for ten years has had charge of the jewel room in the appraiser's office, New York. The importer who can bamboozle General Mindil as to the value of a precious stone has not yet come to the front.

Lillian Mary Small is marine observer at Truolight, Cape Cod. Her father had managed the station for forty years, when on her graduation from school she took up the work. Her observations of coastwise craft from sunrise to dark are compiled half-hourly and telegraphed to the Boston chamber of commerce.

Marcus A. Smith, who again represents Arizona in congress after two years' absence, will be dean of the territorial delegates, this being his

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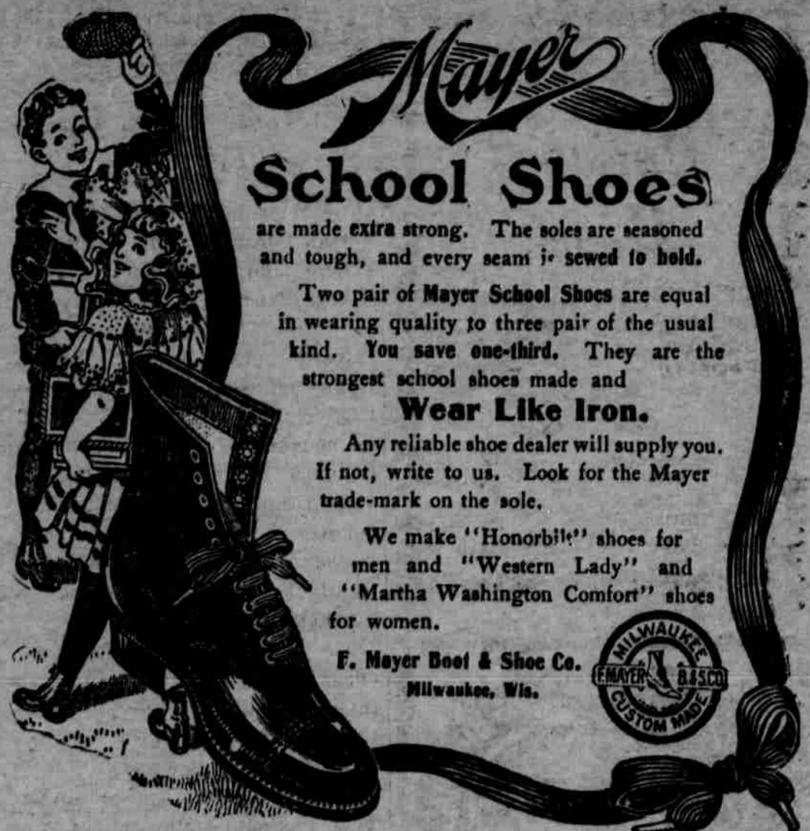
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eighth term. There is probably no man in all Arizona who could have been elected on a democratic ticket last year except Marc Smith. The territory is now strongly republican.

A Norwegian writes that the genuine old form of the name of the new king of his country is Hakon. The name is made up of two roots, ha, the root of har, high, and kon or konr, of the kin, family or race. Thus Hakon means the "high one of the kin." The modern Norwegian spelling is Haakon. The "aa" sound like "aw" in hawk and the "on" like the English word on. The accent is on the first syllable.

Governor Folk of Missouri believes that civic or any other reform should be undertaken in deliberate fashion and not in whirlwind style. "Corruption," he says, "is a dangerous thing and we should make our escape from its perils cautiously, as a ship escapes from the dangers of a fog. I once heard of a foolish sea captain who was steaming through extremely thick weather at a tremendous rate. A passenger ventured to remark that he might meet with disaster if he kept up such speed in a fog. 'Fogs, sir,' said the captain, 'are dangerous things, and I'm always in a hurry to get out of them.'"

THE LITTLE CHRIST

Mother, I am thy little Son—

Why weepst thou?

Hush! For I see a crown of thorns,

A bleeding brow.

Mother, I am thy little Son—

Why dost thou sigh?

Hush! For the shadow of the years

Stoopeth more nigh!

Mother, I am thy little Son—

Oh, smile on me.

The birds sing blithe, the birds sing gay,

The leaf laughs on the tree.

O, hush thee! The leaves do shiver

sore,

That tree whereon they grow,

I see it hewn, and bound, to bear

The weight of human woe!

Mother, I am thy little Son—

The Night comes on apace—

The house of God, where stars shall

smile

On me in thy embrace.

O, hush thee! I see black starless

night!

Oh, could'st thou slip away

Now, by the hawthorn hedge of Death

And get to Go! by day!

—Laura Spencer Portor, in Atlantic.

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