

Spain have had in him a strange subject for experiment. He has been schooled in Latin, the root of later languages; in Spanish, the language of his people; in French, the glib tongue of diplomacy; in German, the speech of his mother; and in English, the language of commerce and of the modern world. Religions he has learned from Father Don Regino Zaragosa as though a candidate for holy orders. Geography and history have been taught him by Senor Lorigo, mathematics by Colonel Cassejor, of the military staff, and music by the March-

ioness of Miraflores. So far as education will carry a man, Alfonso XIII. of Spain ascends the throne the most perfectly equipped monarch of Europe.

There is no question of the mens sana in the King of Spain, the only fear is for the corpus sanum. God grant it to him!

Freddy's Ambition.

Freddy: Papa, may I study elocution?

Proud Father: Indeed, you may, my boy, if you wish. You desire to become a great orator, do you?

Freddy: Yes, that's it.

Proud Father: And some day perhaps have your voice ringing in the vaulted chamber of the first Legislative Assembly in the world!

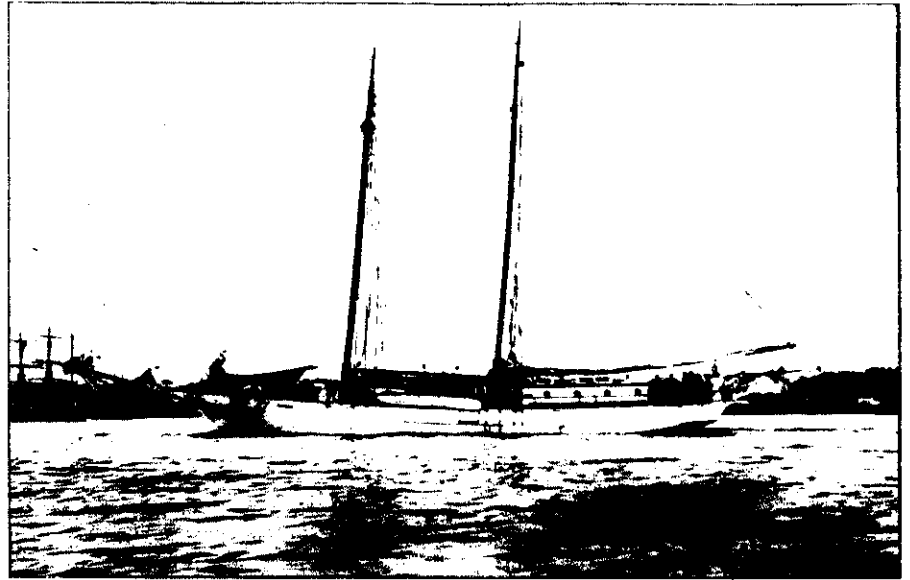
Freddy: I shouldn't care for that. I want to be an after-dinner speaker.

Proud Father: Ah, you are ambitious for social distinction, then!

Freddy: No; I want the dinner.



THE KING OF SPAIN AND HIS MOTHER.



A SMART ISLAND TRADER.

The auxiliary schooner Vaite, fitted with a 55 h.p. Hercules oil engine, leaving Auckland Harbour for Rarotonga.



THE AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER AT HOME.

Wife of his bosom, entering suddenly: Well, sir, is there any other of the household goods you'd like to borrow for your hobby? ! !