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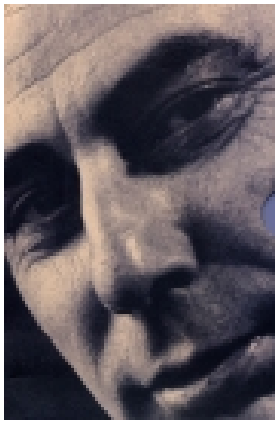
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ATABEK KHNKOYAN

1870 –1935



Armenian children's author. Khnko Aper was the pen name of Atabek Khnkoyan. He was born in the village of Gharaboya (now named Khnkoyan in Lori region) and studied in Alexandropol (now Gyumri). He taught at various Armenian schools throughout the Caucasus between 1890-1910 and contributed to periodicals. After the Soviet regime was established he settled in Armenia and resumed his career as a writer and educator. He wrote many books aimed at teacher Armenian children the language as well as fables, legends, and poems for them. One of the works he is most famous for is "Mkneri Zhoghove" (The Council of the Mice) in which mice come up with the idea to bell the cat of the house but then proceed to argue over who to do it. Khnko Aper's use of dialect and popular language are part of the literary charm of his prose and poetry. A library in Yerevan is named for him.



Khnko Aper Children's Library in Yerevan