

Stories About Folk of Note

Secretary Wilson and the Three Fat Cats—Marjorie Gould, Baseball Player. George Horace Lorimer's Success—Career of Senator Mitchell of Oregon.



JAMES WILSON.

JAMES WILSON, who as secretary of agriculture may appropriately be called Uncle Sam's boss farmer, is just now in the public eye because of the "leak" in the cotton report by which cotton speculators profited. He was born in Scotland about seventy years ago, came to the United States in 1851, received an academic education and became an Iowa farmer. He served three terms in congress, is a man of wealth and has a dry wit. The Secretary of the Treasury Shaw has been called the David Harum of the Cabinet, and Secretary Wilson might be called the Bill Nye of the executive circle.

Shortly after he assumed charge of his important department Mr. Wilson made some changes in his office. Senators and congressmen came to protest, but all to no avail, because the secretary felt that what he was doing was in the interest of the public service. Finally one of the employees whose transfer had been ordered said: "Mr. Secretary, I am afraid that if you dispense with any more of our men it will impair the efficiency of this department. I considered it my duty to say this to you and to get your views."

For answer the secretary looked up at the ceiling and said: "There was once a farmer in Iowa who had three fat cats. His barn was overrun with mice. One day he gave the three fat cats away and got one new cat—not so fat. He was never troubled with mice after that."

The children of George Gould are fond of the open air, and Marjorie, now a young lady of sweet sixteen, has always been a romp and active in out of door play. She is one of the few daughters of rich American families who can play baseball. She does not play in public, but the ample grounds of Georgian Court, the home of George Gould at Lakewood, N. J., afford her and her girl companions opportunity to indulge in the great American game without being observed by the unduly curious. Miss Gould cannot only knock a fly out into the field, but in pitching can twirl a hot ball over the plate. She is also a good horse-woman and won admiration by her handling of the reins at the Lakewood horse show a year ago. She is tall and graceful and is said to look very much as her mother did a score of years ago, when as Edith Kingdon she was playing in the company of the late Augustin Daly. When Mr. Gould first saw Miss Kingdon she was cast in the part of a girl named Marjorie, and it was in this way the name was chosen for the daughter who is now approaching womanhood. Miss Marjorie is a general favorite and even were she without a prospective fortune would not lack lovers.

Thus far the most startling development in the land fraud cases was the recent conviction in Oregon of United States Senator John H. Mitchell. The specific charge against Senator Mitchell is that he accepted a bribe of \$2,000 in the general land office. Mr. Mitchell has been prominent in public life in Oregon for over forty years. He is serving his fourth term in the United States senate and is chairman of the committee on interoceanic canals. Senator Mitchell was born in Washington county, Pa., and his name originally, it is said, was John M. Hipple.



JOHN H. MITCHELL.

which, for rapid and persistent success, has no parallel in the annals of American politics. One year after going to Portland he was elected city attorney. One year more and he was sent to the state senate. Another two years and he was president of the state senate. Again a year, in 1890, and he failed by but one vote of winning the Republican caucus nomination for United States senator. Six years later, in 1872, he was elected United States senator, and

in March, 1873, began his career at Washington. He married Miss Martha Price of a well known Oregon family, by whom he had three children—one a boy whom he named Hiram and who is now a captain of artillery in the army; the two others, daughters, one of whom died at Washington last winter, the other of whom is married to the French Duke of Rochefoucauld.

In the summer and fall of 1873, after Mitchell's election to the United States senate, his assumed name became known. But the Pennsylvania wife obtained a divorce, and his Oregon marriage was legalized. He was re-elected to the senate in 1885, 1891 and 1901.

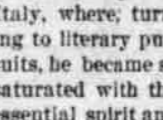
George Horace Lorimer, who became a literary celebrity when his "Letters From a Self Made Merchant to His Son" caught the popular fancy to the extent of a sale of 300,000 copies, is the editor of the Saturday Evening Post. When the book's popularity was at its height Mr. Lorimer received a letter from a man in Texas who said: "I have a patent bicycle, and I know there are millions in it. If you can get Mr. John Graham to take it up I am sure it would be a big business success."



GEORGE HORACE LORIMER.

The original of John Graham, the "self made merchant," was the late Philip D. Armour. Mr. Lorimer was in his employ for a number of years and at twenty-four was receiving \$5,000 a year as manager of the canning department of the great Armour packing house in Chicago. He was so bent upon a literary career that he resigned despite Mr. Armour's protest and became a Chicago police reporter at a small salary. His rise in his new profession was rapid, and he has made a fortune out of his first book and "Old Gorgon Graham," his second effort.

Maurice Hewlett, who won wide popularity through his books "The Forest Lovers" and "Richard Yea and Nay," has just published a new volume of stories entitled "Fond Adventures." He attributes much of his literary bent to his father, Henry Gay Hewlett, who had a passion for all that was quaint and picturesque in medieval customs. Educated for the law and a graduate of Oxford at nineteen, young Hewlett was compelled by failing health to go to Italy, where, turning to literary pursuits, he became so saturated with the essential spirit and charm of medieval Italian sentiment and thought that he developed into an acknowledged master of medieval romance, what Hamilton W. Mabie calls "a significant and solitary figure," a creator of historical romance which contains no known historical character and presents no documentary facts, but interprets the spirit and elusive phases of life in historic times. He is a very painstaking worker and usually writes a story several times before he gives it to the world. Three drafts of "The Forest Lovers" did not satisfy him, and the book was completely rewritten a fourth time prior to its publication.



MAURICE HEWLETT.

"There was a sure enough Jim Bludso, and he was the hero of the immortal poem of that name which came from the pen of John Hay," according to J. M. Tully of Chicago. "This Bludso, or Bledso, for the name is spelled both ways, lived half a century at Warsaw, Ill., and was a famous character among river men. He did not actually perform the feat which is told in the stirring lyric, but he was possessed of qualities of heroism that would have caused him to do just such a deed, and it was for this reason that his name was taken. Jim Bludso lived to a green old age, dying in 1896, and he and the late secretary of state kept up their friendship as long as Jim lived."

Thomas E. Watson, the famous Populist, who is now running a magazine in New York, was not always at ease on the platform early in his career. Watson was addressing a mixed audience on a local issue near his native beach and was blazing away in a manner which gave promise of the great oratory which was to come. Like most young speakers, he was keenly sensitive to interruptions, and when a party of late comers, among whom was a singularly beautiful woman, entered the room Watson stopped short in his speech. "Go on; go on," urged his audience indulgently. Watson gathered himself together under the stimulus of the encouragement, and went on to the end of the plat-



THOMAS E. WATSON.

form, ere, bowing with his exquisite southern chivalry, he said: "Ladies and gentlemen, I should be glad to go on, but the lady who just came in fairly took my breath away." He sat down amid a burst of applause.

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