

# Some Famous Old Men Who Are Still In the Harness And Are Setting a Lively Pace For Their Young Rivals

**T**HERE is a widespread impression almost amounting to a conviction that this is not only "the young man's day," but that under the pressure of twentieth century life and conditions a man is in the sear and yellow leaf when he reaches fifty and that when he has passed sixty it is vain for him to attempt to cope with his younger rivals in the battle for existence. While it is undoubtedly true that youth is pressing to the fore with greater energy than at any time in the history of the world, it is a great mistake to assume that the older men are any less virile and capable or that they have fewer opportunities than they had a hundred years ago. The world is traveling at a more rapid pace, perhaps, but its really big men, be they youths or septuagenarians, will always be found at the head of the procession.

In this country, pre-eminently a land of storm and stress, there are many old men who in point of mental acuteness and physical activity can put to blush their younger rivals. Towering above his fellows in this respect is Russell Sage, who, though in his eighty-seventh year, plunges into the fray of Wall street with the ardor that won him fame and fortune years ago. He is at his desk every day and rarely fails to attend a board meeting of the twenty-four corporations of which he is a director, for, as every one knows, Uncle Russell is a thrifty soul. He is as cynical and satirical as ever, always ready to get in a dig at some high and mighty financial nabob. Only recently, when told that J. Pierpont Morgan had sailed for Europe, Mr. Sage remarked, alluding to the fact that Mr. Morgan had sold his "troublesome Park avenue flats," "I don't know about the flats on Park avenue, but I'll bet you a doughnut to a double eagle that he has not parted with his interest in the flats on Wall street."

Mr. Morgan himself is another instance of the fallacy of the popular impression. At sixty-six years of age he finds a way of running the universe to his satisfaction, has greater financial interests at stake than any other man in the world and is continually required to solve problems that would drive many a junior to an untimely grave. Henry Claws, who can never be persuaded to sell his exact age, but has been doing business in Wall street for nearly forty-five years, is yet another financier upon whom advancing age sits lightly. He is pronounced in his opposition to the "retire at sixty" idea, pointing out that many men score their greatest success after they have reached the sixty mark. Then there is Chauncey M. Depew, the famed after dinner speaker, who at sixty-nine not only retains an active interest in railroad affairs, but is prominent as a United States senator.

In the United States senate is a distinguished galaxy of veterans, headed by the two Alabama senators, Pettus and Morgan, aged eighty-two and seventy-nine, respectively, and including many who have grown gray in the service of their country. Of senators over seventy we find the following: Bate, Tennessee, seventy-six; Hawley, Connecticut, seventy-six; Hear, Massachusetts, seventy-six; Platt, Connecticut, seventy-five; Stewart, Nevada, seventy-five; Allison, Iowa, seventy-four; Teller, Colorado, seventy-three; Culom, Illinois, seventy-three; Gibson, Montana, seventy-two; Proctor, Vermont, seventy-one. The senators of sixty and over are numerous, these an-

swering the roll call: Platt, New York, sixty-nine; Quay, Pennsylvania, sixty-nine; Cockrell, Missouri, sixty-eight; Millard, Nebraska, sixty-seven; Mitchell, Oregon, sixty-seven; Gallinger, New Hampshire, sixty-six; Foster, Washington, sixty-six; Hanna, Ohio, sixty-five; Clark, Montana, sixty-four; Bacon, Georgia, sixty-three; Dryden, New Jersey, sixty-three; Money, Mississippi, sixty-three; Aldrich, Rhode Island, sixty-one; Elkins, West Virginia, sixty-one; Scott, West Virginia, sixty. Of those who have but recently retired



from public life might be named the veteran congressman Galusha Grow, the former speaker of the house of representatives, now in his eightieth year; ex-Congressman Grosvenor, Ohio, sixty-nine, and ex-Senators Vest, Missouri, seventy-two, and Jones, Arkansas, sixty-two.

Former President Grover Cleveland, sixty-six, again looms large on the horizon of presidential possibilities, must not be forgotten. Former Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson, Mr. Bryan's running mate in 1900, is at sixty-

seven another national figure. Then there is Whitelaw Reid, sixty-five, editor and diplomat, almost as much in the public eye as in the days when he was United States minister to France. Admiral Dewey, sixty-five; Rear Admiral Schley, retired, sixty-four, and Rear Admiral Walker, retired, sixty-eight, form a trio with more energy than many younger sea dogs, and all three are able and willing to go into action again at a moment's notice.

The popular impression is refuted in every walk of life. That eminent au-

thority on international law, Frederic R. Coudert, is seventy-one years old. Wayne MacVeagh at seventy was the choice of the coal operators as their leading counsel before the anthracite strike commission. D. O. Mills of Mills hotel fame and director in eighteen important New York corporations, is seventy-seven. R. M. Olyphant, eighty-one, of Delaware and Hudson railroad fame, retains the mental vigor of a young man. Samuel Sloan, eighty-five, ex-president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, has as keen an in-

terest as ever in the details of railroad management. Albert Keith Smiley, seventy-five, still leads the Lake Mohonk conference to discuss Indian affairs and international arbitration. Joseph Jefferson, seventy-four, may yet be seen on the stage in his famous impersonation of Rip Van Winkle.

Turning to men of letters, we find in harness after many years of activity such men as Marcius Wilson, eighty-nine, who is now at work on a new book; Edward Everett Hale, eighty-one; Albert Harkness, the renowned classicist, eighty; Edward C. Stedman, sixty-nine; William James Rolfe, the eminent Shakespearean, seventy-five; Lyman Abbott, sixty-seven; Mark Twain, sixty-seven, and William Dean Howells, sixty-six.

The story is the same if we look at the old world. The figures of many old workers in Europe stand out in bold relief. Pope Leo XIII, now in his ninety-fourth year, shows signs of rapidly failing health, it is true, but retains the mental vigor which has long made him one of the wonders of the age. Herbert Spencer, eighty-one, by no means considers himself a "has been" and is still busily engaged in wrestling with philosophical problems. That advocate of realism on the stage, Henrik Ibsen, seventy-five, has not laid down the pen that made him famous the world over. Kruger, seventy-seven, had the hardest fight of his life when he was long past the age at which most men are supposed to live in peace and retirement. Then there are Tolstol, seventy-five; Sardou, seventy-two, and Maxim, sixty-three.

The list might be extended to great length, but it is not necessary to do so. Further proof cannot be demanded. This may be "the young man's day," but it is just as surely "the old man's day" also.

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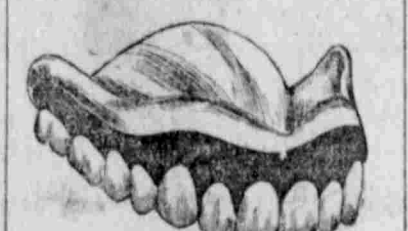
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