

IN SUNSET OF LIFE

"IK MARVEL" SPENDING LAST DAYS AT CONNECTICUT HOME.

Noted Author Now in His Eighty-Seventh Year—"Reveries of a Bachelor" That Made Him Known World Over.

Boston.—"Ik Marvel" has just passed his eighty-sixth birthday and is now spending the sunset of his life at the old home in Edgewood, Conn. Somewhat aside from the highway of literary activity, he is still remembered as the man who away back in



Donald G. Mitchell.

the fifties saw in human events the stuff of which dreams are made, and around the experiences of his own youth and bachelorhood wove a venture of reverie that made them a delight wherever books are bought and read.

Donald Grant Mitchell was born in April, 1822. Being a sickly, delicate boy, he seemed altogether unlikely to bear the strain of college education, and entered Yale with little hope of completing the prescribed course. But strength came with effort, and after hard work, alternated by moments of comparative leisure, in which he edited the college magazine, young Mitchell graduated successfully and delivered the farewell address in 1841.

After leaving Yale he became a sufferer from the same pulmonary trouble which in the three preceding years had proved fatal to three members of his family. It was this illness which compelled Mr. Mitchell to give up the plans he had formed of doing journalistic work in New York.

For a time he retired to an old family homestead in Salem, Conn. Then he undertook a trip to Europe, from which he returned much benefited in health. The literary result of this journey was his first book, "Fresh Gleanings," published in 1847, the year in which he began, without continuing, his study of law. Then followed another trip over the Atlantic. Mr. Mitchell was an eyewitness of the Paris outbreaks of 1848, and he described them in his second book, entitled "The Battle Summer."

New York now called him. He edited there a satirical and humorous paper, "The Lorgnette," contributing to it special articles of his own signed "John Timon." Subsequently these articles were printed in two small volumes.

All this time Mr. Mitchell had been working out the various chapters of the book which was to make him known not only throughout the United States, but also in foreign countries—"Reveries of a Bachelor." The first "reverie" appeared in "The Southern Literary Messenger," then a leading

literary periodical published in Richmond.

The "Reveries of a Bachelor" at once became widely popular. When the second edition was issued Mr. Mitchell says he began to revise the book, and then, because revision would have completely changed it, left it as it was.

After the publication of "Dream Life" in 1851, a book only second in success to the "Reveries," Mr. Mitchell in 1853 realized one of the most vivid of his dreams by marrying Miss Mary F. Pringle of Charleston, S. C. The same year President Pierce appointed him consul at Venice. Accompanied by his wife, he spent a year in that city, part of the time being given to collecting materials for a history of the republic of Venice, which he never completed. On his return to this country in 1855 he settled upon his farm at Edgewood.

Mr. Mitchell was for some time associate editor of the *Hearth and Home*, New York, and frequently appeared as a lecturer.

Mr. Mitchell had 11 children. His wife died on December 5, 1901, after a happy married life of more than 48 years.

COMING ON SPECIAL MISSION.

Chinese Official to Extend Thanks of Government to United States.

Shanghai.—Tong-Shao-Yi has arrived at Tientsin from Mukden, which governorship he resigned temporarily in view of his special mission to America, which is expected to have momentous results, although nominally he will merely thank the Washington administration for remitting a portion of the Boxer indemnity.

Tong-Shao-Yi said that the six years he had spent in Mukden as governor had been an interesting experience. He could affirm that all complications were at an end. He will leave for the United States on his mission in the beginning of November.

After his mission to the United States is completed Tong-Shao-Yi will



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go to Europe, where he will devote himself for six months to the study of financial problems.

Girl Swallows a Live Bee.

Washington, Pa.—Miss Rosa Zahniser is in a serious condition as the result of having swallowed a live bee while eating breakfast. Miss Zahniser is fond of honey, and after she had taken a mouthful of the delicacy she screamed. A physician who was called brought forth the bee, still alive. Miss Zahniser's throat was stung several times.

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Economy.

"I have just read a story of an economical farmer that Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., had been telling to his Sunday school class," said Higgins. "He says there is a farmer out near Cleveland who makes a fad of economy. Every time he drives into town he carries a hen with him tied to the seat of his buggy. A friend who rode out with him one day was curious to learn the use of that hen, so he watched carefully, and found out. When at noon the farmer lunched under a tree, he gave his mare a feed from a nosebag, and the hen, placed on the ground, ate all that the horse spilled from the bag, so that there was no waste at all."

"Good story," said Wiggins, "and true, too. I know that old farmer. Mr. Rockefeller didn't say where he got his lunch, did he?"

"No," said Higgins, "the story stops there."

"It was the egg the hen laid under the buggy seat on the way out," said Wiggins.—Harper's Weekly.

Genius Described.

Mark Twain said of genius at a New York banquet:

"A genius, as an old lady in Hannibal once explained to me, is a man what know's more'n he can find out, and spills vittels on his clothes."

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