Secretary Taft in His Summer Home

noon of trout fishing. The hills alongside the St. Lawrence are both steep and many, and the Murray Bay golf links are laid put among these hills. For the rest, the secretary of war, though a 300-pounder. A camera clicked victously at his retreatfollows his play as aggressively as a ing figure. Roosevelt with a tennis racquet. The result, for one not accustomed to the "Taft get even. When Harlan and Taft, a lit-



this republican presidential possibility

and chatting at the very outset, and keeps August on his trip around the world. It up all through his jaunt from hole to Later that day, still buoyant and eager, good humor and youth. The first impres- as his companion, and whipped the streams sion which this massive judge and diplomat in the locality for trout. He returned after gives one is that of a big, hearty, jovial a hard day's exercise with his ever-happy boy. His voice rings out in a merry laugh laugh, or in a clear, strong boyish conversational "Ah," he said, shaking his great frame tone. He leaps and jumps with agility. playfully, "that is the only way to live." The eyes look with a fresh, steady gaze at life about him, and are full of the healthy American spirit of play. The record of the man is a record of good luck, so political critics say, but after one glance at the man, the reason of it is not far to seek. Broadmindness, fearlessness, optimism seem to sit easily and naturally upon the burly figure. He takes his golf as he takes his mission in the world, good humoredly, yet with wisdom and aggressive-

Recently Justice Harlan of the supreme court played a morning with Secretary Taft upon the Canadian links. Harisn, three score and fifteen, bald, rusty and rugged as an English squire, clad in a fearful scarlet coat, golf cap and heavy shoes of the sort known as "brogans" and the story of that one game is the story of Taft at play.

What do you think of the possible war with Japan?" and "How about your running for president?" were the questions many would have liked to ask the secretary, as he and Justice Harlan played. Instead, the weighty things which came up for discussion and for severe criticism were such affairs as trout fishing, newspaper reporters, base ball, human avoirdupots, and the like.

One the talk turned on Vice President Fairbanks, and his recent rescue of a drowning girl at the Yellowstone National park. The newspaper men, eager to get an opinion out of the secretary, asked, "What do you think of Mr. Fairbanks' heroism?" "It was fine," said Mr. Taft. Then he added, with a chuckle, "But I don't think he could have gone in over his head, you know. The newspapers said the water was only thirty feet deep." There was a laugh all around at this novel view of the clongated Indianian.

It was a case of joke, hit the ball, a long tramp and chat with Judge Harlan; then joke again. Once, when Harlan absentmindedly, took another player's ball lying in a good position, the secretary, pointing out that Harlan's own ball was in BOY Photo A BIG GOOD-NATURED a mud puddle, remarked: "The judge, you see, knows how to take a good lie."

In a few moments the justice got back at him. This time Harian's ball lay right he was asked. alongside the ninth hole and refused to drep in. The old supreme court bencher jumped up and down on the turf near by come along. Then, of a sudden, he stopped, mand," pointing to the old Frenchman, turned and roared to the secretary: "Taft, you jump! That'll be better than any seismic disturbance."

The retorts and the golf score were nip aged Mars in outing flannels, kept the little crowd in cheerful mood for upwards of

ter turn the tables on you fellows; it is to be a case of the interviewers interviewed He shook his finger with a solemn, judicial air, and said: "What is that pecultarity of the newspaper reporter's brain which makes him all imagination and not a bit of fact? Eh? I want to tell you a In Washington once, a bunch of legal lights got together-Taft was thereand had one of those amateur base ball games-

"Base ball or high ball?" asked a re-

thing out of the usual run."

EHEC, P. Q., July 18.-It is a de- I picked up the Washington Post, and cided treat to follow Secretary of there, in black and white, I read the as-War Taft about the golf links, tonishing information that I had knocked near his Canadian summer home, a home run, had galloped madly around but, after a full morning's chase the bases, and had been presented as I of this indefatigable old Yale ath- crossed the plate with a-guess what -a lete, the ordinary man is in no cockiall." The judge paused a moment condition to join the party for an after, and wiped his forehead thoughtfully, "Beautiful Imagination," he murmured. Then he thanked the white ball for a clean drive of 20 yards and strode away from the men with the pencils and note books.

It was evidently up to the reporters to galt," is almost physical exhaustion, but the later, were walking side by side, one of the crowd of followers began casually: "Indge, to what do you attribute your sturdy, healthy old age?"

'Here's where we get a testimonial for a patent medicine," whispered someone But just then Mr. Taft, with his well known chuckle, said:

"Judge, tell them it is due to good old." Kentucky limestones and to all the things

"Yes," answered Harlan, gravely, "and it doesn't pass through a Cincinnati rectifying establishment, either." Later, however, as if in denial of all these imputations, the venerable judge stopped at a spring, dipped up a big tin cupful of water and drank it off, saying:

"Gentlemen, here is the best spring water in the world and you'd better try it oftener." Wherewith the talk drifted from

The inevitable question was asked, "What about Japan?" At this juncture Taft was striding up the little road at his regular gait-the gait which makes his little enddy cut across lots in order to keep up with him-and his inexpressive back was toward the questioner. Harlan started to answer, when one of the newspaper men interrupted

"We know what you think, judge." "You do" answered the justice in surprise. "Well, don't you dare to tell it." Then everyone turned to Tart.

The broad back of the secretary, however, continued on up the road, mute, stolid, significant. It was the most uncommunicative of backs. Something official and reserved suddenly appeared in the outing flannels. That was all. The question was dismissed, because of lack of interest, and what the secretary of war thought about the Japanese question never came out. The end of the game was now in sight.

with Judge Harian elightly ahead. But he felt by no means sanguine of victory. "You never can tell," he announced, with mock solemnity, "about these martial, war-HIS MOST UNCOMPROMISING BACK. like personages. They have a grim, dogged aggressiveness that wins things on the home stretch." There were four more holes to play. In

seems not to mind the eight-mile tussel at less than half an hour the justice's words were appreciated. Mr. Taft had won the He comes up early to the club house, a game in the home stretch, and the two large man in a plain gray outling suit, with lawyers parted company with hearty handsomething the appearance of Grover Cleve- shakes and a vow to meet again early and land, only younger. He starts in laughing often before the secretary should leave in

Good humor is the Taft keynote- Mr. Taft went out, with an old Frenchman



"But how about the fish, Mr. Secretary?" "Fish?" he queried. "Oh, yes, fish!"

"Did you catch any?" He waived his hand as if dismissing the and prayed aloud for an earthquake to subject. "Er-the squadron under my com-

"caught twelve fish."

Story of Dana and the Sun. "Years ago, one day, I met Dana, Charles the message clicking in his ears. trascible; he was finding fault with all well be desired or imagined. things, all people, nobody satisfying him. It is contained in a small leather bag billity of the company. nobody hitting the mark; Grant, particu- hung on a strap over the shoulder. A fine larly, a great national figure, subjected to wire-a half mile of it-on a small reel, is constant castigation from Dana-word lash. hung on a cavalryman's shoulder. Under Dana's hales. You know, I always liked five miles, all connected, in twoive minutes, phone call and the man who makes a busi- the ocean the electrically conducting wire porter.

"High ball," spoke up Taft, with a twinkle in his eye, as he glanced at the judge events, people. Well, that day, with Dana, or railroad track as a conductor as far as for in the home. from Kentucky, "would have been too ordi- the instant 1 saw him, I made for him, or railroad track as a conductor as far as for in the home. nary a proceeding. This, evidently, is some- talked my loudest, saying: What in hell Harlan paid no attention to the interrup. Satisfies you that you keep up an ever- The other end of the wire is grounded also, the dust and germs through tubes from of having its range largely extended by intion, but continued. 'I was called upon to lasting krowl about everybody, everyand this with no fuse or possibility of fleers, upholstery, carpets, rugs and any serting au'table coils of insulated wire at
bat. I hadn't batted a ball in thirty years, thing?' something in that strain. Dana
error. Moreover, in time of war the little other place where it accumulates, and colintervals stong the time, but no such coils but the amateur pitcher was merciful, and waited until I was through and then took thing is so compact that it could hardly be lects it in a receptacle. In addition to its have yet been successfully used on subtossed me a slow one. I hit it about forty me by the lapel of the coat: 'See here, observed, and the dark wire so fine that it liggienic perfection this scheme has the ad-marine cables. yards, I should imagine. I can't and won't Walt, he said, I think he said it almost in easily escapes notice. run.' I yelled at once. 'I'll run for you,' that way-'see here, Walt; have you spent. When about to use it, the transmitter, haust collector is driven by a small electric

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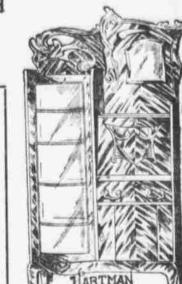
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On some railway lines, says Technical cleaner, healthler and more comfortable. and the poles and wires a hundred more. Literature, the method of connecting a tel-The entire affair, when packed in a small ephone on the car with the line is not by One man can use this instrument, sendmeans of a jack at the side of one of the the wires, which may be hooked upon the Wireless telephony has been making steady

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