

THIRTEEN NEW STORIES OF MARK TWAIN

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Albert Bigelow Paine, who wrote "The Biography of Mark Twain," which is published by Harper & Bros., was with the famous humorist during the latter years of his life. In writing his biography he had literally thousands of amusing scraps to doze into the story, and of course was not able to use all of them. Mr. Paine, however, vouches for the authenticity of the following amusing anecdotes that show Mark Twain at his characteristic best. The author of "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn" had an unusual answer for everything. There was no one quite like him, and none to take his place, and his books are read more eagerly today than ever.

Mr. Paine is an interesting literary figure. He has shown great versatility, having written successful fiction such as "The Bread-line," the story of a magazine's up-hill fight, delightful travel books like "The Ship Duellers" and "The Tent Duellers," and "The Hollow Tree Stories," which charm the children. He has recently issued "The Boy's Life of Mark Twain," which has been received with enthusiasm by the younger generation.



MARK TWAIN AND PAINE AT BILLIARDS.

Mark Twain Also Tried to Stop a Talkative Barber—It Can't Be Done.

God Knows Where. One evening a few years ago Brander Matthews and Francis Wilson were dining together at the Players' Club, of New York, when the former made the suggestion that they write a letter to Mark Twain. "But," objected Mr. Wilson, "we don't know where he is," for it was at a time when Mr. Clemens was away traveling somewhere. "Oh," said Prof. Matthews, "that does not make any difference. It is sure to find him. I think he is some place in Europe, so we had better put on a 5-cent stamp." So the two sat down and composed a letter which they addressed to MARK TWAIN.

God Knows Where. In due time they received a reply from Mr. Clemens which said briefly, "He did." Then someone sent a letter addressed, "The Devil Knows Where," which also reached him, and he answered, "He did, too."

How They Start. It is said that the first paragraph Mark Twain wrote when he began his editorial duties with the Virginia City Enterprise was this:

A beautiful sunset made Beranger a poet, a mother's kiss made Benjamin West an artist, and \$15 a week makes us a journalist.

Mark Twain Drolleries. Some maxims of "Pudd'nhead Wilson," that later creation of Mark Twain's humorous fancy, deserve immortality. For quaint association of incongruous ideas and shrewd insight into weak human nature, they are unique. For example: "The holy passion of friendship is of so sweet and steady and loyal and enduring a nature that it will last through a lifetime, if not asked to lend money."

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." "April 1. This is the day which we are reminded of what we are on the other side."

The Original Barber Story. One day Mark Twain was being shaved by a very talkative barber and was forced to listen to many of the barber's anecdotes.

Doing Things Wrong. In bachelor days Mark Twain had heartily expressed the antipathy of bachelorhood for all chambermaids because of their hostile ideas of tidiness.

Mark Twain on Smoking. In his speech on his seventieth anniversary, Mark Twain said:

"I have made it a rule never to smoke more than one cigar at a time. I have no other restriction as regards smoking. 'I smoke in bed until I have to go to sleep; I wake up in the night, sometimes once, sometimes twice, sometimes three times, and I never waste any of these opportunities to smoke. This habit is so old and dear and precious to me that I would feel as you, sir, would feel if you should lose the only moral you've

thrown on the floor and stand them carefully on the table and start the fire with your valuable MSS."

Degrees and Degrees. In 1888 Mark Twain received from Yale College the degree of master of arts, and the same college made him a doctor of literature in 1901. A year later the university of his own State, at Columbia, Mo., conferred the same degree, and then, in 1907, Oxford tendered him the doctor's robe.

Getting Back at Him. Mark Twain once asked a neighbor if he might borrow a set of his books. The neighbor replied, ungraciously, that he was welcome to read them in his library, but he had a rule never to let his books leave his house. Some weeks later the same neighbor sent over to ask for the loan of Mark Twain's lawnmower.

Without Music. Mark Twain got his training as a speaker in the palmy days of the lecture, when every popular American author—and some British ones—used to go about the country from town to town giving readings. But even in those days Mr. Clemens was not subject to stage fright, and by no means easily annoyed. Once, in Boston, he was interrupted in the midst of his lecture by the sudden rising of a teacher and her attendant pupils, evidently hours for the suburbs. As the party passed before him Mark Twain raised his voice in a clearly audible aside:

"Ah," he drawled, "going to catch the 9:30 train, eh? It seems to me that whenever I want to talk, people always have to catch the 9:30 train."

On another occasion, at a political speaking, Mark Twain's address was interrupted by the passage, just outside, of a band, playing "The Star Spangled

He Only Smoked One Cigar at the Same Time, As He Couldn't Operate More.

Banner. The speaker never hesitated. In a moment he had begun to sing the words and to wave his arms wildly for all the company to join in the national anthem. The response was hearty, and, when the band had passed, Mr. Clemens thus concluded his address:

"Gentlemen, you will find my speech in full in the morning papers. Only the music will be omitted."

As an Art Critic. The late H. H. Rogers, his most intimate friend, once took Mark Twain to see a very beautiful and valuable piece of sculpture. It represented a young woman coiling up her hair, and the workmanship was such that the owner's other companions stood openmouthed in admiration.

Mark Twain's Timely Wish. Mark Twain was a good sailor, and he often spent happy weeks cruising with his old friend, H. H. Rogers, in his steam yacht, the *Kawaha*. Once they were caught south of Cuba in a heavy sea, the effect of a long-drawn and violent gale. The Caribbean was heaving at its worst. For once in his life Mark Twain was upset by the rolling and pitching of the ship. He leaned over the lee rail and clung desperately.

Shortened His Wait. "Experience," said Mark Twain once, "makes us wise, but it also makes us hard. Consider the old, experienced man in the busy restaurant. He took a seat, looked around him, and, pointing to a well-dressed gentleman who had not yet been served, said to the waiter:

"Waiter, how long has that gentleman been here?" "About twelve minutes, sir," the waiter answered.

Twain and Whistler. Mark Twain was first introduced to James McNeill Whistler in the latter's studio in London. He had heard that the artist was a great joker, and was prepared for anything in that line. He put on a hopelessly stupid air and drew near the canvas that Whistler was completing.

"That ain't bad," drawled the humorist; "it isn't bad. Only here in the corner—extending his hand as if to go out to a cloud effect in the corner. 'I'd do away with that cloud if I was you.'"

Whistler cried out, nervously: "Gad, sir, be careful there! Don't you see the paint is not dry?" "Oh, that don't matter," said Mark; "I've got my gloves on."

NEW YORK HOTEL ARRIVALS. New York, Dec. 16.—The following Washingtonians are registered in hotels here:

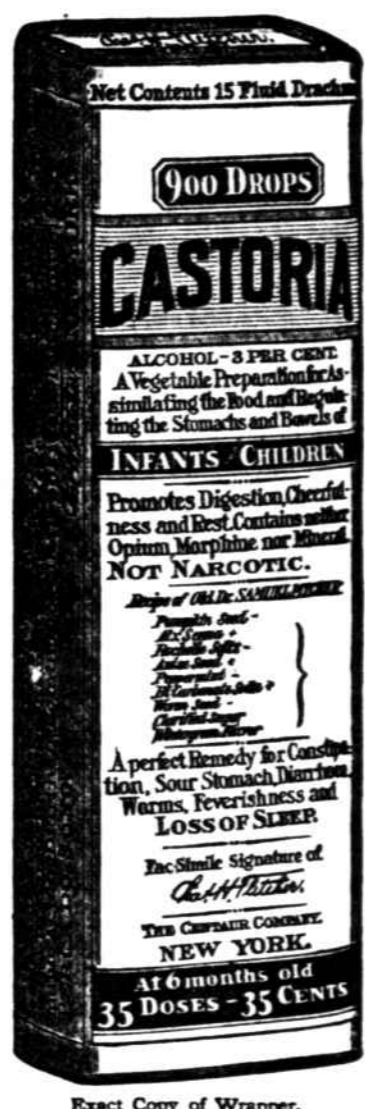
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At the first meeting of the class of 1919, the following nominations for officers were made: President, R. J. Ratterosem, Herbert W. Archer, Z. W. Scott, Earl B. Smith; vice president, Miss Carrie B. Miller, Miss Cook, secretary, Miss

Alumni Association, reports a large contribution to the endowment fund as a result of the rummage sale held Thanksgiving week.

The holiday recess of the college will begin December 22 and extend to January 2.

The credit of making the first silk is given Si-Long, wife of Hoang-Ti, emperor of China, 200 B. C. Among the Greeks, Aristotile—348-322 B. C.—is the first who mentions it. It was not until A. D. 530, however, that it began to be made in Europe.



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