Mark Twain on England.

WHY HE WILL NOT WRITE A FUNNY BOOK ABOUT GREAT BRITAIN.

New York World.

On being asked the inevitable question, "Why have you never written a book about England?" Mark Twain said:—

"I have spent a great deal of time in England—your question is not a new one to me—and I made a world of notes, but it was of no use. I couldn't get any fun out of England. It was too grave a country. And its gravity soaks into the stranger and makes him as serious as everybody else. When I was there I couldn't seem to think of anything but deep problems of government, taxes, free trade, finance—and every night I went to bed drunk with statistics, I could have written a million books, but my publisher would have hired the common hangman to burn them. One is bound to respect England—she is one of the three great Republics of the world—in some respects she is the most real Republic of the three, too, and in other respects she isn't, but she is not a good text for hilarious literature. No, there wasn't anything to satirize—what I mean is, you couldn't satirize any given thing in England in any but a half-hearted way, because your conscience told you to look nearer home and you would find that very thing at your own door. A man with a hump-backed uncle mustn't make fun of another man's cross eyed aunt."

"The English love for the lord, for instance! I don't mean the Lord of the prayer-book, but the lord of the peerage."

"I couldn't gird at the English love or titles while our own love for titles was still more open to sarcasm. Take our 'Hon.' for instance. Unless my memory has gone wholly astray, no man in America has any right to stick that word before his name; to do it is a shame, and a very poor shave at that. At the beginning of this century members of the two Houses of Congress were referred to simply as 'Mr.' So-and-So. But this sham 'Hon.' has since crept in, and now it is unlawfully conferred upon members of State Legislatures and even upon mayors and councillors of the paltriest back settlements. Follow the thing a little further. In England temporary titles are dropped when their time is up. The Lord Mayor of London is addressed as "My Lord," all through his year of office, but the moment he is out he becomes plain 'Mr.' again. But with us, once 'Hon.' always 'Hon.'; once 'Governor,' always 'Governor.' I know men who were members of Legislatures, or mayors of villages, twenty years ago, and they are always mentioned in the papers as 'the hon.' to this day. I know people who were lieutenant-governors years ago, and they are called 'Governor' to this day—yet the highest title they have ever had any right to, in office or out of it, was plain 'Mr.' You see yourself it would not quite answer for me to poke fun at title-loving Englishmen—I would hear somebody squeal behind me and find I had stepped on the tail of some ex-official monkey of our own. I couldn't satirize the English Civil Service—it was excellent, and ours wasn't; it was open to everybody, rich or poor, conspicuous or obscure, whereas ours was only open to scrubs who would do political dirty work for public enemies like Mr. Conkling—'Hon' Mr. Conkling to use the obsequious illegal phrase of the day. I couldn't venture to be sarcastic about the horrible corruption of English officials, for how could I know but that something of the same kind, in a minor degree, might be discovered among our own officials at any moment. I could not poke fun at the "Court Column" which daily sets forth the walking and driving and dining achievements of kings and queens and dukes while our own papers have a still longer court column of "personals," wherein the movements of half a dozen Permanent Celebrities, a dozen Evanescents, and two dozen Next-to-Nobodies are duly and daily recorded. I couldn't satirize English justice, for it was exactly like our own and every other country's. That is to say, there didn't appear to be any particular rule in the matter of penalties. In New York I have known an Irishman to be sentenced to a month's confinement for nearly killing his wife, and another man to be gaoled for a dreary long term for stealing a blanket. Now here is some English justice—these two paragraphs are from the London *Standard*:

"'HANLEY.

"'A strange case of cruelty came before the stipendiary magistrate this morning. An elderly lady was charged with assaulting her niece. The allegations were that the child had been beaten with undue severity until she was much bruised, and she was then washed in turpentine, and salt, causing great agony. The defence was a denial, and that the child was incorrigible. The bench commenting on the undue severity of the punishment, imposed a fine of 1s and costs.'

"'NORTHAMPTON.

"'At the Police Court to-day John Old summoned by the Society for the Prevention of cruelty to animals for gross cruelty to a dog. The evidence showed that prisoner had brutally ill-treated the animal. He was seen to dash it against the stones, and kick it repeatedly in the streets. He afterwards severely wounded it by striking it with a shovel. He was about to bury it while still alive, but was prevented.—The animal died soon after from the effects of prisoner's ill-usage. Old was sentenced to *a month's hard labor without the option of a fine.*

No, I whittled my opportunites down to this:—One could fling criticisms at the ill-matched colors of English ladies' dresses, he could poke fun at the peddling of sermons and reversions of 'livings,' and my sarcastic things about various other trifles, but after his book was finished there wouldn't be fun enough in it to keep the reader from dying of melancholy. No, I looked the ground all over; there's nothing funny in England."

"Why, there are the English humorous papers."

"They are not funny; they are pathetic."

"You could have written about the manners and customs!'

"Yes, but only to a certain extent. For instance, I could have written freely about public manners and customs, and given instances. I could have said that the innocent and ignorant backwoodsman of the unvisited remoteness of America is the twin-brother of innumerable well-dressed Londoners in one respect—the disposition to glare and stare into a lady's face in the street, and to follow her up shoulder to shoulder, and crane his head around, and still eagerly glare and stare, until the poor victim is ready to cry with mortification and fear. I could have written as much as I pleased about public manners and customs, and been free to applaud or to blame—but there is an end. The real domestic manners and customs; and I had no right to print anything about those, either praisefully or otherwise.

THE VICTIMS OF THE STRATFORD EXPLOSION.—Mr. George Hawkins who was terribly injured by the late nitro-glycerine explosion in the G. T. R. yards at Stratford, still survives. Ever since the accident he has remained between life and death, but the doctors have hopes that he may survive. His case will be a remarkable one in surgery as his skull was fractured and the brain penetrated by a large splinter of wood. One eye is totally destroyed. Mr. Alfred Lamb is able to get about, but he has gone through severe trials. He was dreadfully cut with glass, earth and splinters of wood, and some of these must have contained poisonous substances as the wounds have ulcerated in a terrible manner. Erysipelas set in on one of his hands, and the result is that he will have to undergo the amputation of one of his fingers. Mr. Joseph Hemphrey has pulled through his injuries all right and hopes to be able to resume work in a few days. The wound on his forehead has healed up nicely, and beyond the loss of his teeth on one side of his face, he will escape any serious disfigurement from the explosion.

A Singular Mirage.

LAKE ERIE VISIBLE, WITH SHIP'S SAILING ALONG—THE AMERICAN COAST IN THE DISTANCE.

A singularly beautiful mirage was visible in town last Friday. Shortly after twelve o'clock, John Cook, Esq., chanced to look in a southwestern direction from his house, at the corner of Wellington and Railway streets, and saw Lake Erie spread before him with all the distinctness of reality. After looking for a few moments he called Mrs. Cook and his mother-in-law to witness the scene. They were subsequently joined by Mr. Rathvon, builder, and by Mr. Sexton. The whole party could see the lake as if it were only a few rods off, and the waves rolling in regular succession towards the shore. Three steamers were speeding towards the east, the smoke from their funnels streamers behind them, while a couple of vessels under sail were pursuing their steady course. They could see the lay of the land for a considerable distance along the coast, but it seemed as if some banks intervened to prevent a view of Port Stanley. The opposite coast of America was so distinctly visible that they could perceive the indentations and formations of the shore, the very trees, and a town away to south eastward, the buildings of which were plainly discernable. Mr. Cook was of the opinion that the town was Ashtabula. The meridian sun was shining brightly all this time, and an opaque cloud, fringed with pink, stretched along the southern sky from east to west. Under this cloud the mirage appeared, and after for some time presenting the scene described, faded and gradually dissolved away in the direction of Buffalo.—*St. Thomas Journal.*

The *Daily Telegraph's* correspondent at Alexandria had an interview with the African explorer, Senhor Serpa Pinto, whose voyage across the dark continent has occupied twenty months. Out of 400 followers only eight arrived with him at Durban. During 1878 the expedition suffered greatly from hunger. The disposition of the natives encountered on the route was generally friendly, and the country traversed seemed to be rich in resources. No hydrographical relation was found between the Cabango and the Zambesi rivers, and a new stream was discovered, named the Coando, which is reported to be navigable for 600 miles. It is that which the late Dr. Livingstone wrongly named the Chobes. A complete survey was made of the great Makarikari Lake. Seventy-two cataracts were encountered on the Upper Zambesi, and in a locality called Kagala Senhor Pinto drank of the waters of four different rivers—one falling into the Indian Ocean, two into the Atlantic and one being lost in the Kalaari Desert. Senhor Serpa Pinto possesses a full diary, illustrated by maps and sketches, and leaves to-morrow for Marseilles.

Donald McLeod, of Inverhuron, (three miles from Tiverton), a young lad 14 years of age, left his home on last Saturday evening, without telling his parents where he was going. Some time in the forenoon of Sunday his parents sent one of the children to their friend's house to learn why he did not come home, when, on the way, the child met a neighbor coming to tell the parents that their son's body had been found in the lake very near the shore.

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And that is what will make him slow;
But his saw from the *States* it does keep him blowing,
For it cost him far more and that you must know.

And his Oats for his horses they cost him more too,
And his lumber now up it must go;
You was told all this and you though it would not be true,
But now you will soon think that it was all so.

True his logs he did get when the times was low,
And that is where he will have it the best;
Now he will not break down and that you will know,
And you bet he will feel as happy as the blessed.

So now you can come or now you can go
For his lumber is sure for to sell;
For Orders he has got and he is telling you so,
And it makes him feel most mighty well.

Most folks thought Morrish would sure to break down,
As he went into things so strong;
They thought he must certainly come to the ground,
And now they do wonder he hangs out so long.

But if things work well there is folks he owes quite a grudge,
And if he gets his head a little more above watter;
And then you will bet he will give them a grudge,
And then O my won't they make a great splatter.

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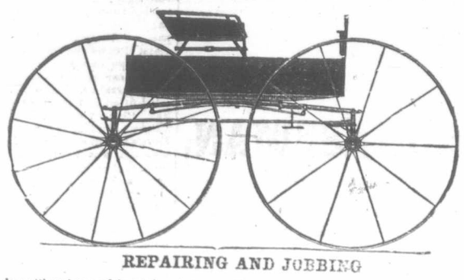

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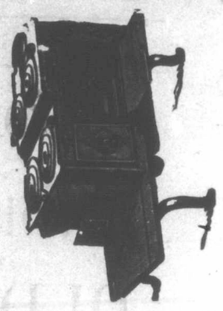

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