

The Yankee in Quebec

He wasn't born in Kentucky, neither was he old enough to have been in the war, yet we always called him "Colonel." His other name was Horatius, and "Col. Horatius" seemed to fit, so we let it go at that. I never knew just why the Colonel had left the States for Quebec. Some said, that being very patriotic, he had left for the good of his country. Be that as it may, I am indebted to him for the "best time" I've ever had, and I'm not going to say a word "agin" the Colonel, even if I could.

"Come to Quebec, Rube, I'll show you the quaintest, most picturesque, most delightfully charming old city in America!" The Colonel used a large number of other adjectives in his letter of invitation, and while I thought, at the time, he was a little "off," I have learned by reality that instead, his use of that part of speech is very meagre indeed. But I don't blame the