

of the Mississippi—at the speed that I'm going to send you. You'll be so high up in the air that the earth will be curved considerable—sorter like a washbowl turned upside down—and you'll see a raft of rivers crawling around every which way, long before you get there, and you can pick out the Mississippi without any trouble. Then you can follow the river north nearly an hour and three-quarters, till you see the Ohio come in; then you want to look sharp, because you're getting near. Away up to your left you'll see another thread coming in—that's the Missouri, and is a little above St. Louis. You'll come down low then, so as you can examine the villages as you spin along. You'll pass about twenty-five in the next fifteen minutes, and you'll recognise ours when you see it—and if you don't you can yell down and ask.'

'Ef it's dat easy, Mars Tom, I reckon we kin do it; yassir, I knows we kin.'

The guide was sure of it too, and thought that he could learn to stand his watch in a little while.

'Jim can learn you the whole thing in a half