It proved to be a little box of a steam-boat, occupied by a man and a dog. The dog leaped on the deck, and kept up a furious barking at the boy as he approached. The man was soon visible, cooking something at a curious little stove under a projection of the deck, or cabin roof, over the bow.

Jacob stopped at the top of the bank; afraid of the dog. The man silenced the barking, and called to him:

"Want anything in my line?"

"Yes," said Jacob.

A pleasant odor from the cooking was wafted up to him, and he saw that the man was trying fish.

"Come down here, then," said the man.

"Won't the dog bite me?"

"Not without you go to take something from the Ark."

"From the what?"

"The Ark. I aint exac'ly Father Noah; but that's the name of my craft. Haven't ye heard of Sam Longshore and his Ark? I thought you wanted something in my line of business."

"What is that?" said Jacob, descending the bank.

"My line of business? Dry goods, fancy goods, tin-ware, brooms, books,—anything frome one of my patent stoves to a side-comb,—the best variety on the river, come aboard and examine. Hush your noise, Ripper!"

Ripper seemed to be the dog. At any rate, he hushed, and Jacob stepped aboard.

"If ye ain't in a hurry," said Mr. Longshore, "set down on the rail there, and make yourself comfortable as ye can, while I give this fish another turn."

As he resumed his cooking. Jacob noticed that he was a man of medium height, but very spare, with a narrow, wrinkled, serious face, small eyes, and a mouth about which there was a pucker of self-conceit.

"I didn't care to buy anything," said Jacob.

"Then what do you want? You see, I'm a peddler. I used to drive a peddler's cart in York State; then as the railroads made trade better for the stores and worse for me, I came out here, and finally took to the river. It don't make much difference where a man is, or what he does,—it's all about the same thing. My Ark aint much bigger'n a peddler's cart, and I carry on much the same sort of trade in it, and in much the same way. Folks are about the same everywhere, and I want about the same kind of truck; I know what they want, and try to furnish it."

Jacob sat down on the rail and meekly waited for a chance to put in a word. Sam Longshore turned his fish and kept on talking.

"I go from village to village along the shores; I go up shaller streams, where big boats can't; my boat can run where there's a good heavy dew. I'm a great reader, and a great thinker. There aint many subjects that I haint thought over and come to my conclusions about.

And the pucker about the peddler's mouth showed that he was confident of having come to pretty correct conclusions.

"I don't take anybody's word for anything," he went on, interrupting Jacob, who was beginning to speak. "If I hear of a book I want, I buy it, and read it, and weigh it according to my judgement, and put it by to read it again if it's worth it, or sell it to the next customer. I can always find a customer for a thing I don't want. I know just how to deal with folks. There's a monstrous sight in phrenology, and I've studied the science till I know just how to apply it to my business. I know a benevolent man, or an avaricious man, or a vain woman, or a woman of good sense and taste, the minute I set my eyes on 'em, and I approach 'em accordingly. I excite the benevolent man's benevolence, and make him want to make presents to somebody of all my most valuable articles. If a man has large acquisitiveness, I let him understand that there never was such a chance for good bargains before, and never will be again. Take a vain person, and I lay on a few touches of flattery here and there,—none to hurt,—and make 'em think there's nothing in the world so becoming to their style of beauty as some of my fancy articles. Then when I fall in with large causability and caution and good perceptive faculties, I come right down to hard pan—talk plain sense, show my best goods, and tell how things are made, and interest my customers that way. There's everything in knowing what organs to excite The last war might have been avoided just as well as not. But the trouble was, the two parties excited the wrong organs in each other. They went to fighting; and fighting always excites combativeness. Whereas they ought to have tried to excite each others benevolence."

Weary and woe-begone as he was, Jacob was almost moved to smile at the wiry tone of voice, the quirks of the head and puckers of the mouth, with which the peddler, who was so much of a philosopher laid down these shrewd observations and rules of life.

"Now, I know just what organs I am exciting in you," Longshore went on, pouring out a cup of coffee, buttering his fried fish, and arranging his little supper on the top of a box used as a table. "I am exciting your alimenitiveness" (learned as he was, he got some of the words wrong), "your hope, and your comparison. Your alimenitiveness—that is your desire for food—suggests to you that fried perch, fresh caught from the river, with a little salt and butter, and a cup of Sam Longshore's coffee to wash it down, would taste good. The second organ is in a lively state, and makes you hope that I will offer you some. Your comparison—which I notice is very large—sets you to comparing me with other peddlers, my Ark with their wagons, and my idees with their idees. I'm going to gratify your alimenitiveness, and offer you one of these fish."

The philosophic peddler held out the dish to Jacob, adding, with a shrewd twinkle of the eye and a comical twist of the neck:

"Have I hit your case right?"

"I can't eat now, thank you!" said Jacob.

"Ah! then it ins't so much your alimenitiveness that is excited as your alidrinkitiveness. There is no such word in the books, but I think there ought to be one, to make the distinction between hunger and thirst. In some persons alimenitiveness is small, while alidrinkitiveness is large and active. Have a cup of coffee."

Jacob drank, and also ate a fried perch, which he held in his fingers. His body was nourished and his heart warmed. Then, getting control of his feelings enough to speak without sobbing, he told his story.—*From "His Own Master," by J. T. Trowbridge, in St Nicholas for March.*

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