

MARK TWAIN'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY; A LITERARY CURIOSITY.

This "autobiography" of Mark Twain is reprinted from a little pamphlet printed 33 years ago, found by chance by a New York book collector.

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Our is a noble old house, and stretches a long way back into antiquity. The earliest ancestor the Twains have any record of was a friend of the family by the name of Higginis.

Arthur Twain was a man of considerable note—a solicitor on the highway in William Rufus' time.

Augustus Twain seems to have made something of a stir about the year 1160. He was as full of fun as he could be, and used to take his old sabbler and sharpen it up, and get in a convenient place on a dark night and stick it through people as they went by to see them jump. He was a born humorist.

Then for the next 200 years the family tree shows a succession of soldiers—noble, high-spirited fellows who always went into battle singing, right behind the army, and always went out a whooping, right ahead of it.

Early in the fifteenth century we have Beau Twain, called "the Scholar." He wrote a beautiful, beautiful hand.

He wrote a beautiful, beautiful hand. And he could imitate anybody's hand so closely that it was enough to make a person laugh his head off to see it.

He had infinite sport with his talent. But by and by he took a contract to break stone for a road, and the roughness of the work spoiled his hand.

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keewis (Mighty Hunter-with-a-Hog-Eye) Twain adorned the middle of the eighteenth century, and aided General Braddock with all his heart to resist the oppressor Washington.

AN ILLUSTRIOUS LOT. "It ain't no (hic) use. At that 'nough I drunk he can't stan' still long enough for a man to hit him. I—(hic)—I can't 'ford to fool away any more am'nition on him!"

MODES OF SPEAKING THE MOTHER TONGUE THE ENGLISH WAY PREFERABLE TO AMERICAN METHOD.

The shafts launched at Mr. Henry James yesterday during a meeting of the Modern Language Association of America, in session at Haverford College, were barbed with wit and not a little justice.

It is not a matter of the comparative merits of the differing English and American standards. In the particular of usage our own rule is as frequently as not to be preferred.

Lead a Feature. The material of which these imitation stones are made is known as "strass."

Another method of deceiving the unwary purchaser of precious stones is to palm off on him genuine stones which have been "taken" in some way to make them appear more valuable than they really are.

How glad I am that I overcame my hesitation about writing you for a Free Sample of Samaria. At that time my husband was drinking very hard, and I was in despair.

KEEP MINARD'S LINIMENT TAKE NO OTHER. In a letter to an English friend, a South African farmer writes: "Many of the fighting Boers have told me they are quite willing to erect a statue to General Buller's memory in this country."

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allas Sixteen-String Jack: William Hogarth Twain, alias Jack Sheppard, Ananias Twain, alias Baron Munchausen; John George Twain, alias Captain Kydd, and then there are George Francis Twain, Tom Pepper, Nebuchadnezzar and Isalam's Ass— they all belong to our family, but to a branch of it somewhat distantly removed from the honorable direct line.

HOW SPURIOUS GEMS ARE MANUFACTURED INDUSTRY THAT REQUIRES LARGE CAPITAL. The passion for precious stones which has reigned in the minds of men and women almost since the dawn of time, has, of course, given rise to much counterfeiting of the more valuable stones, says the London Tit-Bits.

imitation, which is itself made of some paste with a high degree of brilliancy. If the doublet is secured by cement the two portions will fall apart on immersion in hot water.

Another way of preparing a doublet is to make the upper portion of rock crystal, or some similar transparent material with a high degree of hardness, and the lower portion of tinted glass, which seems to impart its color to the whole.

Finally, colored stones are imitated in a particularly ingenious way by means of rock crystal ground to resemble the usual appearance of the particular stone to be imitated, but with a hollow cavity inside, which is filled with colored water.

Every one is familiar with the pretty strings of imitation pearls which can be purchased everywhere. These are usually made of opaline glass treated carefully with hydrofluoric acid, and it would not occur to any one to attempt to pass them off as anything else.

The King of Italy is not only one of the most enthusiastic of royal motorists but perhaps the only one who has qualified by passing a severe practical examination in automobile driving.

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Babbit Metals Grades All The Canada Metal Co., Toronto, Ont. BlindSee in Dreams. Harvey, who discovered the circulation of the blood, is said to have recorded a dream in which a bumblebee stung him on his left thigh, on a place where, a couple of days later, appeared an ugly ulcer.

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Galloping Consumption CURED Twelve Years Ago. Maganetawan, May 27, 1904. "It is 12 years ago since I was cured of Galloping Consumption. I caught cold working as fireman on the C.P.R. The doctors said there was no hope for me.

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