MARK TWAIN'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY;

A LITERARY CURIOSITY.

by a New York book collector. So During all those long years he gave Fare is it that when it was submitted such satisfaction that he never was that that man was being reserved by cient stock in that, in order to acquire for inspection to the publishers of through with one contract a week till the Great Spirit for some missing the notoriety we have always yearned Mark Twain's works, a representative of the house said that they had no Government gave him another. He sion, and he dared not lift his sacrilegious rifle against him again, the lalow way of going to have not into of the house said that they had no ways a favorite with his fellow artists, record of it. Mark Twain himself ex- and was a conspicuous member of rity of history. What he did say was: amined the pamphlet with much in their benevolent secret society, called terest, smiled, and said:

had quite forgotten all about it." ferent times intimated that if I would country. For he was so regular. write an autobiography they would read it when they got leisure, I trious John Morgan Twain. He came oughly well known in history by their cestors, that it is simply wisdom to yield at last to this frenzied public demand, and herewith tender my his- 1492 as a passenger. He appears to

was in the eleventh century, when our that he did not go idling about the people were living in Aberdeen, County Ship with his nose in the air, sneering ty Cork, England. Why it is that our long line has ever since borne the maternal name (except when one of he was going to or had ever been there refuge in an alias to avert foolishness), ho!" thrilled every heart in the sm but his. He gazed a while through instead of Higgins, is a mystery which none of us has ever felt much desire piece of smoked glass at the penciled to stir. It is a kind of vague, pretty line lying on the distant water, and the old families do that way.

Arthour Twain was a man of considerable note-a solicitor on the highway in William Rufus' time. At about the When this questionable passenger gate to see about something and never per containing a handkerchief marked icans is inferior to that of English- worthlessness of the article is so appreadily detected by holding the stone returned again. While there he died "B. G.," one cotton sock marked "L. men.

could be, and used to take his old saber and sharpen it up, and get in a convenient place on a dark night and convenient p convenient place on a dark night and nead, and would not steel, he humorist. But he got to going too was "by the stern," he would suggest pronunciation between the verb and the first time has was to Columbus to detail some men to noun "prophecy" in lamontable. his far with it, and the first time he was to Columbus to detail some men to noun "prophecy" is lamentable; his resemblance but a skillfully prepared filled with colored water. The cavity fact that dreams depend on some THE HEALTHY GLOW disappearing and restfound stripping one of these parties shift that baggage." In storms he had hard "genesis" and his soft "schedule" to be gagged, because his wailings are, to our ear, an inversion of propried about his "trunk" made it impossible ty, and his enmity toward the Italian persion as would a diamond of the first time he was to columnous to detail some ment to houn propnecy is immentance; his hard "genesis" and his soft "schedule" "paste" stone exhibits the same luster and high index of refraction and dispersion as would a diamond of the first time he was to columnous to detail some ment to houn propnecy is immentance; his hard "genesis" and his soft "schedule" "paste" stone exhibits the same luster and high index of refraction and dispersion as would a diamond of the first time he was to columnous to detail some ment to houn propnecy is immentance; his hard "genesis" and his soft "schedule" paste" stone exhibits the same luster and high index of refraction and dispersion as would a diamond of the first time he was to columnous to detail some ment to houn propnecy is immentance; his then closed by means of a plate of other media than those known as the from the cheek, and meaning and restrict of the cheek. The cheek is then closed by means of a plate of the cheek, and meaning and restrict of the cheek. The cheek is the cheek is the cheek is the cheek is the cheek and meaning and restrict of the cheek. The cheek is the ch Temple Bar, where it could contem- for the men to hear the orders. The u in "figure" is a national horror. We water. The purity of the materials emplate the people and have a good time.

He never liked any situation so much learning to the men to hear the orders. The u in "figure" is a national horror. We may say "vaniller," but we couldn't ployed is such that an equal degree ruby, sapphire, emerald or amethyst learning for the men to hear the orders. The u in "figure" is a national horror. We water. The purity of the materials employed is such that an equal degree ruby, sapphire, emerald or amethyst learning for the men to hear the orders. The u in "figure" is a national horror. We water. The purity of the materials employed is such that an equal degree ruby, sapphire, emerald or amethyst learning for the men to hear the orders. The u in "figure" is a national horror. We water. The purity of the materials employed is such that an equal degree ruby, sapphire, emerald or amethyst learning for the men to hear the orders. The u in "figure" is a national horror. We water. The purity of the materials employed is such that an equal degree ruby, sapphire, emerald or amethyst learning for the men to hear the orders. The u in "figure" is a national horror. We water. The purity of the materials employed is such that an equal degree ruby, sapphire, emerald or amethyst learning for the men to hear the orders. The u in "figure" is a national horror. We water. The purity of the materials employed is such that an equal degree ruby, sapphire, emerald or amethyst learning for the men to hear the orders. He never liked any situation so much openly charged with any gravely un-possibly be guilty of "figger."

have Beau Twain, called "the Scholar." ble rose on the quietly ebbing tide. But never dream of judging a man's edurated the amount of lead used in the readily distinguish the imitation pearly the manner in the ma He wrote a beautiful, beautiful hand. While everyone was most absorbed in cation or culture from the manner in production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the readily distinguish production of the "paste" the greater from the greater And he could imitate anybody's hand was momentarily increasing, it was ed to find the same verbal faults upon matic colors in the finished stone, and beautiful beads closely resembling the line of college presidents men of ness of the work spoiled his hand, we find this quaint note:

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| Kichard Brinsley Twain, alias Guy been a felicitous thing for the real was a change. He wanted fresh shad. | Fawkes; John Wentworth Twain. | public. How does it strike you? family by the name of Higgins. This Hardly a day passed over his head

CONCERNED ABOUT HIS

TRUNK. Augustus Twain seems to have made something of a stir about the year gave himself more about his "trunk," and frequently as not to be preferred. "Different from" is as good as "different in a particularly ingenious way by severe pneumonia. "The archives of he avers, the following the voyage he American standards. In the particular in the continent, where different standards. In the particular in the continent, where different is as much of the diamond cutting is done. The manufacture of imitation gems of specially prepared glass is quite and in a particularly ingenious way by modical reports." Save Dr. Avel Emil becoming thing, but it is noted in the But the speech of England is imto the imitation as is found in the Every one is Then for the next 200 years the fam
ship's log as a "curious circumstance" measurably superior to that of Amerigenum stone. Color is imitated also, Every one is familiar with the pretty Then for the next 200 years the famfly tree shows a succession of soldiers
—noble, high-spirited fellows, who always went into battle singing, right ahead of it.

This is a scatching rebuke to old silver to the fam
ship's log as a "curious circumstance" that albeit he brought his baggage on board the ship in a newspaper, he took it ashore in four trunks, a queensware crate and a couple of champagne base whooping, right ahead of it.

This is a scatching rebuke to old ship's log as a "curious circumstance" that albeit he brought his baggage on ca—gentlemen of the modern language association will not deny it—in this—namely, that whereas Americans, even educated Americans, are careless in both grammar and pronunciation, slipshod, easy-going, and prone to every the vest moderate.

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> In time it was discouvered yt ye troblesome passenger hadde gonne ment. And so we go on torturing all downe and got ye anchor, and toke ye foreign ears and wronging our own same and solde it to ye dam sauvages souls with the drawl, the slur, the clip-

from ye interior, saying yt he hadde ped syllable, the flattened vowel, the founde it, ye sonne of a ghun! ELEVATED THE INDIANS Yet this ancestor had good and noble instincts, and it is with pride that we call to mind the fact that he was ested himself in the work of elevating well-nigh, infamous. and civilizing our Indians. He built ence on the Indians than any other a social crime. Carelessness is not reformer that ever labored among excused. Vigor is not held to be a thing Deceiving the Unwary. them. At this point the chronicle be- opposed to accuracy, or power to be comes less frank and chatty and closes necessarily uncouth; on the contrary, a abruptly by saying that the old voy- clear head is expected to express itself to palm off on him genuine stones ager went to see his gallows perform in correct sentences, cleanly enunciation the first white man ever hanged in ed. It is expected to do so, and it does to make them appear more valuable America, and while there received in- so-to the pleasure of the listening ear, than they really are. A device comjuris which terminated in his death. The great-grandson of the "Reformer" flourished in sixteen hundred amiability and efficiency. and something and was known in our annals as "the old admiral," though tions in America, it would be necessary annals as "the old admiral," though in history he had other titles. He was long in command of fleets of swift yes. The world be necessary only for the educated to persuade themselves of the desirability of correct For instance, while £10 would be a very sels, well armed and manned, and did utterance, and in particular for all such great service in hurrying up merchant- organizations as the modern language men. Vessels which he followed and association to rebuke at every opporkept his eagle eye on always made good fair time across the ocean. But if a ship still loitered in spite of all he could do his indignation would grow till he could contain himself no longer than (sic) mere breeding."-Philadel--and then he would take that ship home where he lived and keep it there carefully, expecting the owners to come for it, but they never did. And he would try to get the idleness and sloth out of the sailors of that ship by compelling them to take invigorating they are quite willing to erect a sta-"walking a plank." All the pupils liked it. At any rate, they never found any fault with it after trying it. When the owners were late coming for their ships the admiral always burned them, so that the insurance money should not be lost. At last this fine

15 minutes sooner he might have been DISTINGUISHED MISSIONARY.

old tar was cut down in the fullness

of his years and honors. And to her

dying day his poor heart-broken widow believed that if he had been cut down

Charles Henry Twain lived during the latter part of the seventeenth century, and was a zealous and distinguished missionary. He converted 16,000 South Sea Islanders, and taught them that a dog-tooth necklace and a pair of spectacles were not enough clothing to come to divine service in. His poor flock loved him very, very dearly, and when his funeral was over they got up in a body (and came out of the restaurant) with tears in their eyes, and saying, one to another, that he was a good, tender missionary, and they wished they had some more of

Pah - go - wah - wah - pukkete-

keewis (Mighty Hunter-with-a-Hog- alias Sixteen-String Jack; William Eye) Twain adorned the middle of the Hogarth Twain, alias Jack Sheppard; eighteenth century, and aided General Ananias Twain, alias Baron Mun-Braddock with all his heart to resist chausen; John George Twain, alias the oppressor Washington. It was this Captain Kydd, and then there are ancestor who fired 17 times at our George Francis Train, Tom Pepper, Washington from behind a tree. So Nebuchadnezzar and Baalam's Assfar the beautiful romantic narrative they all belong to our family, but to a in the moral story pooks is correct; branch of it somewhat distantly rebut when that narrative goes on to moved from the honorable direct linesay that at the seventeenth round the in fact, a collateral branch, whose awe-stricken savage said solemnly members chiefly differ from the anlegious rifle against him again, the a low way of going to jail instead of narrative seriously impairs the integ- getting hanged.

AN ILLUSTRIOUS LOT. "It ain't no (hic) use, 'At that's so but I was born without a humpback, drunk he can't stan' still long enough likewise, and there I had the advanfor a man to hit him. I-(hic)-I can't tage of him. My parents were neither 'ford to fool away any more am'nition very poor nor conspicuously honest.

I will remark here, in passing, that own history would really seem so certain ancestors of mine are so thor- tame contrasted with that of my analiases that I have not felt it to be leave it unwritten until I am hanged. worth while to dwell upon them, or If some other biographies I have read even mention them in the order of their had stopped with the ancestry until

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The shafts launched at Mr. Henry The passion for precious stones detect. romance, and we leave it alone. All then said: "Land be hanged—it's a James yesterday during a meeting of which has reigned in the minds of men the Modern Language Association of and women almost from time im- is to make the upper portion of rock America, in session at Haverford Col- memorial has, of course, given rise to crystal, or some similar transparent lege, were barbed with wit and not a much counterfeiting of the more valu- material with a high degree of hardlittle justice. They do not, neverthe- able stones, says the London Tit-Bits. ness, and the lower portion of tinted Age of 30 he went to one of those fine came on board the ship he brought old English places of resort called Newnorthing with him but an old newspationable passenger and the ship he brought the contention that the speech of American and the ship he brought the contention that the speech of American and the ship he brought the contention that the speech of American and the ship he brought the contention that the speech of American and the ship he brought the contention that the speech of American and the ship he brought the contention that the speech of American and the ship he brought the contention that the speech of American and the ship he brought the contention that the speech of American and the ship he brought the contention that the speech of American and the ship he brought the contention that the speech of American and the ship he brought the contention that the speech of American and the ship he brought the contention that the speech of American and the ship he brought the contention that the speech of American and the ship he brought the contention that the speech of American and the ship he brought the contention that the speech of American and the ship he brought the contention that the speech of American and the ship he brought the contention that the speech of American and the ship he brought the ship he broug

elegance of speech, as if heartiness and vigor could not comport with refine-

We snub our labials, we torture our midsyllables and we massacre our capital is required in the manufacture, even lecture halls, churches and theaand the high degree of purity necessary ters, the stately tongue of Shakespeare the first white person who ever inter- and Milton is become inglorious, shabby in all the materials employed necessitates an amount of care, and inci- the most enthusiastic of royal motorists dentally waste, which is exceedingly but perhaps the only one who has quala commodious jail and put up a gallows and to his dving day he claimed of a man's education. Of the unletter-There his manner of speech is an index expensive. Moreover, the imitation ified by passing a severe practical exlows, and to his dying day he claimed or a man's education. Of the unletterwith satisfaction that he had had of ed little may be expected, but in the
precisely the same manner as the real is a clever mechanic, and can repair

> Another method of deceiving the unwary purchaser of precious stones is the delight of the answering mind and monly practiced is that of sementing the promotion of social understanding, two stones so that they appear to be one large one. At first sight there does not seem to be any object in such fair price for a diamond weighing one

carat, f150 might be paid for a fivecarat stone of the same water. Eastern jewelers are particularly skillful in this direction. An Indian dealer will think nothing of selling for a large sum a beautiful stone, which on examination by an expert proves to be, perhaps, only a skillfully prepared piece of bottle glass. It is not, of course, claimed that there is necessarily anything fraudulent in the skillful preparation of imitation stones to resemble more valuable gems. Many of the most reputable jewelers deal in these stones, charging a price for which no one would expect to procure the genuine article. So long as the customer is taken into the jeweler's confidence there is nothing to object to

in the bargain. A yellowish red stone called hyacinth, and also the blue sapphire, lose their color on being heated, and may then be set as diamonds. Similarly, various stones may be colored in such a manner as to make them resemble others of a higher value.

The "Doublet."

A favorite method of preparing precious stones so as to make them appear more valuable than they really are is by means of the "doublet." This may be done at the request of a customer who wishes to make a finer show than he or she would otherwise be able to do, or it may be practiced by an unscrupulous dealer to deceive the unwary. It is said that a great deal of this work is done on the continent, A doublet consists of an upper part, which is genuine, secured to a lower part of some less valuable stone or of glass. The two parts are cemented together and ground so as to leave no trace of the union. The fire of the genuine portion of the stone is seen through the



paste with a high degree of brilliancy. them now and then took a playful before. The memorable cry of "Land the ship them now and then took a playful before, the memorable cry of "Land the ship th If the doublet is secured by cement the composed of glass, however, it is usually fused to the upper and genuine half. so that the fraud is very difficult to

parent that there is no suggestion of to the light; but as it is usually em-W. C.," one woolen one marked "D. It is not a matter of the compara- fraud. Few, however, realize to what ployed in making up jewelry with nowned Franch outbox found himself of vision. F.," and a night shirt marked "O. M. tive merits of the differing English and extent skilled fraud exists in this trade. Closed settings the purchaser has no more especially on the continent, where

very difficult to distinguish from the

dead Froissart's poor witticism that that some of his things were missing, of Englishmen speak with precision, acour family tree never had but one and was going to search the other pastorial to a well-established national tion stones are made is known as mother-of-pearl also. This material is right angles, and bore fruit winter and they threw him overboard. They are the meat of the matter is in the fact different recipes, but usually includes polished beautifully, when it has an polished beautifully, when it has an included the matter is in the fact. watched long and wonderingly for that we of America have no pride in red lead, rock crystal, potassium carappearance very similar to that of the Early in the fifteenth century we him to come up, but not even a bub-or care for correctness of speech. We bonate, borax and white arsenic. The genuine article, though an expert can

Reperson laugh his head off to see it. Observed with consternation that the lips of college presidents, men of at the same time the higher will be its finest Indian pearls have been manufactured by the lips of college presidents. He had infinite sport with his talent. Vessel was adrift and the anchor calletters or of affairs that we have heard specific gravity. On the other hand, factured. Glass beads of the required He had infinite sport with his talent. Vessel was adrift and the anchor caBut by and by he took a contract to ble hanging limp from the bow. Then from the untaught. There even linthe stone loses in hardness what it patterns are first made. They are then gains in brilliance. An old-time, but coated inside with a material made still serviceable, rough and ready test from fish scales and having the luster for a stone is to see whether it will of the genuine pearl. The beads are scratch or cut window glass, which is, then filled up with wax. These beauas a rule, harder than most imitation tiful imitation pearls are by no means cheap, however. This is not surprive It must not be imagined that these ing, when we learn that it takes 20,close imitations of the real diamond or 000 fishes to yield one pound of the other stones can be produced cheaply. silvery white material which is used to vowels, until in our homes, streets and This is far from the case. A large produce the necessary pearlike luster. -London Tit-Bits.

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