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YOUTH'S DEPARTMENT.

HISTORICAL ENIGMA.

I AM COMPOSED OF 50 LETTERS

My 32 19 28 4 7 8 7 5 2 8 is one of the 16

My 18 11 22 1 2 5 was an eminent English

My 11 3 20 31 was a venetian lady celebra-

My 3 29 36 28 was the last royal gover-

My 47 38 22 21 was the first person who

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My 22 26 12 was attorney general in the

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My 41 15 34 was a learned Swiss, and pro-

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My 39 8 17 16 44 22 1 31 20 was an Indian

My whole is one of the greatest events in

Centre Hill, Pa., 1856.

Answer to Geographical Enigma No. 1—

Answer to Geographical Enigma No. 2—

Answer to Enigma—NIGHTINGALE. The

Solutions are:—Night, In, Gale.

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friends of the good cause would be the means of

planting sound Democratic sentiment within the

bosom of every man.

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Flow, the Worth's Improved Plow, and several

others of the most approved styles, and at the low-

est rates. Being practical workmen, we flatter our-

selves that our work will give entire satisfaction.

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MENT OF STOVENS, suitable for either of

## THE

### Great Coast and Sunny South

BY FRANK R. STEINER

CHAPTER XVI.

Stems Aboard of a Steamboat—Incidents—Life

with its Variations, etc.

Did the reader ever travel for any length

of time aboard of a large and first class

steamboat. If so, he can form some idea of

the scenes and actions, amusements and

conversations that are constantly transpir-

ing. If not, then, probably we can enlight-

en him upon some of the many which will

give him quite an introductory to the great

medley of scenes that are often witnessed

aboard of these "river crafts."

It was a very dark, rainy, and foggy

night as we lay tied up at shore hard by a

spacious and forsaken wood yard. For four

days and two nights had the "Old Virginia"

been ploughing through the water endeavor-

ing to reach Memphis, Tennessee, and as

yet had ten more miles to go. But as the

night became too dark for safe piloting,

our esteemed captain deemed it prudent to

rest the machinery and steam apparatus and

"row the boat to shore." The passen-

gers by this time had become very sociable

and friendly, many of them acting as if they

had been neighbors for years. "A slight breeze

and a general stir of preparations seemed

to be making in the ladies' parlor until it be-

came evident to the mass that "we were

going to have a little dance."

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life with its variations, cat, drink, and

the water of the Mississippi.

Such, reader, is only a part of the various

scenes that nightly transpire aboard of the

steamboat, and we may well say that it is a

little world within itself."

CHAPTER XVII.

Remarks—Memphis—Its attractions—Remarks

on the place—Spanish Moss—A cotton plantation

described—Remarks, &c.

It is generally the case that the morning

succeeding the first foggy night is pretty

well advanced before it is considered safe to

venture a boat out on the stream. Fog

grows densely thick about sunrise upon the

river, and their heaviest appearance is when

they are in the act of ascending heavenward.

So it happened upon the following morning.

The "Old Virginia" tied up at the fore-

wood yard. The morning was far advanced

when the puffing of steam and the splashing

of the wheels warned us that we were

again journeying down the river. Nearly

an hour had passed over our boat but head-

way before we were in sight of the beautiful

city of Memphis. Coming up to the city

we gently run down the stream and quickly

turning our bows "head and jack stall up

stream" we ran along side of the Memphis

wharves. There wharf boats are generally

old worn out steamers, red-dyed and finished

in hotel style, and are used for storing

freight, and for boat purposes.

Memphis, in Shelby county Tenn., is beau-

tifully situated on a very high bluff, the fourth

and last of the Chickasaw bluffs. These

bluffs received their name from the tribe of

Chickasaw Indians that settled here. The

bluff on which Memphis stands, is thirty feet

above the highest floods, and its base is

washed by the river for the distance of three

miles, and a bed of sand-stone, the only

known stratum of rocks below the Ohio, just

above the stream and forms a convenient landing

for descending the river, the appearance of

Memphis to the eye of the laborer is very

grand and imposing. At a little distance from

the base of the bluff, a range of large, fine

buildings extends for several squares, which

give quite an air of business to the city.

Immense quantities of cotton are grown in

the interior country, and this is the principal

market and shipping point for it. It con-

tains eleven churches, two medical colleges,

a number of private schools, Navy Yard, and

a population of about twenty thousand.

From Memphis to Vicksburg the distance

is three hundred and twenty-two miles.

The principal towns between the two cities

are Helena, Napoleon, Columbia in Arkan-

sas, and Princeton in Mississippi, and Lake

Providence in Louisiana. These towns range

in population from three hundred to one

thousand.

The Arkansas and Yazoo rivers empty

their waters into the Mississippi between

these two cities. Helena is the county seat

of Phillips county, Arkansas. It is very

handsomely situated, contains twenty stores,

three churches, printing office and a popula-

tion of about six hundred. Considerable cot-

ton is shipped from this place. As our boat

was passing this town, quite a number of pas-

sengers were standing upon her hurricane

deck viewing the beautiful scenery of the

surrounding country, when the editor of the

news paper published in that place, desirous

of knowing the result of the election to New

York, ran hastily down to the landing, and

with all the strength of voice he could com-

mand, yelled out inquiring "are there any

news from the east?" "Ay, ay, your hon-

or," replied one of the theatrical, "all the

wise men have gone back."

At Columbia in Chicot county, Arkansas,

commences the great cotton growing region,

is, one hundred and twenty miles. The

river is one hundred and twenty miles long

and Rodney, in Mississippi. They are all

handsonly laid out places, and points from

which great quantities of cotton are shipped.

Along this part of the river is to be seen the

largest and prettiest plantations.

A cotton field is one of the great beau-

ties of the "Sunny South." Far as the eye

can reach, one wide extended field of pur-

ple grass, with white blossoms presents, it-

self to view, resembling at a distance a vast

bed of snow drops. These cotton stalks

grow from two to three feet high and look

like blackweed. The pod of the cotton re-

sembles in shape and form the "gymnan-

weed" pod, only it is not quite so large. In

the latter part of October the pods just open

and the cotton is then considered ripe. Huf-

hundreds of negroes are then busily en-

gaged in picking from off these purple stalks

these white blossoms, each stalk bears from

three to five pods, which are equal to one