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Old Times on the Mississippi.

BT MARK TWAIN.

When I was a boy there was but one ermanent ambition among my c mrades in our village, on the west bank of the Mississippi river. That was to be a steamboatman. We had transient as real possibilities. By and by one ambitions of other sorts, but they were of our boys went away. He was not This firm is prepared to do all work in only tran-ient. When a circus came and went, it left us all burning to become clowns ; the first negro minstrel show that came to our section left us all suffering to try that kind of life; now and then we had a hope that if we lived, and were good, God would per-mit us to be pirates. These ambitious faded out, each in turn ; but the ambetion to be a steamboatman always remained.

Once a day a cheap, gandy packet arrived upward from St. Louis, and another downward from Keokula. Before these events had transpired, the day was glorious with experiancy ; after they had transpired, the day was a dead and empty thing. Not only the boys, but the whole village did this. After all these years, I can pieture that old time to myself now, just as it was then; the white town drowsiog in in the sunshine of a summer's morning ; the streets empty, or pretty nearly so; one or two clerks sitting in front of the Water street stores, with the splint bottomed chairs tilted back against the wall, chins on breasts, hats slouched over their faces, asleep -- with shingle shavings enough around to show what broke them down; a sow and litter of pigs loafing along the side walk, doing a good business in water melon rinds and seeds; two or three lonely little freight piles scattered about the "levee;" a pile of "skids" on the slope of the stone paved wharf, and the fragrant town drunkard asleep in the shadow of them ; two or three wood flats at the head of the wharf but nobody to listen to the penceful lap-ping of the wavelets against t em; the great Mississippi, the majestic, the magnificent Mississippi, rolling its mile wide tide along, snining in the sun; the dense forest away on the other side ; the "point" above the town, and the "point" b low, bounding the river glimpse and turning it into a sort of sea, and withal a very still and brilliant one. Presently a film of dark smoke appears above one of those remote "points ;" instantly a negro drayman, famous for his quick eye and prodigious voice, lifts of the cry, "S-t-e-a-mboat a comin !" and the scene changes. The town drunkard stirs, clerks wake up, a furious clatter of drays follows, every house and store pours out a hu man contribution, and all in a twinkling the dead town is alive and moving. Drays, carts, mon, boys, all go hurrying from many quarters to a common centre, the wharf. Assembled the coming boat as upon a wonder they are seeing for the first time. And

the side, where all my old comrades could see me; later I thought I would rather be the deck hand who stood on the end of the stage plank with the coil of rope in his hand, because he

was particularly conspicuous. But these were only day-dreams-they were too heavenly to be contemplated heard of for a long time. At last he turned ap as apprentice engineer or "striker" on a steamboat. This thing shook the bottom out of all my Sunday school teachings. That boy had been notoriously worldly, and I just the re-verse; yet he was exalted to his eminence, and I left in obscurity and misery. There was nothing generous about this fellow in his greatnes. He would always manage to have a rusty

bolt to scrub while his boat tarried at our town, and he would sit on the inside guard and scrub it, where we could all see him and envy him and loathe him. Wnenever his boat was laid up he would come home and swell greasiest clothes, so that nobody could help remembering that he was a steam boatman; and he used all sorts of if he were so used to them that he forgot common people could not uaderstand them. He would speak of easy, natural way that would make one wish he was dead. And he was always talking about "St. Looy" like an old citizen; he would refer casually to occasions when he "was coming down Fourth street," or when he was 'passing by the Planters' House," or when there was a fire and he took a turn on the brakes of the "old Big Missouri"; and then he would go and lie about how many towns the size of ours were burned down there that day. Two or three of the boys had long been persons of consideration among us because they had been to St. Louis once, and had a vague general knowledge of its wonders, but the day of their glory was over now. They lapsed into an humble silence, and learned to disappear when the ruthless "cub" engineer approached. This fellow had money, too, and hair oil. Also, an ignorant silver watch and a showy brass watch chain. He wore a leather belt and used no suspenders. If ever a youth was cordially admired and hated by his comrades, this one was. No girl could withstand his charms, He "cut out" every boy in the village. When his boat blew up at last, it diffused a tranquil contentment among us such as we had not known for months. But when he came home the next week, alive, renowned, and appearing in church all battered up and bandaged, a shining hero, stared at wondered over by everybody, it seemed to us that the partiality of Provithere, the people fasten their eyes upon reached a point where it was open to dence for an undeserving reptile had criticism.

the boat is rather a handsome sight, but one result, and it speedily followed. Boy after boy managed to get on the river. The minister's son be, diplomatic service for the Emperor of came an engineer. The doctor's and Rusia, the monarch could not have

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L had thirty dollars left : I ship. would go and complete the exploration of the Amazon. This was all the thought I gave to the subject. I nevpacked my valise and took passage on an aucient tub called the Paul Jones, for New Orleans. For the sum of six teen dollars I had the scarred and taruished splendors of "her" main saoon principally to myself, for she was not a creature to attract the eye of wiser travelers.

When we presently got under way and went poking down the broad Ohio, I became a new being, and the subject of my own admiration. I was a traveler ! A word had never tasted so good in my mouth before. I had an exultant sense of being boun | for myster ious lands and climes which I never have filt in so unlifting a degree since. I was in such a glorified condition that all ignoble feelings departed out of me, and I was able to look down, and pity the untravoled with a compassion that had hardly a trace of contempt around town in his blackest and in it. Still, when we stopped at vil lages wood-yards, I could not help folling carelessly upon the railings of the boiler deck to enjoy the envy of steamboat technicalities in his talk, as the country boys on the bank. If they did not seem to discover me, 1 presently sneezed to attract their atfention, or moved to a position where the "isbboard" sides of a house in an they could not help seeing me. And as soon as I knew they saw me I gaped and stretched, and gave other signs of struction worse, and his profanity so being mightily bored with traveling. void of art that it was an element of I kept my hat off all the time, and stayed where the wind and the sun get the bronzed and weather-beaten second day was half gone, I experienced a joy which filled me with the purest gratitude; for I saw that the now.

> We reached Lousville in time-at. the middle of the river, and lay therefour days. I was now beginning to the boat's family, a sort of infant son to the captain and younger brother to the officers. There is no estimating the pride I took in this grandeur, or the affection that began to grow and swell in me for these people. I could not know how the lordly steamboatman scorns that sort of presumption in a mere landsman. I particularly longed to acquire the least trifle of notice from the big, stormy mate, and I was on the alert for an opportunity to do him a service to that end. It came at last. The riotous pawwow of setting a spar was going on down on the fore eastle, and I went down there and stood around in the way-or mostly skipping out of it-till the mate suddenly roured ont a general order for somebody to bring him capstan bar.

ed to offer him a new chalk pipe, and that softened him. So he allowed me to sit with him by the ang field on the hurricane deck, and in time he melted into convertation. He could not well help it, I hung with such homage on his words and so plainly showed that I felt honored by his notice. He told me the names of dim capes and shadowy islands as we glided by them in the solemnity of the night, under the winking stars and by and by got to talking about himse t. He seemed aver-sentimental for a man whose sal-

ary was six dollars a week-or rather he might have seemed so to 'an older person than I. Bot I drank in his words hougeily, and with a faith that mighthave moved mountains if it had been applied judiciously. What was it to fragrant with gin? What was it to me that his grammar was bad, his convoid of art that it was an element of weakness instead of strength in his conversation? He was a wronged could strike me, because I wanted to man, a man who had seen trouble and that was enough for me. As he mellook of an old traveler. Before the lowed into his plaintive history his tears dripped upon the lantern in his lap, and I cried, too, from sympathy. He said he was the son of an English skin had begun to blister and peel off nobleman-either an earl or an aldermy face and neck. I wished that the man, he could not remember which, boys and girls at home could see me but believed he was both; his father, the nobleman, loved him, but his moth-

er hated him from the cradle ; and so least the neighborhood of it. We stuck hard and fast on the rocks in the middle of the river, and lay there leges"-he c uldn't remember which; and by and by his father died and his teel a strong seuse of being a part of mother siezed the property and "shook" him, as he phrased it. After his mother shook him, members of the nobility with whom he was acquainted used their influence to get him the position of "lab-lolly-boy in a ship;" and from that point my watchman threw off all trammels of date and locality and branched out into a narrative that bristled all along with incredible adventures; a narrative that was so recking with bloodshed and so crammed with bair-breadth escapes and the most engaging and unconscious personal villainies, that I sat speechless, enjoying, shuddering, wondering, worshipping.

It was a sore blight to find out afterwards that he was a low, vulgar, ignorant, sentimental, hilf-witted humbug, an untraveled native of the wilds of Himois, who had absorbed wild-cat literature and appropriated its marvels, until in time he had woven odds and ends of the mers into this vara, and then gone on telling it to fiedgelings like me until he had come to believe it himself.

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ing. 'Vast heaving, I tell you'l Going to heave it clear astern ? Where're you tion of the Amazou. This was all the thought I gave to the subject. I nev-er was great in matters of detail. I dash-dash dashed split between a tired mud untile and a crippled hearsehorse l'

I wish I could talk like that. When the soreness of my adventure

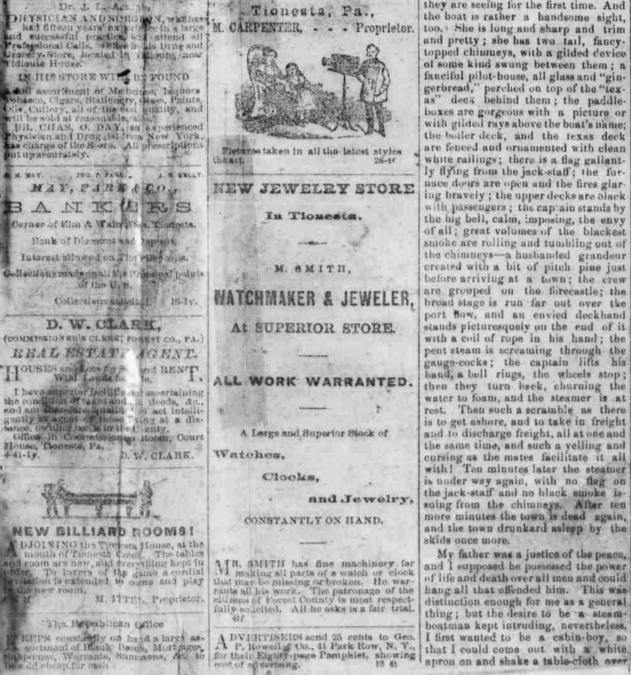
with the mate had somewhat worn off.

I began timidly to make up to the

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night watchman. He southed my sd-

vances at first, but I presently ventur-



of some kind swung between them; a fanciful pilot-house, all glass and "gingerbread," perched on top of the "tex-as" decs behind them ; the paddleboxes are gorgeous with a picture or with glided rays above the boat's name; the builer deck, and the texas deck are fenced and ornamented with clean white railings; there is a flag gallantly flying from the jack-staff ; the furnace doors are open and the fires glaring bravely ; the upper decks are black with passengers ; the captain stands by the big bell, calm, imposing, the envy of all; great volumes of the blackest smoke are rolling and tumbling out of skids once more.

the chimneys-a husbanded grandeur created with a bit of pitch pine just before arriving at a town; the crew are grouped on the forecastle; the broad stage is run far out over the

-from a hundred and fifty to two hundred and fifty dollars a mouth and no board to pay. Two months of his wages would pay a preacher's salary for a year. Now some of us were left] disconsolate. We could not get on

port Bow, and an envied deckhand I went meekly aboard a few of the stands picturesquely on the end of it boats that lay packed together like with a coil of rope in his hand; the sardines at the long St. Louis wharf, pent steam is screaming through the and very humbly inquired for the pigauge-cocks; the captain lifts his lots, but got only a cold shoulder and] hand, a bell rings, the wheels stop; short words from mates and clerks. I to it; and in the matter of profamity in the sait deposit, which thus exhibits then they turn back, churning the had to make the best of this sort of he was perfect. When he was getting the enormous thickness of 3907 feet. water to foam, and the steamer is at treatment for the time being, but I rest. Then such a scramble as there had comforting day dreams of a fuis to get ashore, and to take in freight ture when I should be a great and and to discharge freight, all at one and bonored pilot, with plenty of money, the same time, and such a yelling and and could kill some of these mates cursing as the mates facilitate it all and clerks and pay for them. with! Ten minutes later the steamer Months afterward the hope within

is under way again, with no flag on me struggled to a reluctant death and the jack-staff and no black smoke is- I found myself without an ambition. suing from the chimneys. After ten But I was ashamed to go home. I was more minutes the town is dead again, in Cincinnati and I set to work to and the town drunkard asleep by the map out my newspaper. I had been reading about the recent exploration

My father was a justice of the pence, of the river Amazon by an exploraand I supposed he possessed the power tion party sent out by our government of life and death over all men and could. It was said that the expedition, owing hang all that offended him. This was to difficulties, had not thoroughly exdistinction enough for me as a general plored a part of the country lying thing ; but the desire to be a steam- above the head waters, some four boatman kept intruding, nevertheless, thousand miles from the mouth of the I first wanted to be a cabin-boy, so river. It was only about fifteen hun-that I could come out with a white dred miles from Cincinnati to New apron on and shake a table-cloth over Onlessies white number.

I sprang to his side and said: "Tell me where it is-1'll fetch it !"

the postmaster's sons became "mud been more astonished than the mate clerks;" the wholesale liquor dealer's was. He stood and stared down at son became a barkeeper on a boat; four me. It took him ten minutes to strape sons of the chief merchant, and two his disjointed remains together sgain. sons of the county judge, became pi-lots. Pilot was the grandest position this don't beat h-III' and turned to this don't beat h-111" and turned to of all. The pilot, even in those days his work with the air of a man who of trivial wages, had a princely salary had been confronted with a problem had been confronted with a problem gypsum in the locality, which is at a too abstruse for solution.

1 crept away and courted solitude for the rest of the day. I did not go in charge of the mines to obtain a sup-to dinner; I stayed away from supper ply of rock salt. With this end in until everybody else had fluished. I view, the sinking of a shaft or well did not feel so much like a member of sixteen feet in diameter was com-

disconsolate. We could not get on the river—at least our parents would not let us. So by and by I ran away. I said I never would come home again till I was a pilot and could not manage it. I went meekly aboard a few of the beauts that hay backed together like bearded and whiskered all over; he subsequently prossented by the aid of had a red woman and a blue woman steam, until a depth of 4194 feet was tattooed on his right arm -one on each attained. At this point the ligreing, side of a blue anchor with a red rope was discontinued, the borer being still our cargo at a landing, I was always

where I could see and hear. He felt all the sublimity of his great position, and made the world feel it, too. When he gave even the simplest order, he discharged it like a blast of fightning,

and sent a long, reverberating peal of profanity thundering after it. I could not help contrasting the way in which the average landsman would give an order, with the mate's way of doing it. If the landsman should wish the gang plank moved a foot farther forward, he would probably say: "James or William, one of you push that plack forward, please;" but put the mate in his place, and he would roar out; "Here, now, start that gaug-plank for and ! Lively now! What're you

SHIPPING TAGS, &c.

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New York boarders object to the puddiag being mixed in a coal-scuttle, on the ground that in these hard times the waste of fuel consequent upon the pieces being cooked with the pudding is a diagrant neglect of the poor.

Oats may be good to soak the dampabout! Snatch it! snatch it There! ness out of wet boots, but how many there! Aft again! aft again! Don't St. Louis men can afford to keep thir you hear ma? Dark in a start in that purpose?