

HOME OF HUCK FINN

HOUSE WHERE MARK TWAIN'S HERO LIVED TORN DOWN.

Hannibal, Mo., Where Place Stood, Unconscious of Its Greatness—Anecdote of House and of the Two Mark Twains.

Hannibal, Mo.—Huckleberry Finn's ancient habitation in North Hannibal, near the river front, has passed from the earth. Since Hannibal has admitted that Mark Twain was really a great man it has taken particular pride in the "hoary-headed" domicile and the revenue derived from post-cards showing the structure would have built a much better house. R. H. Coons, the owner of the property, recently had the "Huck" Finn home torn down to erect a row of modern flats, which will have, it is hoped, a living effect on the somewhat dreamy district of North Hannibal.

A characteristic story is told in connection with the house. One summer day a gentleman from the east came to Hannibal to secure data for a Mark Twain story. He could find Holiday hill easily enough without a guide, because it towered up to the sky on the north end, and prevented the town's further extension unless the good citizens take a notion to tunnel.

An ice man was asked for the direction to Huck Finn's cottage.

"Never heard of him," said the native. "He sure don't live in these parts."

The stranger went west a block and accosted a boy with a fishing rod on his shoulder.

"He don't run with our crowd," he said. "Maybe he lives down by the bridge."

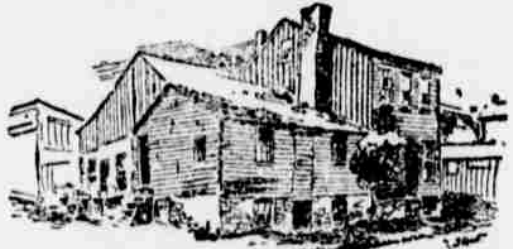
"I'm not looking for Huck Finn himself," said the visitor. "He's dead, but —"

"Then you might try the graveyard," replied the boy. "It's up yonder—the stones is marked, I reckon."

Presently a citizen came along who could furnish the information. Huck's home was only two blocks from where the ice man said "he didn't live in those parts." In the basement door stood a black "aunty," with her hands resting on her hips. She wore a tricolored handkerchief on her head.

"I knows," she said; "you's one o' dem relicky hunters."

"I'm engaged in gathering some material in reference to Mark Twain,"



House Where Huckleberry Finn Once Lived.

said the easterner, pleasantly, "and as this is—"

"Well, you' needn't go no furdur," said the big aunty hospitably. "He's right heah."

"Who's here?"

"Mark Twain."

"In this house?"

"To be shot!"

"What's he doing here?" asked the surprised visitor.

"Ah doan' know, but yo' kin cum in an' see."

She led the way to another underground apartment, and, with pride, pointed to something on a pallet. The stranger's eyes, gradually becoming accustomed to the semi-light, distinguished an infant pickaninny busily endeavoring to swallow his glossy arm. As the two came and stood by the bed it suspended operations and thoughtfully regarded them out of two big white eyes.

"Quite a baby," said the guest.

"How'd you come to call it Mark Twain?"

"Da tole me if Ah did that, Mistah Sam Clemens, wot used to lib heah, would sen' 'im sumthin' nice."

"Did he?"

"Ah reckon Mistah Clemens that hit was nice," she said, doubtfully; "he sent 'im a razer an' a lookin' glass."

"Mr. Clemens was grateful?"

"Mebbe so. And he writted to my ole man sayin' if the razer did what he expected he'd be pleased to sen' a tombstone fer th' baby."

Live Long in Africa.

In the course of a report to the British colonial office the resident of Borgu province, Nigeria, mentions that the chief, Kokafu, is said to have reached the age of 205, while his son did not die until he was 157. The latter visited Sokoto not many years ago.

True American Spirit.

Within two years since the great earthquake which undid San Francisco, that heroic city has put \$100,000,000 into building operations, of which, according to trustworthy statements, all but \$4,000,000 came from local sources.

WRITER OF REAL TALENT.

Evidently the Bushby Clarion Had a Genius on Its Staff.

The editor of the Bushby Clarion leaned back in his chair and surveyed his visitor with a solemn and unwinking gaze. "You want to know if there's any good reporter in this town?" he said, impressively. "Well, there is. There's Gid Hobart."

"What sort of work can he do?" asked the visitor.

"His capabilities haven't had their full chance yet," said the editor, slowly, "but he's getting on, and I'm afraid we shall lose him before long. Why, last week that fellow wrote a two-column account of a fire that was thrilling, I tell you!"

"Farmhouse, old mother, grandfather born there, and so forth, I suppose?" said the visitor.

"No, sir!" said the editor. "It was a deserted hen-house, that's what it was. I can tell you, that takes talent! We can't expect to keep Gid with us always."—Youth's Companion.

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WAIT TILL HE SEES THE BILL.



"My husband has promised to allow me to choose what I want for my birthday."

"Oh, then there'll be no surprise this year."

"Won't there! I'll bet you there is, only he'll get it instead of me."

He Was Practical.

"Young man, you write a good deal of poetry to my daughter."

"Yes, sir."

"It takes a practical man to support a wife."

"Well, it's this way. I have to write her an occasional letter, and I'm so busy at the office that I just copy the poetry to fill in."

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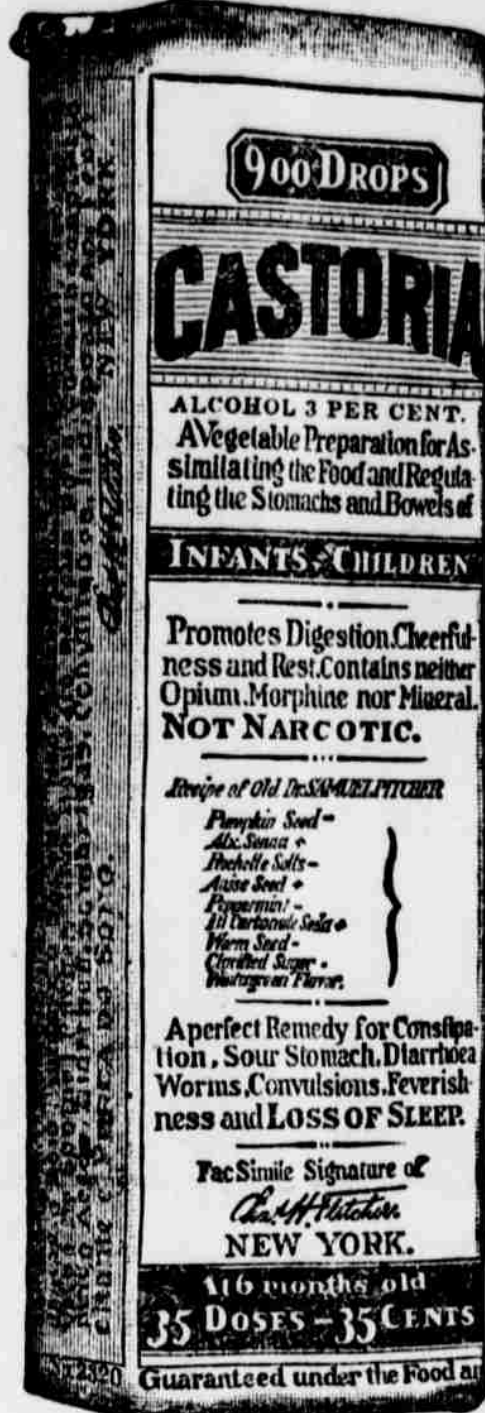
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