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terr hamded." left landed."

"It hart my pride, but I played him. We banked for the shot and he won it. Then he commenced to play, and I commenced to chalk my one to get ready to play, and he went on playing, and I went on chalking my one; and he played and I chalked all through that game. When he had run to string out, I said:

"That is wonderful! Perfectly wonderful! I want on the land to the played and the played and the played and I chalked all through that game."

around a little and let me see how you

derful! If you can play that way left handed, what could you do right handed? ''Could a't do mything,' he said 'I'm a left handed man.'



N BUFFALO on andother occasion, when Twain ap peared on the le peared on the lecture platform he leisurely considered the andience for a moment; then said with that inimitable drawl: "I moss a good many faces. They have gone—gone to the tamb, to the gallows, or to the gallows, or to the tamb, to the dienst one of these distinctions, and it behooves us to be wise and prepare-

it behooves us to be wise and prepare for all. ''

THAT Mrs. Clemens was his severest editor is instanced by the following way in which she dealt with Following the Equator. In one of her comments she

Page 597. I hate to say it, but it seems to me that you go too min-ntely into particulars in describing the feats of the aboriginals. I felt

the feats of the aboriginals. I felt it in the boomerang throwing.

And Clemens just below has written:
Boomerang has been furnished with a special train—that is, I 've turned it into the "Appendix," Will that answer!
Page 1,002. I don't like the shady principled cat that has a family in every port.

Then I'll modify him just a little.

little,
Page 1,020. Ninth line from the top, I think some other word would be better than "stench."
You have used that pretty often.
But I can't get it in anywhere.
You've knocked it out every time.
Out it goes again. And yet stench is a public ground word.

Out it goes again. And yet stench is a nolde, good word. Page 1,038. I hate to have your father pictured as lashing a slave

It 's out, and my father is whitewashed.

Page 1,050. Second line from the bottom, change breech-clout. It's a word that you love and I abominate. I would take that and "offal" out of the language.

"offal" out of the language.
You are steadily weakening the
English tongue, Livy.
Page 1.095. Perhaps you don't
care, but whoever told you that the
Prince's green stones were rubies
told an untruth. They were superb
emeralds. Those strings of pearls and emeralds were famous all over Bombay.

All right, I 'll make them green emerabls, but it loses force. Green rubies is a fresh thing. And besides it was one of the Prince's own staff lines that told me.

CLEMENS set down innumerable memo Clear East set down innumerator means randa comments, stray reminders and the like, on small pads, and bunches of those tiny sheets accumulated on his table and about his room. I gathered up many of them, as for instance:

It is at our mother's knee that we acquire our noblest and truest and highest

ideals, but there is seldom any money in

JEHOVATE:

shoot. So I knocked them around, and them, thought I was doing pretty well, when he send, 'That's all right; I'll play you. He He is all good. He made man for belt the is all good. He made man for hell or helf for man, one or the other—take your choice. He made it hard to get into heaven and easy to get into hell. He commanded man to multiply and re-plenish—what? Hell.

MODESTY DIED

when clothes were born. Also, when false modesty was born.

HISTORY:

A historian who would convey the truth has got to lie. Often, he must en-large the truth by diameters, otherwise his render would not be able to see it.

DUELSE

I think I could wipe out dishonor by erippling the other man; but I don't see how I could do it by lerting him crip

A MONG the letters Mark Twain wrote on starting around the world was this one to Rudyard Kipling:

It is reported that you are about to visit India. This has moved me to journey to that far country in order that I may unload from my conscience a debt long due to you. Years ago you came from India to Elmira to visit me, as you said at the time. It has always been my purpose to return that visit and that great compliment some day. I shall arrive next Jamary and you must be ready. I shall come riding my ayah with his tusks adorned with silver and ribbons and escorted by a ver and ribbons and escorted by a troop of native howdals richly elad and mounted upon a herd of wild bungalows. And you must be on hand with a few bottles of glice, for I shall be thirsty.



WORE OFF from profunity only this morning —1 was on deek in the peace ful dawn, the calm of holy dawn. Went down, dressed, bathed, put on white linen, shaved —a long, hot, trou blesome job and no profanity, Then started to break fast. Remembered

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fast. Remembered
my tonic — first time in three months
without being told — poured it into
measuring glass, held bottle in one hand,
it in the other, the cork in my teeth—
reached up and got a tumbler — measuring glass slipped out of my fingers—
causalt it poured out on the design. caught it, poured out another dose, first setting the tumbler on wash stand — just setting the fumbler on wash stand—just got it poured, ship lurched, heard a crash behind me—it was the tumbler, broken into millions of fragments, but the bottom hunk whole. Picked it up to throw out of the open port, threw out the measuring glass instead—then I raised my voice. Mrs. Clemens behind me in the door.

"Don't reform any more. It is not an improvement.

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SHE smiled, and smiled, and She laughed, and smiled, and smiled, and smiled, and smiled, And sometimes, for a change, She laughed, and laughed, and laughed he thought Her ways were rather strange.

But, when he told his love, and asked Her hand . . , . it gladly crept Into his own . . . And then she wept.

And wept, and wept, and wept!

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