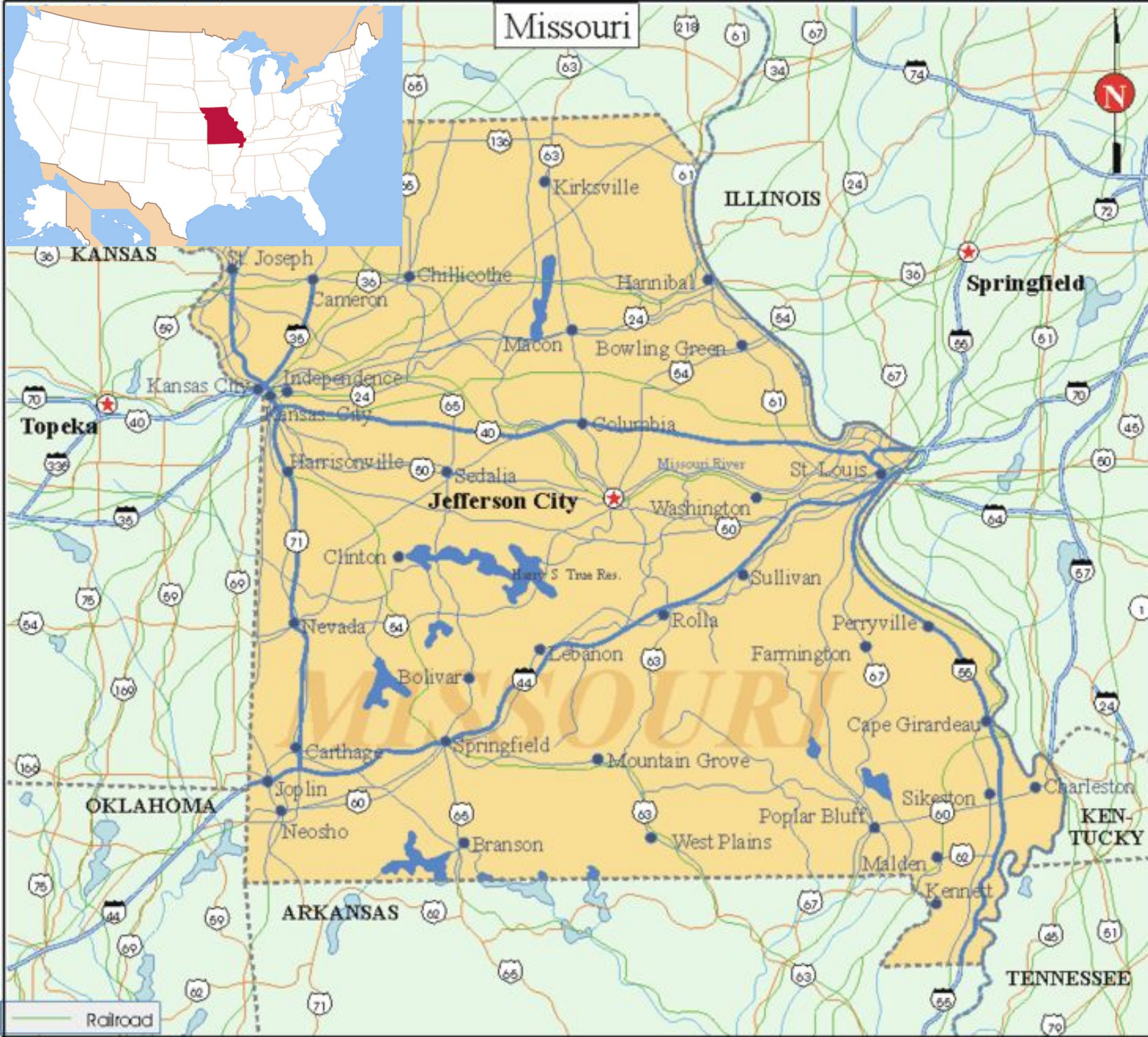




MARK TWAIN (1835-1910)



*Yr truly
Mark Twain*



Mark Twain, whose real name was Samuel Clemens, was born on the 30th of November, 1835.

He spent his childhood in the small town of Hannibal on the great Mississippi River, state Missouri.

Sights of Hannibal



VIEW ON BROADWAY, HANNIBAL, MO.



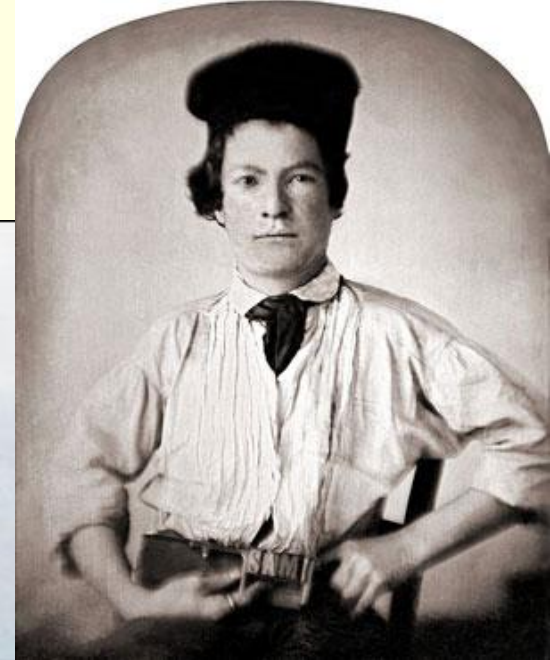
BROADWAY AND FIFTH STREETS, HANNIBAL, MO.

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Samuel was a bright, lively boy.
He could easily swim across the Mississippi
and was the leader in all the boys' games.
In 1847, when Samuel was 12, his father died
and the boy had to leave school and look for work.
For 10 years he worked as a printer.

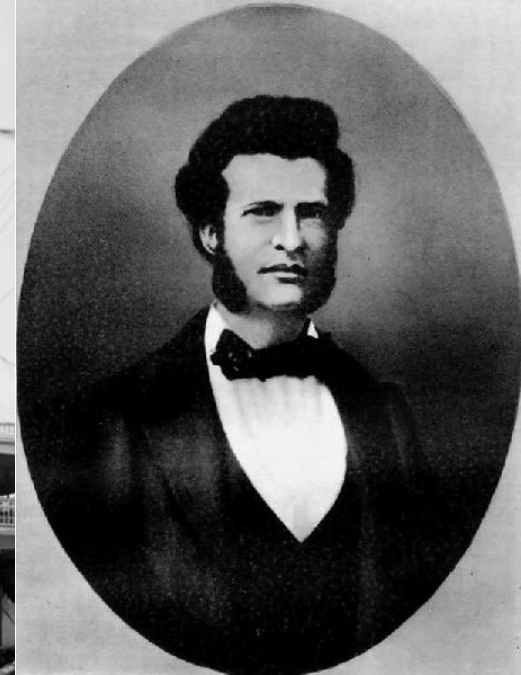


Indian Mound Park, Hannibal, Mo.—11



Samuel Clemens at the age of 15.

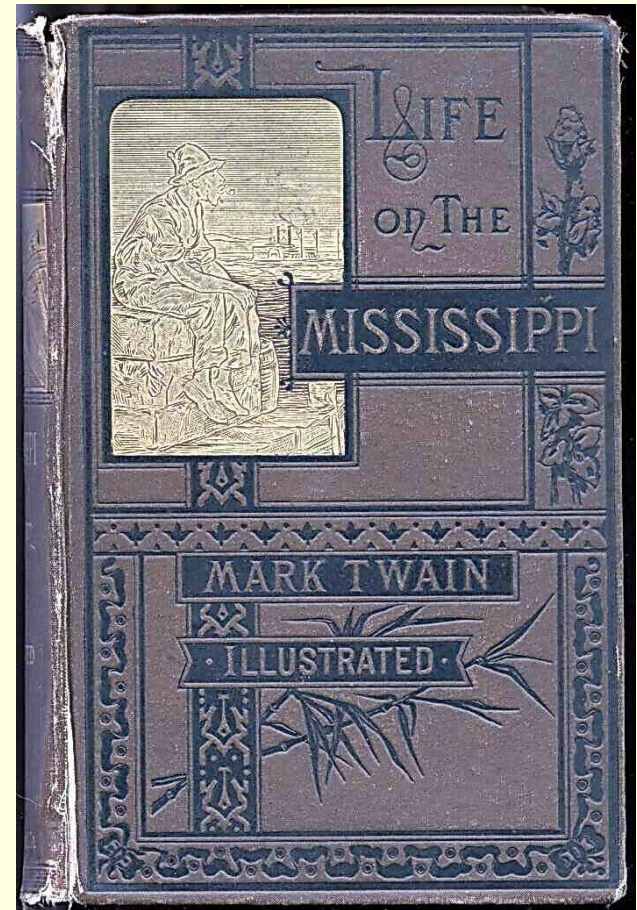
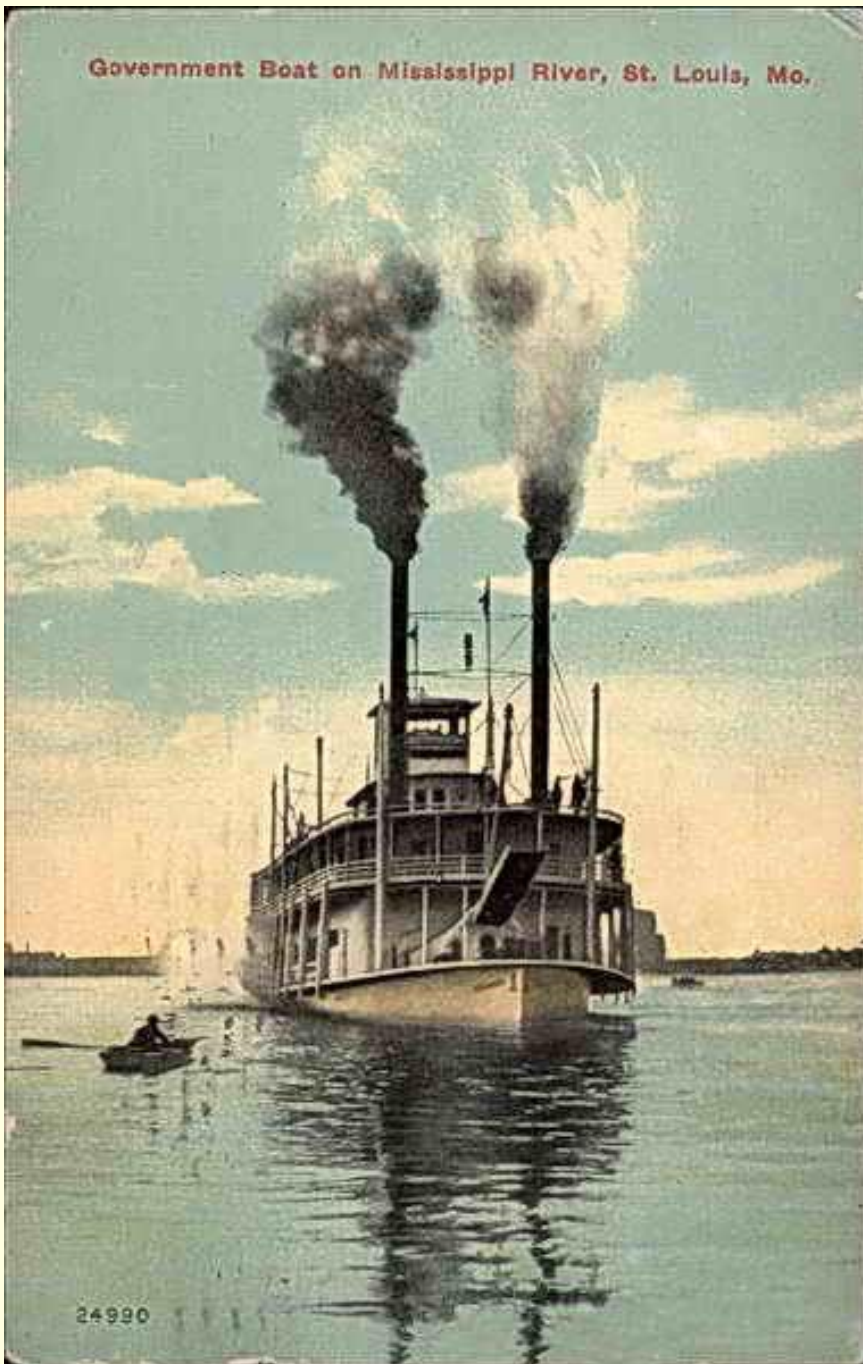
The house of Samuel's family in Hannibal.



*Mark Twain – a pilot on
the Mississippi*

In 1857 he found a job on a boat and travelled up and down the Mississippi.
This is where he got his pen-name (“Mark Twain”).

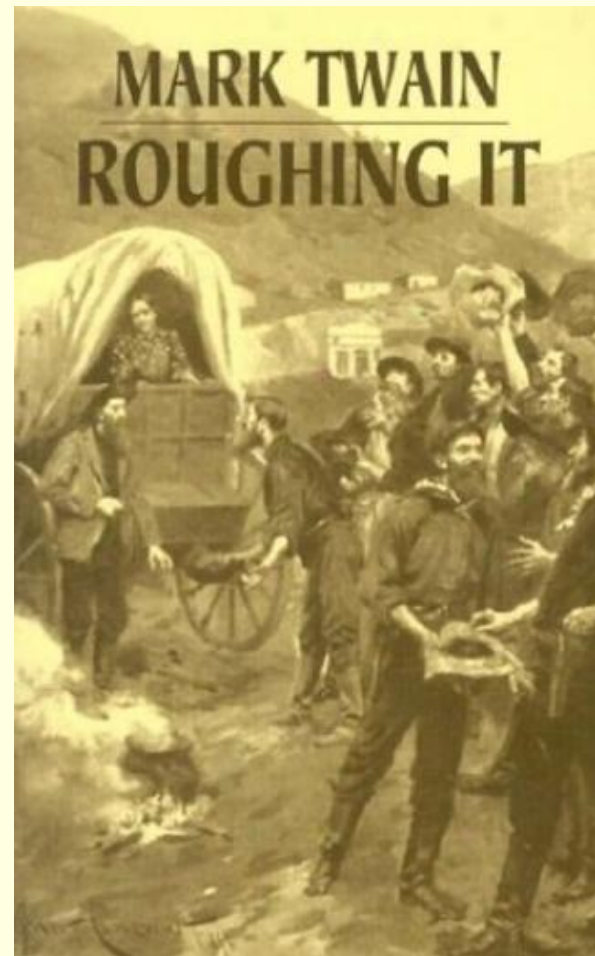
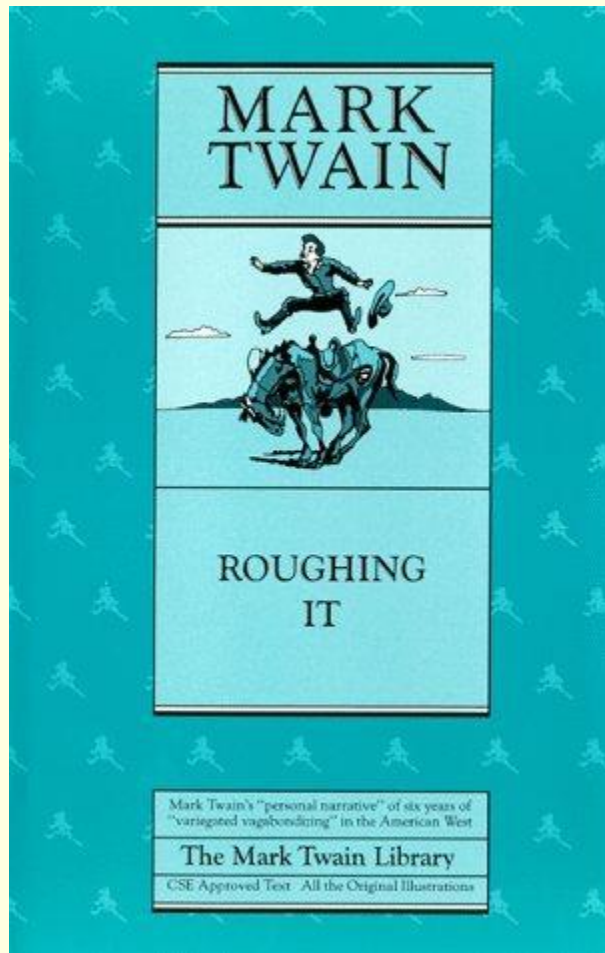
Government Boat on Mississippi River, St. Louis, Mo.



Later he described his impressions of work on the Mississippi in his book “Life on the Mississippi” which was published in 1883.



In 1866 Mark Twain travelled across the country, giving humorous lectures, which made him very popular.



The first books, that made him famous, were “The Innocents abroad”(1869) and “Roughing it”(1872).

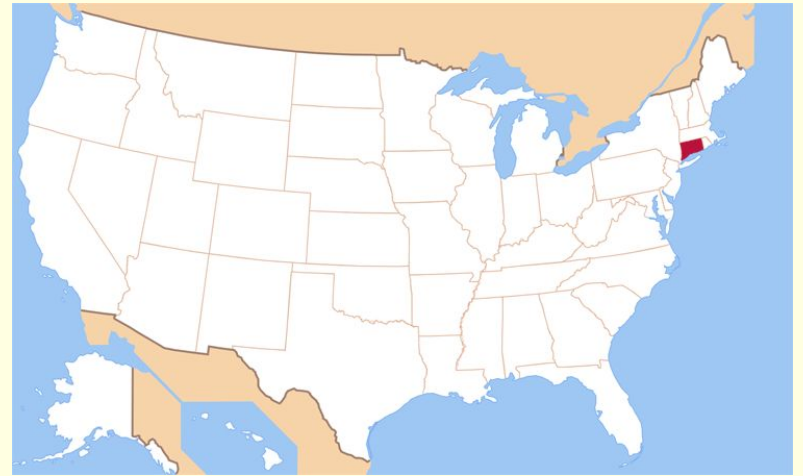


*Olivia Langdon –
Mark's wife*

In 1870 Mark Twain married Olivia Langdon and soon moved to Hartford,
state Connecticut.



THE LATE MARK TWAIN'S RESIDENCE, FARMINGTON AVENUE, HARTFORD, CONN.

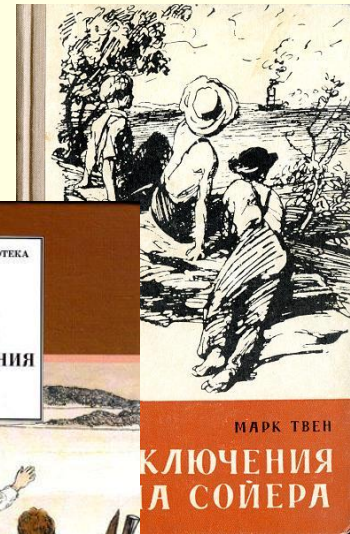
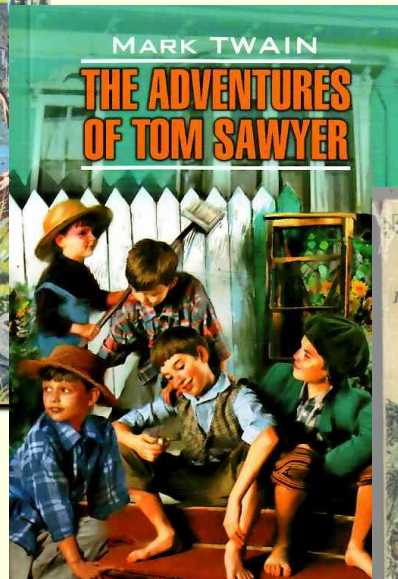
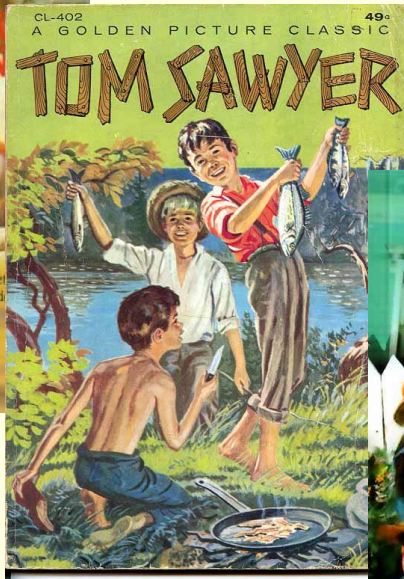
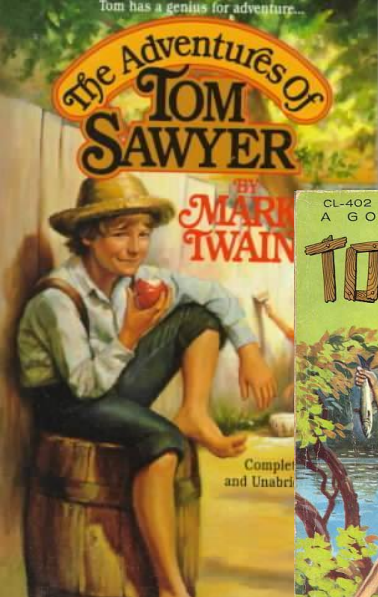


State Connecticut

Mark Twain's house in Hartford, where he spent his 20 happiest years, is a museum now.



The library



Mark Twain was a master of adventure and humorous novels. One of them is “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer”, published in 1876.



Tom Sawyer was the author himself. Many of the characters came from the real life, and the events, described in the book, really took place.



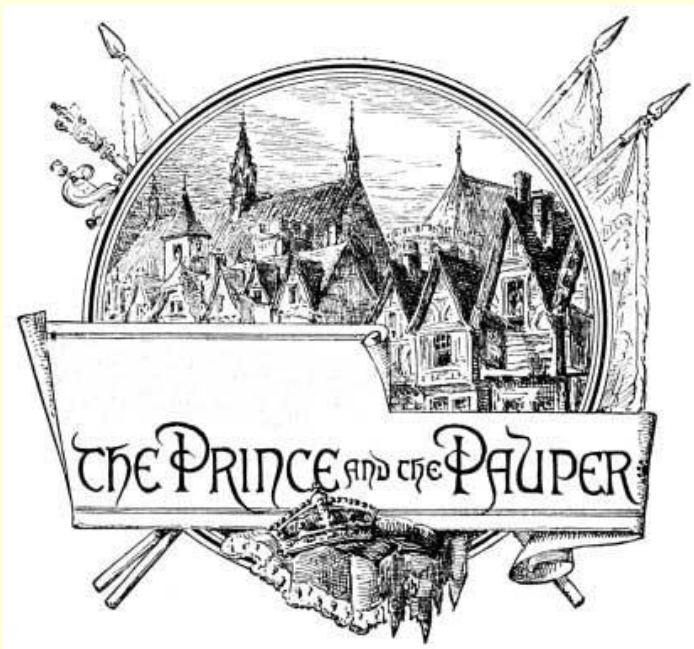


Tom seized Becky's hand and hurried into the cave

Huck Finn was true Samuel's friend Tom Blankenship, and Backy Thatcher was Laura Hawkins.

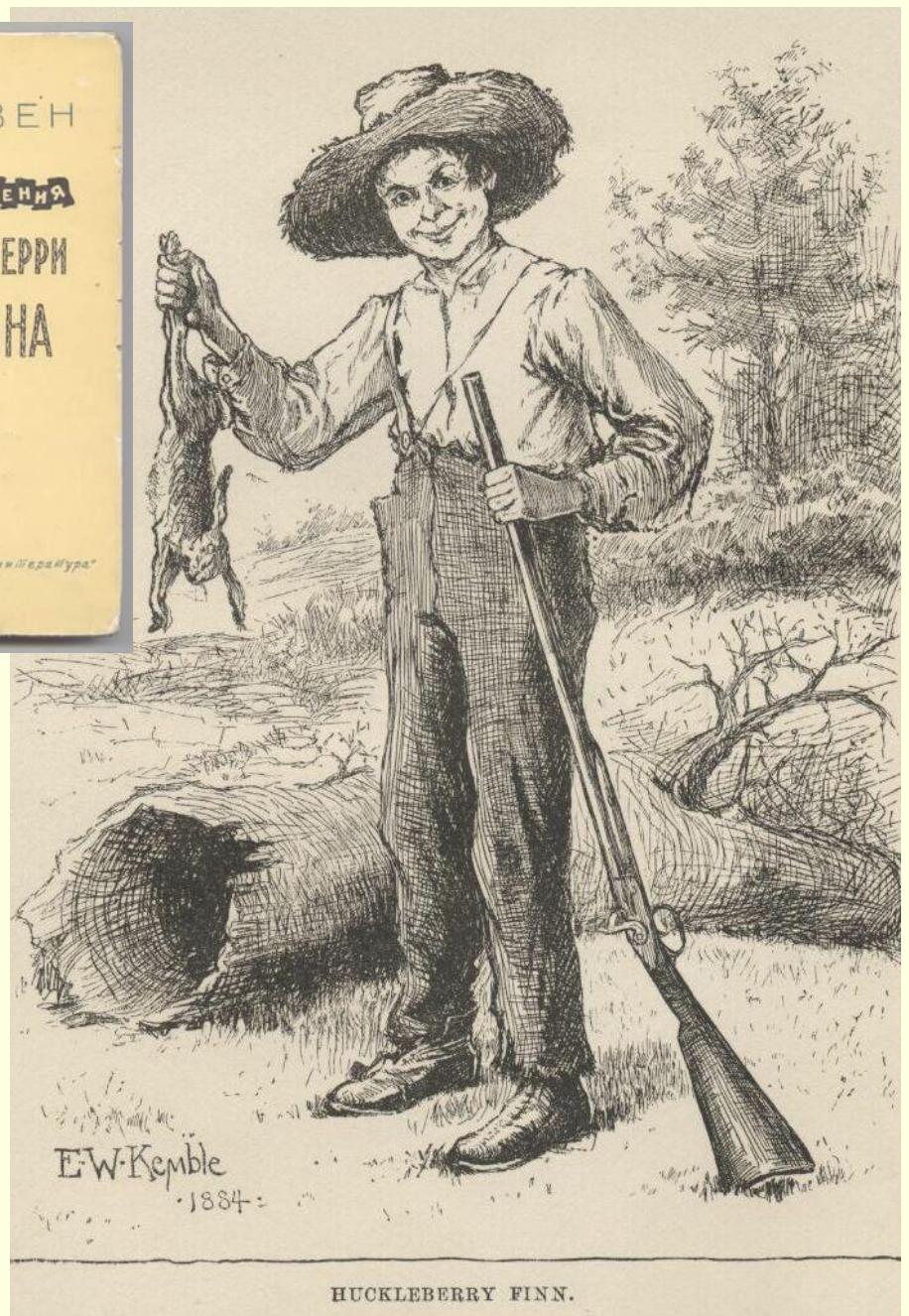
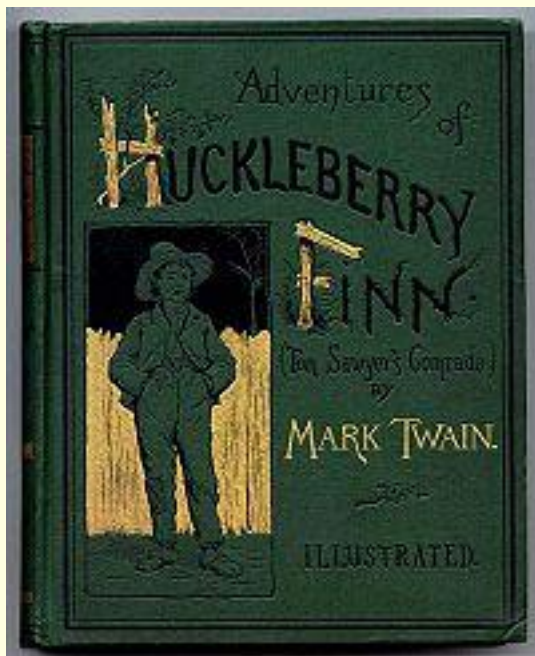


It is interesting to know that every year a Fence Painting
Contest takes place in Hannibal.
There is also a monument to Tom and Huck there.



In 1881 “The Prince and the Pauper” was published.
It was the first attempt of creation of a historical
novel. This book is still popular with the young
readers.



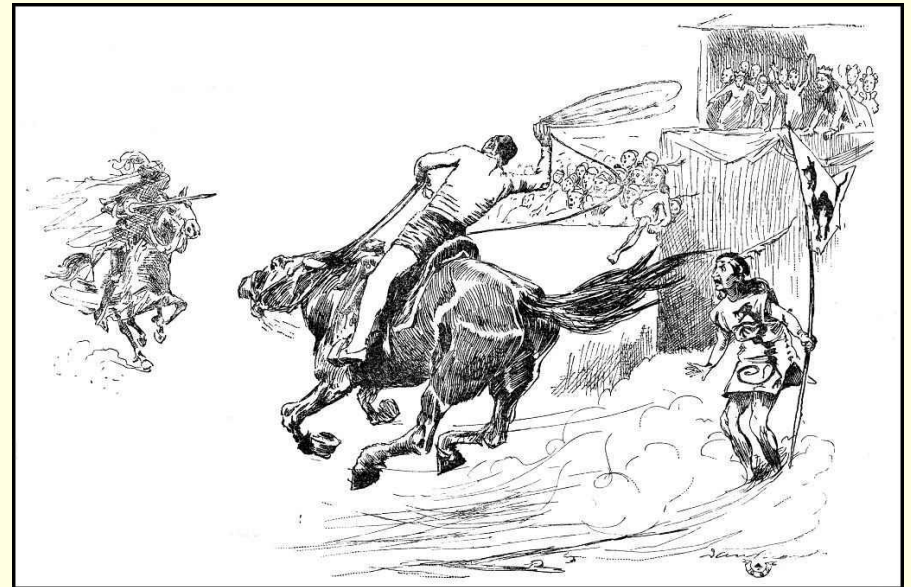
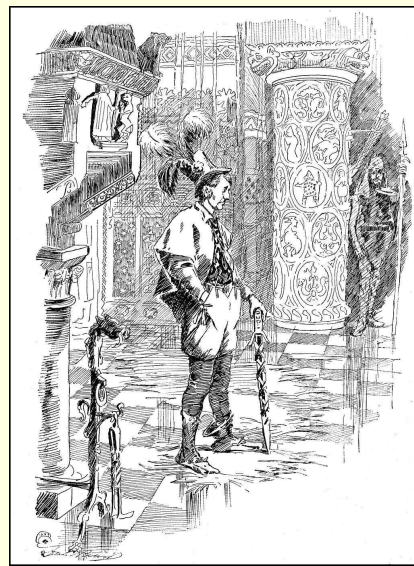
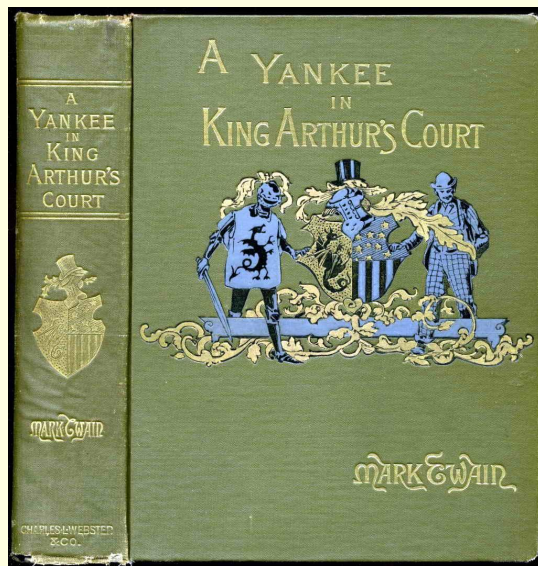


In 1884 “Adventures of Huckleberry Finn” was written. It is considered to be the best work ever composed in American literature.

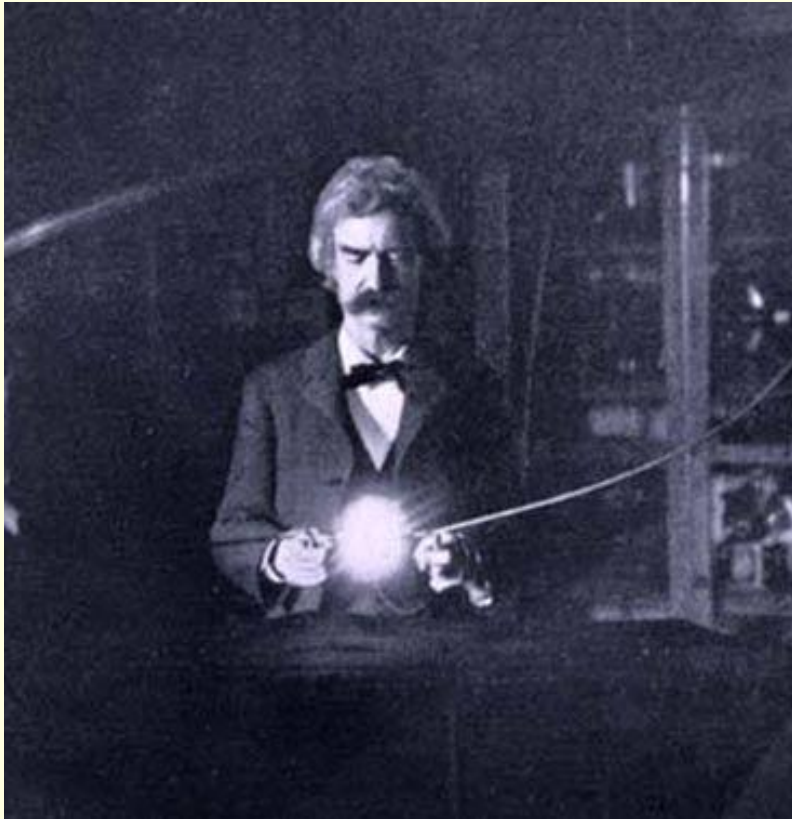


In “Adventures of Huckleberry Finn” Mark Twain protested against slavery. One of the main characters, a Negro Jim, is described with much sympathy and is a general favorite with all who read the novel.

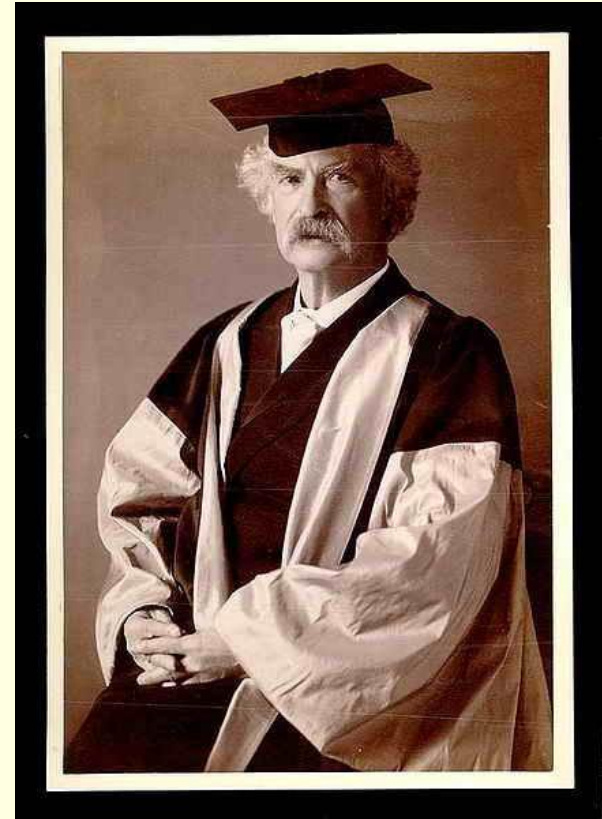




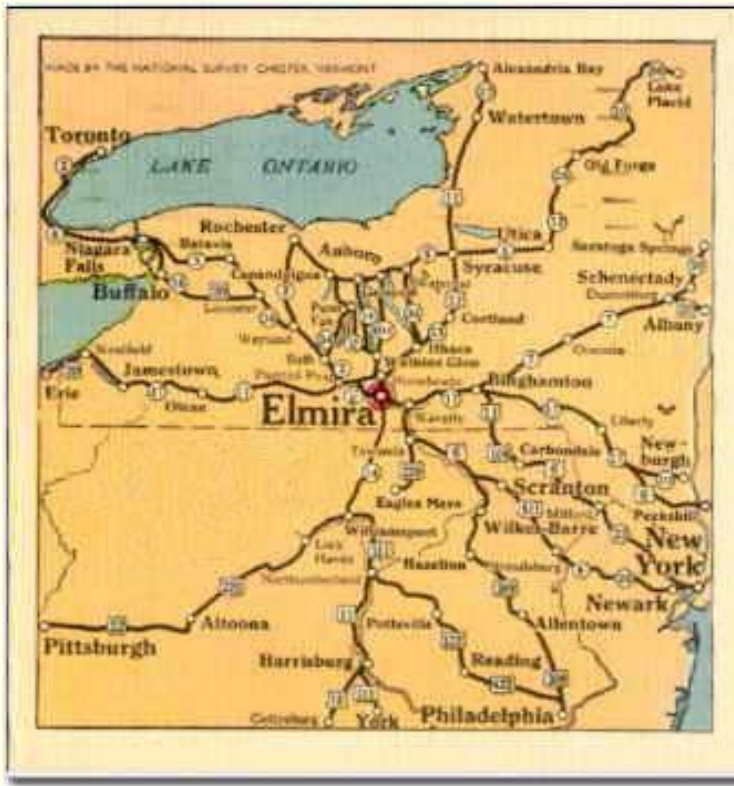
Another very popular humorous novel is “A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court”. It was published in 1889. It is a very fascinating story about an American, who travelled in time and found himself in the time of King Arthur.



Mark Twain was interested in science and science problems. One of his friends was a famous physicist Nikolas Tesla. They spent a lot of time together in his laboratory. Mark Twain used his knowledge in the novel “A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court”.



Mark Twain was proud of public recognition and especially of the Doctor’s Degree in Literature got in the Oxford University in 1907.

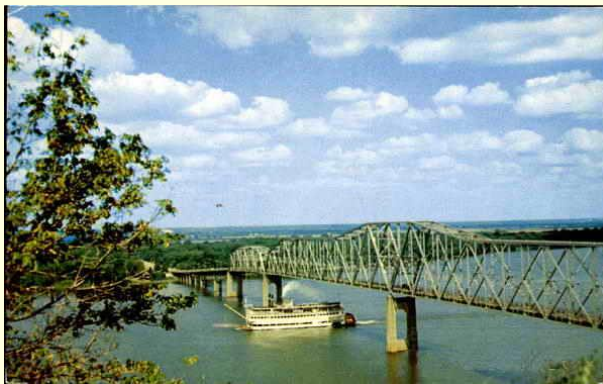


His last years Twain spent in Redding, state Connecticut. He died there on the 21st of April, 1910, at the age of 74. He is buried in Elmira, state New York.

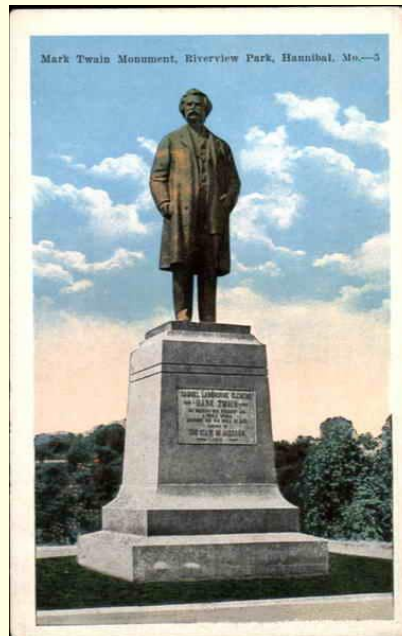
A hundred years after his death people are carried away by his brilliant masterpieces.



Mark Twain Lake



Mark Twain Bridge

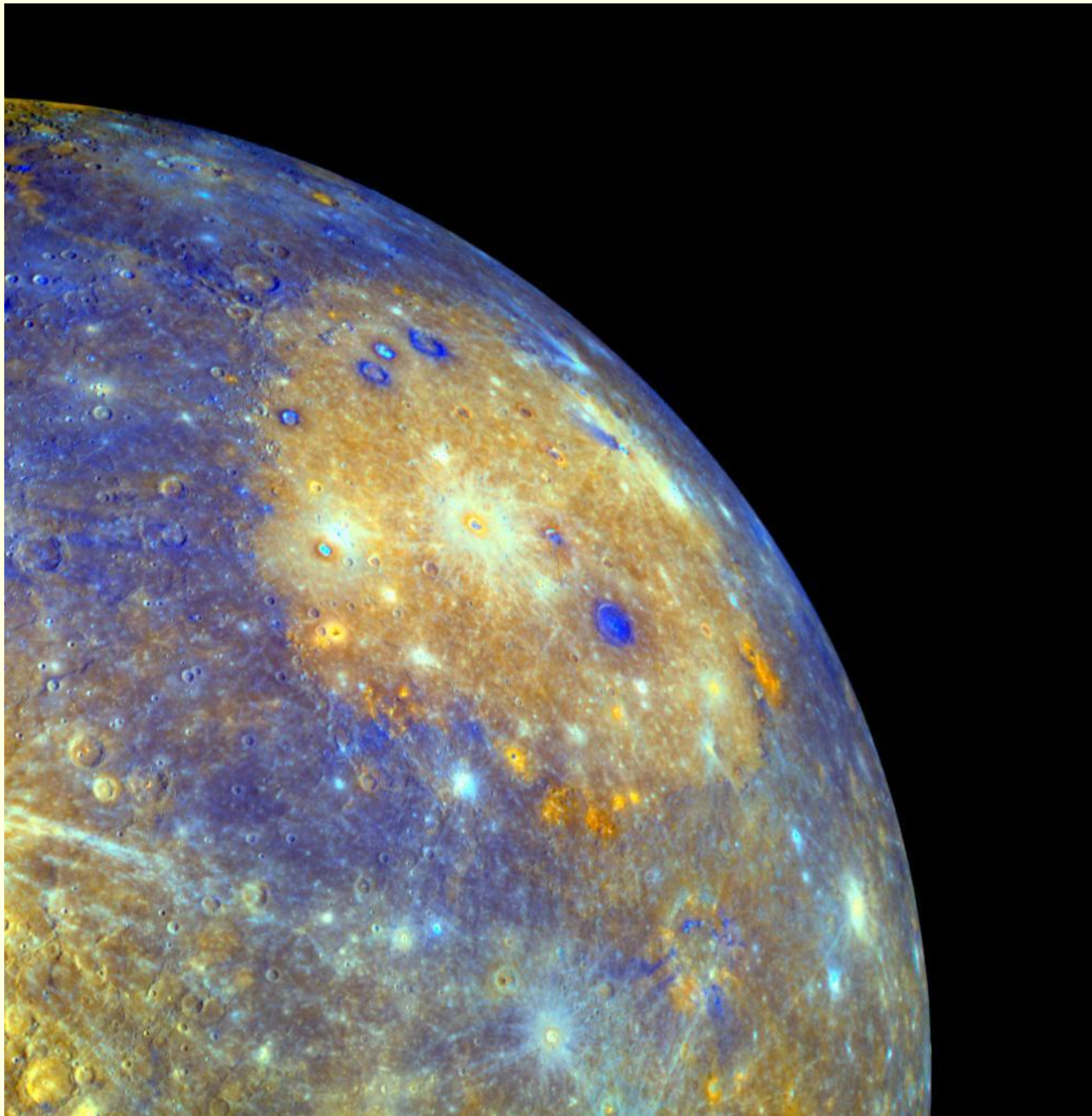


The Americans honour Mark Twain's memory in many ways. Hotels, bridges and other objects are named after him.



Now there is Mark Twain museum complex in Hannibal. It consists of 8 buildings. The centre of the complex, the house, where the Clemens lived, is called “Mark Twain boyhood house”. The tourists can also visit Mark Twain Caves, which are described in “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer”.

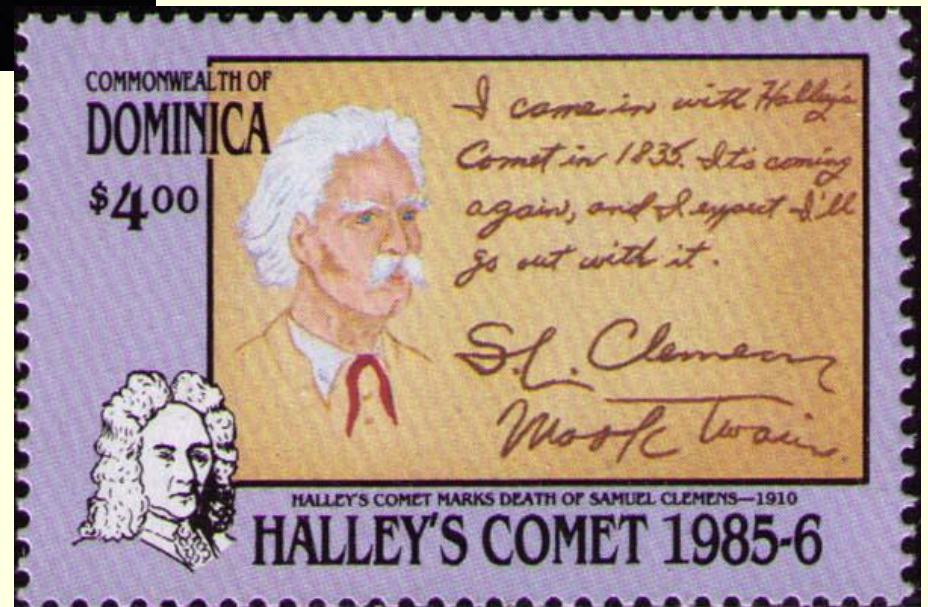




It is interesting to know
that one of the craters
on Mercury is named
after Mark Twain.



Mark Twain could foresee his death. He wrote, “I came in with Halley’s Comet in 1835. It’s coming again, and I expect I’ll go out with it”.
And he did.



Quiz.

1. In what month was Mark Twain born?
In November.
2. What was his real name?
Samuel Clemens.
3. On what river did he spend his boyhood?
On the Mississippi River.
4. Why did he have to leave school at the age of 12?
Because his father died.
5. Was he an English writer or an American one?
American.
6. In what book did he describe his life on the Mississippi?
“Life on the Mississippi.”
7. In what town is Mark Twain Museum Complex situated?
In Hannibal.
8. When was “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer” published?
In 1876.
9. What was the second book about this naughty boy?
“The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn”.
10. At what age did Mark Twain die?
At the age of 74.
11. What was the girlfriend’s name of Tom Sawyer?
Becky Thatcher.
12. What is the title of the book in which two boys (one rich and one poor) changed their clothes?
“The Prince and the Pauper”.