The Biography of Mark Twain.

Eli Perkins gives the following sketch of the life of Mark Twain in the New York *Commercial Advertiser*:

The Rev. Dr. Mark Twain is a Turk. He was born in the interior of Ireland. His father followed the pursuits of patriotic husbandry—he raised string beans. Notwithstanding the tyranny of England his beans sold readily, and Mark was apprenticed at an early age to a boiler-maker to learn the art of photography. His father, known as Honest Farmer Twain, says Mark made a great noise in the world while at the boiler business, and he was sent for by Napoleon to accompany him in his campaign up the Mississippi river. Subsequently, young Twain did efficient service in the Crimea under Gen. Scott. During the battle of Inkermann he was lost, causing great grief to his regiment, but they afterward found him behind an empty barrel.

He weighs 536 pounds, and his fists are very hard, indeed. Henry Ward Beecher, in his entertaining work, entitled "The Early Days of Mark Twain," relates that when Mark was four years old he became vexed at a grindstone and battered it to pieces with his naked fists. The story that young Twain called his father an "old kuss" and threw cobble-stones at his grandmother, Mr. Beecher says is false.

Since Mr. Twain's residence in America, he has conducted the lying department of a daily newspaper. He is the father of twelve children—all born in one day. During the late war Mr. Twain flew to arms—Mrs. Twain's. He fought bravely on both sides—sometimes with McDowell and sometimes with Beauregard.

In religion he is a High Church Episcopalian. He is always *high*. He says he don't care a —— for religion, and that Church comes nearer to his belief. He believes in the universal salvation of all men—*provided* he can pick the men.

He would be a better man if he looked at things more seriously; but this, it is said, he cannot do. They say he made fun at his grandfather's funeral, and got the mourners to laughing so that the funeral had to be postponed.

He is known in Nevada as the great American liar. He commenced lying while he was a mere infant, in his mother's lap, and he has been lying ever since. Mark me, Twain is Eli Perkins' friend, and he only speaks of his early lying as an accomplishment that Washington even didn't have, according to his own confession. When Twain dies I expect to make a good deal of money out of his biography. It will sell well. Everybody will be sold.

In politics he is a custom-house Republican, with Tammany tendencies. I like him, and am ready to go his ball all the year round. People will read his book with great pleasure—after he is dead, provided he dies in any decent kind of season. He is now 180 years old—*in sin*.

On reading this biography over it occurs to me that some over-zealous people may think that I would question Mark Twain's veracity. Not at all. I believe he would always tell the truth, if left to himself. But the audience—well, I've got no more to say.

The Jumel Will Case—Another Claimant for the $4,000,000.

A case was brought to trial on the 23d instant, says a New York correspondent, in the United States Circuit Court, before Judge Shipman, which, as it progresses day by day, cannot fail to attract great attention throughout the country, owing to the attempts which will be made by eminent counsel on both sides to throw light on the private lives and characters of prominent men in the history of the last century. George Washington Bowen, a hearty, well-preserved old gentleman of 77, now from Rhode Island, appears as claimant of the very large property left at her death by the once famous Madame Jumel. The greater part of his witnesses, also from Rhode Island, appeared with him in court. Mr. Nelson Chase, the present holder of the Jumel estate, was represented by the venerable Charles O'Conor, and quite an array of counsel appeared for the claimant.

Mr. Chauncey Shaffer, in opening for the plaintiff, stated that the action was brought under the statute of New York allowing illegitimate children to inherit from their mother both real and personal property, and this property was worth several millions of dollars, which belonged to Madame Eliza Bowen Jumel, who was born in Providence about 1775, and died at her residence in Harlem in 1865. Immediately upon her death the defendant closed her house against a number of nephews and nieces, and seized upon all the property without a shadow of authority. The plaintiff's name was Bowen, Madame Jumel's maiden name. The plaintiff would prove that he was not her son, the only child she ever had. She was known at that time as Eliza or Betsy Bowen; she appeared in New York in 1801, and afterwards became Madame Eliza Bowen Jumel. Later in life she often spoke of distinguished persons as if she had enjoyed very close intimacy with them. She did, beyond doubt, speak of General Washington as having been enamored of her.

Mr. Shaffer alluded to a cross-examination of one of the plaintiff's witnesses in the preliminary deposition, which stated that General Washington was the plaintiff's father. "We claim," said Mr. Shaffer, "no such distinguished pedigree, but say that she was Jumel's wife twenty-eight years, and the husband lived and died in ignorance of the existence of the plaintiff. He is now an old man of seventy-seven years, who bears a high character. He has borne this stigma all his life with patience, but now demands his property, amounting to $4,000,000. The question for the jury to answer is whether the plaintiff is the son of Madame Jumel, the great friend of the leading men of the American Revolution."

The examination of witnesses will commence shortly, and the case will probably occupy two weeks.

DIED.

WHEELLER.—Departed this life, January 29, WILLIAM J. WHEELLER, in the 63d year of his age. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at 2 o'clock p. m., from his late residence, Baldwin's Row, No. 4, between D and E and First and Second streets.

COSTELLO.—On the 26th instant, TIMOTHY COSTELLO, aged 74 years, a native of County Kerry, Ireland, but for the last twenty-five years a resident of Washington.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

His funeral will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock, from his late residence, on Third street, between G street and Massachusetts avenue northwest. Relatives and friends of the family invited.

DYER.—Suddenly, on the evening of January 26, of disease of the heart, MARIA FELLOWS, wife of Geo. H. Dyer, aged 51 years.

The funeral will take place at her late residence, 172 Pennsylvania avenue, on Tuesday, the 30th inst. The friends of the family are invited to attend.

EVANS.—On the 28th of January, Mrs. SARAH EVANS, in the 72d year of her age.

Her friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral this afternoon, at 2 o'clock, from her late residence, 139 second street, between Maryland avenue and B street.

KIRBY.—On the 27th instant, of pneumonia, CHARLES, son of Thomas and Ann Kirby, aged 2 years, 6 months and 3 days, twins, and only children of Absalom and Sarah Kirby.

The funeral of the above named children will take place this afternoon, at 3 o'clock, from the residence of the parents, No. 4½ North Carolina avenue southeast. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

PRATHER.—January 29, 1872, HARRIET PRATHER, beloved wife of Leonard H. Prather.

The friends and relatives of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 437 I street northwest, on Wednesday, January 31, at 2 p. m.

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NEW YORK, January 29. | P. M.—United States 6s, 1881, coupon, 115¼; United States 5s, 1881, coupon, 109¼; U. S. 5-20s, 1862, coupon, 109¼; U. S. 5-20s, 1864, coupon, 109¼; U. S. 5-20s, 1865, coupon, 109¼; U. S. 5-20s, 1867, coupon, 109¼; U. S. 5-20s, 1868, coupon, 109¼; Central Pacific, 95¼; Union Pacific, 30¼; Pacific Mail, 50¼; Adams Express, 60¼; Wells, Fargo & Company's Express, 50¼; American Express, 50¼; United States Express, 40¼; N. Y. Central & Hudson, 97¼; New York Central, 97¼; New York Central scrip, 95¼; Harlem railroad, 130; Reading railroad, 103¼; Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroad, 90¼; Illinois Central railroad, 139; Cleveland and Pittsburg railroad, 91; Northwest, 79¾; Northwest preferred, 87; Rock Island, 104; New Jersey Central, 76½; offered; Fort Wayne, 91; Milwaukee and St. Paul, 72; Milwaukee and St. Paul preferred, 84½; Wabash & Western, 7¾; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 95; Ohio and Pacific Warren, 97; Pacific Mail, 50¼; St. Joseph, 40¼; Chicago & Alton, 105¼; Ohio and Mississippi certificates, 30¼; Ont., Ohio, and Indiana Central, 23¼; Toledo, Wabash & Western, 38¼; Central Ohio, 57¼; new, 45; Virginia State 6's, old, 40 off 2; Virginia coupons, 40 off 2; North Carolina 6's, old, 31; Missouri 6's, 91.

Gold closed at 120¾. Market steady.

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Gold 120¾. Market steady.

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

BALTIMORE, January 29.—*Groceries.*—Flour—Market quiet to-day, but the feeling in it is steady, and prices are firmly maintained. Sales to-day, all in the local trade, 600 barrels, viz: Western Super at $5.50, do. Extra at $7, low grade Howard Street Extra at $5.50, and good do. at $6.87½ per barrel.

Wheat—Receipts light to day, and almost exclusively of Pennsylvania, and the market may be written firm, though the transactions are of course limited. Sales on Change only 1,800 bushels, all Pennsylvania red, viz: at $1.35, $1.36 and $1.37.

Corn—Market firm to-day, and prices higher all round. Sales of white at 60@61 cents, do. at 59@60 cents, do. Western mixed at 60@60 cents, and Southern yellow at 60@60 cents.

Oats—Receipts to-day, but we quote it as before as ranging from 38 cents to $1.02 for lots to prime.

Rye—Steady and firm. Sales to-day of Western at from 90 to 92 cents.

Coffee—There is a good inquiry for Coffee, and the market may be written strong with an advancing tendency. Sales to-day of 300 bags Rio, in bulk, generally 4 months, at 19½ cents, and 300 bags Rio, in bond, at 19 cents.

Sugar—Prices are still as follows for the leading brands, viz: Oalvert 12@12½ cents, Maryland 12@12½, Baltimore 11@11½ cents, Granulated 12 cents, and Sugar House 10@10½ cents per gallon, but the demand is very moderate.

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