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MARK TWAIN.

HIS OLD HOME AT HANNIBAL, MO.

**Site of Family History—The House
He Lived in—Early Traits of Character
and His Old Associates Think
of Him.**

HANNIBAL, Mo., Sept. 28, 1875.—It is a
great thing to make the whole world
laugh; but few have done it. Mark Twain
is one. He is the most genuine as well
as the most popular humorist of his day,
and there is a reasonable curiosity to
know something more of the man than
what he has said.

This is the place of his early boyhood.
Hannibal was a small town at the same
time he was a small boy, but there are
many here who were his associates and
remember him well in all of his youthful
beauty and grace.

Mark Twain was born in Fenestera
county, Tennessee, between 1830 and
1835. In the year 1835, his father Judge
Clemens, brought his family to Missouri,
and settled at a little village called Flori-
da, in Monroe county. The place was
situated in the forks of Salt river, and
was then a growing and very rich grow-
ing place. Judge Clemens was a lawyer and
an educated gentleman. He had an exten-
sive practice in Tennessee, but came to
Missouri to go into the mercantile busi-
ness. He had a store, and made money.
But in 1839 he concluded
the little town of Hannibal was a better
place, and came here to go into business
more extensively. In this move, he was
not successful, but lost his fortune
through the rashness of another man,
and after that the Clemens family was
very poor. For a few years the old man
reaped a scanty income from the office of
justice of the peace, being, at that time,
about the only man in Hannibal con-
sidered for such a position. He died about
1847, and left his wife and four children—
Samuel, Orion, Henry and one daughter.
Those who knew Judge Clemens, say he
was a thorough gentleman, being the
soul of honor, and that he even went so
far as to give every dollar's worth of his
property to his creditors when he failed
in business.

Mrs. Clemens, who was left with the
family, was a woman of uncommon natu-
ral sense, and had been well educated.
She had, however, a droll way of talk-
ing that made her something of an oddity.
She was full of good humor, and it is
supposed that she was the source of her
son Samuel's remarkable talents. The
daughter had been educated before her
father's death, and, when grown, mar-
ried Mr. Moffet, of St. Louis, who be-
came a prominent commission merchant,
and died a few years ago. Mrs. Moffet
now lives in New York, possessed of
ample fortune. Her mother lives with
her. Orion Clemens, the youngest child,
was working in the office of a St. Louis
paper when his father died, but came
home soon after and started a paper in
Hannibal. It had a short life. After a
good many adventures in various parts
of America he finally settled in Tennes-
see, where he now lives, peaceably and
quietly, as little known to fame as a great
many who are not akin to his brother
Mark. Henry Clemens, the youngest
child, went on the Mississippi, and was
blown up on the Pennsylvania, near
Natchez, in 1859. He is said to have been
a man of fine ability, and a great favorite
with those who knew him.

I have been around to see the
OLD CLEMENS HOUSE.

It is situated in the northern part
of town, and has been much neglected.
It used to be in the center of the business
quarter, and where the main buildings
now are, there was then a wide, deep
pond or slough where Mark shot ducks.
In its day, it was somewhat of a preten-
sious building. It was two-stories high,
had a long ell and was really a good sized
house. The front has one door and two
windows, while the sides look bare and
blank. It is now painted a dullish red or
brown and is inhabited by a tribe of col-
ored people. In two or three steps of the
dwelling house is a little shanty, used by
Judge Clemens for an office and justice
court-room. It has a very ancient,
patched-up appearance, and is hardly
high enough for a tall man to stand
straight between the floor and rafters. It
would not be too big to take to the cen-
tennial; far more convenient than the
40,000 ton stone mansion suggested by
somebody in St. Louis. But now let me
say something about

MARK'S EARLY CAREER

when a ten year-old urchin and upwards.
He was a precocious child. At least that
is what his friends say, but when he was
a child they thought he was anything
else. He would not, or at least did not
go to school much and what he now
knows, he has discovered principally by
his own efforts. He is therefore one of
our self-made men. He was an oddity
from the beginning, taking as before re-
marked, strongly after his mother. He
always had a droll way of talking but
generally made himself interesting. In
fact there was fun in his very drollery.
The boys all liked him and followed him
up to hear him talk. Some of the people
say they will remember when he went
about town wearing an old straw hat, a
pair of cotton pantaloons hung up by one
suspender, and barefooted. He was not
a bad boy, and not even mischievous, but
was mild and gentle, something like the
manner of a lamb. One
would suppose, from a perusal of his
books, that Mark Twain was at some
time, at least, a hard case—rather a
"brick"—but those who know him well
say he has always been temperate and
upright.

The first thing he ever attempted in
the way of doing any work was to serve
on a steamboat as cabin boy. At that
time it was a lucky boy who got such a
place. Steamboating was just reaching
its glory, and to be a cabin boy, a clerk,
pilot or an engineer was about as high
up as most boys thought ordinary mor-
tals could ever go. It was such a fasci-
nating, tempting life that many a boy
ran away from home, father and every-
thing to serve on the river in almost any
capacity. When Orion Clemens came
back to Hannibal, after his father's death,
to start a paper, young Sam came
off the river and went into the printing
office. Here he learned to "stick" type
and got his first ideas, I suppose, of lit-
erature. Like thousands of others who
have made distinguished writers, he got
his best schooling at the "case." I think
it was then that he began to write his
first characteristic sketches, though I am
not sure. After serving a good appren-
ticeship he went back to the river; this
time with Capt. Bowen, a well known
steamboatman in his day, and learned the
lower Mississippi where he served after-
wards as a pilot. From his experience
there and his imagination, he drew forth

that entertaining series of sketches which
have appeared in the *Atlantic Monthly*.
The balance of his history is pretty
well known. He went out West, and
what he saw is told in "Houghing It."
The people here all read his books as fast
as they are published, but many of them
do not appreciate his greatness. A
prophet is not without honor save in his
own town, is as true of a man who makes
win, as of him who preaches the gospel
or edits a newspaper. Mr. Clemens does
not seem to be possessed of a passion for
pilgrimages to the scenes of his early
boyhood. He has not been here, I be-
lieve, since long before 1860. If he does
not come back pretty soon, the place
where he used to find shelter will be
harder for him to find than "the grave of
Adam."
J. R. R.

How O'Baldwin Was Shot.

Ned O'Baldwin, the pugilist known as
"the Irish Giant," was shot by his part-
ner, Mike Finnell, Tuesday night. O'Bald-
win had become dissatisfied with the busi-
ness the firm was doing, and on Sunday
night proposed a dissolution. To this
Finnell objected.

At about half past ten last night
O'Baldwin stood at the door of his salo-
on, 43 West street, talking with a
friend, when Finnell entered. O'Bald-
win touched him on the arm, saying that
he desired to speak to him. They went
into a room back of the bar.

A few minutes afterward two pistol
shots were heard, and several men who
sat in the bar-room ran back and saw the
two men wrestling. O'Baldwin ex-
claimed: "Take it away from him, for
God's sake!"

Two men seized Finnell and dragged
him into the bar-room, and there the
others allowed him to escape.

Dr. Shins dressed O'Baldwin's wounds,
and he was taken to the Park Hospital.
There were two wounds, one in the right
side which is thought to have penetrated
the liver, and one near the centre of the
abdomen, which does not appear to be
deep. Although the patient's general
symptoms were good, his recovery is
doubtful.

O'Baldwin says that when he entered
the bar room he sat down and said,
"You'd better sell out, Mike, the place
don't suit me, and I'm going to quit."
Mike said, "are you going to leave me,
Ned?" and I said yes, and then he drew
a big pistol out of his pocket and shot
me. I jumped up and tried to take the
pistol away, and he shot me again."

O'Baldwin went for a priest as soon as he
was shot. He told Capt. Saunders he ex-
pected to die, but he did not want to pro-
secute Finnell.

O'Baldwin was released from Moyam-
ensing prison about two months ago.
He arrived in New York without a dol-
lar. Some friends furnished the saton at
43 West street for him, and he began
life again with the intention, he said,
of living honestly. He refused challenges
to enter the prize ring again, and ear-
nestly repudiated all challenges published
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