

MARK TWAIN AS A PILOT.

The Fun He Had With His Engine, Which Was a Kicker.

In 1856, when Captain Thomas Bixby of New Orleans was captain on the Swallow, which plied up and down the Mississippi, he had a remarkable pilot, who was no other than Mark Twain, or Samuel L. Clemens, the famous humorist. While in a reminiscent mood one day Captain Bixby said to a Kansas City Journal reporter:

"Sam wasn't much more than a youngster when he came down to St. Louis from Florida, Mo., where he had been in a printing office, and wanted to be a pilot. I reckon he was about the quaintest looking specimen I ever saw. He was about 24 then, and I hired him. We had another pilot on board who took the wheel in strange waters, for the river bed was as uncertain as the hind leg of a mule. And, speaking of a mule, the Swallow had the queerest sort of engine that was ever seen. The craft itself was a little shaky—it only plied between St. Louis and Cairo—being about 30 feet long, with a stern wheel, a large place for freight and passengers, a pilothouse and a place on what may be called the pilot deck for the engine. That engine went aboard when it was needed, and only then. It burned no wood or coal, but ate a powerful sight of grass. It was a large gray mule named Jerry, which worked a treadmill that propelled the boat. Sam Clemens—you know his name of Mark Twain came later—was chief engineer and pilot. He had a system of signals, and they were ingenious. By pulling a cord he could raise a head of cabbage just out of reach of the mule. The engine would start for it and begin to walk after it, and the boat floated majestically on down the river or up, as the case might be. When Sam wanted to stop, he would pull a rope attached to the feed box of the engine.

"Without intending to be personal, I will say that Jerry was one of the most intelligent animals I ever met. His voice was more on the order of a fog horn than a whistle. It was too much of a baritone for the latter.

"When Sam wanted to whistle for a landing, he would hit Jerry with a stick. If he wanted, in the profane language of the river pilot, to go ahead like hades, he gave Jerry a touch of the whip.

"But piloting on the Mississippi was not a job that a man would take for amusement unless he had a queer idea of amusement.

"The pilothouse was a mighty lonesome place at night, especially so when the folks below were in bed. Every other living creature on the boat was down below but the pilot, and he had to stand there in the dark and everlastingly twist that wheel to keep the boat from jabbing her nose into the bank or from climbing over sand banks. Boats didn't carry any headlight. That would have bothered a pilot in those days coming from the opposite direction.

"Our engine was a terrible kicker, and on one trip we had an iron figure of an Indian on board—a cigar sign. Clemens was on watch one night, and things must have been pretty slow in the pilothouse to suggest the idea of dressing up the Indian and placing him near the mule. I was asleep on deck, as the weather was warm, and was awakened by the most terrible racket ever heard this side of an explosion.

"The mule kicked till he was plumb played out; then he laid down with us in the middle of the river."

THE MISSING ANDIRON.

A Treasure That Was Picked Up at a Rummage Sale.

There is a dear old lady on North Charles street who for years cherished a hope that some day she might be fortunate enough to discover the mate to a splendid old andiron that had been in her possession for many decades. It was an exquisite piece of brass, and its shape and carvings were so unique that its individuality was firmly established.

Every one of the old lady's kith and kin had searched diligently for the old andiron's fellow, but without success. The owner herself had ransacked every junkshop and secondhand store in half the big cities of the east. Finally she reluctantly came to the conclusion that the twin andiron must be lost to her forever.

Recently, on being invited to contribute to a "rummage sale," she sent the old brass, not without a tear of regret at its departure.

That same day the old lady's daughter, acting as one of the patronesses to the "rummage," beheld an old andiron which caused her heart to leap into her throat.

"It is—it is the very twin of mamma's!" she cried. "Won't the dear old girl be pleased?"

The young matron dug down in her purse, brought up \$13.65 and fairly bubbled with joy to think that at last, after all these years, she was the one to find the missing and long sought for andiron.

Do you think she told them to "send it up?" Not she. A cab was ordered, and into it went the old brass and its fair purchaser.

At last the andiron was in the hallway, and the maid was bringing mamma down to "see something."

"There, you dear old love, there's the mate to your old brass!"

"Goodness gracious, Susan, where did you ever get it? And to think I've parted with mine!"

"I found it at the 'rummage,' dear. Wasn't it lucky that it was there?"

A little water and smelling salts were so effective that the old lady was able to sit up within an hour.

A GENTLE COLT.

And What Happened to the Man Who Bought It.

"Whoa!" was the simultaneous exclamation of the two old Brownstown farmers as they met on the road and pulled up for a little chat.

"Goin' on past Sim Jones' place?" asked one of them after they had disposed of the weather and their families.

"Yep, I'm goin' a couple o' miles beyont him. Why?"

"Say," after a prolonged chuckle.

"when you git trout o' his place, walk the horses. If Sim don't show up, jest let on suthin has gone wrong with the wagon and go in and borrow a wrench or a hammer. It's worth walkin' half a day to see Sim. Jemmy, but he's a sight!"

"Bee stings or what?"

"I hain't sayin' a word, only see him. That's all. Mornin'. Git ep."

As good luck would have it, Sim was limping up and down in front of his place, and no strategy had to be used in getting sight of him. There was a towel about his head, he had but one eye in commission, and it was two-thirds closed, his hair was cut out in blotches to accommodate an adhesive plaster, and he could just manage to locomote with a crutch and a cane.

"Hello, Sim," shouted the man from the wagon, "keers run over you?"

"No, the keers didn't run over me. Durned cur'us how much people want to find out when they come 'long here. But I hain't makin' no grumble 'bout you, Abe, 'cause you and me allus been friends. I know I look jest 's though I'd been sawed and split and piled up. Did you see that feller round here las' week peddlin' a pop eyed black colt 'thout a white hair on 'im?"

"Yas. Stopped at my place and stumped me fur a dicker."

"Well, you'll never see him ag'in, Abe, ef I see him first. He tole me positiv' that colt was gentle as a kitten, and I bought him. That night I rode him inter the woods to look fur the cows, and when they found me 'bout midnight I was a damed sight worse'n I am now. Ef you ever see that cuss, Abe, git me word ef it costs a dollar."—Detroit Free Press.

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And the clouds are forbidding and thick.

You can make the sun shine in your soul, little man—

Do something for somebody, quick!

Though the stars are like brass overhead, little girl,

And the walk's like a well-beated brick.

And our earthly affairs in a terrible whirl—

Do something for somebody, quick!

—Hamilton Spectator.

Facts From Great Britain.

It is stated that three-fourths of the Irish members of Parliament are teetotalers.

London covers 75,000 acres, Leeds is next with 21,000, and Sheffield third with 9,650.

England imports 420 pounds of grain a year for each inhabitant of the country.

Glasgow's population is 760,329, an increase in ten years of 142,277. In 1801 Glasgow contained 77,385 inhabitants.

The movement for securing better cottage accommodation for the laborers in Ireland is alleged to be creating ill-feeling on the part of the farmers in the south of Ireland.

India and Ceylon have competed so successfully with China in the production of tea that, whereas in 1880 2,100,000 hundredweight of the leaf were exported from China, only 1,631,000 hundredweight left the country in 1899.

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Glasgow's Exhibition is gaining for the Scottish metropolis a great deal of free advertising. It is particularly pointed out that Glasgow has not gone to Parliament for any aid in its venture, but is financing it solely off its own bat.

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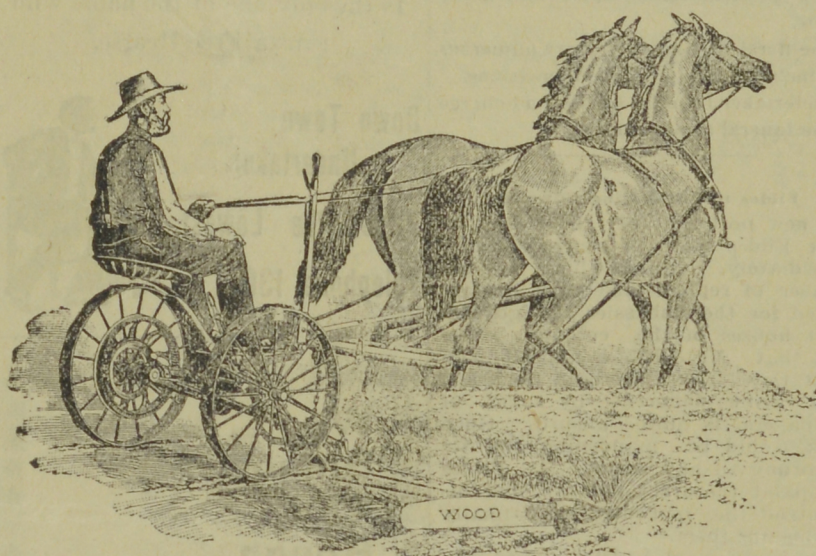
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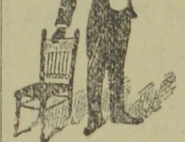
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BYE-LAW.

L. S. (Signed) A Law in amendment of a law to impose a tax on the owners or harborers of dogs in the City of Fredericton.

Be It Enacted by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonality of the City of Fredericton, as follows:—

1. Every person who is within the City of Fredericton the owner, possessor or harborer of a dog or bitch, shall pay a yearly license for each such dog or bitch, as follows:—

For each male dog \$1.00

For each female dog or bitch \$3.00

2. Every person who is in the City of Fredericton, aforesaid, the owner, possessor or harborer of a dog or bitch, shall before the first day of August in each year, procure and cause such dog to be numbered and described for the year ensuing, in the office of the City Treasurer, and shall secure to such dog or bitch to wear around his or her neck, a collar of metal, or of leather with metal plate, on which metal or plate collars shall be inscribed the name of such person, and to which collar shall be secured or attached a metal check upon which shall be engraved the letters F. T. P. (Fredericton Tax Paid), and figures indicating the year for which such tax has been paid, and a number corresponding with the number under which said dog or bitch is for the time being registered in the books of the City Treasurer.

3. Every person shall on payment of the tax imposed by section one of this law, and registering his dog as provided in section two, be furnished free of charge with the check mentioned in the next preceding section.

4. Any police constable, city marshal, or other person authorized for that purpose by the Mayor, City Council, or Police Magistrate, may seize any dog or bitch found running at large or elsewhere than on the premises of the owner, possessor, or harborer thereof, contrary to the provisions of this law, and it shall be the duty of such police constable, city marshal, or other person so to do; and every such police constable, city marshal, or other person shall forthwith after making such seizure, deliver such dog or bitch to the Pound Keeper of the city; and it shall be the duty of the Pound Keeper to whom the same shall be delivered to impound such dog or bitch in a suitable box or stall, to be by him provided for that purpose, and supply it with food and water while so impounded; and in case it shall not be reclaimed as hereinafter provided within six days after it shall have been delivered to the Pound Keeper, it shall be the duty of the Pound Keeper to kill such dog or bitch.

5. The owner, possessor or harborer of any dog or bitch impounded under the foregoing section may reclaim his or her dog or bitch on application to the Pound Keeper and proof of ownership, and on payment to the Pound Keeper of the sum of twenty-five cents for each and every day the said dog or bitch has been impounded, and the further sum of three dollars, one dollar of which shall be retained by the Pound Keeper, one dollar paid to the person or persons by whom such dog or bitch shall have been impounded, and one dollar to the City Treasurer to form part of the city revenue.

6. Any person or persons so keeping or harboring or allowing to be kept or harbored, any dog or bitch within the City of Fredericton, neglecting or refusing to comply with the provisions of the first section of this bye-law, shall be liable to a penalty of three dollars for each and every dog or bitch so kept; and in case any person or persons shall neglect or refuse to take out a License for any such dog or bitch within four days next after any conviction under this bye-law, said person or persons shall be liable to a further penalty of four dollars for each and every subsequent offence.

7. All licenses issued under the provisions of this bye-law shall expire on the first day of August next following the date of the issue thereof.

8. Dogs and bitches under the age of six months are excepted from the provisions of this law.

9. This law shall come into full operation, force, and effect, on the first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

10. The bye-law passed on the fifth day of August, A. D. 1886, entitled, "A Law to impose a tax on the owners or harborers of dogs, and otherwise restrain the keeping of dogs in the City of Fredericton," and any and all bye-laws passed in amendment thereof and in addition thereto are hereby repealed.

Passed and enacted this twentieth day of June, A. D. 1895.

(Signed)

Chas. W. Beckwith, City Clerk.

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