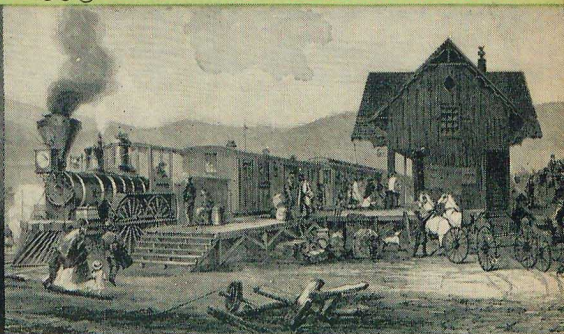


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Samuel Langhorne Clemens, much better
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MARK TWAIN

was born in Missouri and resided, during his impressionable teens, in the little river-bank town of Hannibal. He worked as a journeyman printer for eight years, spent four as a Mississippi River pilot, went to Nevada as a prospector, found higher wages and better fare as a newspaper reporter in wide-open Virginia City, moved on to California where he gathered material for his first great success, the celebrated story, **THE NOTORIOUS JUMPING FROG OF CALAVERAS COUNTY**

For the next forty-five years, books, stories, travelogues and observations flowed from his facile pen. He was in huge demand as a lecturer, and principal speaker at banquets. He was the friend of presidents, the companion of kings, world-traveler, celebrity, raconteur, devoted husband, fond father. He never lost his delight in the tall tale, nor his easy friendship with his fellow-man.

Many consider him America's greatest writer.