## Glimpse of Olivia Langdon's Picture On Voyage Began Twain's Big Romance

Novelist Smitten While on Trip Which Produced the "Innocents Abroad."

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Prolonged Visit by Subterfuge and Finally Wor Consent of Family.

Samuel Langhorne Clemens, the Mark Twain of literary fame, in whose memory Elmira's new hotel is named, was born at Florida, Mo., Nov. 20, 1835, the son of John and Jane Lampton Clemens.

His father was a Virginian and his mother, at the time of her marriage, a Kentucky belle.

Shortly after his birth the family removed to Hamilton, Mo., where "Sammy," as he was then called, received his early education. He was not a robust child and cordially disliked to study. His first job was that of a printer's apprentice on The Missouri Courier, a weekly Democratic newspaper published in Hannibal.

Clemens' first literary effort to receive public notice appeared in the Hannibal Journal, operated by his brother, Orion. The budding genius was then only 15. A BOY EDITOR

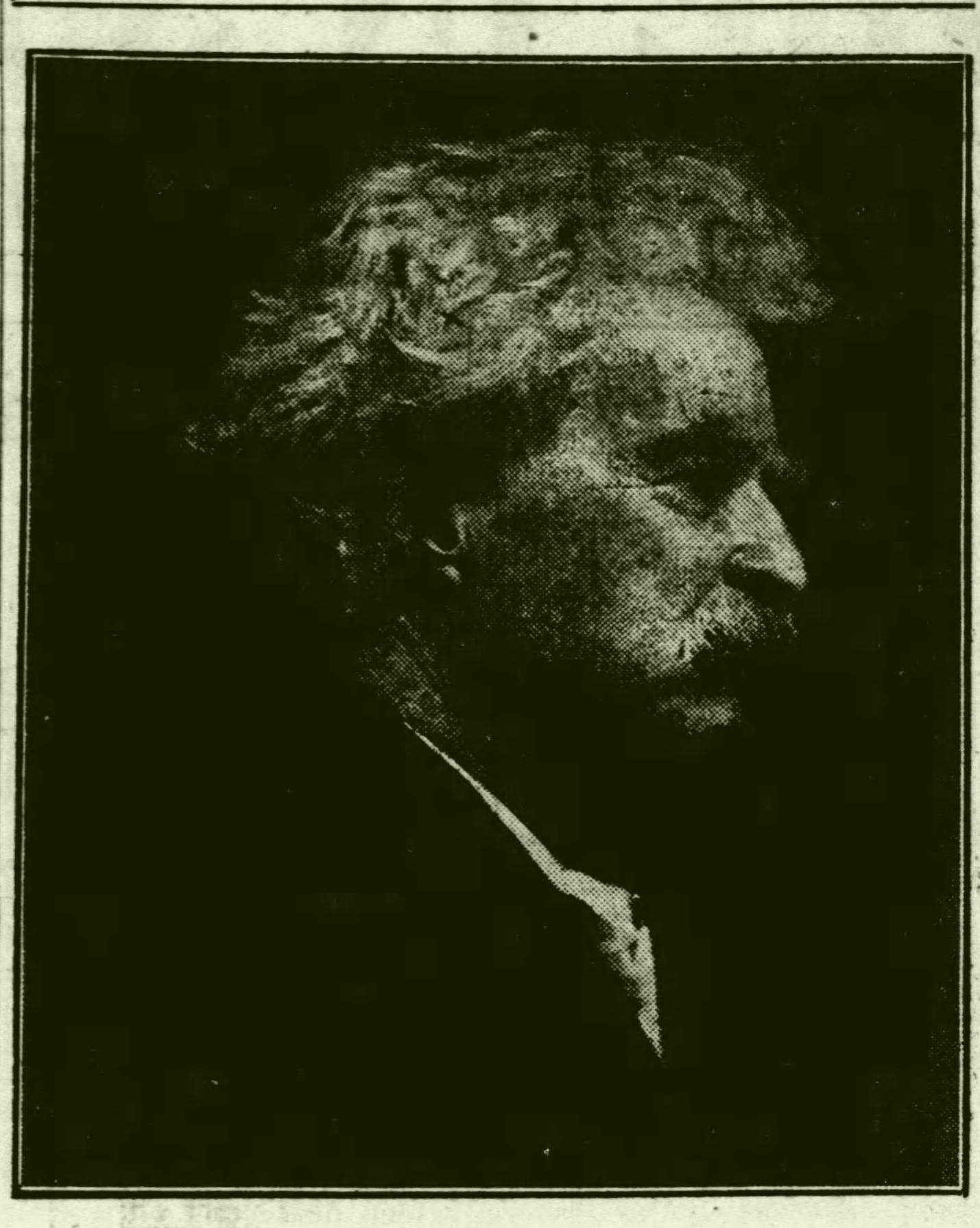
His brother went on a business journey leaving Sam in charge of the office. In his absence Clemens concluded to edit the paper in a way that would liven up the circulation. He had never done any writing-not for print-but he had the courage of his inclinations. His local items were of a kind known as "spicy;" his personals brought prompt demand for satis-

The editor of a rival paper had been in love, and was said to have nected with the affair. Then he New York. the river with a stick to test the a pilot—and a good one, too. his brother-in-law. Langdon, al- seat and throwing the two passen- to Elmira and the funeral service depth of the water.

town and did not return.

to the ranks. In later years he saw but worth much for the information of the adventurer. his mistake.

New Hotel Named In His Memory



Samuel L. Clemens-"Mark Twain"

gone to the river one night to drown an itinerant printer and reporter he he resumed his literary career, himself. Sam gave a picturesque travelled throughout the middle spending the next few years as a of this, with all the names con- West, making a trip or two to writer and lecturer.

took a couple of big wooden block | Later the fascination of the Mis- It was in the Summer of 1867, which had been driven up in front Quarry Farm, were frequent. letters, turned them upside down, sissippi drew him back and for while on an excursion to the Holy of the Langdon home to take the In 1910, at the age of 74, Mark and engraved illustrations for it, several years he rode the Father of Land, that he first met Charles guest to the depot, the horse gave a Twain passed on to his reward in showing the victim wading out into Waters, ultimately developing into Langdon of Elmira, who was to be quick spring, upsetting the rear New York. His body was brough

When the brother returned and as a man of war.

MEETS LANGDON

In 1861, after the outbreak of though some years Twain's junior, gers out on the cobble-stoned street. which was attended by many of the When this issue of the paper the Civil War, he revisited his old became much attached to the nov- Neither was seriously hurt-Clem- nation's celebrities, was held from came out the demand for it was home in Hannibal and subsequently elist, and Clemens in turn demon- ens not at all—only slightly dazed. the old Langdon home, where he very large. The press had to be joined the militia, being appointed strated a deep liking for the youth. Then came an inspiration; here was had been married. kept running steadily to supply a lieutenant. His connection with A visit to the Elmiran's cabin on a chance to prolong his visit. He His body lies in the Langdon copies. The satirized editor at first the Army of the Confederacy was the S. S. Quaker City en route to feigned injury, was carried to the family plot beside his wife swore that he would thrash the short-lived. Twain's "Private His- Palestine gave the humorist his house, and during the two weeks of daughters, in Woodlawn Cemetery. whole Journal office, then he left tory of a Campaign That Failed" first glimpse of the face of his his convalesence vigorously pressed

younger brother and reduced him success was negligible financially diately attracted and held the eye in the latter part of '69 became enhe gathered. Tiring of the rough It was some time after the ter- On Feb. 2, 1870, he was united At 17, restless and tired of the life he returned to the newspaper mination of the cruise, which, in- in marriage to Miss Langdon by the

Abroad," that Clemens first saw the girl who was to be his wife. At the invitation of Charles he accompanied the family to dinner at a New York hotel and there receiv-

ed encouragement to visit Elmira. Nearly a year later he took advantage of that invitation and came to this city as a guest of the Lang-Young Charles Langdon rode to Waverly to meet him and his arrival was awaited with much anticipation by the family. He had planned to stay a week and on the norning of the final day he said to Young Langdon: "Charley, my week is up, and

The young man expressed a regret which was genuine enough, though not wholly unqualified. His older sister, Mrs. Crane, leaving just then for a trip to the White Moun-

SISTER'S WARNING "Charley, I am sure Mr. Clemens is after our Livy (as Olivia was affectionately called). You musn't let him carry her off before our

tains, had said:

"In what!"

The idea was a disturbing one. The young man did not urge his guest to prolong his visit. He said: "We'll have to stand it, I guess, but you musn't leave before night." "I ought to go by the first train," Clemens said, gloomily. "I am in

"In love-with your sister, and I ought to get away from here." Young Mr. Langdon was now genuinely alarmed. To him Mark Twain was a highly gifted, fearless, robust man-a man's man-and as such altogether admirable and lovable. But Olivia-Livy-she was to him little short of a saint. No man was good enough for her, certainly not this adventurous soldier of letters from the West. Delightful he was beyond doubt, adorable as a companion, but not as a companion

for Livy. "Look here, Clemens," he said when he could get his voice. "There's a train in half an hour. I'll help you catch it. Don't wait until tonight. Go now."

gentle drawl, "I want to enjoy your don home. hospitality a little longer. I promise to be circumspect. I'll go tonight." FEIGNED INJURY

But Twain didn't go that night. They later removed to Hartford, When he and Charley Langdon were Conn., but their trips to Elmira, entering a light two-seated wagon, where they spent a Summer at tells the story of his experience future wife. A small photograph his suit for Miss Langdon's hand. of Olivia Langdon, Charles' sister, During the succeeding year he heard of the affair he rebuked his As a prospector and miner his stood on his bureau and it imme- made numerous visits to Elmira and

gaged to Olivia. life in a small printshop, Clemens business and secured a job on the cidentally furnished Twain with Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, pastor of the past of my present husband for phens, Greenwood; Robert Burns, same honor. The medals were L. Gillette of the Bureau of Crop started out to see the world. As Virginia City Enterprise. Here most of the data for his "Innocents The Park Church Congregational

View of Spacious Ball Room, in Light Green and Gold

This is a view of the spacious ballroom facing west. Light tones of green and gold make up the color scheme. The window side has nine graceful arches resting in fluted pilasters. The motif is repeated on the opposite and end walls over small-paned mirrors. The cornice above is decorated with several lines of low relief ornament picked out in gold. The ceiling is plain except for round ornamental plaster grilles, from which the attractive lighting fixtures hang. The floor is of polished maple. The entrances from the ball room assembly are three large doors at the west end.

With his bride he went to Buffalo and joined the Buffalo Express.

MORE USEFUL.

husband for a shilling." future use?"-Tit-Bits.

"No, Charley," he said in his gentle drawl, "I want to enjoy your hospitality a little longer. I promise FREQUENT VISITS HOME Slogan and Exhibit Prizes Awarded by Potato Growers show at Utica, winning first prize, were awarded medals. These lads are Herman Strobel, Arkport; Rob-

> Warner opera house in Cohocton, ben Spuds the best of All." and Friday afternoon. Robert C. Turn- At the program of the conference ident of the New York State Farm bull, president of the Bath National when these awards were made, Lee Bureau Federation; F. G. Phillips

awarded Lena Martin, Kanona; a monds and Earl Coye, Cohocton, as George Lamb, secretary of the New "Here you are, miss. Tell your third prize of \$10 went to Pauline premier potato growers of the York State Certified Seed Potato fortune and all about your future Cook, Howard; nine other prize win- county. Messrs. Edmonds and Coye Growers' Association; V. P. Hart, ners shared in prizes varying from are membered with 11 other men C. H. Chupp, M. P. Rasmussen of "No; but can you tell me about \$9 to \$1 in this order: Robert Ste- in the state, who have received the the State College of Agriculture; R.

Bath, Mar. 23.-Clinton and Doug-| Winona Williams, Arkport; Charles George Adams, Cohocton; Murray lass York of Andover, were award- Davis, Hornell; Elizabeth Teribury, McNaughton, Delos Conderman, ed first prize of \$25 in the contest Andover; Vernon Pickle, Arkport; Hornell; Martin Quanz, Erwin for submission of the best slogan, Ambert Case, Greenwood; Eva Sax- Kurtz, Martin Mark, Wayland. reflecting Steuben County's import- ton, Cohocton. The winning slogan | The potato growers' convention ance as a producer of high grade is "Better Potatoes is the Growing which opened Wednesday, witnessed potatoes. This award was made at Demand; Use Better Seed, Exercise a large attendance. Interesting prothe closing program of a county Better Care, Use Better Land." The grams were presented daily, whereconvention of potato growers at the second best slogan is "Make Steu- in participated E. V. Hardenburg.

Howard; Harry Meyer, Canisteo; awarded by E. V. Hardenburg, sec- Reporting, Albany.

retary of the Empire State Potate

The 10 lads, whose exhibits of potatoes were included in the county's exhibit at the recent state potato show at Utica, winning first prize, ert Van Wormer, Arkport; Carl Fleischman, Clifford Wheaton,

secretary of the Empire State Pota-Bank, made awards in the slogan Briggs, Cohocton, acted as chair- of the Market Basket chain groman. Another important feature ceries; H. S. Duncan, chief of the The second prize of \$15 was was the award of medals to Lee Ed- car inspection service, Rochester;



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