

Tom Sawyer's Cave is still an Unexplored Mecca

Labyrinths made famous by Mark Twain's characters are still "unknown country," although visited by world-wide guests



Entrance to Tom Sawyer's Cave Photo Copyright by Fraser

When Tom Sawyer pushed his head and shoulders through a small hole and saw the broad Mississippi rolling by, as Mark Twain described the emergence of his immortal American boy from the cave in which he and his companion Becky had been lost for three days, Tom Sawyer probably stuck his head through a hole that is now on property upon which is located the large plant of The Atlas Portland Cement Company at Hannibal, Missouri.

This town was made famous by the doings of Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn and his associates, who were the boyhood recollections of Mark Twain, whose own youthful days were spent in that city on the banks of the Mississippi. The home Mark Twain occupied is still there, a modest white clapboard house with a small bronze plaque on its street side, stating that the house was the boyhood home of Mark Twain, and that the plaque had been set there by his father. Rising just beyond it is Cardiff Hill, the location of many of the pranks of the boys of Mark Twain's vigorous, virile imagination. One can still plunge in the "swimming hole," but the covered bridge has been neglected and is sorely in need of repairs.

More permanent and interesting still is the cave which became the haunt of the boys in their daredevil games of playing "Injun" and banditry. The entrance is on the side of a hill before which is a picturesque picnic ground, and so wide has been the knowledge of these underground passages through reading of Mark Twain's characters that the cave is constantly a mecca of visitors from all over the United States. A guide is always at hand and a small fee is charged for being conducted through the caves. It is worth while to hear the guide tell of the incidents in the lives of Mark Twain's "boys" which took place in the windings of these limestone passages.

No better description of them could be had than in "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" itself. A picnic had been arranged and a ferryboat hired for the occasion. After luncheon, somebody shouted: "Who's ready for the cave?"

"Everybody was," writes Mark Twain. "Bundles of candles were procured, and straightway there was a general scamper up the hill. The mouth of the cave was up the hillside—an opening shaped like a letter A. Its massive oaken door stood unbarred. Within was a small chamber, chilly as an icehouse, and walled by Nature with solid limestone that was

dewy with a cold sweat. It was romantic and mysterious to stand here in the deep gloom and look out upon the green valley shining in the sun. But the impressiveness of the situation quickly wore off, and the romping began again. The moment a candle was lighted there was a general rush upon the owner of it; a struggle and a gallant defense followed, but the candle was soon knocked down or blown out, and then there was a glad clamor of laughter and a new chase. But all things have an end. By and by the procession went filing down the steep descent of the main avenue, the flickering rank of lights dimly revealing the lofty walls of rock almost to their point of junction sixty feet overhead. This main avenue was not more than eight or ten feet wide. Every few steps other lofty and still narrower crevices branched from on either hand—for McDougal's cave was but a vast labyrinth of



Home of Mark Twain, With Author Standing by Door

crooked aisles that ran into each other and out again and led nowhere. It was said that one might wander days and nights together through its intricate tangle of rifts and chasms, and never find the end of the cave; and that he might go down and down, and still down, into the earth, and it was just the same—labyrinth underneath labyrinth, and no end to any of them. No man knew the cave. That was an impossible thing. Most of the young men knew a portion of it, and it was not customary to venture much beyond this known portion. Tom Sawyer knew as much of the cave as any one.

It is the presence of the limestone, which is the major raw material in the manufacture of Portland Cement, that caused the Atlas Portland Cement Company to locate its large modern plant at Hannibal, where the Tom Sawyer caves ran under its property at various points.

Traveling Duels for Women's Wear

Array of Suitable Garments Provided for Milady's Vacation Trip.

Recent years have witnessed a distinct change in the disposition of the earth-loving Frenchwoman, who has developed tendencies quite as nomadic as those of her British and American sisters, writes a fashion correspondent in the New York Herald-Tribune. There was a time, when, to the Parisienne, travel was a disagreeable necessity, to be indulged in only when the exigencies of the social season demanded it. The outdoor aspect of a summer or motor trip was ever so distant from her conception of pleasure.

However, the dramatic athletic triumphs of Leuzgen, the enthusiastic following of Carpentier and the elevation of "to box" to a function of social importance have all combined to discover new veins in the temperamental of the versatile Parisienne, who has begun to take a vigorous part in outdoor activities. Tennis, cross-country and even boxing have been espoused by mademoiselle, and the wide open spaces have finally come into their own. Long motor trips, transatlantic voyages and aerial journeys have all become intrinsic parts of the social program of the fashionable demoiselle.

The result upon the collections of the important French salons is as evident as it was natural. Where once the traveling frock made only an occasional spasmodic appearance, today every Paris couturier exhibits clothes which are definitely and distinctly intended for motoring and the steamer.

The typical French transatlantic outfit consists of one knitted and one wool dress adapted for wear on the steamer, a tailored dress to be worn for ordinary occasions such as night driving and street wear, a silk dress, preferably in some dark shade, and at least two evening dresses. The number of evening dresses will vary according to the itinerary of the trip. A suit purchased on sports lines is absolutely essential for the steamer, for all weather or for any rough traveling.

Need at Least Three Hats.

No less than three hats should be seen. There should be one sports hat of soft felt, an informal afternoon hat, preferably with a matching veil, and at least one chapeau to accompany the more formal types of costume. Three or more pairs of shoes should also be included in this wardrobe—a pair of low-heeled sports shoes, a pair of shoes suitable for afternoon wear and slippers for the dinner and the dance. Underthings must be light and of the easily washable type. Three or four pairs of gloves complete the midsummer wardrobe for the steamer trip.

Two essentials that would be badly missed if not included in the outfit are the Baedeker and the kodak. Another convenient article which will be in frequent use is a large purse of the envelope type, to contain the always necessary passport and the equally essential letters of credit.

For the motor or train trip no such elaborate outfit is required, and the



Charming Three-Piece Costume for Summer, Made Up of Silk.

size of the wardrobe is dictated by the extent and the character of the contemplated journey.

Another striking wrap contains a very novel idea and one which makes it particularly appropriate for the automobile and train. The wrap is of blue serge and it has a detachable lining of bright red silk. When the outer portion is removed the wearer is revealed in a striking silk garment, once the lining of the coat. When the temperature becomes lower the coat is again put on and the erstwhile silk robe becomes once more a vivid lining for the cloak.

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Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for June 8

EZEKIEL ENCOURAGES THE EXILES

LESSON TEXT—Ezek. 34:1-30. GOLDEN TEXT—"I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away."—Ezek. 34:16. PRIMARY TOPIC—Ezekiel Preaching to the Exiles.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Lord Seeking His Scattered People. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Ezekiel's Mission to the Exiles.

Ezekiel prophesied in the land of captivity. The latter part of Jeremiah's ministry was contemporaneous with that of Ezekiel. The purpose of his ministry was:

1. To Keep Before the Minds of the Captives That They Were in Captivity Because of the Sins of the Nation (Ezek. 14:23).

2. To Show That God Was Righteous in His Visitation of Judgment Upon Them (Ezek. 7:8, 9).

3. To Sustain Their Faith by Assuring Them of Their National Restoration, the Punishment of Their Enemies and the Final Exalted Place of Israel Among the Nations When Messiah Should Reign (Ezek. 34:20-31).

I. Indictment of the False Shepherds (vv. 1-10).

Israel's ruined condition resulted from the failure of the rulers to properly care for the people of Israel, God's sheep. Their sin was that:

1. They Exploited the People Instead of Shepherding Them (v. 1-3). The shepherds were appointed to feed the flock but instead of that they fed themselves, even devouring the sheep and clothing themselves with the wool thereof.

2. They Failed to Minister to the Sick, the Diseased and Wounded (v. 4). It is not enough that the shepherds refrain from doing evil to the sheep. They are expected to strengthen the weak and bind up the wounds of those that have been injured.

3. They Did Not Search Out the Lost Sheep (v. 5-9). Sheep left to themselves wander away. The sheep are not expected to look after themselves but to be cared for by the shepherd. In their scattered condition they became the prey of wild beasts. None sought after them though they had wandered through the mountains and over the hills.

4. The Lord Held the Priests and Rulers of Israel Responsible for This Condition (v. 10). The Lord always holds those responsible who have been set over his children.

II. Israel to Be Restored (vv. 11-22). Though the rulers have so wretchedly failed, the almighty God will come to the rescue of His people.

1. He Will Search and Seek Them Out (vv. 11, 12). Though Israel be scattered throughout the nations, the divine shepherd will deliver them from every place where they have been scattered.

2. Will Bring Them Into Their Own Land (v. 13). This was partly fulfilled in the return of the remnant under Ezra and Nehemiah, but the real fulfillment awaits the future.

3. Will Feed Them (vv. 13, 14). He will not only satisfy them with food. He will cause them to lie down in perfect contentment and security (v. 14, 15).

4. Shall No More Be a Prey (v. 22). Though God's chosen people have been scattered through the mountains and over the hills of the nations and have been a prey to the rapacious greed of the many nations, God will one day deliver his sheep and will judge the false shepherds.

III. The Coming Good Shepherd (vv. 23-31).

The instrument through which this great deliverance is to be wrought is the Messiah Himself.

1. He Will Make a Covenant of Peace (v. 25). This condition of peace will be brought about by the presence of the Lord among them. The world and Israel will only know actual peace when the Prince of Peace shall come and rule over the whole earth.

2. Evil Beasts Removed (v. 25). The redemption which awaits Israel and the world will not only affect God's children and their rulers but will bring about peace even among the animals, so that His children can sleep in peace and quiet even in the woods.

3. Showers of Blessing Come Down (v. 26).

God's chosen people shall be a blessing to the world, according to His original purpose for them. When these blessings are poured out, it shall be known that they flow from Jesus Christ, the good Shepherd. The purpose of Israel's choice was that the world might be blessed through them (Gen. 12:1-3).

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There Only Six Nights

There being a Shakespearean repertoire company in town, a Liverpool magnate told his secretary to book a couple of seats.

"I'll telephone my wife," said the merchant, "and leave a memorandum on my desk as to what she wants to see."

A little later the secretary found the memorandum. It read: "Two tickets for Twelfth Night."

The next morning the secretary reported: "I couldn't get the tickets you specified, sir. The company will only be in town six nights."

His Phantom Fight

"What made you think this gentleman was drunk?" asked the judge.

"Well, yer honor, 'e was 'aving a bit of a fight with his bootlegger."

"But that doesn't prove he was drunk, officer."

"No, but there wasn't any bootlegger there, yer honor."—Everybody's Magazine.

A Visitor's View

New York city spends a million dollars a day for municipal government, most of it, we should judge, for traffic officers. —Syracuse Post-Standard.