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内容概要

本书为纯英文版，是美国著名作家马克·吐温经典的中短篇小说合集，收录《卡县跳蛙》、《坏孩子的故事》、《百万英镑》、《火车上的嗜人事件》、《我最近辞职的经过》、《田纳西的新闻界》、《好孩子的故事》、《我是如何编辑一份农业报的》、《某大宗牛肉合同买卖签订纪实》、《我给参议员当秘书的经历》、《败坏了哈德莱堡的人》等许多脍炙人口的中短篇佳作。

本书文笔幽默，语言辛辣，既富于独特的个人机智与妙语，又不乏深刻的社会洞察与剖析，尖锐地讽刺并揭露盛行于美国的投机主义、拜金狂热等黑暗的社会现实。

作者简介

马克·吐温 (Mark Twain, 1835 - 1910), 原名萨缪尔·兰亨·克莱门 (Samuel Langhorne Clemens), 是美国的幽默大师、小说家、作家, 也是著名演说家, 19世纪后期美国现实主义文学的杰出代表, 被誉为“文学史上的林肯”、“美国文坛巨子”。他拥有高超的幽默、机智与名气, 擅长写讽刺小说。

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版权页： Cannibalism in the Cars I visited St.Louis lately,and on my way West,after changing cars at Terre Haute,Indiana,a mild,benevolent-looking gentleman of about forty-five,or maybe fifty,came in at one of the way-stations and sat down beside me.We talked together pleasantly on various subjects for an hour,perhaps,and I found him exceedingly intelligent and entertaining.When he learned that I was from Washington,he immediately began to ask questions about various public men,and about Congressionalaffairs;and I saw very shortly that I was conversing with a man who was perfectly familiar with the ins and outs of political life at the Capital,even to the ways and manners,and customs of procedure of Senators and Representatives in the Chambers of the National Legislature.Presently two men halted near us for a single moment,and one said to the other: "Harris,if you'll do that for me,I'll never forget you,my boy." My new comrade's eye lighted pleasantly.The words had touched upon a happy memory,I thought.Then his face settled into thoughtfulness-almost into gloom.He turned to me and said,"Let me tell you a story;let me give you a secret chapter of my life-a chapter that has never been referred to by me since its events transpired.Listen patiently,and promise that you will not interrupt me." I said I would not,and he related the following strange adventure,speaking sometimes with animation,sometimes with melancholy,but always with feeling and earnestness. THE STRANGER'S NARRATIVE "On the 19th of December,1853,I started from St.Louis on the evening train bound for Chicago.There were only twenty-four passengers, all told.There were no ladies and no children.

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