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literary executor of the Twain estate, knew more amout his writings than any other critic of his day. Twain, he says, "is usually to be found on both i de s of any question he argues." Joseph Twitchell, his favorite companion of many years, called him a "strange Mark would have in the strange in the size of the size

argues." Joseph Twitchell, his in England, for example, and elsewhere. And a basic un-favorite companion of many Abbey, Byron's Childe Harold derstanding of the forces that years, called him a "strange pondered the deeper signift shown him much more in the shown him much more in the of poverty among the people, And indeed, a "strange Mark" Pantheon, Keats found inspira-tragedy of a sentimental dam he proved to be. For all his witt son's "Idylis of the King" re-and perception, Twain was son's "Idylis of the King" rebe proved to be. 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Someone has called him the most super-ficial genius in the history of American literature, and many of his inconsistencies and shift-ing attitudes toward Catholicism are directly traceable to that superficially. MARK TWAIN was a great MARK TWAIN was a great A many of the super-titles as and the past, such the brutal excesses and horrers of the past, such the brutal excesses and horrers induced of the medieval inquisition, without assuming that they and misery." "There are thous were meanly as wide-spread or sund soft churches in Italy, each is were seeking refuge in the as specialists in formersing in-middle ages as, on the whole, many period. AMER TWAIN was a great a happy period. And "Ben Hur" were seeking refuge in the assuming the specialists in formersing in-middle ages as, on the whole, as and with its battalion of priests in fits own way, this perspective to be supported." bumorist. And part of the secret of humor has always. 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Whereas a cess seems to have occurred in sentimental Sir Walter Scott TIME the case of Twain until, at the saw only gorgaous banners and Holiday end, his lifetime of savage pennants flapping on picturessatire had actually left him in- que castie walls. Twain could capable of really balanced see only the dungeons beneath Is near. Plan judgment of or final commit the most. Versailles was a beauyour murcheses now. ment to anything, even to the trill structure, but he could not HEADQUARTERS atheism in which he had once the mentioning that it had cought peace. His most vicious been built by the sufferings of anti-religious writing never was the mands of ordinary people. Our Own anti-religious writing never was transferred with the result of a carefully reason wain, whatever his deeper the result of a carefully reason wain, whatever his deeper cd intellectual position, and the transferred with have been, tried best evidence of this is the very pathays to identify himself with violence with which he main ordinary people; indeed, of the ordinary people; indeed, of the PECAN MEATS RUM & SHERRY CANDIED Fancy Pieces ...... Ib. \$1.39 FRUITS imajor writers of his time, he tained that it was. Twain orace wrote to Charles was probably the least aristo-Choice Asstd. Stoddard, a Catholic friend and entite. He could see the deep Quality ..... 1b. \$1.29 Diced ..... 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All our Lord got was one hos whatever they do can be reason the end of his life, to a misan-pital. This, to Twain's Protestant things disarm resentment — disasters overwhelmed him, and mind, constituted a "downgrad prejudice cannot exist in their turned the once joual lover of ing" of the Savior, who "seems presence." Thirty one years hurnanity into an angry de to be of little importance any-it be of little importance any-to be of means. conceded "it would be difficult race." The Hamiltan of Mark to pick a flaw in the work" of Twain's youth had become the where in Rome."

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