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A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court was published in 1889. In the preface Mark Twain says it is not pretended the ungentle laws and customs touched upon really existed in King Arthur's time. It is only pretended that, as they existed then in England, it was safe to consider it is no libel upon the sixth century to suppose them to have been in practice that day also.

Many people never read a preface. They do not realize that Mark Twain was a philosopher as well as a humorist. They read the book: they see the Connecticut Yankee on the screen and overlook the fact that some of the ungentle laws and customs Mark Twain ridicules and satires in 1889 are with us today.

Many people too are unaware that Dan Beard, originator and founder of a first boy scout society, was an able artist and illustrator. He is famed for his illustrations interpreting the text of the Connecticut Yankee. They are forceful and convincing. Some are so poignant they would be poorly accepted today.

On many subjects I am willing to east my lot with Samuel Clemens and Dan Beard. I have selected several of the illustrations for reproduction herein, hoping they may strike a favorable chord with you.

Hurry F. Dadder September 1949

This is also a means of telling you my address has changed. One of the Landowners, against whom Mark Twain railed, wanted exclusive possession of site where I was so I had to move.







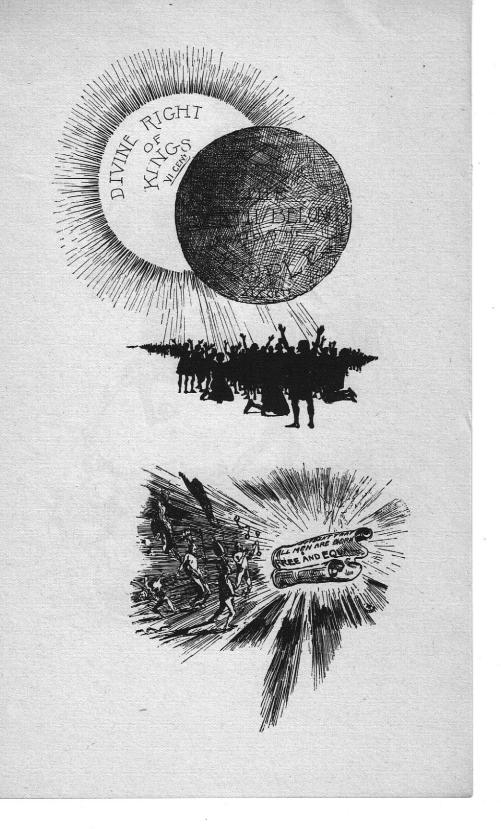


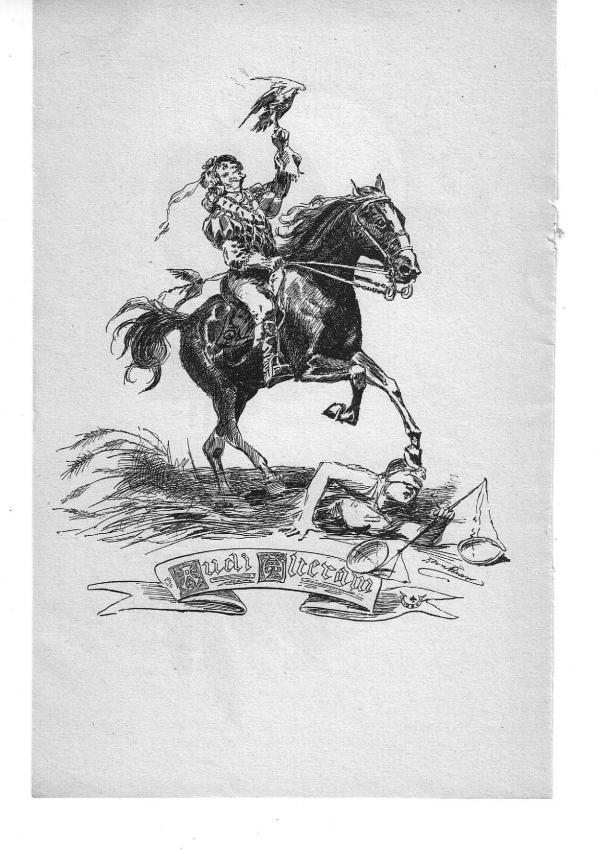


"INHERITED IDEAS ARE A CURIOUS THING."





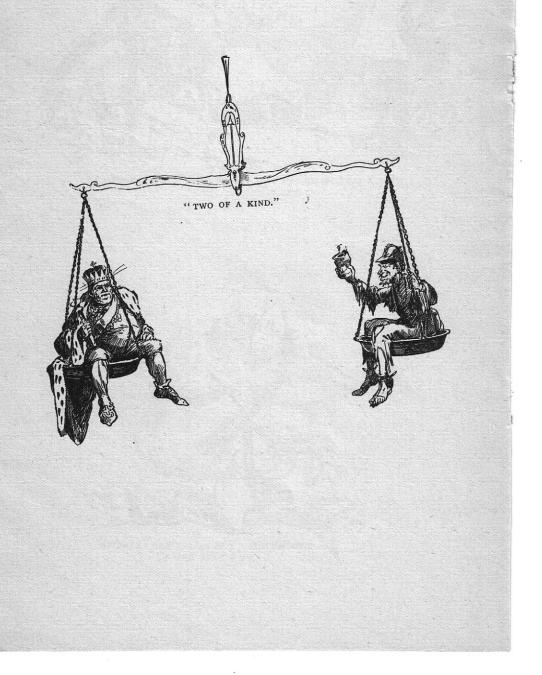


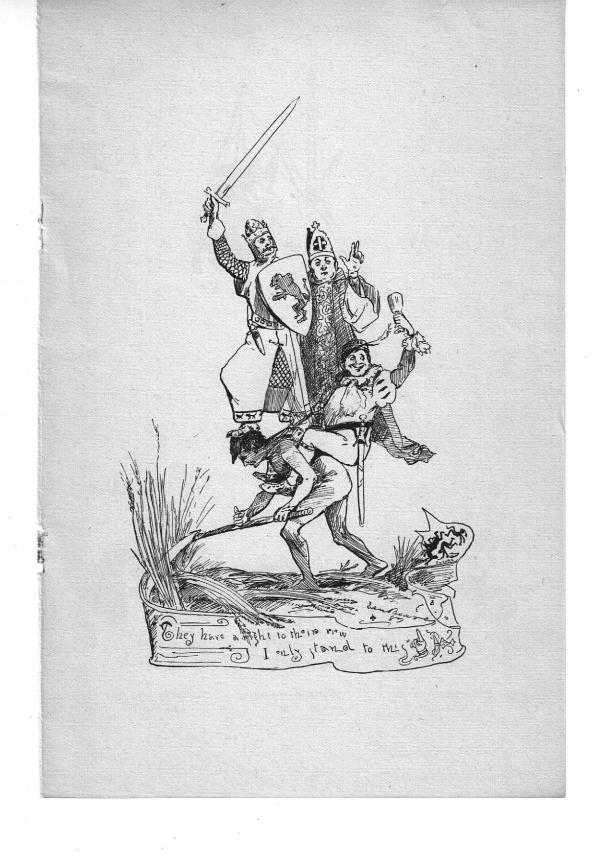


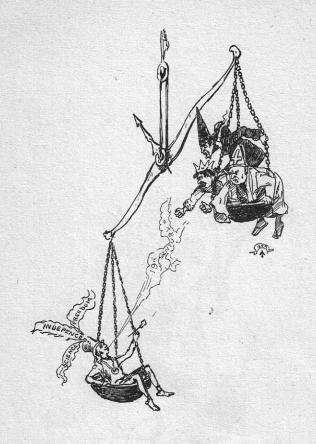


"BY A SARCASM OF LAW AND PHRASE THEY WERE FREEMEN."









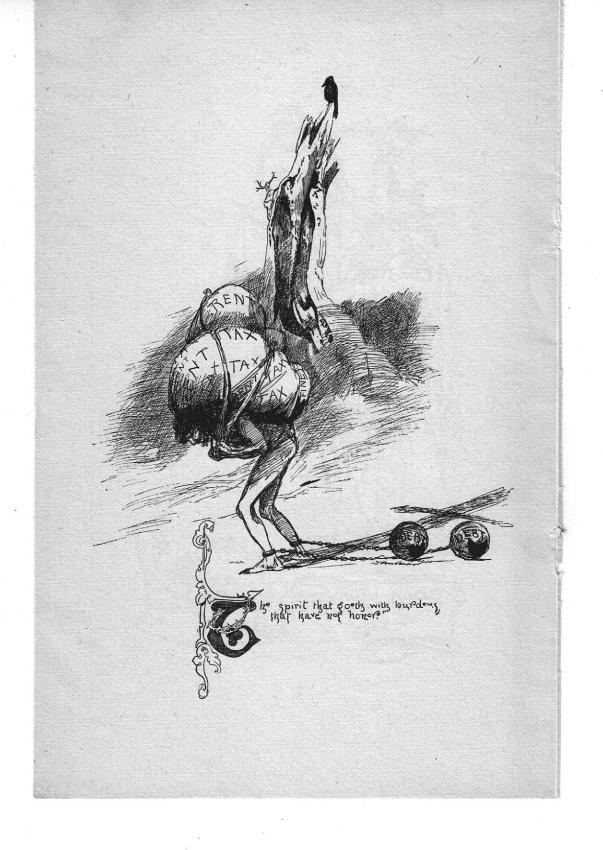


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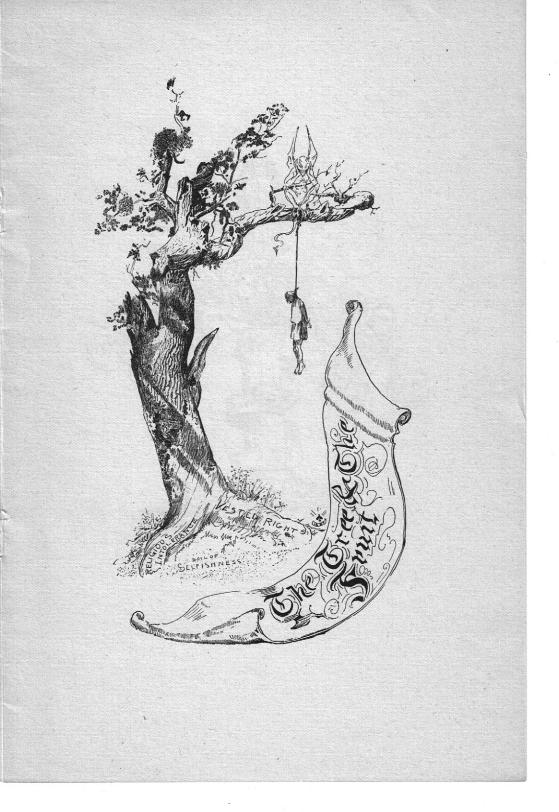
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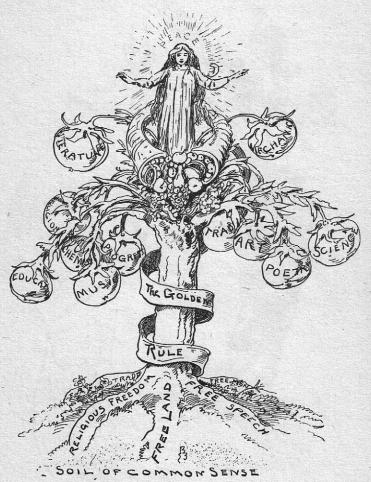
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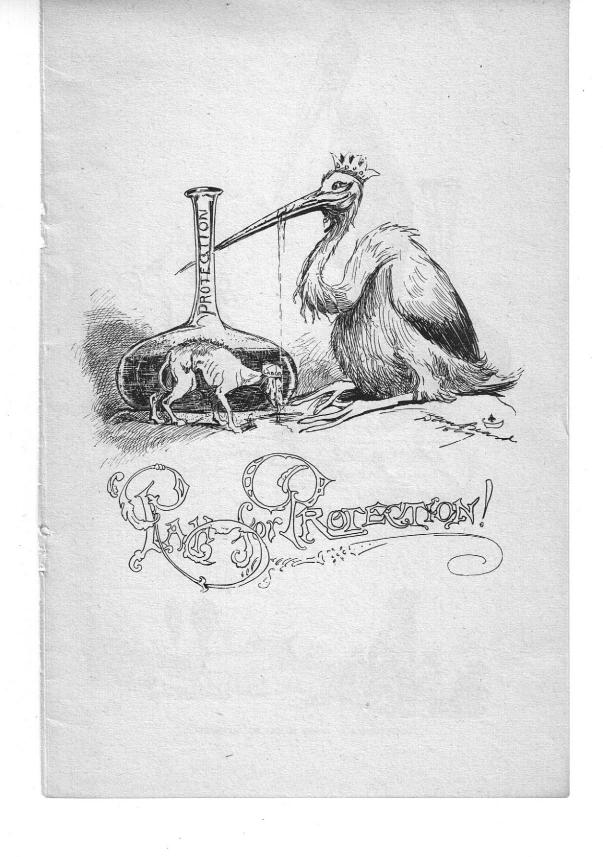


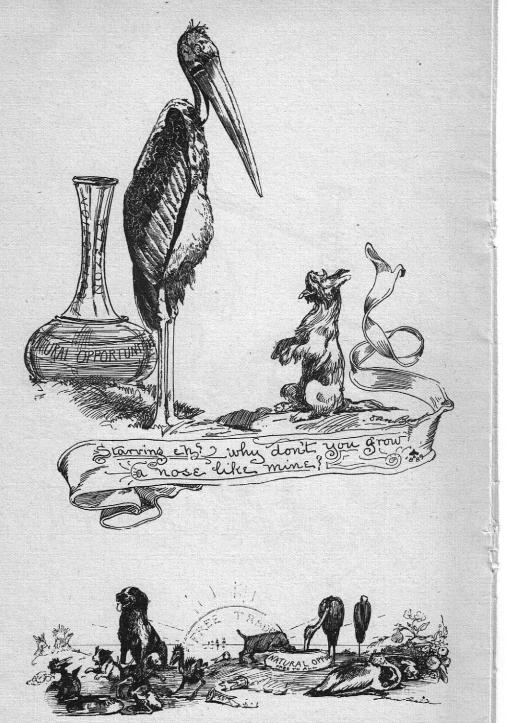




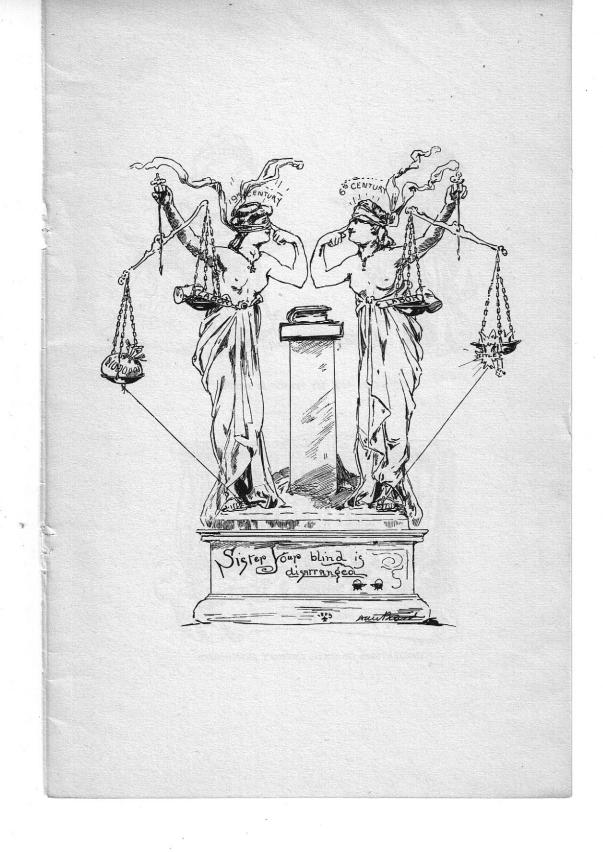


"A TREE IS KNOWN BY ITS FRUITS."



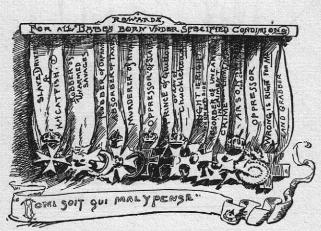


DISCREPANCY IN NOSES MAKES NO DIFFERENCE.





"HANDS OFF! MY PERSON IS SACRED."



DECORATIONS OF SIXTH CENTURY ARISTOCRACY.