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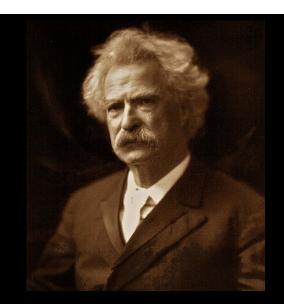
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Personal Reflections on the Law

"My father was a justice of the peace, and I suppo sessed the power of life and death over all men and could hang any-body that offended him."

- Life on the Mississippi 1

'Now, my father was justice of the peace, and because he was justice of the peace he was coroner: and since he was coroner he was also constable: and being constable he was sheriff: and out of consideration for his holding the office of sheriff he was likewise county clerk and a dozen other officials I don't think of just this

- Speech at Barnard College Union, New York, March 7, 1906
- "I had studied law an entire week, and then given it up
- Roughing It 5
- "... I never intend to be a lawyer. I have been a slave several times in my life, but Γ ll never be one again."
- Letter to Pamela A. Moffett, Twain's sister, and Jane Lampton Clemens, his mother, Oct. 25, 18614

"Tell aunt [sic] Mary that I am sorry she thought I intended to study law, because to my mind, that is proof positive that her excel-lent judgment has erred this time. I do not love the law."

- Letter to Jane Lampton Clemens, Oct. 26, 1861

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"[T]hese twelve apostles of perjury ... acquitted a man who had been clearly proven guilty before their faces...."

- "Engineer Griffin," The Buffalo Express, Oct. 1, 1869²¹

"It was a jury composed of two desperadoes, two low beer house politicians, three bar/keepers, two ranchmen who could not read, and three dull, stupid, human donkeys! It actually came out after-ward, that one of these latter thought that incest and arison were the same thing.

"On the inquest it was shown that Buck Fanshaw, in the delir ium of a wasting typhoid fever, had taken arsenic, shot himself through the body, cut his throat, and jumped out of a four-story window and broken his neck—and after due deliberation, the jury, sad and tearful, but with intelligence unblinded by its sorrow, brought in a verdict of death by the visitation of God' What could the world do without juries?"

- Roughing It, referring to coroner's juries 15

"We have an insanity plea that would have saved Cain." Speech written for July 4, 1873 celebration in London, but not delivered³⁴

¹¹ Mark Twain. Engineer Griffin, in Mark Twain at the Buffalo Express 60 (Joseph B. McCullough et al. eds., 1999).
¹² Mark Twain, Roughing It, in 2 The Unabridged Mark Twain 551, 741 (ch. XLVIII) (Lawrence Teacher ed., 1979) (1872).
¹³ Mark Twain, Roughing It, in 2 The Unabridged Mark Twain 551, 733 (ch. XLVIII) (Lawrence Teacher ed., 1979) (1872). Fannhaw was saloon keeper and local political select who held a high position in the fire department in Virginia City, Newdan Id at 732.
¹³ Mark Twain, Fourth of July Speech in London-Meeting of Americans, London (July 4, 1870), in Mark Twain-Collected Tales, Shetches, Speeches, &

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