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一个顽童的奇思异想和冒险故事

马克·吐温(Mark Twain, 1835—1910),原名萨缪尔·朗荷恩·克莱门斯(Samuel Langhorne Clemens),美国幽默大师、小说家。19世纪后期美国现实主义文学的杰出代表。生于密苏里州佛罗里达乡村的贫穷家庭。他十二岁那年父亲去世,先在印刷所当学徒,后来又在密西西比河上当领航员。他的笔名马克·吐温就取自船工生活:mark是"测标",twain为"两英寻(合12英尺)","测标两英寻"说明仍是安全水位。1861年,南北战争爆发,他随哥哥去内华达,先卷入找矿热潮,后去报馆工作,成了一名记者,从此开始创作生涯。

马克·吐温经历了美国从"自由"资本主义到帝国主义的发展过程,其思想和创作也表现为从轻快调笑到辛辣讽刺再到悲观厌世的发展阶段。他的早期创作如《加拉维拉县有名的跳蛙》(1865)、《傻瓜出国记》(1869)、《竞选州长》(1870)等,以幽默、诙谐的笔法嘲笑了美国社会的各种现象,奠定了他幽默的写作风格。但是马克·吐温发现仅有幽默是不够的,于是他转向了对社会的严肃针砭。1873年他与别人合写了长篇小说《镀金时代》,拆穿了当时美国人所谓的"黄金时代"的虚伪外表。此后他出版了《汤姆·索

亚历险记》(1876)、《王子与贫儿》(1882)、《赫克贝利·费恩历险记》(1884)、《亚瑟王官廷中的美国佬》(1889)、《傻瓜威尔逊》(1894)、《冉·达克》(1896)、《败坏哈德莱堡的人》(1900)等重要作品。这些中期作品以深沉、辛辣的笔调讽刺和揭露像瘟疫般盛行于美国的投机、拜金狂热,以及暗无天日的社会现实与惨无人道的种族歧视,笔锋几乎横扫了美国社会的一切弊端。19世纪末,随着美国进入帝国主义发展阶段,马克·吐温的一些游记、杂文、政论,如《赤道环行记》(1897)、《致坐在黑暗中的人》(1901)、《致我的传教士批评家》(1901)等,批判揭露意义也逐渐减弱,而绝望神秘情绪则有所生长。这些反帝政论使他成为美国反帝阵营的中坚。

《汤姆·索亚历险记》(1876)描写的是汤姆·索

亚和他的伙伴们天真快乐的童年生活, 以及种种精彩 刺激的冒险经历。汤姆的父母早亡,和姨妈一起住在 密西西比河边的一个小镇上。汤姆聪明伶俐,富于想象, 顽皮淘气, 乐于冒险。他不喜欢听牧师布道, 讨厌虚 假的社交礼节:他厌恶读书,常常逃学。他受了点委屈, 就拉着哈珀和镇上的另一个孤儿赫克尔伯利·芬恩离 家出走, 幻想着去做海盗。镇上的人以为他们掉到河 里淹死了, 伤心欲绝。可三个孩子却在自己的葬礼上 活蹦乱跳地跑了回来, 让波利姨妈和镇上的人哭笑不 得。汤姆和赫克无意中撞见恶棍乔行凶抢劫又嫁祸于 无辜的波特,汤姆勇敢地站上法庭,指证凶手,表现 出强烈的正义感。他和贝基在迷宫一样的山洞里迷了 路, 也绝不放弃希望, 开动脑筋, 靠着风筝线找到了 出路。逃跑的乔和同伙打算再干坏事,又是汤姆和赫 克机智地跟踪他们,及时向镇上的人报信,使他们的 诡计未能得逞。最后,坏人得到了应有的惩罚,而汤 姆和赫克也发现了真正的宝藏。作者通过对汤姆热情 活泼、亲近自然、厌恶束缚的天性的描写, 无情地讽 刺了19世纪五六十年代美国南方社会闭塞、沉闷的生 活. 批评了僵化死板、抑制孩子创造力和好奇心的教 育制度, 赞扬了孩子们对生活的热爱。

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"Tom!"

No answer.

"Tom!" cried Aunt Polly again.

No answer.

"I wonder where that boy's gone. Tom!"

The old lady pulled her spectacles down on her nose and looked over them about the room. Then she put them up and looked out under them. She seldom or never looked through them for so small a thing as a boy. She seemed puzzled for a moment and said:

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"汤姆!"

没有人回应。

"汤姆!"波利姨妈又叫道。

依旧没有回应。

"奇怪,这孩子又不知上哪儿去了。汤姆!"

这位老太太将眼镜向下一拉,从镜片上在屋内四处张望,然后又将眼镜往上推一推,从镜片下向外看。 她很少,甚至没有这样去找一个小孩子。她似乎很迷惑,过一会儿,自言自语说: 汤姆·索亚历险记

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"Well, if I catch you, I'll-"

She did not finish, for by this time she was bending down and pushing the sweeping-brush under the bed. She disturbed nothing but the cat. Then she went to the open door and looked out in the garden. Tom was not in sight.

"To-o-o-m!" she shouted.

There was a slight noise behind her, and she turned just in time to seize a small boy and prevent him from running away.

"What have you been doing in that cupboard?" "Nothing."

"Nothing! Look at your hands, and look at your mouth. What is that stuff?"

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"好,要是让我逮到你,我就——"

她没有把话说完,因为这时她正弯下腰去,拿着 扫把在床底下拨弄。可是她除了惊醒了猫之外,没有 什么反应。然后她走到门口,向花园里张望。可是汤 姆依旧连个影子也没有。

"汤……姆!"她又叫了起来。

从她背后传来轻微的声音,她随即转身,刚好抓住 一个小孩子,没让他跑掉。

"刚才你在厨房里搞什么鬼?"

"没有呀!"

"没有! 瞧你这双手,瞧瞧你的嘴巴。那是什么?"

"I don't know, aunt."

"Well, I know. It's jam. I've told you forty times that if you touched that jam I'd skin you. Hand me that stick."

The blow was about to fall.

"Hi! Look behind you, aunt!"

The old lady whirled round and snatched her skirts out of danger. The boy fled, and disappeared over the high fence of the garden. His aunt stood surprised for a moment, and then gave a gentle laugh.

"Hang the boy! Can't I ever learn anything? Hasn't he played that trick before? He's full of mischief, but he's my own dead sister's boy, poor thing, and I hate

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"姨妈,我不知道。"

"你不知道,我可知道,那是果酱。我已经警告过你四十遍了,如果你再偷吃果酱,我就要剥你的皮, 去把鞭子拿给我。"

老太太拿着鞭子就准备抽他。

"嗨!姨妈,你瞧背后。"

老太太转过身去,并提起裙子以防危险。这孩子 一溜烟地跳过花园高高的篱笆,逃掉了。他的姨妈愕 然站在那里,随后笑了。

"该死的小东西!我怎么这样不小心呢?他以前不是也耍过这种诡计吗?他太顽皮了,不过他是我死

whipping him. Every time I hit him me my old heart almost breaks, and every time I forgive him my conscience blames me. He'll stay away from school this afternoon, and I'll be obliged to punish him by making him work tomorrow. It's cruel to make him work on a Saturday, when all the boys are having a holiday, but he hates work more than anything else, and I must do my duty towards the child, or I'll spoil his character."

Tom did stay away from school, and he had a very good time. He returned just in time to help Jim, the small servant boy, to saw and split the next day's firewood before supper. Tom's younger brother (or rather stepbrother), Sidney, had already finished his part of the work, for he was a quiet boy, and had no

去妹妹的孩子,可怜的东西,我并不想处罚他。每次处罚他,我就心疼得不行,但每次我一原谅他,良心上却又很过意不去。今天下午他又要逃学,我一定罚他明天做工。要他在星期六做工是一件残忍的事,因为这一天每个孩子都放假了,可是他讨厌做工远甚于其他事,我必须对这孩子尽到自己的责任,要不然就会毁了这孩子。"

汤姆真的没去上学,而且在外游荡了一天。他回来时正好帮上仆人吉姆的忙,他要在晚饭前把第二天要用的柴火劈好。汤姆的弟弟(其实是继弟)锡德,也已经做好他分内的工作,因为他是个很文静的孩子,

adventurous, troublesome ways.

While Tom was eating his supper and stealing sugar every time he had an opportunity, Aunt Polly was wondering whether Tom had disobeyed her and had been to the river. She had sewn up his shirt at the neck in order to prevent him from taking it off and swimming.

"Tom, it was quite warm in school, wasn't it? Didn't you want to go swimming?"

"No, auntie. Well, not much."

"Come here. Show me your collar."

Tom opened his coat. The neck-band of his shirt was securely sewn.

"Well, you may go out and play. I was sure that you

而且一点也不调皮捣蛋。

吃晚饭时,汤姆一有机会就偷糖吃。波利姨妈怀疑 汤姆又不听她的话跑到河里去游泳了。她已经把他的衬 衫领口缝住,以防止他脱下来去游泳。

"汤姆,在学校很热吧?你有没有想去游泳呢?"

"姨妈,没有,还不怎么热。"

"过来,给我看看你的领子。"

汤姆解开他的上衣。衬衫领子还是缝得好好的。

"哦,你出去玩了。我能确定你一定逃学跑去游

had stayed away from school and been swimming."

"I thought you sewed his collar with white thread." said Sidney, "Now it's black."

"Why, I did sew it with white thread! Tom!"

But Tom did not wait for the rest. As he went out he said: "Sid, I'll give you a beating for that."

In a safe place Tom examined two needles which were stuck in his coat. One needle had white thread wound round it and the other had black.

"She wouldn't have noticed it, but for Sid. Hang it, sometimes she sews it with white and sometimes she sews it with black. I can't remember which she uses. I wish she'd stick to one colour. But I'll make

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泳了。"

"我记得你是用白线缝他的领子的,而现在却是 黑的。"锡德说。

"可不是,我的确是用白线缝的呀!汤姆!"

不过汤姆没听完问话就跑了。当他跑出去时说:"锡德,我会揍你一顿的。"

到了一个安全的地方,汤姆检查别在外套上的两 根针,一根缠着白线,另一根带着黑线。

"要不是锡德多嘴,姨妈根本就看不出来。该死! 有时候用黑线,有时候用白线,我根本不清楚她用的是哪一种颜色,要是她只用一种颜色多好,不过我非得让 Sid suffer for that."

Within two minutes he had forgotten all his troubles. A stranger was standing before him, a boy a little bigger than himself. A stranger of any age, male or female, was an object of curiosity in the poor little village of St. Petersburg. This boy was well dressed, too —well dressed on a week-day. Tom stared scornfully at the stranger's fine clothes, which seemed to make his own appear worn-out. Neither boy spoke. Finally, Tom said:

"I can beat you!"

"I'd like to see you try it."

"Well, I can do it."

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锡德吃点苦头不行。"

不到两分钟,汤姆已忘了所有的烦恼。一个陌生人正站在他前面,这是一个比他稍微大些的男孩。在这偏僻的圣彼得小镇里,出现任何年龄的男女新面孔,都会被看成是新鲜的事,而且这孩子穿得很讲究,好像是做礼拜穿的。汤姆轻蔑地端详着这陌生孩子的好衣裳,相形之下,他的衣着更显得寒酸。两个孩子都没说话。最后汤姆说了:

"我敢揍你!"

"我倒要试一试你敢不敢!"

"好!我就揍你。"

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