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The Gilded Age, printed title page

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THE GILDED AGE:

A DRAMA,

Containing the following Scenes, Incidents and Characters:

SILAS HAWKINS, HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN IN EAST TENNESSEE, POSSESSORS OF 75,000 ACRES OF WILD LAND. THEY START FOR MISSOURI. FUNERAL OF A POOR WHITE, AND ADOPTION OF AN ORPHAN BOY BY THE HAWKINSES. FIRST SIGHT OF THE MISSISSIPPI. NEGRO PRAYER. STEAMBOAT RACE AND EXPLOSION. RESCUE AND ADOPTION OF A CHILD LAURA. ARRIVAL IN MISSOURI. WELCOME BY COL. ESCHOL SELLERS, A GREAT SCHEMER, AND BUILDER OF AIR CASTLES. HUMOROUS SCENES, ESPECIALLY A DINNER WITH SELLERS. LAURA DECEIVED BY A MOCK MARRIAGE, AND DESERTED BY COL. SELBY.

SENATOR ABNER DILLWORTHY MAKES THE ACQUAINTANCE OF THE FOREGOING PARTIES, A SCHEME IS BEGUN FOR THE SALE OF THE TENNESSEE LAND TO THE GOVERNMENT TO FOUND A NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

PHILIP STERLING, HENRY BRIERLY, AND RUTH BOLTON ARE EASTERN PEOPLE. PHILIP AND HENRY GO TO MISSOURI ON A RAILROAD SURVEY. SELLERS AND BRIERLY GET UP A SCHEME FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE NAVIGATION OF GOOSE RIVER. GET AN APPROPRIATION THROUGH CONGRESS. SCENES IN WASHINGTON AND WALL STREET. LAURA'S CAREER IN WASHINGTON AS A BEAUTY AND A LOBBYIST. MEETS SELBY AGAIN. SCENES BETWEEN THEM. SHOOT HIM. HER TRIAL AND ACQUITTAL. LECTURES. HER DEATH. WASHINGTON SOCIETY. NIGHT SCENE IN THE HOUSE. FALL OF DILLWORTHY, AND EXPLOSION OF THE PLAN OF SELLING THE TENNESSEE LANDS.

PHILIP STRIKES COAL IN A MOUNTAIN IN PENNSYLVANIA, AFTER MANY DISAPPOINTMENTS. LOVE OF PHILIP AND RUTH.

BY

MARK TWAIN,
(Samuel L. Clemens,)

AND

CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER.

HARTFORD:

1873.