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Happiness and laughter are two of the most beautiful things in the world, for they are of the few that are purely unselfish. When people are happy they present a cheerful spirit, which finds its reflection in every one they meet, for happiness is as contagious as a yawn. Of all the emotions, laughter is the most versatile, for it plays equally well the role of either parent or child to happiness. The can we say too much in praise of the men who make us laugh? Gog never gave a man a greater gift than the power to make others laugh, unless it is the privilege of laughing himself. We honor, revere, admire our great soldiers, statesmen, and men of letters, but we love the man who makes us laugh. No other man to-day enjoys to such an extent the close personal affection, individual yet national, that is given to Samuel L. Clemens. He is ours, he is one of us, we have a personal pride in him - dear "Mark Twain," the beloved child of the American nation. And it was through our laughter that he won our love. Here in these 10 Volumes you will find poems, stories, humorous articles, fables and fairy tales, offered for your choice, with subjects as diverse as the different authors styles; but however the laugh is gained, in whatever fashion the jest is delivered, the laugh-maker is a public benefactor, for laughter is the salt of life, and keeps the whole dish sweet.