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Mark Twain in all his risible wisdom is there too, including "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," "The Prince and the Pauper," "The Innocents Abroad," "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," and the little read "The Gilded Age: A Tale of Today," which is so much a tale of politics and corruption in the Grant era that you will think that you are in present time.

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