

Fairest Picture

Mark Twain at Lake Tahoe

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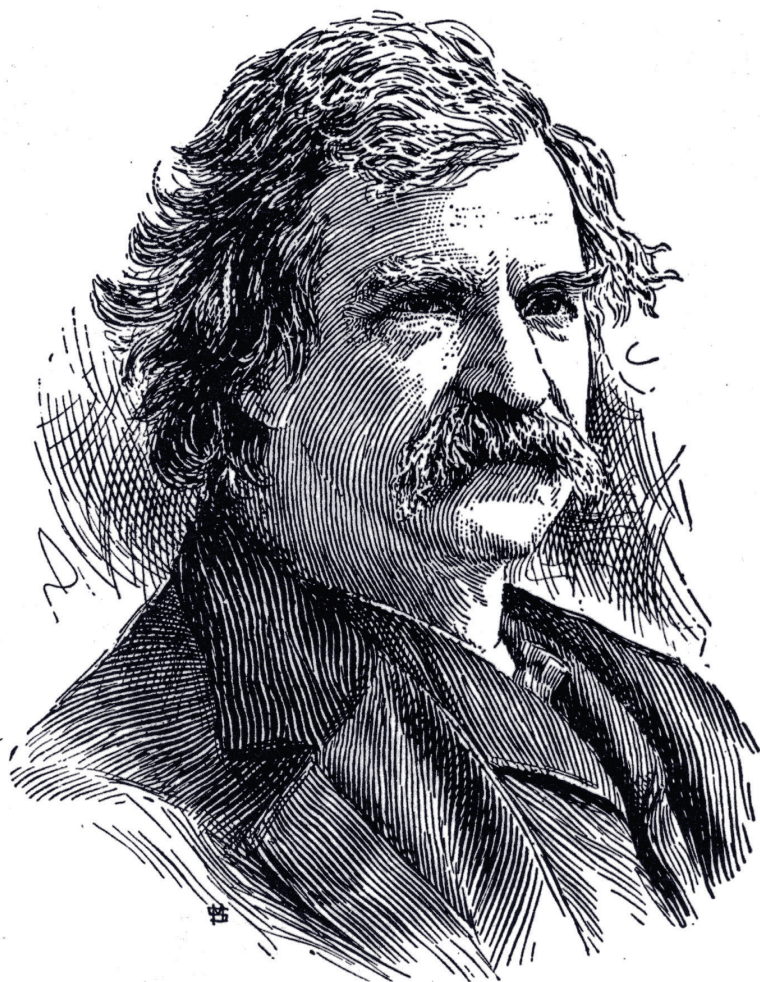
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For Jenny and Dominic

As it lay there with the shadows of the mountains
brilliantly photographed upon its still surface, I
thought it must surely be the fairest picture the
whole earth affords.

Mark Twain's recollection of his first sighting
of Lake Tahoe from the trail high above Crystal
Bay, as recounted in *Roughing It*





St. Andrews

Mark Twain

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