

**THE SOUTH-WEST: BY A
YANKEE. IN
TWO VOLUMES.
VOL. I, PP. 1-273**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649709670

The South-West: By a Yankee. In Two Volumes. Vol. I, pp. 1-273 by J. H. Ingraham

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

J. H. INGRAHAM

**THE SOUTH-WEST: BY A
YANKEE. IN
TWO VOLUMES.
VOL. I, PP. 1-273**

THE
S O U T H - W E S T .

BY A YANKEE.

Ingraham, Joseph Holt

Where on my way I went ;
— A pilgrim from the North—
Now more and more attracted, as I drew
Nearer and nearer.

ROGERS' ITALY.

IN TWO VOLUMES.

VOL. I.



NEW-YORK:

HARPER & BROTHERS, CLIFF-ST.

1835.

G. H. B.

D. 9. 2

✓

TO THE
HON. JOHN A. QUITMAN,
EX-CHANCELLOR OF MISSISSIPPI,
THESE VOLUMES
ARE
RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED
BY
THE AUTHOR.

152195

INTRODUCTION.

THE succeeding pages grew out of a private correspondence, which the author, at the solicitation of his friends, has been led to throw into the present form, modifying in a great measure the epistolary vein, and excluding, so far as possible, such portions of the original papers as were of too personal a nature to be intruded upon the majesty of the public;—while he has embodied, so far as was compatible with the new arrangement, every thing likely to interest the general reader.

The author has not written exclusively as a traveller or journalist. His aim has been to present the result of his experience and observations during a residence of several years in the South-West. This extensive and important section of the United States is but little known. Perhaps there is no region between the Mississippi river

and the Atlantic shores, of which so little accurate information is before the public; a flying tourist only, having occasionally added a note to his diary, as he skirted its forest-lined borders.

New-York, Sept. 1835.

CONTENTS.

I.

A state of bliss—Cabin passenger—Honey-hunting—Sea-life—
Its effects—Green horns—Reading—Tempicide—Monotony—
Wish for excitement—Superlative misery—Log—Combustible ma-
terials—Cook and bucket—Contrary winds—All ready, good
Sirs—Impatient passengers—Signal for sailing—Leave-takings—
Sheet home—Under weigh. Page 13

II.

A tar's headway on land—A gentleman's at sea—An agreeable
trio—Musical sounds—Helmsman—Supper Steward—A truism—
Helmsman's cry—Effect—Cases for bipeds—Lullaby—Sleep. 20

III.

Shakspeare—Suicide or a 'foul' deed—A conscientious table—
Fishing smacks—A pretty boy—Oh! Skipper, Skipper junior, and
Hole Skipper—A young Caliban—An illiterate Man—Fisherman
—Nurseries—Navy—The Way to train up a Child—Gulf Stream
—Humboldt—Crossing the Gulf—Ice ships—Yellow fields—Flying
fish—A game at bowls—Bermuda—A post of observation—Men,
dwellings, and women of Bermuda—St. George—English society
—Washing decks—Mornings at sea—Evenings at sea—A Moon-
light scene—The ocean on fire—Its phosphorescence—Hypotheses
. 25

IV.

Land—Abaco—Fleet—Hole in the Wall—A wrecker's hut—
Bahama vampires—Light houses—Conspiracy—Wall of Abaco

—Natural Bridge—Cause—Night scene—Speak a packet ship—
A floating city—Wrecker's lugger—Signal of distress—A Yankee
lumber brig—Portuguese Man of War. - - - Page 42

V

A calm—A breeze on the water—The land of flowers—Juan
Ponce de Leon—The fountain of perpetual youth—An irremedia-
ble loss to single gentlemen—Gulf Stream—New-Providence—
Cuba—Pan of Matanzas—Blue hills of Cuba—An armed cruiser—
Cape St. Antonio—Pirates—Enter the Mexican Gull—Mobile—
A southern winter—A farewell to the North and a welcome to the
South—The close of the voyage—Belize—Fleet—West Indianman
—Portuguese palacere—Land ho!—The land—Its formation—Pilot
or "little brief authority"—Light house—Revenue cutter—News-
papers—"The meeting of the waters"—A singular appearance—
A morning off the Belize—The tow-bout. - - - 55

VI.

The Mississippi—The Whale—Description of tow-boats—A
package—A threatened storm—A beautiful brigantine—Physiog-
nomy of ships—Richly furnished cabin—An obliging Captain—
Desert the ship—Getting under weigh—A chain of captives—
Towing—New-Orleans—A mystery to be unraveled. - 64

VII.

Louisiana—Arrival at New-Orleans—Land—Pilot stations—
Pilots—Anecdote—Fort—Forests—Levée—Croisades—Alarms—
Accident—Espionage—A Louisianan palace—Grounds—Sugar-
house—Quarters—An African governess—Sugar-Cane—St. Mary—
"English Turn"—Cavalcade—Battle ground—Music Sounds of the
distant city—Land in New-Orleans—An amateur sailor. 73

VIII.

Bachelor's comforts—A valuable valet—Disembarked at the Le-
vée—A fair Castilian—Canaille—The Crescent city—Remini-
scent of school days—French cabarets—Cathedral—Exchange—
Cornhill—A chain of light—A fracas—Gens d'Armes—An affair
of honour—Arrive at our hotel. - - - 87