

NARRATOR'S NOTES:

Artemus Ward

"ARTEMUS WARD" was the creation of a man named Charles Farrar Browne who began life at a small town in the State of Maine, United States, called Waterford. As a Newspaperman at Cleveland, Ohio, he began writing and publishing a series of humorous tales about a man who demonstrated a pronounced penchant for "murdering the King's English" with illicit Grammar and purloined Spelling. BROWNE claimed the name "ARTEMUS WARD" as Author of these Stories.

Following his success as a Tele-Spinner and an ill-fated adventure with publishing a Periodical called VANITY FAIR at New York City, Browne gained fame as a Platform-speaker using "A. Ward" as his Stage-name. He soon became an International Celebrity as well as capturing the attention of prominent Historical personalities including ABRAHAM LINCOLN and a young SAMUEL CLEMENS who became somewhat of a protégé with his own pseudonym, MARK TWAIN. Unfortunately for his followers as well as for himself, CHARLES and "ARTEMUS" both succumbed to illness simultaneously at a rather early Age.