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This historic book may have numerous typos, missing text or index. Purchasers can download a free scanned copy of the original book (without typos) from the publisher. 1857. Not illustrated. Excerpt: ... and I am sorry for it. He was a good seaman, and had omitted nothing he could contribute to the comfort of his passengers, and to mine especially; but he knew nothing of low water on the Ohio. I, who have been on more bars than I hope ever to be again, looked on his operations with perfect amazement, till I came to the conclusion that he wished to stay there. Once we were fairly afloat, but one awkward manoeuvre fixed us. The next that I saw, twenty bogas stood in three feet of water, on the lower side of the boat--which lay obliquely to the stream --pushing against the current. They carried out hawsers, and they slipped. They tied them better, and broke them. The spar with which a resolute Ohio captain would crawl over two feet of dry bar, was unknown to them. There we lay, and we lay all day. At night we were notified that we were to leave the boat early next morning in the champan that had been towing more than a week at our stern filled with idle bogas. Now commenced a packing-up, and it was like the sack of a city for confusion. All languages were put in requisition. One question would begin with " Where is--," the next with "Donde esta--," another with " Ou est--," " Wo ist--." Only the Italian was precluded from the use of his mother tongue. It was at bedtime only that the Babel became

quiet, and our twelfth day on the boat was at an end. CHAPTER VI. THE CHAMPAN. Bogas.--Farewell to Steam.-- Trying to be "down sick."--The Hammock.-- Our Prison.--On short Allowance.--Flank-making.--Flatanal.-- Chocolate.-- Buena Vista.--On Shore. The champan, which had been forgotten for so many days, early became the object of universal attention. It had been intended for the short distance not navigable by steam, and it was only after great diplomacy that terms could be f...