

## The adventures of Huckleberry Finn

*We dasn't stop again at any town, for days and days; kept right along down the river. We was down south in the warm weather, now, and a mighty long ways from home. We begun to come to trees with Spanish moss on them, hanging down from the limbs like long grey beards. It was the first I ever see it growing, and it made the woods look solemn and dismal. So now the frauds reckoned they was out of danger and they begun to work the villages again.*

*First they done a lecture on temperance; but they didn't make enough for them both to get drunk on. Then in another village they started a dancing school; but they didn't know no more how to dance than a kangaroo does; so the first prance they made, the general public jumped in and jumped them out of town. Another time they tried a go at yellocution; but they didn't yellocute long till the audience got up and give them a solid good cussing and made them skip out. They tackled missionarying, and mesmerizing, and doctoring, and telling fortunes, and a little of everything; but they couldn't seem to have no luck. So at last they got just about dead broke, and laid around the raft, as she floated along, thinking, and thinking, and never saying nothing, by the half a day at a time, a dreadful blue and desperate.*

*At last they took a change, and begun to lay their heads together in the wigwam and talk low and confidential two or three hours at a time. Jim and me got uneasy. We didn't like the look of it. We judged they was studying up some kind of worse deviltry than ever.*

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Mark Twain.

## QUESTIONS

1. Who are the frauds?
2. Why did they begin to work the villages again?
3. How many things did they try to do in the villages? Did they succeed?
4. Why were Jim and the writer uneasy?
5. How long did the frauds spend thinking?
6. Correct the grammatical errors in the text.
7. Vocabulary:
  - Limbs
  - To prance
  - tackle
  - raft
  - wigwam