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JOHN STEVENS


Colonel John Stevens is presented as Mr. Twain as one of the greatest figures in American engineering history—a genius who was a master ahead of his time. The author describes in his biographical pages the authenticity of Colonel Stevens' claim to distinction by a complete array of letters, papers, rough drafts, documents, and charts dating back to 1840, filed at his disposal by the navy family. There is little modern biography, but the work is rich in detail. Despite the little public recognition Colonel Stevens received, he stands to-day as the foremost contributor toward the identification of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. His papers brought to light for the first time, reveal the following achievements: that he invented the multibarrel boiler, the power-propeller which he used in steamboats operating on the Hudson River; and that he proposed a vehicular tunnel under the Hudson, now the first armed-stone "stoomgroover" on rails in America (1855).


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