



Mike Fink, River Wrestler and King of the Keelboatmen *(cont.)*

- Mother Fink:** *(wringing her hands to the audience)* Dearie me. Mike Fink developed a new method for catching fish.
- Mike Fink:** I put out a red and white barber pole on the keel of the river barge and waited with some scissors.
- Narrator 2:** What happened when you put the barber pole on the keel of the barge and waited?
- Mike Fink:** I called out, "Get your free shave and a hair cut here. Get your free shave and a hair cut here."
- Narrator 1:** What happened when you called out "Get your free shave and a hair cut here"?
- Salesman:** Why yes, I do recall that occasion like it was yesterday. All the fish whose fur had grown too long or who needed their beards trimmed would hop right out of the water.
- Narrator 2:** Mike Fink would just pick those furry fish up until he caught his limit.
- Mike Fink:** *(grinning to audience)* I can out-pole, out-wrestle, out-shoot, out-brag, and out-fight anyone or anything on both sides of the river.
- Mother Fink:** *(wringing her hands to the audience)* Dearie me. Mike Fink is the restless type.