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## SMILES AND SUCH

HUMOROUS GLEANINGS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

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### A BOMERANG LESSON.

A youth from the country was paying his first visit to New York, and, accompanied by his uncle, a leading banker, went to the theater. While waiting in the lobby before the performance the country boy flung back his coat and with hands in his pockets displayed a heavy gold watch-chain. The uncle observed the act and resolved to teach him a lesson.

While the young man's attention was diverted the uncle slipped the watch and chain from his vest, and they entered the theater.

"What time is it?" he asked, when they were seated.

The boy felt for his time-piece and found it was gone. Allowing him to make a thorough search for it, the uncle told him he had taken it and read him a sharp lecture. "You are not in the country now, you know, where you can display valuables with impunity. You should be more careful. Let this be a lesson to you."

So saying, he slipped his hand into his overcoat pocket where he had put the watch. To his utter dismay he found it was gone. And when he looked to see if his own was safe he found that also had taken wings.

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### FOOLISH EITHER WAY

A farmer, buying some tools in a hardware-store, was asked by the proprietor if he did not want to buy