

SMILES AND SUCH

HUMOROUS GLEANINGS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

YANKEE INGENUITY WON

To illustrate Yankee persistency, J. Pierpont Morgan used to tell the following story:

"A New England Yankee who was a prisoner on a pirate ship," said Mr. Morgan, "in the good old days when pirates roamed the seas, became, because of his Yankee attributes, objectionable to his captors.

"It was finally decided to maroon him on a desert island, with but little food and a coffin to remind him of his inevitable fate. The island was found and the New Englander and coffin were left on the beach while the pirate ship sailed away.

"For several days she sailed and then became becalmed. For three days she lay there with not a breath of air. On the evening of the third day a black speck was noticed on the horizon. It steadily grew larger, and soon was close enough for the men on the ship to make out what it was."

The man of millions paused for an instant, and then said, smilingly:

"It was the Yankee in his coffin, with half of the lid in either hand, rowing for home."

NOTHING DOING

A booking-agent for a chautauqua bureau visited a small town in the middle West. He called on a man who said that in order to introduce a chautauqua it would be necessary to see the most prominent man of the