

SMILES AND SUCH

HUMOROUS GLEANINGS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

TOO ELOQUENT

The attorneys for the prosecution and defense had been allowed 15 minutes each to argue the case. The attorney for the defense had begun the argument with an allusion to the old swimming hole of his boyhood day. He told in flowery oratory of the balmy air, the singing birds, the joy of youth, the delights of the cool water—

And in the midst of it he was interrupted by the drawling voice of the judge.

“Come out, Chauncy,” he said, “and put on your clothes. Your 15 minutes are up.”

LESSON THAT WAS LOST

“Now, children,” said the teacher, “I have been talking to you about the duty of cultivating a kindly disposition, and I will tell you a little story of two dogs. Henry had a nice dog, gentle as a lamb. He would not bark at the passers by or at strange dogs, and would never bite. William’s dog, on the contrary, was always fighting other dogs or flying at the hens and cats in the neighborhood; and several times he seized a cow by the nostrils and threw her. He barked at strangers, and was always making trouble. Now, boys, which dog would you like to own—Henry’s or William’s?”

The answer came instantly, in one eager shout: “William’s!”