

to be cunning without being sly, and people that are sly are apt to be treacherous and treacherous people of course cannot be trusted. So much for the moral. Here is the tale to point it : "An old and respectable man of the county of Montgomery, N. Y says the Rev. J. Murray, in his work on Creation, resided in his youth on the banks of the Hudson. One day he went to a bay on the river to shoot ducks or wild geese. When he came to the river he saw six geese beyond shot. He determined to wait for them to approach the shore. While sitting there, he saw a fox come down to the shore and stand some time and observe the geese. At length he turned and went into the woods, and came out with a very large bunch of moss in his mouth. He then entered the water very silently, sank himself, and then keeping the moss above water, himself concealed, he floated among the geese. Sudden-

ly one of them was drawn under the water, and the fox soon appeared on the shore with the goose on his back. He ascended the bank and found a hole, made by the tearing up of a tree. This hole he cleared, placed in the goose, and covered it with great care strewing leaves over it. The fox then left, and while he was gone the hunter unburied the goose, closed the hole and resolved to wait the issue. In about half an hour the fox returned with another in company. They went directly to the place where the goose had been buried, and threw out the earth. The goose could not be found. They stood regarding each other for some time, when suddenly the second fox attacked the other most furiously, as if offended by the trick of his friend. During the battle the man shot them both." Foxes, you see, stand upon their honour, as well as other people ; and you see what they sometimes get by it.



THE SMOKER.

Here is a portrait of an old smoker; not merely of an old man, but an *old smoker*, for he began when he was a boy: and now see what a picture he makes.

A fine specimen this of a smoker. Dirt, ignorance, rags, and tobacco smoke ! What a fitting union !

Look here, boys ; and see if the picture does not make you sick of the