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No uncommon type of our "Young America" is Mister Solomon Smooth, the individual whose part in these sketches was performed for General Pierce in particular, and "Uncle Sam" in general. Mr. Smooth was born and "grewed" on the extreme south point of Cape Cod;—a seemingly desolate spot, yet somewhat renowned as the birthplace of Long Tom Coffin. If I would select one of our nation's 'cutest sons; if I were called upon to name the kind of man with that in his natural composition to make the safest, most shrewd, and calculating merchant; if I were called to pass judgment on a shipmaster most qualified to sustain the spirit and characteristics of the American nation abroad—one who would never betray our national energy, nor degrade his profession, nor fail to seek that which might promote the interests of those who reposed trust in him, at the same time never forgetting his own; if I were about forming an expedition, and would provide myself with that character of man upon whom the issue of its success depends;—if, I say, I would seek the man possessing those rigid qualities of a moral nature which are a sure protection against doing aught that may degrade the councils of a nation, I would make this Sandy Cape my starting point, and draw from the upward growth of that stern energy to be found among those flourishing, energetic, and intelligent communities embraced within that circle which terminates at Cape Ann, and between the circling arms of which two Capes heaves Boston Bay. But Smooth, though somewhat primitive in personal appearance, is none of your common Cape Cod coasters—such as your Captain Doanes, and Cooks, and Ryders, and Clapps. Not he! So