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**W**HAT is truth? said jesting Pilate; ESSAY I.  
and would not stay for an answer. *Of Truth.*  
Certainly there be that delight in  
giddiness, and count it a bond-  
age to fix a belief; affecting free-  
will in thinking, as well as in acting. And  
though the sects of philosophers of that kind  
be gone, yet there remain certain discours-  
ing wits, which are of the same veins, though  
there be not so much blood in them as was  
in those of the ancients. But it is not only  
the difficulty and labour which men take in  
finding out of truth; nor again, that when it  
is found, it imposeth upon men's thoughts,  
that doth bring lies in favour; but a natural  
though corrupt love of the lie itself. One  
of the later schools of the Grecians examin-  
eth the matter, and is at a stand to think  
what should be in it, that men should love