

La Fanciulla del West

Smilin' Through

Department

In The West, if you pass a girl on the street, with high probability she will smile at you. She might even say "Hello" or "Hi". But it doesn't mean a thing.

In Rhode Island, the girls don't smile at you. Conversely, if you were to smile at them (which is not advised ) their reaction would be "What's the matter with him? Is he a nut, or something?"

In The Deep South, the girls smile at you and all of them are beautiful and all of them are dressed to the nines. That is why the southern girls win so many Miss America contests. But it doesn't mean a thing.