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## TOBACCO.

The aim of the writer is to do a little in the way of exposing a manifest evil, and of aiding a much needed reform. Severe he may be, when the exigencies of his argument demand it. But severity may not be unkindness. It may be the truest kindness. Said the great apostle, "Am I become your enemy because I tell you the truth?" A friend of Robert Hall—a fellow minister—once asked him for a glass of brandy and water (it was more fashionable, fifty years ago, for clergymen to indulge, than it is now). "Call things by their right names," said Hall, "and you shall have as much as you please." "Why don't I use the right name?" I ask for a glass of brandy and water. "That," said Hall, "is the current, but not the proper name. Ask for a glass of liquid fire and distilled damnation, and you shall have a gallon." The poor man turned pale, and for a moment seemed struggling with anger; but knowing the Hall did not mean to insult him, he gave his hand and said: "Brother Hall, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. That blunt kindness saved the man. He drank no more. Many of the writer's friends, and some of his near relatives, are victims of a bad habit. One good and great man—for whom his admiration rises to reverence—it is said uses the vile weed. What then?—Must we be silent? "Plato is my friend, Socrates is my friend, but Truth is more my friend."—Noble sentiment, fit to be engraved on every heart.

**A FEW ARGUMENTS AGAINST TOBACCO.**  
*It is hurtful to health.* A book might be written on this pregnant topic. Suffice it to say, there can be no doubt that many are killed outright by tobacco. It is said on good authority, that a large part of the mortality in Germany—where tobacco is universally used—is due directly to it. The writer has no doubt two of his near relatives sank under its baneful effect; and he is not alone in that belief. And where death does not result, it produces a host of discomforts, strange ailments and disorders of vital functions. No intelligent person will deny this. How could it be otherwise? A deadly narcotic cannot be safely tampered with. It will, it must tell upon that organization so delicate, so fearful, so wonderful, in which the human soul dwells.

*It is wasteful and offensive.* This is not a pleasant topic, but the truth must be told. Tobacco has come to be an intolerable nuisance in regard to these very points. It assails one everywhere, like the frogs of Egypt. In the cars, what horrible puddles of yellow slime you will see, from which sickening odors exhale, poisoning the air. In all public places one meets the inevitable, omnipresent pest. No matter whose sense of decency is shocked, or whose unpurged senses are disgusted, it is taken for granted that tobacco is a "chartered libertine." Regardless of the sanctity of God's house, its floors must bear the stains of the abominable excretion, and not seldom is the nauseous quid itself deposited there. Need one wonder that Mr. Moody said: "There is but one text in the Bible in favor of tobacco—'Let him that is filthy be filthy still,' or at the sharp, witty saying, 'They that expect to rate as gentlemen must not expectorate tobacco juice.'"

*It is a dead waste.* A book has been written on "Our wasted resources," in relation to liquor drinking. It is well, let it be scattered, and carefully studied. By and by tax payers will come to understand that whisky rolls up taxes, and then the pocket-nerve will be touched, and that will arouse them, perhaps, more than a regard to higher considerations. Tobacco also, demands a book. What a theme is offered by just this phase of the subject—its enormous waste. Many have not looked at this thing at all. Consider a few facts. The *North American Review* for 1862, pp. 400, says: "In 1861 the city of New York spent \$3,654,000 for cigars, and only \$3,102,500 for bread. Excess for cigars, over half a million dollars." "It is perfectly safe to say," said the *New York Times*, "that there is more spent in New York for cigars than for bread." The clever author of "A Woman's Thoughts about Women," at page 215, tells of young men habitually spending thirty guineas (\$150) in cigars, who yet could not afford to get married. No wonder there are clerks in the city of New York, it is said, who spend for cigars three dollars a day, some of whom have sisters who can hardly afford themselves the bare necessities of life. Take another case? In the June number of the *National Temperance Advocate*, page 81, is the following: "A pastor of a church of 267 members, relates that 67 of them use tobacco. He asked each one what it cost. The aggregate was \$845. One of the number confessed he spent for it \$145. His contribution to the church was 66 cents. Another one spent \$21, who gave to the church \$2. The whole church, with the aid of outsiders, gave for all purposes \$841, which lacks \$4 of what the 67 wasted for tobacco! In strongly marked contrast with the above, take the following, from the *Illustrated Christian Weekly* of Jan. 3, 1874: "The Rev. S. H. Wilbur, who has for twelve years labored among the Yokima Indians in Oregon, states that there are about 400 converted Indians under his care, and in every case there has been a complete and voluntary abandonment of the use of tobacco." What an example for churches beyond the pale of that tribe!

The national cost of tobacco must be something fearful. That it amounts to as much as the cost of alcohol is highly probable, for all who use poison drink, with few exceptions—use the poison weed, and many who use the weed do not use the drink. Now the cost of alcohol, as careful statistics prove, is six hundred million dollars, enough to wipe out our national debt—over which we groan—in less than four years. Add another \$600,000,000 of waste for tobacco, and what a frightful sum! How long can the nation struggle under such a burden? Need we wonder that times are hard? Since nations are but the sum total of the individuals that compose them, it follows that what impoverishes individuals impoverishes nations. Think of the dead loss to the nation of twelve hundred million dollars a year! Yes, a dead loss, and worse. 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