

The Watchman and Southron

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How Cigarettes are Made.

Do you care to know how cigarettes are made? I think I can enlighten you. An Italian boy, only 8 years old, was brought before a justice in New York City as a vagrant, or, in other words, a young tramp, but with what did the officer charge him? Only with picking up cigar-stumps from the streets and gutters. To prove this, he showed the boy's basket, half full of stumps, water-soaked and covered with mud.

"What do you do with these?" asked His Honor. What do think was his answer? "I sell them to a man for ten cents a pound, to be used in making cigarettes." Not a particular agreeable piece of information, is it, boys?

In our large cities there are a great many cigar but grubbers, as they are called. It certainly is not a pretty name, though very appropriate, for it is applied to the boys and girls who scrounge the streets in search of half-burnt cigars and stumps, which are dried and then sold to be used in making cigarettes.

But this isn't all, not even the worst of it. These cigarettes have been analyzed, and physicians and chemists are surprised to find how much opium is put into them. A tobaccoist himself says that "the extent to which drugs are used in cigarettes is appalling." "Havana flavoring" for this same purpose is sold everywhere by the thousand barrels. This flavoring is made from the tonka-bean; which contains a deadly poison. The wrappers, warranted to be rice paper, are sometimes made out of common paper, and sometimes out of the filthy scrapings of the rag pickers, bleached white with arsenic. What a cheat to be practiced on people!

Think of it, boys! The next time you take up a cigarette, drop it as you would a coal of fire. The latter would simply burn your fingers; but this burns up good health, good resolutions, good manners, good memories, good faculties, and often honesty and truthfulness as well.

A bright boy of thirteen came under the spell of cigarettes. He grew stupid, and subject to nervous twitching, till finally he was obliged to give up his studies. When asked why he didn't throw away his miserable cigarettes, the poor boy, with tears, replied that he had often tried to do so, but could not.

Another boy of eleven was made crazy by cigarette smoking, and was taken to an insane asylum in Orange county, New York. He was a violent and dangerous maniac, exhibiting some of the symptoms peculiar to hydrophobia.

The white spots on the tongue and inside the cheeks, called smoker's patches, are thought by Sir Morrell Mackenzie to be more common with users of cigarettes than with other smokers.

"Does cigarette smoking injure the lungs?" asked some one of a leading New York physician. For his answer the doctor lighted a cigarette, and inhaling a mouthful of smoke, blew it through the corner of his handkerchief which he held tightly over his mouth. A dark brown stain was distinctly visible. "Just such a stain," said the doctor, "is left upon the lungs." If you ever smoke another cigarette, think of the stains you are making.

The Dispensary Figures.

Have any of our readers tried to comprehend the array of figures given by the State dispenser at his last quarterly report? We confess that we were dismayed by the formidable document and have not attempted to grapple with it in detail; but being encouraged by the remark of our Columbia correspondent that "the most satisfaction is to be had from the general recapitulation," we have faithfully studied the "recapitulation," and have not yet finally determined whether the correspondent was in jest or in earnest. The "recapitulation" begins with the following remarkable statement of credits and liabilities. The heading "credits" does not appear in the report, but it is evidently to be understood:

CREDITS	
Nov. 1, stock on hand	\$ 39,831.43
Machinery and office furniture	2,589.97
Amount due by dispensers	82,953.50
Revenue tax advanced distillers	10,336.24
Cash in State treasury	7,514.55
Feb. 1894—stock on hand	
Feb. 1, (new)	15,927.59
Amount due by dispensers and others	101,481.87
Cash in State treasury	19,713.11
	\$280,347.27
LIABILITIES.	
Feb. 1, 1894, appropriation	\$ 50,000.00
Bills payable November 1	61,027.53
Bills payable Feb. 1	69,985.58
Amount to balance	99,337.16
Total	\$180,347.27
Profits to February 1	99,337.16

The first matter of remark as to the assets is that we find "cash in State treasury;" November 1st, 1893, and "cash in State treasury" February 1st, 1894, added together as part

of the assets. Now if the dispenser had \$7,514.15 cash in the State treasury on November 1st, 1893, and only \$19,713.11 cash in the State treasury on February 1st, 1894, either the former sum is part of the latter, or it had been expended, and in either case the two should not be added together to swell the amount of assets. We come to the conclusion, therefore, that what Mr. Traxler means is that up to November 1st, 1893, he had paid into the State treasury \$7,514.55, and that from that date to February 1st, 1894 he had paid in an additional \$19,713.11.

Another discrepancy, however, is not so easily explainable. We find among the assets, or credits \$39,831.43, and "stock on hand (new) February 1, 1894, \$15,926.60." The latter item is all right, but how about the former? Has none of the stock on hand on November 1, 1893, been disposed of? It was a good credit November 1, 1893, but surely it can not all be there now?

The same difficulty confronts us with regard to the amounts due by dispensers. We find stated as assets November 1, 1893 amount due by dispensers, \$82,953.56, and again February 1, 1894, "amounts due by dispensers and others, \$101,481.87," and these are added together as if the dispensers now owe the State \$184,435.37. Can it be possible that the dispensers have paid up nothing of their indebtedness since November 1, 1893? If they have, then the whole of their indebtedness can not stand now as a credit for the State dispensary.—Johnston Monitor.

Mrs. Virginia D. Young, of South Carolina, was in attendance upon the recent woman's suffrage convention in Washington, and read a paper dealing with the condition of women in South Carolina, in which she declared that women would vote ere long in this State. This is only Mrs. Young's opinion, to which she is entitled beyond any question, and it must be founded upon the fact that two or three legislators have signified their desire to confer suffrage upon the other sex. Certainly, if it were left to the women themselves, Mrs. Young would be found in a hopeless minority.—Greenville Mountaineer.

He Left It.

"Did you ever find anything of value, Uncle Sy?" I asked after telling him about finding a pearl ring that morning.

"Yeh, sah; I foun' a pus once, wid ten dollars in it."

"Did you? Well what did you do with it—you didn't keep it, of course?" "Yeh, sah; I did that berry ting. I's strictly honest; I would'n't take no man's pus. I lef' it where he could git it; but I took de money out fast. You see, he done los' de money—'twarn't his'n no mo. I dooe fin' it; it was my money den. But de pus was his'n, 'n' long as I live I ain't gwine to take no man's pus."

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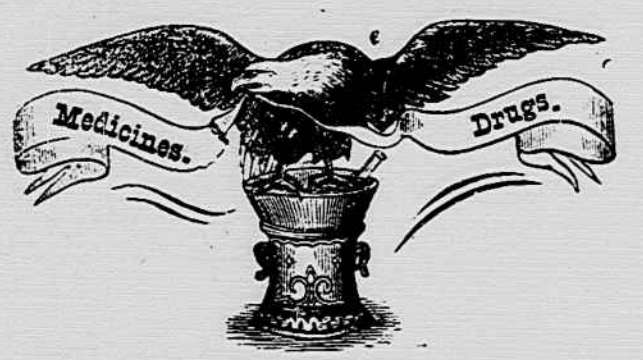
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