

## SKUNK-WEED; OR, SMOKING CHIMNEYS.

Skunk-weed is the botanical term for tobacco. The tobacco habit or tobacco disease is a foul, disgusting and degrading practice. It makes of its devotees victims physically, mentally and commercially. It helps to make the tobacco trust richer and the common people poorer. It causes the people to "pass their time" getting "tobacco hearts," paving the way, by lowering vitality, for various diseases.

The writer does not believe it is good breeding for grown human beings to parade around as though they were walking "smoking chimneys." Every man and woman is too valuable to the community, dependents and self to be permitted continuous self-abuses with this skunk-weed without a word of advice and warning from those who are fortunate in knowing the truth.

This article (as all other articles written by the author) contains no flattery nor camouflage. It tells the naked truth. The people, especially the common people, are flattered too much and then robbed later on. Flattery blinds, and I refuse to flatter you. The truth shall be written, no matter "whose corns are stepped on."

From a wonderful article, "The Tobacco Skunk and His Depredations," by J. W. Hodge, M. D., in "The Natureopath," I quote: "So utterly odious and repulsive is this vile practice to the normal instincts of both man and beast that the former is at first made deathly sick by it, while the latter instinctively refuses to adopt it. Of the entire animal kingdom, the male animal of the genus homo seems to be about the only animal on this mundane sphere who is addicted to this filthy and degrading practice."

"I have failed to find on record a single instance of a member of the brute creation having become addicted to the tobacco habit. Not even a hog nor pole cat has been known to descend to the filthy, unnatural and injurious practice of habitually doping himself with this stinking narcotic poison commonly known as tobacco."

If the ladies of the land had a voice in the enactment of laws, as they should have and eventually will have, this filthy tobacco habit would probably be made to constitute statutory grounds for divorce proceedings.

It is a deplorable fact that the medical men themselves, who know something of the baneful effects which are sure to result from the habitual use of tobacco, are themselves, as a class, largely addicted to this pernicious and slavish habit.

Another spectacle of gross incinsistency on the part of professional men is found among the clergy. It is no uncommon occurrence that a clergyman is seen upon the public street with a lighted cigar protruding from his jaws, while he passionately sucks the nasty weed and recklessly puffs his mephitic clouds of tobacco smoke into the faces of ladies and children as they pass him on the crowded thoroughfare. If there is any truth in their contention that "cleanliness is next to Godliness," will some of them kindly inform us as to just where in the scheme of Godliness the stinking tobacco practice comes in?

The conspicuous notices posted up in railway waiting rooms, cars, steamboats, restaurants and other public places to protect people from smoke and tobacco spittle convey the severe reproof to all who use tobacco.

In public assemblages, including the lodge, society or union meetings, you will not fail to be "impressed" (sometimes suppressed) with this nasty weed.

Million of hard-earned dollars of the poor working class are annually burned up to supply the poisonous dope for this unnatural indulgence. — Machinists' Monthly Journal.

## ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION INSTANTANEOUS.

When it comes to the matter of advocating entire sanctification as an instantaneous divine act, there are many among us who hesitate a little. They want to give the Lord more time to complete the work. The holiness teachers and evangelists must not compromise or even hesitate in proclaiming instantaneous, entire sanctification. If they do, the cause is staggered and so is their own experience. Let us not falter but advocate fearlessly and uncompromisingly instantaneous sanctification by faith, for it is both reasonable and scriptural. The late Dr. William Jones, one of the most princely preachers of the National Association, most clearly summed up the matter thus, "Sin is an instantaneous act, and the moral consequences follow the overt act. Complete salvation is an instantaneous act wrought in the soul, and its various experiences do correspond with that operation. Guilt is an instantaneous result following actual sin. Peace is an instantaneous result of actual pardon. Spiritual death was an instantaneous result of sin. Spiritual life is a conscious experience, is an instantaneous result of positive regeneration. The corruption of the soul as a result of sin was an instantaneous experience. Hence the sanctification of the soul, which is the cleansing away of this inherited defilement, by the Holy Ghost, must be a work in which there is no perceptible succession."—Christian Witness.

"When you give your old clothes to the poor, don't cut off the buttons, lace and braid."

"Spiritual force is one thing. Human fuss is another. Keep the distinction clearly before you in the revival crusade."

This I saw, that when a soul loves God with a supreme love, God's interests and his become one.—Bunyan.

"It is not Christ's method of measurement to measure the 'success' of a preacher or a church with a dollar yardstick, and to foot up 'results' like a book-keeper's column of figures. The Master counts converts and not coin."

"The bizarre titles for sermons and promises of 'attractions' at Sunday night services that appear in the secular press, as ingeniously set forth as those of the theatrical column, discredit the pulpit and dishonor the gospel of Christ."

## A TONGUE MOVEMENT NOT GREATLY COVETED.

King Lemuel in Proverbs 31, gives a tongue movement not greatly coveted in these days. He says of the virtuous woman, "in her tongue is the law of kindness." A law is something fixed and regular in its workings. It is not spasmodic or by fits and starts. There are people who have kindness in their tongues by spells—when they feel well or there is nothing to try their patience, but it is not a fixed law. The reason for this is, they have not got their regulator adjusted. The regulator of the tongue is the heart. Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh," said Jesus. "Keep thy heart with all diligence," said Solomon, "for out of it are the issues of life." We know of people who desire the gift of tongues—to speak the unknown language that needs an interpreter. But the tongue that has in it the law of kindness needs no interpreter. All can understand it and it will go further in saving men than all the so-called marvelous gifts of tongues, and it is a more evident proof that we have the blessing of entire sanctification. The world needs this kind of a tongue more than any other.—Christian Witness.

## LIFE'S MIRROR.

There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,

There are souls that are pure and true;  
If you give to the world the best you have  
The best will come back to you.

Give love, and love to your heart will flow,  
A strength in your utmost need;  
Have faith, and a score of hearts will show  
Their faith in your word and deed.

Give truth, and your gift will be paid in kind.

And honor will honor meet;  
And a smile that is sweet will surely find  
A smile that is just as sweet.

Give pity and sorrow to those that mourn;  
You will gather in flowers again  
The scattered seed from your thought out-borne,  
Though the sowing seemed but in vain.

For life is the mirror of king and slave,  
'Tis just what you are and do.  
Then give to the world the best you have,  
And the best will come back to you.  
—Selected.

## SERMONIC (?) LITERATURE.

While much is being said against the flood of trashy fiction put out nowadays, I have wondered why more have not cried out against some of the literature under the title of sermons.

Camouflaged in their paper covers, upon which it is declared that they are "sane, compelling, original, gripping, brilliant and eloquent," upon opening some of them one finds stories, long-drawn-out anecdotes, verses and padding.

A cartload of some of such "sermons" would hardly, it would seem, enlighten one poor, inquiring sinner as to the plan of salvation. Oh, the pathos of it!—In "Herald and Presbyterian."