

FIVE MASTER EVILS

I. *The CIGARETTE.*

The first master evil of which I shall speak is one that is not considered by a large part of our community as an evil at all. It is the innocent-looking, little *cigarette*.

In placing the cigarette in the category of vices, I fully appreciate the fact that, by the unthinking, the uninformed and the selfish, I shall be denominated an "intolerant," a "fanatic," a "Puritan," a "molly-coddle" or "the limit." I care not what I may be called so long as I am able to persuade some of our young people to accept and to act upon the scientific statement that the cigarette is one of the most insidious and deadly evils of the day; that it blights and blasts health and morals, arrests development, deadens the thinking faculties and makes successful achievement impossible.

Dr. D. H. Kriss, a physician who has made a special study of the cigarette evil, declares that it is as great a national menace as alcohol has ever been.

A writer in *Harper's Weekly* says: "Cigarettes are not mere rolls of tobacco. They are not drugged with expensive poisons as charged, but they have a peculiarity. The combination of burning paper and tobacco makes a compound which is neither tobacco smoke nor paper smoke,