

not mothers in fault?(a) God is a sun, a shield, a refuge, a rock of defence, a deliverer., There is no safety from the serpent—the fell destroyer, but in God.

Seek, then, *first*, the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Never, *never*, mothers, as you regard priceless virtue, the value of the soul: *never* allow your daughters to associate with young men with whose characters you are unacquainted—to be gallanted by them: 'lest thou give thy honour to others, and thy years to the cruel: and thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed.' *Beware of the serpent!—Golden Rule.*

JUVENILE SMOKERS.

Who can see a group of boys six or eight years old in our streets smoking cigars, without anticipating such a deprecation of our posterity in health and character as can scarcely be contemplated, even at this distance, without pain and horror.—DR. RUSH.

We have more to say to those boys, and we say it not in anger but in love. Will they listen? Alexis, go again and tell them they should not smoke, because smoking is injurious to the health. Such is the testimony of medical men, and among them are many of the wisest and the best. Every child has heard of the great Dr. Rush—good, kind and benevolent as well as great. Listen to his testimony—'Tobacco, even when used in moderation, may cause dyspepsia, headache, tremors and vertigo.' That tobacco, in any form, is a slow poison working its deleterious effects upon the system, is proved by all experience. But you say you feel quite well, and it has done you no harm. So says the brandy drinker—he says he drinks because it does him good: and in both cases the poison is so insidious that its victim is ripe for the grave, and ready to fall, before he is conscious that a work of death is commenced. But you have seen aged men who have been all their lives addicted to its use. It is true some have escaped its ravages; but you have seen such persons a polluted mass of animal matter, lethargic, wheezing, coughing and offensive; and because some have escaped with their lives through all its bad tendencies, will you run the dreadful risk, merely because you love it? Remember it is a vitiated and artful taste of which men alone is capable. The instinct of brutes ever prompts them to reject the vile and nauseous weed. Reason was given to man as a guide and even boys ought to use it.

"Great men and green worms will use their tobacco,
But, ne'er his pig, nor his wife, ah! alack, O!"

(a) Some parents seem totally blind to these stratagems of Satan, the coiled serpent! even manifest a degree of pleasure on witnessing the attentions paid to their daughters, by gay, foppish, licentious young men! "Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler."