

CIGARETTE SMOKING.

The local representative of a large Southern tobacco house, in New York, speaks as follows regarding the poisonous character of cigarettes. He says in answer to the question, Are cigarettes very injurious? "The amount of drugs used in doctoring them is appalling. There is a certain kind of cigarette, regarded as one of the most salable in the market, in which enervating drugs are used to a frightful extent. Millions of these cigarettes are sold annually. One house in New York sells, on an average, 5,000,000 a day; and the profits of the proprietor of the brand are said to be a third of a million dollars a year. Valerian and a tincture of opium are extensively used in the manufacture of the cigarettes. The tobacco, which is a Virginia production and naturally of straw colour, is rendered dark, soggy, and greasy by the process to which it is subjected. An experienced tobacconist can detect the presence of valerian by the smell. The drug imparts a sweet, soothing effect, that in a little time obtains a fascinating control over the smoker. The more cigarettes he smokes, the more he desires to smoke, just as in the case with one who uses opium. The desire grows into a passion. The smoker becomes a slave to the enervating habit. To the insidious effect of the drugs is attributed the very success with which the particular brand has met. Unfortunately, that success has caused an army of imitators to spring up; and nearly every day some new brand is placed on the market. By the use of drugs it is possible to make a very inferior quality of drugs pleasant. They are put on the market at such a price that the poorest can easily procure them, and boys go in swarms for them. The 'Havana flavoring' is made from the tongue bean, which has become quite an article of commerce, and is extensively used in the manufacture of cigarettes. There are three sorts of paper wrappers in common use, made respectively from cotton and linen rags, and from rice straw. Cotton paper is made chiefly in Trieste, Austria, and the linen and rice paper in Paris. The first, manufactured from the filthy scrapings of rag-pickers, is bought in large quantities by the manufacturers, who turn it into a pulp, and subject it to a bleaching process to make it presentable. The lime and other substances used in bleaching

have a very harmful influence upon the membrane of the throat and nose. Cotton paper is so cheap that a thousand cigarettes can be wrapped at a cost of only two cents. Rice paper is rather expensive. Tobacconized paper is manufactured. It is common paper saturated with tobacco in such a way as to imitate the veins of the tobacco leaf very neatly. It is used in making all-tobacco cigarettes. Arsenical preparations are also used in bleaching cigarette paper, and oil of creosote is produced naturally as a consequence of combustion. The latter is very injurious to the throat and lungs, and is said to accelerate the development of consumption in any one predisposed to the disease."—*The Independent*.

THE BIBLE ON BUSINESS.

Buy the truth and sell it not.

He that is surety for a stranger shall smart for it.

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.

But where shall wisdom be found? It cannot be gotten for gold.

The rich and poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all.

In all labour there is profit, but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.

He that loveth wine shall not be rich. Who hath woe? They that see mixed wine.

The prosperity of fools shall destroy them, but whose hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely.

He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand, but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, for the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver.

There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet but it tendeth to poverty.

A perfect and just measure shalt thou have, that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Though he (the unjust man) heap up silver as the dust and prepare it, but the just shall put it on, and the innocent shall divide the silver.

Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in mete-yard, in weight or in measure, just balances, just weights a just ephah (a dry measure) and a just hin (a liquid measure) shall ye have.