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ON TOBACCO SMOKING.

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THE late "whiskey war" waged in the United States by some earnest women who had doubtless suffered either in their own families, or had seen much suffering among their friends, caused by that terrible foe to human happiness, drinking, has tempted me to reflect that a great deal which has been so justly urged against the drinking habits of men and women might also be urged against a vice nearly entirely confined to the male sex, tobacco smoking.

I do not mean, of course, for a moment to say that I have seen anything like the same amount of acute and chronic disease, or so many deaths, which could be set down to smoking as I have witnessed from the deplorable habits of intemperance, which seem now so diffused throughout society, and which, I agree with Dr. Murchison, in a recent lecture delivered at the College of Physicians in London, have been not a little brought into vogue by some medical fashions in England and Ireland with regard to treatment.