

milky or depositing a sediment, terra alba, or some equally harmful adulteration has been used.

The above experiment will not, however, be necessary to convince any one that confectionery is largely adulterated, for it is only necessary to go the large wholesalers and ask their prices, which they will quote for both the pure and impure article.

Street Smoking.

AS a man a right to do as he pleases, even on his own ground? Only within severe limits. We have no right to insist that another shall live according to our rules of life; but we may demand that he shall live so as not to crowd us, or restrict our comforts. If the man next door swallows pebbles with his dinner, or keeps a poodle which shares his bed, we may think him in one case a fool, and in the other a disgusting person; but he does not trench upon our comforts and we have no business to complain. But if he may hammer on the piano all night, or may have a boisterous party, or may keep an agonized dog, why may he not have a steam-whistle or a horse-fiddle? and if he may send clouds of tobacco smoke into our parlor windows, why may he not carry on the business of bone-boiling in his back yard? The difference is only in the degrees of discomfort, not in the fact of violating personal rights. It is more objectionable to have a knife thrust into you than to have your nose pulled, to be sure; but a man has exactly as much *right* to do one as the other.

Carry the same reasoning into the matter of street behaviour. Boston once, we remember, forbade smoking in the street, though the law has now slipped into disuetude. It was puritanically tyrannical? Scarcely; for if it restricted the freedom of smokers, it also gave as much to the non-smokers—the privilege of being unmolested in public places. The street is not a private smoking-room. One man has no more *right* to void tobacco smoke into the face of another than he has to void his saliva. If he has; why, in the name of sense? Because the smoke is the less disagreeable? That is a matter for individual preference; and beside, a man has no right to do the least disagreeable thing. Why may not a man appear on the street with a long stick strapped horizontally across his back, or with an open package of asafœtida in his pocket, or carrying a pole-