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Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes says that "smoking is liable to injure the sight, to render the nerves unsteady, to enfeeble the will and to enslave the nature to an imperious habit likely to stand in the way of a duty to be performed."

HOME LIFE IN INDIA IN THE RAINY SEASON.

The rainy season has come again, and how surprised you would be at the curious and numerous living things that are at home in our house. The most troublesome ones are the flying ants, called *etiales*, pronounced *easles*, which come in swarms as soon as the lamps are lighted. They are so disgusting, for they drop their four thin wings very soon, and they fly in our faces and crawl on our necks. The only relief from them is to set a large wash-bowl of water on the table where the lamps are. Soon there are more *easles* than you can count drowned in the water: Mosquitoes are thick and vicious. Frogs, nice, big, fat ones with heavy bass voices, croak in our best rooms. Muskrats get into our bureau drawers, scenting everything so strong that we can scarcely breathe. Lizards glare and wink at you from the walls, even from the tables, and bats have game after game of "catcher." It is wonderful how soon one becomes indifferent to all these things. I shall miss the funny lizards when I come home again. — *Cumberland Post.*

PROVOKE NOT.

How do parents provoke their children? By unreasonable commands, by perpetual restriction, by capricious jerks at the bridle, alternating with as capricious dropping of the reins altogether, by not governing their own tempers, by shrill or stern tones were quiet, soft ones would do, by frequent checks and rebukes, and sparing praise. And what is sure to follow such mistreatment by father or mother? Bursts of temper, for which the child is punished and the parent is guilty, and then spiritless listlessness and apathy. "I cannot please him whatever I do," leads to a rankling sense of injustice, and then to recklessness—"it is useless to try any more." And when a child or a man loses heart, there will be no more obedience. Many a parent, especially many a father, drives his child into evil by keeping him at a distance. He should make his boy a companion and playmate, teach him to think of his father as his confidant, try to keep his child nearer to himself than to anybody else, and then his authority will be absolute; his opinions an oracle, and his slightest wish a law. — *Dr. Alexander Macaren*