

“Does tobacco **cause cancer**? This question has been disputed, when answered in the affirmative, largely because among the vast number of smokers in the world so few of them have **cancer**. Yet in English statistics it has been shown that out of seventy-eight cases of **cancer** of the mouth treated in a **cancer** hospital only ten cases were those of women. Taking this showing, and the fact that a wound of any kind on a person disposed to **cancer** may produce the disease, it is not too much to suspect that the pressure of a hard pipestem on the lip, with the consequent irritation of nicotine, may be the direct **cause**.

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