

OUR BIG TOBACCO BILL.

AMONG the notable utterances of the late Dr. Parker, London's famous preacher, which have been recalled since his death is one that has disturbed the British public a little bit by reason of its fierce denunciation of the **smoking** habit. London recalls with a sigh that Spurgeon used to smoke, and wonders why Parker could not have been tolerant to a custom with which so many distinguished clergymen conform.

The sum and substance of the doctor's most famous declaration against **smoking** runs thus: "I hate **smoking**. From one end to the other it is a nuisance. It ends in **cancer**, apoplexy, bad temper, bankruptcy and almost in hydrophobia. It is an invention of the devil. It is the devil. It is the pastime of perdition. No dog smokes. No bird pines of tobacco. No horse is a member of a pipe club. No intelligent person ever puts a cigar in his mouth. The whole idea and practice of **smoking** must be condemned as atheistical, agnostical and infinitely detestable."