

Work for Chimny-sweepers:  
OR  
A warning for Tabacconists.

Describing the pernicious  
use of *Tabacco*, no lesse plea-  
sant then profitable for all sorts  
to reade.

*Fumus patria, Igne alieno Luculentior.*

As much to say,

Better be chokt with English hemp,  
then poisoned with Indian Tabacco.



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In his dissertation "Work for Chimney Sweepers," Philaretus theorizes about the effects of daily use of tobacco: "Tobacco works by evaporating man's 'unctuous and radical moistures' - as was demonstrated in the fact that it was employed to cure gonorrhoea by drying up the discharge. But this process, if too long continued, could only end by drying up 'spermatical humidity,' too, rendering him incapable of propagation. Experience also showed that tobacco left men in a state of depression, 'mopishness and sottishness,' which in the long run must damage memory, imagination and understanding."

For the dislike that I have conceived in the use and practise of Tobacco, I take it to be grounded on eight principall reasons and arguments.

1. First, that in their use or custome, no methode or order is observed. Diversitie and distinction of persons, tymes and seasons considered, no varietie of accidents and diseases pondered.
2. Secondly, for that it is in qualitie and complexion more hot and drye then may be conveniently used dayly of any man: much lesse of the hot and cholericque constitution.
3. Thirdly, for that it is experimented and tried to be a most strong and violent purge.
4. Fourthly, for that it withereth and drieth up naturall moisture in our bodies, therby causing sterilitie and barrenesse: In which respect it seemeth an enemy to the continuance and propagation of mankinde.
5. Fifthly, for that it decayeth and dissipateh naturall heate, that kindly warmesth in us, and thereby is cause of crudities and rewmes, occasions of infinit maladies.
6. Sixtly, for that this herb or rather weed, seemeth not voide of venome and poison, and thereby seemeth an enemy to the lyfe of man.
7. Seventhly, for that the first author and finder hereof was the Divell, and the first practicers of the fame were the Divells Priests, and therefore not to be used of us Christians.
8. Last of all, because it is a great augmentor of all sorts of melancholie in our bodies, a humor fit to prepare our bodies to receive the prestigations and hellish illusions and impressions of the Divell himselfe: in so much that many Phisitions and learned men doe hold this humour to be the verie seate of the Divell in bodies possessed

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