

**BAD EFFECTS OF TOBACCO.**

A good many years ago Germany found out that many of her boys were too stunted and short to serve in the army, and it was discovered that the use of tobacco when boys were young stunted their growth. Germany then made a law that no person under 16 years of age should smoke or chew in any public street or resort, any tobacco in any form. Then a fine was set for breaking this law.

Thirty years ago the Emperor of France found that the French people were going insane from the use of tobacco, and that the scholars in the national schools and institutions who used tobacco fell below in scholarship those who did not. Therefore its use was forbidden. So you see the United States is behind some other nations in taking care of its boys. Now however, the government forbids the use of tobacco in all its naval and military schools, because it causes weak hearts, color blindness, unsteady hands, irritability, dyspepsia, loss of memory and power to study.

The President of Stanford University, California, tells us what he thinks about using cigarettes. He says that his experience with it is rather limited because boys who begin cigarettes before they are fifteen years old drop out very early, they are like wormy apples, and drop off long before harvest, and that few of them ever advance far enough to enter college. He also says: "There is one grim argument to be made for the use of cigarettes by boys, it helps the survival of the fittest. The manly boy does not take to such things."

Four hundred years ago no civilized nation used tobacco. Columbus found that the naked savages on the island of Cuba used tobacco to produce insensibility and it was first carried to Spain as a medicine, but the habit of using it like the savages began to spread. Think of that boys! The habit was learned of the savages.

They would roll up tobacco leaves and smoke till they fell down drunk with the poison.—Glen Mills Daily.

**THE RICH CHEROKEES.**

The reports of the Dawes Commission and the attorneys of the Cherokee Nation show that there are about 4,420,070.13 acres of land subject to allotment in the Cherokee Nation. From this must be deducted reservations of one acre for each country school, for cemeteries, and small reservations for mission schools and new towns along railroads. The allottable land is valued at \$13,133,000. There is now being allotted to each citizen \$325.60 worth of this land. The rolls show that there will be 40,000 Cherokees on the final rolls. The per capita share of each, not deducting the reservations above mentioned, would be \$328.32, leaving a surplus of \$2.72 in land due each citizen.

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