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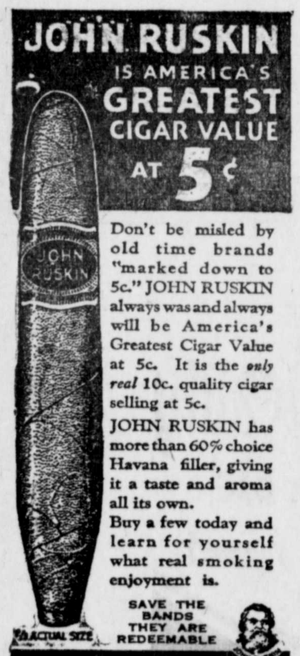
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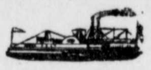
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ABOUT TOBACCO
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Whenever a man reaches the overripe age of ninety he is asked for an interview on how and why, in his opinion, he lived so long. Old Uncle Ebenezer will say that it is because he "never touched tobacco." The following week, Grandpa Snodgrass—another nonagenarian—comes out with a statement, between puffs at his pipe, that he's "been smoking since he was eleven years old." It's the old story of the personal equation.

Tobaco has had some bitter enemies, and most of the warfare has been waged against the cigarette, whose strongest opponent was Lucy Page Gaston. She never said much against pipes and cigars but concerned her efforts against the cigarette—not knowing that, despite popular belief, the latter are the least harmful of the three. And while I am on the cigarette, let me say that all the talk about the paper being the harmful part is pure nonsense.

Inhaling Harmful

The harmful effect of smoking consistes in the inhaling of nicotine. And the amount of nicotine the smoker gets depends, not on the kind of tobacco, but the manner in which he uses it. During the burning of tobacco—let us say, of a cigar—there is behind the seat of combustion a moist area in which the water and volatile substances are condensed and drawn into the mouth with the smoke. Inasmuch as there is enough nicotine in the average cigar to kill an ordinary man it is evident that only a fraction of this is inhaled, the remainder being destroyed by the process of combustion.

Obviously, then, the larger this moist area of condensation, the more nicotine wil be volatilized and inhaled. It follows that cigarettes and panatellas are the least injurious, while thick cigars and pipes are the most harmful. Also, the longer a cigar is smoked the more harmful it becomes, because of the increased amount of moisture. Every smoker knows that a thin cigar is not as "strong" as a thick one, and that the first two-thirds of a cigar are milder than the last one-third.

As for pipes, the long-stemmed kind are preferable to the short-stemmed, because when the smoke passes through a long steam it is cooled and the volatile substances are deposited along the lining of the stem. In the short-stemmed pipe the smoke is still hot when it enters the mouth, and all the volatile substances are inhaled.

The time of day one uses tobacco has considerable bearing on its effects. Thus, smoking a cigarette before breakfast is as injurious as are three "pills" afterward. Smoking "on an empty stomach" is more injurious than it is after a full meal. Smoking between courses at dinner is bad. It retards digestion.

The use of tobacco is, however, harmful to anybody, man or woman, whether used moderately or excessively. The harm is, naturally, like everything else, a matter of degree. Some suffer less ill effect than others.

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GALENA

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Reed, of Wilmington, Del., spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston.

Mr. Happy Cochran, of Wilmington, Del., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Cochran.

Miss Ethelie Prettyman, of Baltimore, spent a few days this week with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Prettyman.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Craddock and family, of Philadelphia, spent last week end with her mother, Mrs. Josephine Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Mitchell and son, of Waynesboro, Pa., spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Vansant.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Caldwell, Mrs. James Caldwell spent last Sunday with Mrs. Walter Gale.

Mrs. Joseph Nicolls and family, of Baltimore, Md., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Biggs and son Billy, of Philadelphia, Pa, spent last Thursday with Mrs. Annie Biggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard McCauley, of Washington, D. C., spent the holidays with their aunt, Mrs. Linda Walls.

Misses Eva and Mary McCauley, of Philadelphia, Pa., spent last week end with their mother, Mrs. Eva McCauley.

Dr. Earle Gilfillan and family and Miss Marian Pennington, spent a few days this week at the Gilfillan cottage, at Crystal Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jarman and family, of Towson, Md., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Jarman.

WORTON

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wolf and daughters, Jane and Louise, of Baltimore, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Rash and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Matthews over the Fourth.

Mr. Lawrence Lee, of Wilmington, and Miss Betty Grant, of Newark, visited Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lee over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Carter, of Wilmington, spent the holiday with his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Rash.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Starr and children, of Pomona, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hadaway.

Miss Clara Matthews with friends from Chestertown, spent the Fourth at Rehobeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Korycki, of Baltimore, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Duyer.

Mrs. John Ashley and children, of Centreville and Mrs. George Ashley, of Rock Hall, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lee.

Robert Wallis, of Middletown, is spending some time with Geo. Rasin, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Winkler, of Philadelphia, were the guests of their sons here over the week end.

Miss Helen Link, of Baltimore, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crew, of North East, are visiting her mother, Mrs. Blanche Loller.

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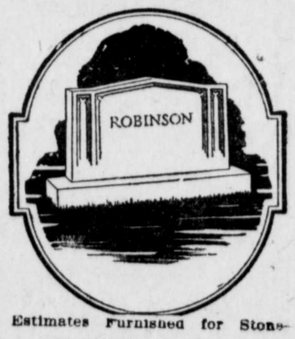
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