

**SAM JONES TOBACCO DRUNK.**

*His Opinion of a Tobacco Crank, and a Tobacco Crank's Opinion of him.*

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Text: All anti-tobacco people are families and friends, and the devil has mounted them on a cigar and a chew tobacco, and is kickin' 'em around.

Sam Jones was shamed into quitting tobacco at Chicago, but, "As the dog is forced to his own vomit again; and then sow that was won't eat it, so he is returned to that old 'Pit,' so he has returned to the personal deficiency of tobacco, and seeks to escape the odium of apostasy by uttering the text above."

On July 16, 1874, an hour in the presence of Sam Jones at Kirkville, Mo., with a few clerical friends. All were anti-tobacco men, but were respectively quiet as to "the fifth column." No, so we are Jones, and a man who uses as excuse for using tobacco that "he takes it as an antidote for fanaticism, and never smokes a crat that was not an anti-slavery man." Then he said: "All anti-tobacco people are fanatics, hypocrites, and the devil has them mounted on a cigar and chew tobacco, and is kickin' 'em around."

After supper he smoked a cigar, his plan of smoke going equal with the fact of his being in a position to avoid the flames of his "comforter."

His course on that occasion was and is the inspiration of this article.

It was while sojourning over at the Kirkville Hotel that Sam Jones was using tobacco. A lady guest said to me: "As I passed the open door of room 1, I looked in and saw that all that was only dimly visible. The smoke was thick enough to slice." Yet in that cloud of smoke he was preparing a temperance lecture.

Alcoholic drunkenness is produced by wine, beer, gin, rum, brandy and whiskey. Opium drunkenness by opium taken internally or injected in the blood. Tobacco drunkenness by smoking tobacco, especially the latter vice of women, mainly in the South. However consumed, tobacco sufficiently used produces drunkenness. It intoxicates the mental faculties and the body.

It is not calamitous to its victims and their families as that of opium or whiskey, yet there is not a conscientious, truth telling victim that does not lament its enabling him to do things he ought not to do, and one who does not so confess and lament his no conscience and the truth is not in him.

Some liquor dealers are really alcoholics. They use liquor as though it were medicine, and attain to the point of intoxication; but they are few, and moderate drinking is dangerous. Some tobacco consumers use it in moderation, and some are drunkards, while others, like Sam Jones, are to a man tobacco drunkards.

Sam Jones is one of the latter, and he is the most conspicuous tobacco drunkard in the United States, because his fame is chaste. He tried to quit, but failed and shamefully relapsed, and is now the eyes of the country on him.

A hard shell preacher, who looks his bitters was called to account for taking too much. His defense was, "Brother, I'm a bitter, but I think for the fealin' it gives me." When Sam Jones was asked, "Why do you chew tobacco?" he replied: "To get the juice out of it," but from his lips he took it also because "he likes the taste" of it, for "the good feelin'" it gives him, and because it got the mastery over him and he has lost the mastery over it.

He is a hopeless, helpless tobacco drunkard, playing the hero before a laughing, applauding world, who laugh and applaud just as they would the tongue performers of a clown in a circus, if they were the clown.

He preaches a gospel of self-delusion for others, but yields without stint to the demands of a depraved appetite for tobacco, and thus makes himself a pest to Christian and antebellum circles into which his calling and his fame introduce him. He will take for a text: "If any man will come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily." The first half of this he does well, the second half he fails to comprehend.

In a room he has filled with tobacco juice and befouled with tobacco smoke, and with pipe stem, cigar or squid in his mouth study wit, sarcasm, irony, invective and derision, and make out a speech about his soul in the sanctuary against which he has no inclination for with a tongue whose every pore is filled with the evidence that he has not only not denied himself, but has taken up his cross daily, and is still far from the nail to side of his deified mouth, but has, to the fullest extent in that line, "sown to the wind the fruit of the spirit."

In starting contact with St. Paul's concessionaries, he is told that there was that day, June 1, when Paul's numberless women had had about progressive eichie, whiskey or lager beer. In all his travels, among Jews, Greeks and barbarians in Asia, Europe, Africa and America, he found neither.

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If I had the space I could arrange some of the tobacco drunken crew of the country in a fearful bill of fare.

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The only drunkenness men in the Bible was that of the wife of Paul, who was a drunkard, who did not progress in her sins, either whiskey, beer or lager beer. In all his travels, among Jews, Greeks and barbarians in Asia, Europe, Africa and America, he found neither.

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The better portion of humanity are the women, as women in all walks of life, are a few exceptions, old women with their pipes, and a few bearded and dissolute younger ones with their dipping arrangements, are opposed to tobacco. With many exceptions, the Christians and Protestants—with conscientious scruples against tobacco, it is amazing that any preacher of Christianity can fail to perceive that it is an abomination to him, and that he must, to satisfy his scruples, not to the church of God in anything that occasions reproach, and yet in the master of tobacco drunkenness. Yet such an exhorter under the dominion of the devil, fails to stir the devils of the world.

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