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Every parent who has boys growing up must meet, sooner or later, the great question of smoking. Stern and uncompromising repression of the cigar and cigarette will not usually solve the problem, but only postpone it. There are probably half a million boys smoking to day in the United States who have been forbidden to do so by parents or teachers; but they smoke, and the practice is bad particularly in boys under eighteen. The parents who succeed in bestowing upon their sons the priceless boon of freedom from lowering habits do so by winning their confidence, enlightening their minds, and developing in them the principle of obedience. Some exercise of authority may be necessary, but that authority needs to be supplemented by knowledge and conscience. Let a boy see clearly why he should not smoke, and the parent has half won the victory.

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