

It is estimated that one man in every five uses tobacco in some form or other. The soothing influence of the weed on the nerves has been made the subject of many newspaper articles. The habit of smoking has also been the subject of numerous discussions as to its injurious effect on the health of those who indulge in it freely. But notwithstanding the numerous discussions and the appalling effects pictured of its terribly deteriorating influence, lovers of smoking will continue to invest their small change in tobacco only to see it vanish in delicate wreaths of smoke, while it gratifies a taste strongly formed. It is still a question as to whether smoking has any effect whatever on the possible longevity of man. A centenarian will die and his unusual longevity will be recorded by the press, together with a statement of his personal habits and appearance. If he had been a continuous smoker, then the advocates of smoking will immediately cite his longevity in support of their theory that smoking prolongs life. On the other hand, if a centenarian's death is recorded, and the fact mentioned that he never used tobacco in any form during his life, the anti-tobaccoists, with surprising suddenness, will deduce the argument that, owing to his abstinence from tobacco, his days upon the earth were lengthened.

Carp in Tennessee.

A farmer in Lincoln County, Tennessee, gives his experience with these fish as follows: "I had been in the fish business about five years trying to accomplish something in that line, but without success, with the common fish of our country, when my attention was drawn to carp, and I obtained from the Commissioner at Washington six mirror carp and placed them in my ponds Dec. 1, 1880, the fish being about five inches in length. I drained my ponds Sept. 10, 1881, caught the fish, and found them eighteen inches long and weighing four pounds each, accidentally killing two of them. In the spring of 1882 they commenced spawning, beginning in April, and spawning once a month for five or six months. In November, 1882, I again drained my ponds and found I had about 2,000 young fish of five or six sizes. I reserved 600 of the largest, and sold the rest to parties for

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