

CHEROOTS

Practically all men, women, and children smoke, except the monks, to whom smoking is prohibited. The only form in which tobacco is smoked is in the native cigars or cheroots. These are quite large, the so-called green cheroot being six to eight inches long and an inch thick at the larger end. They are made of a mixture of chopped tobacco leaves and pieces of stems, chiefly of the tobacco plant, wrapped in leaves, usually of the teak tree. To stiffen the mouth end larger pieces of pith or a roll of leaves are used, tied with a silk thread. The finer kinds are wrapped in the thin, white inner skin of the spathe of the areca palm. This as well as the chopped contents and base are shown separately.

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