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It's been a while since I've enjoyed coffee liqueur after work so I bought a bottle on the way home. As I walked back from the station I could imagine the sensuous joy of smoke in my mouth as I smoked with the booze. It brought to mind the feeling described in the 1947 article I mentioned earlier, *Why do we smoke cigarettes?*<sup>1</sup>

*... to explain the pleasure derived from smoking as taste experience alone is not sufficient. For one thing, such an explanation leaves out the powerful erotic sensitivity of the oral zone. Oral pleasure is just as fundamental as sexuality and hunger. It functions with full strength from earliest childhood. There is a direct connection between thumbsucking and smoking.*

*"In school I always used to chew a pencil or a pen," said a journalist in reply to our questions. "You should have seen the collection I had. They used to be chewed to bits. Whenever I try to stop smoking for a while, I get something to chew on, either a pipe or a menthol cigarette. You just stick it in your mouth and keep on sucking. And I also chew a lot of gum when I want to cut down ..."*

I had my iced coffee liqueur, followed by some prunes and a nicotine gum (as a treat instead of a lozenge). That will have to do.



1. <http://smokingsides.com/docs/whysmoke.html>