



## MONKEYS PUFFING CIGARS!!

*New Customs, though they be never so ridiculous,  
Nay, let them be unmanly, yet are Followed.*

SHAKESPEAR.

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In early 19th-century Britain, the dandy, typified by Beau Brummell, became a cultural touchstone. Dandies were mocked for their preoccupation with their appearance and their preference for a lavish, leisurely lifestyle. This caricature uses a quote from Act 1, Scene 3 of *King Henry VIII* to ridicule the dandies' supposedly foolish garb, implying that such starched gentlemen are as absurd as monkeys smoking cigars.

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