

Where the patient never experienced any sexual appetite I do not think cannabis indica would be likely to induce it.

The extract of cannabis indica may be combined with nux vomica and ergot and given for a length of time in the form of pill. Or a full dose of cannabis indica may be given alone, about two or three hours before the expected connection. It may be that the drug has its effect in inducing that degree of moral courage which is lacking in some cases. I have known alcohol to be recommended by physicians for this purpose. But Shakespeare in Macbeth hits off the action of alcohol in this respect very well.

*Porter*.—"Drink, sir, is a provoker of three things.

*Macduff*.—What three things does drink especially provoke?

*Porter*.—Marry, sir, nose-painting, sleep and urine.

Lechery, sir, it provokes and unprovokes; it provokes the desire but takes away the performance. Therefore much drink may be said to be an equivocator with lechery; it makes him and it mars him; it sets him on, and it takes him off; it persuades him and disheartens him; makes him stand to and not stand to."

In conclusion I may add that I believe many have been deterred from using this drug because of alarming symptoms that may have been produced in some of their first trials of the drug. But I believe with the precautions previously mentioned, if exhibited in suitable cases, it is a valuable part of our armamentarium.

