

As a hypnotic this remedy is not used so much as formerly. Chloral and the numerous new hypnotics have to a great extent taken its place. I succeeded in two cases of insomnia where other hypnotics in ordinary doses had failed.

In tetanus excellent results have been reported in a large number of cases. In paralysis agitans it may be used to diminish the tremors.

In headaches during the menopause, or those due to retinal asthenopia, this drug may be used combined with nux vomica.

*Urinary System.*—In Bright's disease, with vigil and neuritis, it has been successfully used. Bloody urine in Bright's disease has been laid down as an indication for the use of this drug.

*Sexual System.*—In dysmenorrhœa it often gives happy results. In subinvolution, and in chronic uterine irritation or inflammation, it often proves serviceable. In menorrhagia and metrorrhagia it has strong advocates. A Halifax physician who has had a large experience in gynecology tells me that he has found it useful in all kinds of pelvic pain. He uses the extract in pill in the dose of an eighth of a grain put up by Wyeth.

In gonorrhœa and chordee it has succeeded well and some use it in these conditions to the exclusion of other remedies.

In functional impotence some authorities assign a high place to this remedy, one author considering it the best. Other good authorities do not mention it in that connection. I used it myself in two cases with marked success. I think the cases suitable for its exhibition are those in which there is great excitability of the organs—erection taking place on the slightest provocation, with premature discharge. I have seen this condition referred to in quack advertisements in the daily papers. They designate it as "prematureness." I think as physicians we should pay more attention to this class of cases than we do and reduce the harvest of the charlatans who prey upon them.

Physiologists tell us that during erection the penis is in a much more sensitive condition than at other times. Ordinarily the sensory condition of the penis is on a par with other parts of the body, while in the erectile condition it is in a state of sensory erethism.

Now cannabis indica almost invariably produces a powerful erection when the necessary mental stimulus is at hand, but it takes away the hypersensitive condition of the penis just as it produces anæsthesia of the skin in other parts. With diminished sensibility of the penis coitus does not bring about a premature discharge.