

The imagination seems to be strong, and he can see at least dimly what he sets his mind upon. One patient who had taken a large dose said when he thought of pansies he could see them, and also that he could see shifting patterns as of different kinds of wall paper. Its action thus slightly resembles that of mescal button, which produces a gorgeous panorama of colors when the eyes are shut.

Sleep is often accompanied with dreams—sometimes delightful—sometimes unpleasant. The patient can be aroused sufficiently to answer questions intelligently, and previous to sleep the mind seems conscious of its own vagaries and can correct its false judgments.

In some cases the patient does not think he has slept while those watching know that he has. One patient to whom I gave the drug for insomnia said next morning that she felt as though she had had the benefit of sleep, but on looking back over the night it seemed to her that she had not slept at all, or at least very little.

The next day after sleep has passed there is some lassitude—sometimes a peculiar headache, but no nausea or malaise such as we see after opium. The activity of a large dose is mainly spent in twelve hours, though some effects remain for twenty-four hours.

Often the patient is much alarmed even after small doses. In most cases this is, I think due to idio-syncrasy, although the drug is said to be very uncertain in its strength. In several cases, however, where it seemed to have no effect on patients, I have taken a sample and found it quite effective on my own person.

As to the *uses* of cannabis indica, speaking generally I should say that as a rule it should not be given to a patient unless he has confidence in the doctor. Also that in giving anything but the smallest dose the patient should be forewarned that some peculiar symptoms might arise. But he should at the same time be assured that there is not the slightest danger. If these hints are not tactfully given, the patient may, of course, become alarmed before he takes the medicine. Probably you have often noticed that when you had something to do with a child, as for instance, to examine its throat, the mother would hasten to tell the child the doctor was not going to hurt him, whereupon the child invariably set up a howl—thus showing his lack of confidence in his mother's assurance. Better to say nothing than to blunder over it.

I think the fluid extract is the best to prescribe, both as regards taste and its facility for mixing with other drugs.