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COMMENT FROM MONTH TO MONTH

Drug Addiction offers a fertile field for cultivation on the part of the busy reformer. Whilst there is no means of knowing just how rapidly and how enormously "dope fiends" have multiplied in the last twenty years, there is plenty reason to fear the practice of taking harmful drugs, as opium, morphine, cocaine, heroin, etc., is greatly on the increase both in the United States and Canada. Should drug addiction be made an indictable offence?

There is no doubt more of these are coming under the attention of the physician in the United States since the enactment of the Harrison Narcotic Law; and it seems to be incontestably shown that as a State goes "dry," it also becomes "drugged." What wonder if the unfortunate jumps from the frying pan into the fire! No doubt some alcoholics, deprived of easy access to the bar, readily adapt themselves to the more congenial environment of the drug store. But whilst it may be the case in some instances that insatiable thirst is not satisfied with alcoholics alone, but must needs, as well, be associated with drug appetites, it does not appear to be the rule in the majority of individuals. Possibly fully two-thirds of all drug addicts are purely so, and