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ART. XXX — *A Poisoning-case from Haschish*, with Notes. By WILLIAM WRIGHT, M.D., L.R.C.S.E., Professor of Materia Médica, McGill University, Physician to the Montreal General Hospital, &c.

From the rarity of similar occurrences, at least in Canada, I have been induced to record the following instance of poisoning by Haschish. It happened, during the last month (March), to a much-esteemed friend whose only fault was in the love he bore to science. He has increased its interest by having kindly favored me with the narrative in his own words.

“I was much interested some time since in the extraordinary tales related of the Cannabis Indica, and felt curious to experience some of its effects myself. With this intention I took at various times several doses of the Churrus or resin, and also of the extract or Haschish, commencing with one or two grains, and increasing the dose gradually to ten or more, without producing however the slightest perceptible result.

“As there could be little doubt of the purity of the preparation,—it being obtained from the well-known and highly respectable firm of Morson & Co., London,—I concluded that it must either have lost its virtues by keeping or that the power of the plant itself must be much exaggerated. Conversing with a physician, a few days ago, on the subject, who entertained a different opinion, I swallowed in his presence about 15 grains