

carbolic acid, and hence I felt convinced that there was no danger of an accumulation of the drug in the body. I was further assured by several medical friends who had already employed this remedy that they had observed no toxic symptoms during its use, and though still distrustful I commenced its employment.

As a result of my careful investigation of hedonal I can most heartily confirm the opinions of its most enthusiastic admirers. The remedy has proven most valuable to me in the class of patients referred to. I have found it to be rapid and reliable in its action, non-irritating to the gastro-intestinal, circulatory or genito-urinary systems, and devoid of after-effects. It has pronounced advantages over the older hypnotics, being superior to both morphine and chloral hydrate. It is better than morphine in two respects; first, it does not engender any craving; second, it does not produce any of the after-effects of morphine—namely, headache, nausea, disagreeable taste in the mouth and constipation. Over chloral hydrate hedonal has manifold advantages. It produces calm refreshing sleep, even if the patient is suffering with pain; it creates no drug habit; it causes no gastric irritation, and at the same time it allays the harrassing bronchial sensitiveness.

I believe that hedonal will also be found valuable as a sedative in nervous diseases of a functional type and in conditions of cerebral congestion and irritation. I have not as yet, however, had sufficient opportunity to test it to my satisfaction, but I feel warranted in at least hinting at its expanded field of usefulness.

I have tried hedonal in eighteen tubercular patients, and not in one instance has it failed to produce the desired effect. Of course, in many instances I had to add heroin hydrochloride, 1-24 grain to the hedonal in order to first quiet the cough.

The description of other cases would be but a repetition of the excellent sleep-producing properties of hedonal. I hesitated long before using the drug, as most physicians do with new remedies, but after my experience I can heartily and confidently recommend its trial. I believe it is destined to replace, in many instances, the established remedies where we desire a pure hypnotic free from all possibility of injurious action.—*Buffalo Medical Journal*, October, 1902.