

# THE COCAINE MONSTER

## THROWING HIS TENTACLES AROUND THE NATION

### HOW IT GRIPS ITS VICTIMS

#### The Deadly Drug Whose Influence Carries Men to Insanity and Death Becoming Too Popular

Value of cocaine leaves imported at the port of New York in 1894, \$14,284; imported in 1897, \$54,122; indicated value of imports for 1898, \$75,000.

In these simple figures are contained the elements of a warning sermon that would startle all America. We seem to be rapidly becoming a nation of cocaine fiends. If the number of those addicted to the use of the dreadful drug continues to increase at the present rate the importation of what was originally regarded as a blessed alleviator of pain will have to be classed with opium and its use prohibited by law, except for medicinal purposes.

At present the cocaine fiend can phrase the drug without trouble and the ease with which it is taken is a fatal recommendation to those who crave a nerve-leader. No laborious cooking of pills over a lamp, cleaning of implements or troublesome necessity for secrecy, as with the use of opium. Cocaine can be taken at any time, with scarcely any trouble, and without a soul besides the user being aware of his being in the toils.

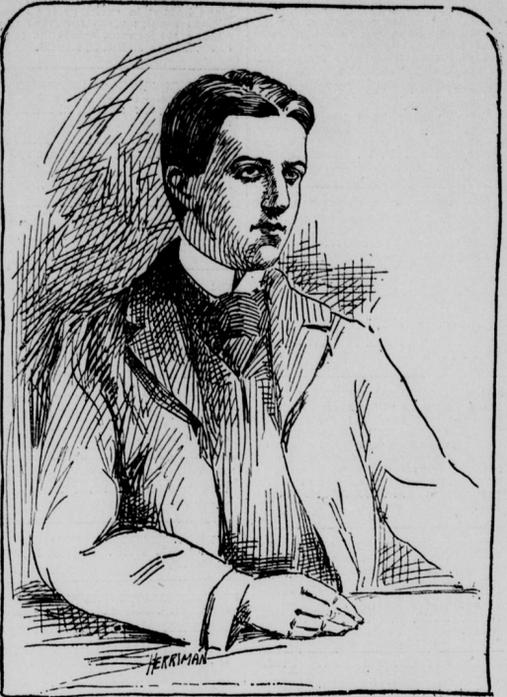
At first, that is, it will not be long before every intimate friend will observe a change, a gradual and scarcely perceptible change, come over the appearance and general conduct of the cocaine fiend. If the one who yields to the toxic influence of the drug be a lawyer, then it will be noticed that his language as he pleads a case in court has become particularly diffuse, while his arguments are long drawn out and lacking in logic. Others will notice this peculiarity and wonder. The victim will be in a bistable ignorance of anything wrong, for in another quiet phase of the progress of cocaine poisoning is that it hurls the user into a delightful feeling of self-satisfaction, and whatever his shortcomings, he is contented and happy—until the influence of the drug departs and leaves him only with the deadly craving for more that none can fight off.

The lecturer who becomes a victim to the cocaine habit will, to the surprise of his audience, spend the entire period allotted to a certain subject on a single insignificant part of it, or seem to forget the topic entirely and wander into something entirely foreign. It will strike the listeners that the lectured lecturer has been drinking or is beginning to get feeble-minded. There will be nothing in the appearance or manner of the speaker to indicate that he himself has the slightest knowledge that he has not been treating the subject in the brightest and most careful way. Cocaine is a drug that deludes its victims. It is the very devil himself in the form of an innocent-looking crystal, and the way the much-to-be-pitied cocaine user is dragged slowly, but with awful certainty, down to insanity and death is a terrible tribute to the strength of the demon that lurks in the drug.

This confusion of ideas and language is the first symptom of the toxic influence of the cocaine beginning to work. If you have a friend in whom these symptoms are noticed, it might be well to find out if he is addicted to the use of cocaine, for at this early stage the habit may be broken. Later it is almost hopeless for the victim to try to subdue his chains.

Begun in many cases in a legitimate way, as an anesthetic, the surprisingly pleasant effect is sought for again by the one who has had a glimpse at the portals of elysium. This is the beginning of the terrible habit. The effect is a sense of exhilaration followed by a quiet, dreamy state that causes the worried man to forget his troubles and the sufferer his pain. Once this freedom from physical and mental sickness has been experienced, the cocaine fiend will rob or kill to get the drug. Entirely non-use of it will not cure the victim. Sentence him to a term of imprisonment, and he will go straight from the jail door to the nearest drug store to secure cocaine before he eats or sleeps.

This, of course, cannot last. From an occasional use of the drug to insatiable craving is the natural course of the cocaine fiend. From thence to the insane asylum and the grave is a swift and easy descent.



FRANK GOULD

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Now that Frank J. Gould, the youngest of the sons of Jay Gould, has reached his majority, thereby under the terms of his father's will becoming one of the executors and trustees of the estate, it is expected that he will also soon be elected to membership in the directorate of the various Gould properties. His three older brothers are on these boards, but each has some interest to which he devotes his special attention. George J. Gould is especially active in the management of the Missouri Pacific system. Edwin looks after

the big match company and Howard, who was elected to membership in the New York Stock Exchange on February 24, 1898, it is said, will go into Wall street on his return from his wedding trip. Frank J. Gould is, like his brother George, an expert telegrapher, and has always taken a particular interest in the Western Union Telegraph Company, and it is believed he will turn his attention chiefly to the affairs of that corporation. He is also said to be greatly interested in the International and Great Northern Railroad Company, one of the Gould roads in Texas.

In his fall from health to physical and mental disintegration the cocaine fiend undergoes a terrible experience. When not in the temporary heaven that the drug provides, the victim is in the lowest depths of an inferno. He is subject to apprehensions, delusions and hallucinations. He suffers from insomnia, anorexia and gastralgia, pains, dyspepsia, chronic palpitations and will-paraesia. He is a terror both to himself and others. The life of the man is a living death. He knows it, and with this knowledge staring him in the face, he rushes for the drug and is happy for a brief period under its influence. It is time something were done to keep from this high-strung nation a drug so deadly. Clear-minded medical men have recommended its exclusion from the country, believing that its use medicinally should be foregone rather than that such a cursed temptation should be placed in the way of weak humanity.

What the real action of the drug is, and how to counteract its influence, are at present puzzling questions to the medical fraternity. A leading member of the profession to whom these questions were put replied, after careful consideration, as follows: Its physiological action is practically unknown. As an anesthetic, it is uniform in its action, and this is due to the suspension of the physiologic functions of the sensory cells which it comes in contact with. Beyond this, it is an excitant of the cerebrospinal axis, later it has a peculiar action on the encephalon, manifest in a wide range of physical phenomena. Beyond this a great variety of widely variable symptoms appear. In some cases all the intellectual faculties are excited to the highest degree. In others a profound lowering of the senses and functional activities occur. Morphine takers can use large quantities of cocaine without any bad symptoms. Alcoholics are also able to bear large doses without danger. Not infrequently the excitement caused by cocaine goes on to convulsions and death. Sometimes its action is localized to

"Exercise and massage depend for their value largely on the adaptability of the case to bear it. In brain-worker less exercise or massage is required than in a muscle-worker, or one who is out in the open air much of the time. In an over-fed, plethoric person, exercise is better borne and followed by greater relief than in spare ones. Most cases should remain in bed the first week after treatment and then begin to sit up and take mild exercise. Daily baths should be continued with regularity and care. Persistent watchfulness over all acts of the patient should be kept up for six or eight weeks, then a rigid course of living and diet should be arranged and its importance insisted upon for a long period to come. All these cases should be under medical care and control for a long time before full recovery can be expected."

### BEARS NATURALLY PEACEABLE

#### Are Mischievous but Not Dangerous Unless Attacked

I can verify the statement of Mr. Hardy of how bears eat berries, and, indeed, feed in other ways. Stories of bears are current talk in the backwoods, and the old residents have learned a good deal of their habits in this way. Often in the then very thinly settled North Michigan woods I have accompanied my wife and her very gallant excursions, fearing to let her go alone on account of the numerous bears which shared the enormous quantities of the finest berries which grew in the windfalls. Once when thus engaged at one side of a gigantic pine which lay over breast high, we heard a sort of scuffling on the other side of it, amid the dense growth of blackberries. Thinking some other person was on the same business as we were, no notice was taken, but all of us, bear as well, as we found afterward, went along the fallen pine tree until we came near to the top of it, when, looking up, we saw at the same instant the head of a huge bear, as it showed itself by its head being far above the level of ours.

The bear saw us at the same instant and stopped eating, with an armful of bushes gathered between its forelegs. We did not move, but stood quite still, and very soon the bear went on with its meal, picking off the fruit with its mouth. We, of course, gently backed out of the bushes and left the bear still feeding without any offensive movements.

After that, and with some other experience that I have had in some quarters, I am not disturbed or driven to resistance, or even disposed to fight when attacked, but rather inclined to get away, even the women and children of the locality were not alarmed, further than to get away in the easiest manner and leave the field to the big, black, hairy animal. In fact, this animal seems to be in no way quarrelsome, if he is permitted to get his share of what is lying around, and is only dangerous when attacked and brought to bay.

Bears often amuse themselves in the woods by breaking trees. When camping out on exploring expeditions or on surveys, I have heard the bears at night breaking down the limbs of quite small trees, apparently for amusement, and they are quite fond of tearing the bark from trees, apparently for the same reason, or otherwise to get at the sweet underbark, which is doubtless what they are after. In fact, they are playful animals, and when seen without them knowing it they will play and romp together as a lot of boys will, wrestling with each other and chasing each other in a rough sort of game, which is very amusing when their offensive habits have become known. But few people care to get too closely acquainted with them.

They are exceedingly mischievous and play havoc with one's camp and blankets, which they will tear into strips—in fact, completely wrecking the outfit. Once, on going to a camp which had been set for some days, we found on returning to it a big bear in a most ludicrous mess. An old butter knife had been left outside the camp, of course having some leavings of butter in it. Nearing the camp, we heard a noisy sort of scuffling, and at once thought of bears. Coming to the camp, there was a bear on his hind legs, dancing around in such a manner as to throw my Canadian-French foreman in a helpless condition of imbecility and helplessness.

He pranced and howled and rolled on the ground. The bear had its head fast in the butter knife, and was pawing for all its worth to get its head loose. It rolled on the ground along with Francois, who might have got into trouble had the infuriated bear got its head free. But it was not until the bear ran against a tree and knocked the staves loose that it could see what was the matter. Then it made off with the butter knife in its neck into the woods and was lost to sight. Francois did not quite recover for a long time, but would at times burst into a roar of laughter when at serious business when anything recalled this adventure with the bear.—Forest and Stream.

### Color Line Drawn at a Baptismal Pool

There is a division in the Central Baptist church at Woodbury, N. J., brought about by a needless and unchristian question. The Rev. I. M. B. Thompson, the pastor, of the church has threatened to resign. Recently the colored Baptists requested permission to use the baptismal pool in the Central church for the immersion of their converts. Backed by the hearty indorsement of the pastor, the committee received the desired permission from the trustees to use the pool, and arrangements were made to do so. Then objections began to be made by the white members of the congregation. Many of the women objected to the use of the baptismal pool by the colored Baptists. They objected to being immersed in the same pool in which there had been colored baptisms.

The discussion, vigorous at first, soon grew to be acrimonious, and two sides were formed in the church, one protesting against permitting the use of the pool by converts of the colored Baptists, and the other side as vehemently insisting upon it. The trustees listened to the objections, and at a recent meeting withdrew their permission. This angered the colored Baptists in the place, who said they had been humiliated. The Rev. Mr. Thompson has taken their part, and the trustees say that they must again give permission for the use of the baptismal pool by colored converts, or he will resign his position as pastor.—From a New York Dispatch.

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## Dangerous Symptoms

### Dyspepsia

This condition may result from several causes, but the usual cause is catarrh, the mucus dropping down into the throat and being swallowed.

- "Is there nausea?"
- "Are you constive?"
- "Is there vomiting?"
- "Do you belch up gas?"
- "Have you waterbrash?"
- "Are you light-headed?"
- "Is your tongue coated?"
- "Do you hawk and spit?"
- "Is there pain after eating?"
- "Are you nervous and weak?"
- "Do you have sick headaches?"
- "Do you bloat up after eating?"
- "Is there disgust for breakfast?"
- "Have you distress after eating?"
- "Is your throat filled with slime?"
- "Do you at times have diarrhoea?"
- "Is there rush of blood to the head?"
- "When you get up suddenly are you dizzy?"
- "Is there constant sensation in stomach?"
- "Do you feel as if you had lead in stomach?"
- "When stomach is empty do you feel faint?"
- "Do you belch material that burns throat?"
- "If stomach is full do you feel oppressed?"

Carelessness is a crime and should be a penal offense. Nature, however, comes into the breach where the laws of our land are lame and punishes people who make mistakes in regard to their health.

## Liver Diseases

The liver becomes diseased by catarrh extending from the stomach into the tubes of the liver.

- "Are you fretful?"
- "Are you peevish?"
- "Do you get dizzy?"
- "Do you feel fatigued?"
- "Do you feel miserable?"
- "Do you have cold feet?"
- "Do you get tired easily?"
- "Is your eyesight blurred?"
- "Can't you explain where?"
- "Constant sense of depression?"
- "Is there a bloating after eating?"
- "Constant sense of pain in back?"
- "Do you have gurgling in bowels?"
- "Do you have rumbling in bowels?"

## Kidney Diseases

This condition results either from colds or from overwork of the kidneys in separating from the blood the poisons that have been absorbed.

- "Have you pain under shoulder-blade?"
- "Is there throbbing in the stomach?"
- "Do you have sense of heat in bowels?"
- "Do you suffer from pains in temples?"
- "Do you have palpitation of heart?"

## Ear Troubles

Deafness and ear troubles result from catarrh passing along the Eustachian tube that leads from the throat to the ear.

- "Is the skin pale and dry?"
- "Is your hair getting gray?"
- "Has the skin a waxy look?"
- "Is the hair dry and brittle?"
- "Is the skin dry and harsh?"
- "Do the legs feel too heavy?"
- "Is there nausea after eating?"
- "Do the joints pain and ache?"
- "Are they cold and clammy?"
- "Is the urine dark and cloudy?"
- "Are the eyes dull and staring?"
- "Is there pain in small of back?"
- "Do your hands and feet swell?"
- "Have you pain in top of head?"
- "Has the perspiration a bad odor?"
- "Is there puffiness under the eyes?"
- "Is there a bad taste in the mouth?"
- "Is there a desire to get up at night?"
- "Are there dark rings before the eyes?"
- "Do you see spots floating before the eyes?"
- "Have you chilly feelings down the back?"
- "Do you see unpleasant things while asleep?"
- "Does a deposit form when left standing?"

## Dangerous Symptoms

### Catarrh of Head and Throat

The head and throat become diseased from neglected colds, causing Catarrh when the condition of the blood predisposes to this condition.

- "Is the voice husky?"
- "Do you spit up slime?"
- "Do you ache all over?"
- "Do you snore at night?"
- "Do you blow out scabs at night?"
- "Is your nose stopped up?"
- "Does your nose discharge?"
- "Does the nose bleed easily?"
- "Is this worse toward night?"
- "Does the nose itch and burn?"
- "Is there pain in front of head?"
- "Is there pain across the eyes?"
- "Is there tickling in the throat?"
- "Is your sense of smell leaving?"
- "Do you hawk to clear the throat?"
- "Is the throat dry in the morning?"
- "Are you losing your sense of taste?"
- "Do you sleep with your mouth open?"
- "Does your nose stop up toward night?"



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concerns that spring up, mushroom-like, in a day (and usually disappearing in the night), instead of placing their health, happiness, and, in many instances, their very lives, in the hands of such old, reliable, long-established, true and tried physicians as the English and German Expert Specialists.

## Dangerous Symptoms

### Catarrh of Bronchial Tubes

This condition often results from catarrh extending from the head and throat, and, if left unchecked, extends down the windpipe into the bronchial tubes, and in time attacks the lungs.

- "Have you a cough?"
- "Are you losing flesh?"
- "Do you cough at night?"
- "Have you a pain in side?"
- "Do you take cold easily?"
- "Is your appetite variable?"
- "Have you stitches in side?"
- "Do you cough until you gag?"
- "Do you raise frothy material?"
- "Do you cough on going to bed?"

# Cure Chronic and Other Diseases

Another equally guilty class of afflicted people try to make themselves believe that certain symptoms which a kind and indulgent nature sends them as a warning, are of no consequence. Many lives have been prolonged and saved by these timely admonitions, but a great many more have been cut short by blindly ignoring certain indications of an ap-

proaching disease, a calamity that may mean a lingering illness of years or a torturing death.



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The English and German Specialists are so well and favorably known throughout the West that all have heard of them, and no one can doubt their ability to cure chronic and other afflictions. The physicians of this popu-

- "Do you cough in the morning?"
- "Are you low-spirited at times?"
- "Do you spit up yellow matter?"
- "Is your cough short and hacking?"
- "Do you spit up little cheesy lumps?"
- "Have you a disgust for fatty foods?"
- "Is there a tickling behind the palate?"
- "Do you feel you are growing weaker?"
- "Is there a burning pain in the throat?"
- "Have you pain behind the breast bone?"
- "Do you cough worse night and morning?"
- "Do you have to sit up at night to get breath?"

## Diseases of the Nerves

- "Do you get giddy?"
- "Is your mind dull?"
- "Are you easily dazed?"
- "Are you easily headache?"
- "Are you easily excited?"
- "Do your hands tremble?"
- "Does your heart flutter?"
- "Are you easily irritated?"
- "Suffer from sleeplessness?"
- "Are you easily frightened?"
- "Does your sleep not refresh you?"
- "Do you forget what you read?"
- "Do you suffer with neuralgia?"
- "Do you have horrible dreams?"
- "Do you start in your sleep?"
- "Is there a rush of blood to the head?"
- "Do your legs and arms go to sleep?"
- "Do you have a languid, tired feeling?"
- "Do you see queer things in the dark?"
- "Do you feel as though you could fly?"
- "Do you have blue spells?"
- "Does the body feel sore?"

## Contagious Blood Diseases

- "Is your color bad?"
- "Is your throat sore?"
- "Are you all run down?"
- "Is the hair falling out?"

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- "Is there throbbing in the ears?"
- "Is there a buzzing sound heard?"
- "Do you have a ringing in the ears?"
- "Are there crackling sounds heard?"
- "Is your hearing falling?"
- "Do your ears discharge?"
- "Do your ears itch and burn?"
- "Are the ears dry and scaly?"
- "Have you pain behind the ears?"
- "Do you constantly hear noises in the ears?"
- "Do you hear better some days than others?"
- "Do the noises in your ears keep you awake?"
- "When you blow your nose do the ears crack?"
- "Is hearing worse when you have a cold?"
- "Is roaring like a waterfall in the head?"

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