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OF NARCOTIC AND STIMULATING DRUGS

I. PRIMITIVE 2. ORIENTAL.



WOVEN BAG FOR PEYOTE AND AMULETS
INDIANS OF THE CORDILLERS
SOLIVA, S. AMERICA

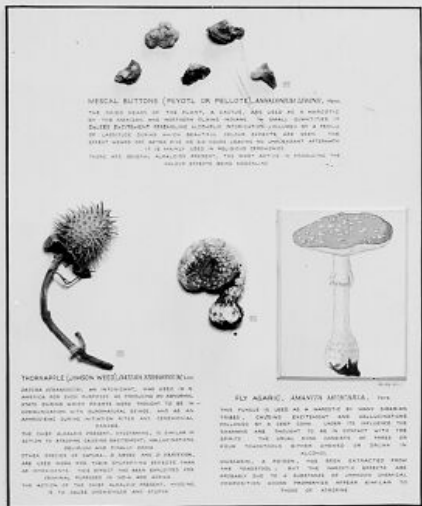
SHELLS FOR MAKING LIME
THESE SHELLS (MUSCLES ET C.) ARE
OBTAINED FROM A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE
LUCA INDIANS, S. AMERICA

LIME
MADE FROM BURNT SHELLS
LUCA INDIANS, S. AMERICA

I. PRIMITIVE

The narcotic, stimulating and analgesic properties of certain drugs have been known from the time of the earliest written records. How much was known to prehistoric man is uncertain, but some light is thrown on the question by the customs and practices of primitive peoples in the modern world. Most primitive peoples are found to be acquainted with some such drugs, e.g. kava in Melanesia, coca in S. America, peyote in N. America, pituri in Australia, hemp in Africa, whilst the use of alcohol is almost universal.

The primary use of these drugs for pleasure, stimulation and hallucination is generally associated with magic-religious and ceremonial practices. In addition, however, their use is recorded for obtaining analgesia or anaesthesia during surgical operations and childbirth.



MUSICAL BELLONS (PEYOTE OR PELLOTE) AMMONIUM URIVUM, FROM THE SANDS OF THE DESERT, A LARVA, AND USED AS A NARCOTIC BY THE INDIANS WHO INHABIT THE SANDS. IN SMALL QUANTITIES IT EXCITES EXCESSIVE MUSCULAR ACTIVITY AND PRODUCES A STATE OF EXCITATION WHICH RESULTS FROM THE USE OF THE BELLONS AND WHICH IS OFTEN ACCOMPANIED BY VIBRATIONS OF THE BODY AND OTHER ALIENATED EFFECTS. THE BELLONS ARE IN THE STATE OF BEING DESCRIBED.

THICKSKIN (LINDEN WOOD) (SANTALUM SPECIOSUM) IN THE STATE OF BEING DESCRIBED. THE BARK OF THIS TREE IS USED AS A NARCOTIC BY THE INDIANS WHO INHABIT THE SANDS. IN SMALL QUANTITIES IT EXCITES EXCESSIVE MUSCULAR ACTIVITY AND PRODUCES A STATE OF EXCITATION WHICH RESULTS FROM THE USE OF THE BARK AND WHICH IS OFTEN ACCOMPANIED BY VIBRATIONS OF THE BODY AND OTHER ALIENATED EFFECTS. THE BARK IS IN THE STATE OF BEING DESCRIBED.

FLY AGARIC, AMANITA MUSCARIANA, FROM THE SANDS OF THE DESERT, A LARVA, AND USED AS A NARCOTIC BY THE INDIANS WHO INHABIT THE SANDS. IN SMALL QUANTITIES IT EXCITES EXCESSIVE MUSCULAR ACTIVITY AND PRODUCES A STATE OF EXCITATION WHICH RESULTS FROM THE USE OF THE AGARIC AND WHICH IS OFTEN ACCOMPANIED BY VIBRATIONS OF THE BODY AND OTHER ALIENATED EFFECTS. THE AGARIC IS IN THE STATE OF BEING DESCRIBED.

A STATE OF QUANTITIES OBTAINED BY THE USE OF A CERTAIN QUANTITY OF THE BARK OF THE TREE DESCRIBED IN THE SANDS OF THE DESERT, A LARVA, AND USED AS A NARCOTIC BY THE INDIANS WHO INHABIT THE SANDS. IN SMALL QUANTITIES IT EXCITES EXCESSIVE MUSCULAR ACTIVITY AND PRODUCES A STATE OF EXCITATION WHICH RESULTS FROM THE USE OF THE BARK AND WHICH IS OFTEN ACCOMPANIED BY VIBRATIONS OF THE BODY AND OTHER ALIENATED EFFECTS. THE BARK IS IN THE STATE OF BEING DESCRIBED.

Dr. E. J. Perry describes the use of peyote (SCLEROTIA OF SCLEROTIA) in the treatment of insanity by the Cordiller Indians.

