

## Titled Hemp Eaters

Hashish is the latest fad of the fashionable beauties of London writes the Marquise de Fontenoy, and within the precincts of Mayfair there are at least half a dozen very expensive and exclusive clubs restricted entirely to the fair sex, which are nothing more nor less than hashish temples. They are thoroughly respectable in the sense that none but women of knowledge position in society, matrons as well as unmarried girls with several seasons to their record, are admitted to the clubs in question, and while a part of the house is run as a ladies' club in the ordinary way, the greater portion of the establishment is devoted to the absorption of the drug so famous throughout the Orient, and which it is insisted is entirely innocuous. They are exquisitely furnished, especially the Orientally fashioned apartments, where the effects of the hashish are obtained and where not a single sound from the outside disturbs the dreams of the votaries of this, so far as England is concerned, entirely new fad, and they are waited upon by maid servants, in Oriental garb, the surroundings conveying the impression of some Eastern harem.

Hashish is far less harmful than any of these artifices to quiet the nerves, and to give that repose for which one looks in vain in a sleep that will no longer be wooed. It has for hundreds, possibly for thousands of years been used throughout the Orient. From the Atlantic shores of Morocco to the furthest confines of Bokhara and of Mohammedan Asia, hashish in some form or another is at once the favorite stimulant and the favorite sedative of all classes of Moslems. Some take it in the form of a liquid, that is to say, an infusion; others again use it in the form of a fine powder, which they mix with tobacco, and smoke either in cigarettes or in a narghile. The smoke, which is white and opaque, is drawn into the lungs so as to bring the fumes of the drug in direct contact with the blood. In Persia butter and sugar are added to the leaf, and it is kneaded into small balls about the size of a hazel nut, and there are people who will take as many as four of these "dawamesk" or "boluses" a day.

I myself, on the only occasion that I experimented with this drug, namely, in Egypt, took it in the form of a sweet meat, known as "majooob." After having eaten the candy, which was flavored with some spices or other, I was called upon to drink a cup of coffee, prepared Turkish fashion and possessed of a strong aroma. Before long the hashish began to show its effects. Every vestige of fatigue, moral as well as physical, disappeared, and there ensued an elevation of spirits and a tendency to see everything in colors of the most roseate hue. The mind seemed to develop undreamt-of activity, and powers as well as talents of one kind and another to appear that had until then been latent. Yet it could not be called intoxication, for I knew thoroughly what I was doing and saying, and was able to remember everything afterwards. Among the accomplishments which it seemed to me that had been called into existence by the hashish which I had taken was the gift of tongues, and it seemed to me that I was able all of a sudden to talk definitely Arabic, with which at the time I possessed a somewhat elementary acquaintance. I also experienced an inordinate desire to fly in the air, and felt that but little effort would be required to float around far above the ground. Then I began to see everything in gigantic size. After a time landscapes and scenery of extraordinary beauty unfolded themselves before my eyes, palaces of a gem-like character and glittering with every imaginable brilliancy of colors passed before my gaze, and finally my body seemed to rise from the divan and to float away into space, and I dropped into a dreamless sleep, from which I awoke thoroughly refreshed and none the worse for the experiment.

I was informed that it affected some novices by bringing on a slight nausea or headache, both of which, however can be quickly removed by a little lemon juice.

I can quite believe, therefore, from personal experience, the assertion that hashish, which is made of the resinous and narcotic leaves of the hemp plant, is comparatively innocuous when compared with opium, alcohol and even excessive tobacco smoking. The only disadvantage is that it really takes you entirely away from your surroundings, and in its latter stages deprives you, not so much of

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your will power, as of your self-control.

I can readily understand Orientals, whose life is a joyless one at the best seeking to exchange by means of this drug the sordid reality of their surroundings for the beautiful dreams engendered by its consumption, and I can also understand how women in London and Paris, whose nerves are overstrained, who are in danger of collapse, should resort to this drug, rather than to a nerve specialist who is likely to prescribe for them a so-called rest cure, entailing a withdrawal from society for several weeks. For the drug gives immediate relief without entailing any of the drawbacks of the rest cure, and permits its votaries to retain their places in the whirl of society and fashion without any interruption.

Of course there is the danger and it is a very serious one, that with that lack of moderation, which is one of the principal characteristics of the fair sex, they should be so carried away by the fascinations of the drug as to become slaves thereto, and to permit its use to develop into an abuse, as in the Orient. During my stay in Egypt our Moslem servants were usually totally unfitted for work during three or four days of each month, owing to their absorption of too much hashish. They became dreamy, totally impracticable, and wound up by an unconquerable desire to sleep. There was no meaning of doing anything with them excepting to allow them to sleep the hashish off and on the following day they were none the worse for the experience.

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Then, as he looked cautiously round, a twinkle of cunning and a smile of courtesy were added to his expression. And the whole lot of 'em shoved together couldn't do it," he said. Oh, it's a grand navy we've got!

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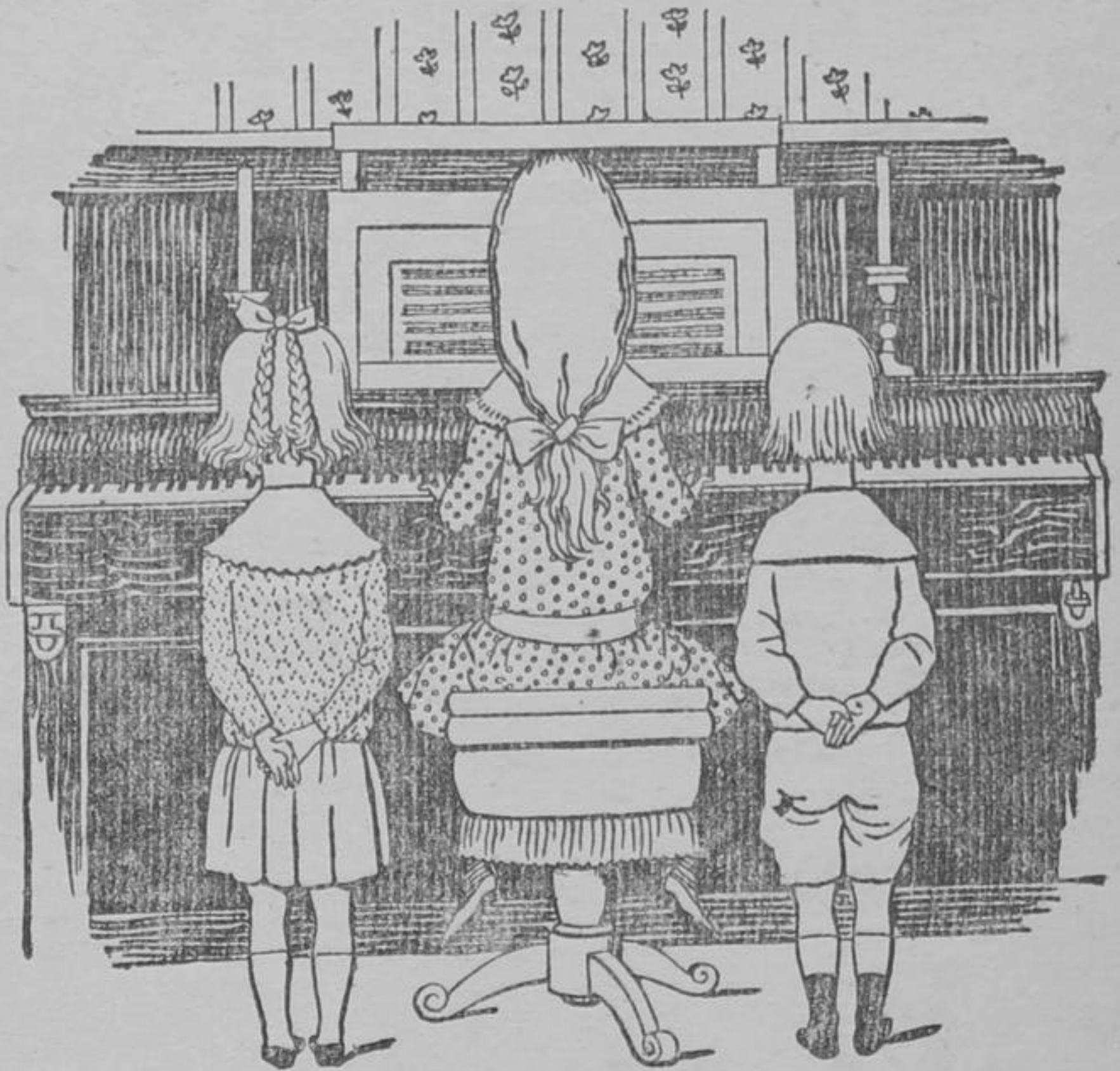
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