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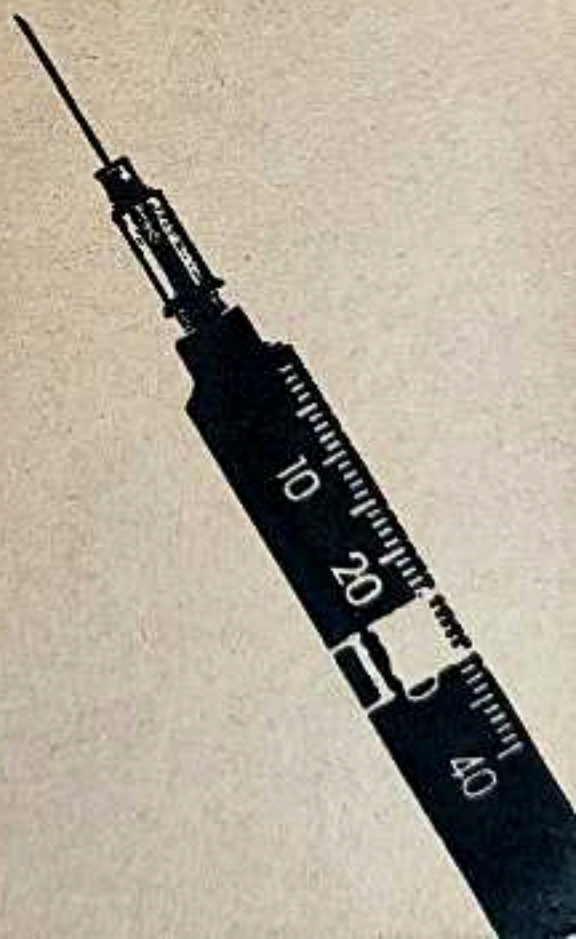
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Bergen Evans on NARCOTICS:

Four-fifths of the human race uses some sort of drug daily and seemingly always has. From the tropical rain forests to the arctic tundras, from pre-history to the present, mankind apparently has found life insupportable without something to dull the edge of reality or to heighten illusion.

Dr. Norman Taylor, one of the world's most distinguished botanists, who has made dozens of explorations into the remote places of the earth in his investigations, takes us on a highly enlightening tour of the world of drugs. His attitude is scientific, humane, and tolerant.

Dr. Taylor says that a custom which is practiced by almost all of mankind, and has been at all times and places, hardly can be regarded as an aberration or viewed with excited alarm. These alkaloids "mitigate the intolerable impact of life." They minister to "one of the principal appetites of the soul," man's desperate need for "respite from the disenchantment of reality." Narcotics is a good beginning for thought on human problems transcending even its own vast scope.

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