marvelous visions and hallucinations for which haschisch is noted; but then I found the equals of the wildest of which I had read, and prominent among them the sense of buoyancy so often cited. I was disappointed, however, not to have the sensation of actually leaving the body that is sometimes described, and which I have known realized in others. The apparent intensity of the intellect was another strange experience: not only did I seem to rise so far above my normal state in this apocalypse as to comprehend the profoundest and most complicated problems of nature, but I was able to study the course of my own mind in all its eccentric freaks, and discriminate between its real and unreal ideas.

An effect peculiar to my own case, was the facility with which I illustrated my sensations by graphical diagrams. For instance: the figure shown, represented the restorative effect of drinking a glass of ice-water; the lowest portion represents my state of deepest unconsciousness, broken by minor awakenings; then the nearly vertical line indicates the rapidity with which I was aroused, seeming to rise up from a depth of passivity, till at the top I was almost perfectly awake for a few seconds, lapsing at first slowly, and then swiftly, into unconsciousness again. All this was understood and drawn with the rapidity of thought. As the effect increased, thoughts passed through my brain with such speed that I had no time to describe them when drawing the figures, and thus some of the most complex sensations were lost.

The predominance of the spiral form was remarkable in all my visions. I walked on long spirals, and lay floating in the axis of a helix that stretched out like a long corkscrew to infinity, or breathed in double-ended spiral atoms till my throat and mouth were parched and hot.

After the force of the drug had reached its height these visions became less and less distinct, till three hours after the first attack I fell into a stupor, from which I slowly awakened with a feeling of nausea, attended by extreme fatigue and weakness for several days. With a larger dose since taken, the effects were frightfully intensified; for through carelessness, a dose was taken which must have been four or five times the former one, and the agony of terror experienced while the action was at its height was almost unbearable, and death seemed inevitable. Many of the symptoms universal to a moderate dose were changed, and the action was throughout more violent and spasmodic as well as swifter than in the previous case.

Among the more general conclusions we proved, at least to our own satisfaction, was the fact that the effects of haschisch give rise to sensations invariably wild and fantastic in detail, a certain number of which, however, are found, almost without exception, in every case; and that these effects may be depended upon as being practically of the same class and power, up to a certain point, after which the real becomes indistinguishable in the mind of the patient from the unreal, and the excesses to which the action is carried differ in character in individual cases.

Finally, the effects of haschisch differ widely with the quality of the drug, for it is frequently adulterated, often with opium or worse; with the peculiarities of the patient, for on some it has no effect; and most of all with the dose taken, the same dose almost always producing a similar result. And although this modern version of its powers scarcely realizes the expectations founded on the Count of Monte Christo, or the works of Theophile Gautier, yet its effects will convince the experimenter of its undreamed-of potency, and leave recollections of one of the strongest experiences of a lifetime.