

69. *CANNABIS SATIVA* L. (CANNABINACEAE) — Hemp, Marijuana

Long important as a fiber plant, oilseed, and legitimate medicinal plant, *Cannabis* is a multimillion dollar illegitimate business in the U.S. today, as a mild psychedelic fumitory. Marijuana is used to treat glaucoma and shows antibiotic activity (against Gram-plus bacteria). Cannabidiol, cannabigerol, cannabidiolic acid, and cannabigerolic acid are antibiotics.³³ Seeds have been located in North European funerary censors as early as 5 centuries B.C. Emboden describes *Cannabis* rituals from many cultures.⁵⁴

Reported to be alterative, analgesic, anesthetic, anodyne, antidotal, aperitif, aphrodisiac, cholagogue, CNS-stimulant, demulcent, diuretic, emmenagogue, emollient, hallucinogenic, hypnotic, intoxicant, laxative, narcotic, poison, psychotropic, sedative, stimulant, tonic, and vermifuge, hemp is a folk remedy for alopecia, anorexia, cancer, cold, colic, constipation, corns, cough, depression, dyspepsia, epilepsy, eruption, favus, flux, glossosis, gonorrhea, gravel, inflammation, migraine, nausea, neurosis, paralysis, polyuria, prolapsus, puerperium, rheumatism, senility, sore, spasm, tetanus, tumors, uterosis, worms, and wounds.^{32 33 41} Perry mentions the seed as alterative, anodyne, anthelmintic, demulcent, diuretic, laxative, narcotic, and tonic.¹⁶ According to Perry, "the plant is a true sedative of the stomach, used to treat dyspepsia, cancer, ulcers as well as migraine, neuralgia and rheumatism, hemorrhage, nausea, favus, eruptions, parturition, and wounds."¹⁶ In Africa, some Europeans use the oil from a *Cannabis* pipe externally to treat cancers. A beta-