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The doctor's office, at all times, would be packed with young people ranging in age from 18 to 35 or 40. From their conversations I could tell what their motive was for seeing the doctor. All of them were after prescriptions for speed, of which this one was phendimetrazine. The people there were from different cities, Boston, Fall River, Brockton, etc. They traveled from all over to this doctor. How did they find out about this particular doctor? News in the street travels fast.

The other doctor who gave out Biphedamines also had an office packed with patients, but he also had some older folk that were there for reasons other than to obtain speed. The people there for prescriptions for speed greatly out-numbered the older patients. I learned from being in this con game with doctors that there were various other ways to get other prescription drugs from doctors. For example, in order to get a certain drug, you would have to have a certain story for the doctor to believe, but not everybody knew these stories. I am talking about Barbituates and Delada now. These stories would cost money along with certain doctor's names. I am just trying to show how easily it is for someone that is a good con to be able to get what he wants from certain lenient doctors. Also all of these doctors kept records of these visits for the government or the Medical Association to inspect if ever necessary, so I see that it isn't only the doctors that are lenient but the people that are over them also.

Most people using speed in the street don't see themselves as drug users because they are usually house mothers, college students studying for exams or just the good people in society that are very social. This speed, which they don't call it, is just something to pick them up; it doesn't make them silly or incapable of doing work but in fact helps them. They don't realize it's potency and effect on their lives until it is too late. Then they find they can't function without it and when they are deathly sick because of the lack of nutrition that they deprive their bodies of when they take these so called diet pills, and then they find out they are a nervous wreck because of the abnormal effect of the drug, such as being able to stay awake for maybe 24 hours, 48 hours or even 72 hours at a time. Diet pills are being used for everything but dieting. Oh yeah, it is popular around heavy drinkers; speed allows the drinker to drink in excess without falling all over the place.

I have nothing against the medical profession or the laws of this country, but there is always one bad apple in every bunch, and the odor of this rotten apple is smelled by everyone and takes away the sweet fresh fragrance of the other good apples.