

HOW HOMŒOPATHY ACTS—A SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATION

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In the wake of our plea for the universal acceptance of Homœopathy let us explain how infinitesimal doses can effect a radical cure according to the LAW OF SIMILARS, so that it may appeal to reason and stand the test of science.

For this purpose we must understand how drugs are proved on healthy bodies. The drug is more powerful than the disease; a disease can attack a man under certain conditions; there must be an exciting cause and the natural power of resistance must have already been somehow undermined. On the other hand a drug can affect a man unconditionally; it can evidently undermine a man's normal power of resistance and impose its own symptoms upon him if taken in moderate or small repeated doses.

Even a small dose of a drug retains all its properties and cannot but produce some action on the man who goes on taking it repeatedly.

It is noteworthy that in attenuated, potentised doses the poisonous effect of a drug is lessened and the healing dynamic is enhanced.

In order to understand the process of Homœopathic cure it is necessary to define two technical terms connected with the Homœopathic proving, namely 'the drug-disease symptoms or the primary action' of a drug and next, 'the primary vital excitement.'

The drug-disease symptoms are those that are produced by the repeated administration of a drug in minute doses on a 'prover', who is supposed to be healthy, while 'the primary vital excitement' refers to the condition that exists in the body of a 'prover' during the period between the first administration of a dose and the production of 'the drug-disease symptoms.'

A too strong dose of a drug will immediately produce 'the drug-disease symptoms,' without going through the stage of 'the primary vital excitement,' this is what happens in cases of poisoning or toxic doses.

Now, suppose we administer a minute dose of a drug on a healthy man, a 'prover.' This brings into play the inherent resisting power of the vital force, which is meant to maintain health, and a state of excitement is created, without any noticeable disturbance. Let us employ a second and a third dose; these doses also fail to produce any 'drug-disease' symptoms, but still more excites the resisting power. This is a state of fight between the vital force and the drug force, a state of excitement, called 'the primary vital excitement.'

The period of 'vital excitement' ends where the 'primary action of the drug' begins, and the vital force giving way to the increasing impact of the drug-force exhibits a group of symptoms, which we call 'the drug-disease symptoms.'

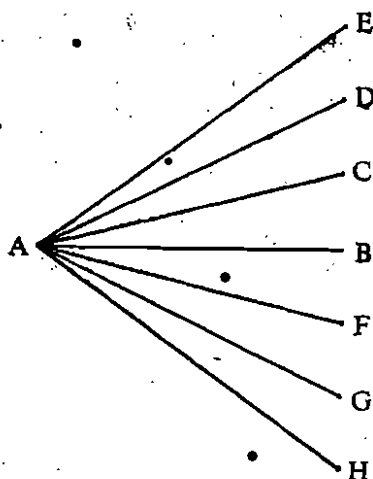
The stage of vital excitement varies according to the strength of the drug-force; the vital resistance increases with the increase of the drug-power up to a certain limit, beyond which the resistance offered by the vital power is overcome by the drug-power.

Thus, the stronger the dose of a drug used the greater the vital excitement, and the longer its duration; the weaker the dose the less the vital excitement, and the shorter its duration.

In case too strong a drug-power should be used, the vital excitement will be nil, the power of resistance will be overpowered at once and no scope for the state of the vital excitement remains.

Let us illustrate the above through a diagram:

Suppose AB indicate the normal state of the vital power: BAC indicates the change brought about by the first dose. BAD and BAE represent a similar change of the vital force in greater degrees. Then, let BAE be the highest limit of the primary vital excitement. Now, let us still increase the drug-power. As a result the vital force will give in to the drug-power and a change in the opposite direction will be indicated by BAF, exhibiting a number of 'drug-disease symptoms.' If we further add to the same drug-power, stronger and more numerous 'drug-disease symptoms' will appear and these will be indicated by BAG. Similarly an addition for the third time will result in BAH. Thus BAF, BAG and BAH represent 'the



drug-disease symptoms,' and BAC, BAD and BAE indicate 'the primary vital excitement.'

We have now got a clear idea of 'the primary vital excitement' and the 'drug-disease symptoms.'

There are doses which are too weak to produce 'drug-disease symptoms,' but are powerful enough to cause 'the primary vital excitement.' It is such dose that prove curative in natural diseases.

Now, we can clearly see that curative power of (highly potentiated Homœopathic remedies depends on 'the primary vital excitement' produced by their minute doses and not upon their *power of producing symptoms superior to those produced by the natural disease*, as was first conjectured by Dr. Hahnemann.*

* Dr. Hahnemann's 'another and more probable' explanation, almost similar to the one presented here, is based on his keen observation of the nature of the vital force, which is wont to offer resistance only when a disease 'grows and increases'; homœopaths can compel this 'instinctive vital force' to increase its resistance more and more through minute repeated doses of a drug which imitates, 'simulates the original disease' and thus 'magnifies' it 'to the apprehension of the vital principle' evoking increasingly greater resistance till the vital power becomes superior to the disease power and is able to annihilate it.

Thus we see, (highly) potentised Homœopathic doses, which have (generally) no power of producing 'the drug-disease symptoms', have the *curative power* in natural diseases by virtue of their *ability to cause vital excitability*.

We cannot know the exact intensity of the vital excitability except through the signs produced by the most similar remedy, namely, (1) a cheerful mood of the patient in spite of the external sufferings, (2) movements from within outward expelling toxic matter, (3) movements from above downward shifting ailments from more important organs to less important limbs, and lastly, (4) the re-appearance of the so called cured but really suppressed diseases in the reverse order of their original appearance (*Hering's Law of Cure*).

The drug-disease symptoms serve as a compass that shows the direction in which the drug-force acts; and gives us a clue to the weak and vulnerable spots of the vital force. These are the very symptoms which the vital force would be capable of resisting when its power of resistance would be sufficiently excited by the *similimum*, the most similar remedy.

In treating natural diseases our object is to excite the resisting power of the perverted vital force by the use of a suitably potentised dose of a drug which produces similar symptoms in a healthy 'prover.'

Thus excited, the vital power becomes stronger than the disease-force, overcomes the latter and goes back to its normal state.

The above explanation should, we hope, give satisfaction to the scientific public and show how an apparently impotent infinitesimal dose of a drug-force becomes highly potent and curative when administered on the *Law of similars*; and thus it should remove the difficulty in the conception as to how homœopathic infinitesimal doses act.

It is to be noted that the 'symptom-complex' of each remedy is unique; that the totality of the mental, the general and the peculiar symptoms should not be confused—though it is often confused—with that of any other remedy. The brain of a Satyen Bose, the collaborator of Einstein, in the Theory of

Relativity, is needed to do full justice to Homœopathy; pigmy brains won't do.

Homœopathy is a system based on the science of correspondences, which is a *unerring* as the laws of *Astronomy and Physics*." Truly, no man of sense will stand a challenge to this faultless and momentous experience of Dr. Skinner, the winner of the Simpson gold medal, who has surpassed the true necessity of introduction in the field of medicine. The Allopath in him covered the first 27 years of his medical career and the Homœopath in him luckily could cover the same span of 27 years, before making this weighty declaration. Now, at the ripe old age of 78, when an experience is valued as more than right, he, Dr. Skinner, could only present his unique experience to the self-chosen eyeless world.

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of existence is a unit of energy. No one knows where that comes from. It is unknowable.

There is no new discovery made in medicine which does not seem to bear out the truth and worth of the homœopathic principle and supports the view that it is, as Hahnemann taught, an immutable law of nature. All Nature's laws are immutable and all will, one day, undoubtedly be universally recognised and exploited for good.

Meanwhile, those blessed with the knowledge of homœopathy's immense power to heal and soothe will practise it and trust to its beneficial influence when the not so obvious "blessing" of illness, apparently inseparable from our modern society, seemingly calls for its individual artificial counterpart.

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