

WHAT HOMŒOPATHY HAS TO OFFER REGULAR MEDICINE

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Edison lost a valuable patent because of a misplaced comma. Even the inflection of a sentence may change its meaning. When this title was assigned to me, was the intention "What Homœopathy *has to offer* regular medicine?" or "What Homœopathy *has* to offer regular medicine?" The first means *must*; it's an *obligation*. The second rendering means *possesses*, and implies a *content*. The only thing which Homœopathy *must* offer medicine is a fair, accurate and explicit picture or account of itself. If this were done, it is for *medicine* to decide whether it will avail itself of Homœopathy's further acquaintance. If we follow the second inflection, what is the possession of Homœopathy which is sufficiently unique to be offered as an aid to the noble art, science and profession of healing?

It is a method of stimulating the living body to heal itself, as simple as that. Not to balance the scales between acid and alkali, between pain and anodyne. Moreover, this method applies to man or beast. It is based on a law of what our semantics is pleased to call Nature: *like cures like*. Homœopathy has no corner on this law. The universe is not constructed for cartels. Medicine when it *cures* (oh! dire and dangerous word) always does so in accordance with this law. Contraries only palliate. Homœopathy offers a different interpretation of the accepted facts of science.

It also has a wider range of posology (dosage) the upper echelons of which have vast potentialities unknown as yet to the medical fields.

Homœopathy offers to medicine the long view—healing in perspective.

It offers an expansion of the horizon of help. It also defines the limitations of its or, indeed, *any medicinal* power of healing. These barriers are mechanical obstructions to cure, and psycho-

logical and pathological obstructions also. At these barriers we, like all healers by drugs, rejoice to summon surgeons or psychiatrists, but thereafter continue to heal the constitution which contributed to the pathology.

It illuminates chronological order in disease development. It sheds light on what suppression is, its consequences, and how to avoid or overcome it best.

It deals with processes, with the *tendency to form* abnormal growths, changing the emphasis from end-products to causes.

It is the boon of functional cases, where no genuine organic diagnosis can be found, yet the patient suffers on.

It reveals a new and constructive Public Health program showing how to raise immunities and thresholds and resistance without burdening bodies with foreign proteins; and how to clear away inherited illnesses and "allergies."

It offers a philosophy of chronic disease, of its *prevention* and amelioration which strengthens the health of successive generations. It offers laws (Hering's Law) showing *when* the physician is on the right track.

It furnishes aids to the specialists, with whose special abilities and techniques it can cooperate.

It offers a new slant on the value of certain diseases, and the prevention of sequelae.

It gives possibilities of palliation, without sedation in incurable cases.

It offers the general practitioner a sound *raison d'être*.

It is an instrument of precision, of predictable exactitude in the realm of remedial therapy.

It expands the number of healing natural substances available to medicine.

It can offer pure scientists a fruitful field for research in non-dangerous aid to humanity.

It opens an individualized approach to the denizens of a country founded as a haven for intelligent minorities to pursue their freedom, and is a refreshing alternative to increasing mass pressures and procedures.

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or takes the place of, the pain. Exercise is very fatiguing.

Cramps in calves or feet, at night in bed.

Gouty pains in the large toes.

Fever and night sweats.

A frequent characteristic symptom is pain extending along cord to testicle.

This remedy has cured severe sciatica after *Rhus*, *Coloc.* and *Sulphur* failed.

It likewise has affinity for the anterior crural nerve.

The nerve and rheumatic symptoms are worse in cold, damp weather; from exertion and strain, at night and in the early morning; better sitting in a chair with painful limb drawn up.

The headaches are relieved by cold bathing.

There are two reasons for bringing this fragmentary sketch to your attention. First, because *Gnaphalium* is one of the greatest medicines not only for the relief of pain but for its cure as well. Second, it is a far deeper remedy than most homœopathic physicians suspect it to be because it has cured very chronic and obstinate cases of arthritis after the failure of some of our best proven and successful polycrests.

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It enables medicine to have a consistent, beneficent, constructive approach in accordance with the Hippocratic Oath binding on all physicians.

All in all, Homœopathy is adapted to modernity and the atomic age.

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