

eradicating the tuberculous tendency".—(Kent). Sul., Ars., Sil. are dangerous in advanced stages but Puls. which precedes any of them well can be used. Boenninghausen was cured of purulent tuberculosis by Puls.; after sufficient improvement it can be complemented. Tuberculinum can eradicate T.B. inheritance. But homœopaths are sleeping.

What wonder then that there will be limitations in the treatment of diseases in the field of Homœopathy?

CLINICAL VERIFICATIONS OF OUR HOMŒOPATHIC MATERIA MEDICA

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If the principles of Homœopathy are unsound and untrue, there never has been and never will be any successful (curative) results from the application of any homœopathic remedy to any patient.

Quoting from paragraph 18 of the author's preface to the sixth edition of the *Organon*: "Homœopathy knows that a cure can only take place by the reaction of the vital force against the rightly chosen remedy that has been ingested." Page 156, section 70, of the same volume:

. . . everything of a really morbid character and which ought to be cured that the physician can discover in diseases consists solely of the sufferings of the patient, and the sensible alterations in his health, in a word, solely of the totality of the symptoms, by means of which the disease demands the medicine requisite for its relief; . . .

In any economy—of the human body and mind, of a Nation, of a business organization, even of a political group—deviations from a healthy state are indicated by symptoms. Thus, symptoms are faults of some nature.

But the mere disappearance of symptoms is not proof that the faults have been remedied. New highways do not justify the sudden appearance of several new millionaires in the economy of a state. Nor does the silencing of a cough make amends for the tubercular peritonitis that sometimes flares up.

The following cases represent various conditions with which Homœopathy has to contend.

Suppressions—Mrs. S., fingers so numb she could not handle a sewing needle, as she could not feel it with the tips of her fingers. She had suppressed footsweat many years ago. Under *Fluoric acid* the footsweat returned and the numbness disappeared.

Grave disorder of central nervous system and its counterpart in extensive eruption—A small girl would suddenly tremble and fall to the floor. She was conscious and had no pain. She had small areas of eczema. The doctor thought more of the eruption should appear. That finally occurred after *Psorinum* 1M. Within a few days she was covered with eczema from top of head to ankles. She never had another nerve attack. The skin condition gradually responded to homœopathic remedies.

Individualization—It has been my experience to have almost every case of poison ivy and poison oak eruptions clear away quickly under *Rhus tox.* But one young woman received that remedy and made no improvement. Then *Anacardium orientale* was given and the trouble was promptly cured. A year later the same condition was present. *Rhus tox.* was again given without benefit. And *Anacardium orientale* had to be administered to obtain the homœopathic curative action.

Lifetime change of structure after minor injury—A woman aged 62 had had for 40 years hypertrophy and solidification of the left malar bone, said to be due to a fracture within the Antrum of Highmore when a tooth was being extracted. She also had a painful cyst in the right scapular region. Both cyst and bony enlargement began to reduce after *Hecla lava* was given.

Cartilaginous defects—A woman of 40 had a ganglion on the forearm; a lipoma below the right costal arch; a small, soft goitre; arthritis of ankles and knees; and her left eyeball would

roll upward and outward so far that only the sclera was visible. Vision of that eye was already imperfect. *Kali brom.* reduced all the growths and restored the eye to normal action.

High potencies in depth of action—Miss K. V. had a uterine fibroid that would become engorged with fluid in the muscular structure and would expand enormously, extending above the navel. Then it would contract one-third or more in a few days, as colorless water poured from the uterus at the end of each menstruation. Such a case requires years of prescribing, for it improves, then seems to relapse. But relapses were only apparent, not real. Menorrhagia ceased, the patient's strength was never undermined, arthritic propensities and neuritis of one hand decreased. When prescribing finally reached the hundred-thousandth, the eight-hundred-thousandth, and the millionth potencies, the mass reduced continuously and rapidly to a fraction of its size even in the contractive stage.

Another case that illustrates high potency effectiveness occurred just before I left for this convention.

A twelve-year-old girl was given *Rhus tox.* 200. for ivy poisoning. Her face was swollen, and the swelling continued to increase that day and night and the next day. She received a dose of *Rhus tox.* 200. the morning of the first day, and another dose late that afternoon. Later, in the evening, I gave her *Rhus rad.* 10M.

She was in torment from the itching, and had no sleep until the next morning from 6 to 8. I gave *Sepia* 10M at 9 a.m. At 11:30 a.m. she came to the office. Her face was like a pumpkin in size and shape. Her eyes were mere slits. I gave *Rhus tox.* 10M. At 8:30 p.m. she came again, smiling. She said, "It doesn't itch." Swelling was less. Seven hours later I started for Swampscott.

Sections 165, 166, 167, and 168 of the *Organon* describe exactly the procedures to follow in advancing from a remedy that has only partial or imperfect relationship to a case to the true similimum. It may be consoling to a small town practitioner to realize that our Master also had to contend with imperfectly pictured cases—and also had to work from similars to similimum.

Mr. Charles F. Kettering recently said that "the inventor fails 9999 times and if he succeeds once, he is in." That is a statement regarding industry. In homœopathic practice, I think we should reverse those figures in curable cases. Fail once in ten thousand times. That is what I think of homœopathic medicine and of its application.

I very much dislike sickness, but I have a soft spot in my heart for sick people. I was one of them. And my saviors were all professional descendants of Dr. J. T. Kent.

Mr. Kettering also said that "we have looked back into history so much that we have been backing into the future." And adds that he "would like to have us turn around with our backs to history and look into the future to see what we can do."

In our homœopathic profession, it is my opinion that we back into the future when we try to explain Homœopathy by using allopathic ideas. An occasional allopath might be attracted by straight Homœopathy, but I never heard of any of Hahnemann's converts who made the change because a sweet little pill was coated with, perhaps, a "wonder drug" of that day.

Whether they admit it to themselves or not, the members of all systems of medication know that a patient cannot be cured if he is undergoing destruction of vital structures.

We, as homœopaths, know that prevention of such conditions must be done before those stages are reached. There is our power, and there should be our ability.

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A CASE OF CARDIAC ASTHMA

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A patient named Shivcharan Pd, aged 30 years, of Sohdi, Behar sharif, came to my clinic on the 2nd of July 1957. He was suffering for the last 6 years and was always under Allopathic treatment without any permanent effect. I noted down the following symptoms :—