

who ever lived since Hahnemann. Kent wired to give NUX 30 every ten days. I have a number of very sensitive patients who react violently to potencies above 3x, and I remember thinking that not one of these would have taken a second dose of the 30th !

One patient, a prover of the provers, got a dose of NUX very low. At the next meal, she ate everything in sight and then looked round for more. The moral is that if any lady is unduly sensitive to homœopathic medicines, she should keep clear of NUX VOMICA if she values her waistline !

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HOMŒOPATHY AND HER LIMITATIONS IN THE TREATMENT OF DISEASES

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Introduction

This is a move in the right direction ; knowledge of limitations leads to rectification. Homœopathic treatment must be free from all possible defects so that it may be universally accepted and the dream of Hahnemann may be realised : "A day will come when the world will accept Homœopathy as a boon from God and derive benefit from it, but I shall not be here to see that day"—(Hahnemann).

The principle of homœopathy existed eternally. There were unconscious homœopathic cures. "The same substances which cause painful urination, cough.....will cure these diseases." —(Hippocrates). Hahnemann rediscovered, systematised and developed Homœopathy.

Fully conscious of his own efficiency, which was in no way inferior to that of others, Hahnemann had been disgusted with

the empirical Allopathy, gave up practice and began to earn his living by translating medical books.

The story of the rediscovery of Homœopathy will have to be told and retold from generation to generation so that Homœopathy which has come as a gift of God in response to the earnest prayer of a sincere heart may survive and fulfil its divine mission.

Rediscovery

"Cinchona tincture taken in normal health produces ague"—this significant remark he came across in Cullen's *Materia Medica*. Like a flash of lightning it dawned on him that because it could produce ague therefore it could cure it. *Similia similibus curentur*. He began to take four drams of the tincture morning and evening and thus verified the truth of the statement. This was the first 'Proving'.

Provings

Hahnemann went on proving medicines on himself and his followers and commenced treatment with massive, crude doses. He experimented with gross and smaller doses thirteen years for the "Diminuation of the effect of Aggravation".

After fifteen years' experience he was convinced of the efficacy of the infinitesimal dose and answered Hufeland, the representative doctor of the time, who had doubted the efficacy of 1/100,000th part of a grain of Belladonna, saying that "some unbelievably small 'doses' were enough to cure..." and that "the most robust persons suffering from chronic diseases are influenced as deeply by a homœopathically selected medicine as a new-born baby". In short, massive doses were used till 1814. He used centesimal dilutions, which augmented the therapeutic action much, from 1815 to 1835. Generally he used 30, which was found to cure without aggravation. Later he developed and used 50,000th dilutions No. I to XXX (1835 to 1843).

Dynamisation

Meanwhile he changed the name of dilution into dynamisation or potency because by trituration and succussion the

healing dynamis increased, poisonous effect lessened ; cures with high dilutions lasted longer.

Limitation Discovered

A puzzling difficulty confronted his new therapy. Symptoms are there for the right selection, the remedy acts, but the cure is not permanent ; the more the repetition, the less the action, then it does not act at all.

Chronic Diseases

For eleven years he observed, studied, reflected ; then he brought forth the theories of the miasms and their remedies, fully treated in "The Chronic Diseases".

Miasms—The Greatest Limitation in Treatment

The miasms are constitutional poisons mostly inherited(?), which do not allow even the rightly selected remedy to act effectively. Unlike acute diseases, which left to themselves get cured or end in death, these miasms imperceptibly undermine health, go on increasing and tormenting and "would become extinct only with the extinction of life", unless checked and eradicated by suitable, potentized homœopathic remedies.

Psora, Sycosis, Syphilis

The descriptive name of Psora is 'the itch-disease' and that of Sycosis is 'the fig-wart disease' ; while the sign of Syphilis is chancre.

Syphilis is the easiest to cure, any good preparation of Mercury will cure it. Sycosis, which is more difficult to cure, can still be cured by the alternate (?) use of Thuja and Nitric Acid. Psora is thousand-headed and does not allow others depart.

Origin of Psora

Psora may be conceived to have its origin in the mind. It started with the itching of the vital mind, the longing for the

enjoyment of external things, the sensual pleasures ; it marks the loss of pristine purity, the commencement of depravity.

Mild Leprosy

But whence is the external itching ? Hahnemann says : Psora is a mild form of Leprosy. 'Ayurveda' also counts skin diseases as KHUDRA KUSTHA, small Leprosy.

According to Hahnemann Leprosy was widely prevalent in Europe in the middle ages. It had found its way there from the Middle East through the crusaders. Persistent efforts of suppression mostly through external means have brought about its present form.

There has been a great deal of ridicule cast upon this theory of Psora. Whether it is the result of suppressed itch or not, when a case does not react to the apparently indicated remedy, if we look well into the case we shall find traces of one or more of the miasms ; often an antipsoric will be indicated and will lead to cure.

Vicious Circle

In the treatment of diseases sometimes a vicious circle is noticed : one miasm obstructs another and in its turn is obstructed by another. When syphilis gets combined with Psora any amount of mercury would not cure it ; even from the ancient times it could be cured only after the removal of Psora with Guaiacum, Mezerium or Sarsaparilla. Kent says : repetition of mercurial preparations for colds, sore-throats etc. establishes on a psoric system a miasmatic state ; the Psora, his chronic state will not manifest itself until this state has been lifted by Hepar-sulph. when the patient is 'cold' or Kali-iod. when he is 'hot'.

Experience showed that a single dose of Sul. (200), the king of anti-psorics, having almost cured a case of eczema became completely powerless to make any more impression in the presence of Sycosis (wart), which came to light later. Thuja, the anti-sycotic seemed to take up the unfinished work of Sulphur : Silica. one of the complementaries of Thuja became soon

indicated; Asthma made its appearance and was practically liquidated by a single dose of Silica 1M. Then one dose Sulph. in 1M wonderfully improved hitherto unknown prolapse recti.

Again, Syphilis obstructs Psora. "It causes suspicion of latent Syphilis when aggravations are very severe after sulphur high". "After such prolonged aggravation Syphilinum should be considered". "In some cases of brain Syphilis *Sulphur* and *Causticum* have caused prolonged suffering and weakness. Syphilinum will act favourably."—Kent. It seems syphilitics cannot tolerate *Arsenic* (?), *Nat-mur*, *Nat-sul*. Let experts judge.

Thus we see how Psora obstructs Syphilis, mercurial miasm obstructs Psora, Sycosis and Syphilis also prevent Psoric remedies.

So, it is a vicious circle in which any miasm can obstruct any other. The three seem to live together, one being dominant. The dictum of 'Ayurveda': "subdue the dominant one," needs to be followed.

Is Psora Indirectly Venereal?

An obstinate eczema was cured only after the administration of *Syphilinum* high; the indications were: "remedies act but a few days in systems requiring Syphilinum" and there was the history of the patient's grandfather.

Paresh Banerji, the discoverer of 'LEXIN', the snake-bite cure, has also another specific ANTELION 60, for Leprosy; in his opinion LEPROSY can be cured by such a remedy alone, which can combat and conquer Psora, Sycosis, Syphilis and mercurial poison together. If Paresh Banerji is correct and if we remember that skin-diseases are but the outcome of Leprosy, then, Psora clearly happens to be indirectly venereal.

In a French Magazine it was mentioned that *Syphil.* and *Medor.* might be necessary for the cure of eczema.

Burnett used to cure ringworm with *Bacil.*, which has the reputation of curing undefined syphilitic troubles.

If LEPROSY has anything to do with Gonorrhœa and Syphilis, then the three miasms cannot be kept quite separate from one another.

Are Miasms Tri-une ?

"Before I had obtained this knowledge, I could only teach how to treat the whole number of chronic diseases as isolated, individual diseases". (Foot-note to para 80, Organon).

".....from his clinical experience of twelve years he was not able to treat the chronic diseases as isolated individual maladies even by the most careful application of the law of similars".—(Peterson).

Hahnemann has said, Psora can combine with Syphilis or Sycosis or both.

'Ayurveda' considers the three humours of VAYU (nerves-trouble), PITTA (biliousness) and KAPHA (phlegm) always going hand in hand, only one or sometimes two become dominant and rarely in almost incurable diseases all the three combine and become vitiated.

Hardly any useful purpose will be served by conceiving the three miasms as separate or united, though homœopaths divide themselves into opposite camps on this point citing authority of Hahnemann.

Rejection

Some want to discard the miasm theory itself. "What influence can it have, whether we adopt or reject the Psoric theory, so long as he always selects the most similar medicine possible ?"—(Hering).

Protest

But Peterson differs from Hering : "I am giving my clinical experiences." ".....It is well nigh impossible to get successful results without a full knowledge of the Hahnemannian doctrine of the miasms, so that one may indeed choose the right remedy."

Mixed Virtue of Remedies

Like the miasms the remedies also seem to possess more miasmatic virtues than are ordinarily known. *Sulphur* is anti-syphilitic also (Boger). *Sul.* 30 is good at all stages of Syphilis. *Sul.* has cured purulent discharge of eyes which were full of gonococci.

Limitations

Treatment of diseases depends on many factors and any failure due to any defect anywhere is attributed to poor Homœopathy; e.g. the homœopath, his knowledge, books, medicines, patient, unknown factors.

One of the real difficulties that has its adverse effect ultimately on the treatment of diseases is Hahnemann's INVOLVED LANGUAGE. Hempel's remark is: "Hahnemann's phraseology is so involved and bears so little resemblance to the usual mode of constructing periods, either in German or in any other language, that it is utterly impossible to furnish a bare translation of Hahnemann's writings." "I have not translated words but ideas."

Attempt at literal translations has led to different sense and confusion.

Proving

Another fundamental defect has arisen from some defective provings. "The great bulk of *Thuja* provings has been wasted, because there is so much confusion in the great number of symptoms, while earlier provings brought out many of the characteristics, the Vienna provings, to a great extent confused the image of *Thuja*. So, by clinical experience only we have been able to draw out the finer features of *Thuja*. It requires more than a school-boy to do that."—(Kent).

Organon 6th Edition

As translated and published by William Bœricke it is not as clear (in its exposition of the 50,000th potencies, by which Hahnemann claims to have solved all difficulties in the matter of the treatment of diseases), as the resumé given by PAHUD of Lousane, who has claimed that Flury of Barne, the President of the Swiss Society had translated the German text for him (Hahnemannian Gleanings VOL. XVIII, Feb. 1951, page 48).

Bœricke has imprinted the phrase "AFTER HAHNEMANN" on his 6th edition of the ORGANON; moreover while Pahud says, "Shake the globules in a mortar till dry", Bœricke speaks of drying them on BLOTTING PAPER; this raises the

question whether Bœricke introduced any change. Let experts judge.

Solved all Difficulties

As this new method, in which even an antipsoric remedy can be repeated for months without harm, is claimed by Hahnemann to have solved all difficulties; moreover, because this new system of treatment has hardly been adopted by homœopathic world of these days, I repeat the method here.

Limitations of homœopathic treatment may dwindle to the minimum if this method is handled by efficient homœopaths.

* Preparation

- (1) For soluble substances take the 2c, and for insoluble take 3c trituration.
- (2) Dissolve a grain (.063 gmm) in 25 gms. of 30% alcohol. This now constitutes the Mother-Tincture.
- (3) Add 1 drop of mother-tincture to 500 globules of sac. lac.
- (4) Use No. 1 globules, weighing 0.5 mgm. each.
- (5) Shake the globules in a mortar till dry.
- (6) To a bottle of convenient size add one of these globules and one drop of distilled water, allow the globule to dissolve (in about two minutes); then add 99 drops of 90% alcohol.
- (7) Give the bottle 100 succussions.
- (8) Now take one drop of this potency and add to 500 fresh globules.
- (9) Shake these in a mortar till dry and place in a small vial. This is dilution No. 1.
- (10) Proceed in the above manner until you arrive at dilution No. XXX. As one globule represents 1/500th of a drop of the centesimal dilution we arrive at $500 \times 100 = 50,000$ th potency.

* This method is taken evidently from Dr. Pahud's article, published in the British Homœopathic Journal, April 1950, and differs to some extent from those given by Dr. Bœricke and by Dr. P. Schmidt—Ed.

Procedure of Treatment

- (1) Take one globule of the selected potency and add to it 10 gms. of 30% alcohol.
- (2) Give the bottle to the patient and instruct him to take 5 to 8 drops each morning on waking, in a little water.
- (3) Every time the patient takes the drops he has to shake the bottle 10 to 20 times in the following manner. Hold the bottle in the right hand and beat this closed fist against the open palm of the left hand.
- (4) "It is necessary that each dose should be a somewhat different potency."—(Hahnemann).

Pahud has given eight cases treated by him to show the extraordinary action of these mysterious dilutions, much more immaterial than centesimal potencies.

Hahnemann writes : "I know that I have taught other ways of healing in my 5th Edition, but I did not then know of the improved method which I have found during the last four or five years of my life."

Remarks

Hahnemann said that the large dose of a rightly selected remedy would act on the diseased parts vehemently; if the selection were right the dose could not be minimised to such an extent as to make it quite useless; the cells of the body refused to accept even a second dose in the same form, so, every dose must be made different from its preceding as well as succeeding dose by succussions. His firm belief is that globules moistened with water or in solution become far more efficacious than in their dry form; it is why from the beginning he preferred to give medicine in solution; lest the water should decompose he used to put a hard piece of charcoal tied to a thread into the solution advising the patient to remove it before succussion, each time.

In this new method he has ably combined all these principles. Besides, it does away with the need to giving placebo (?) for the consolation of the patient.

50 Millesimal Potencies also aggravate

The 50 millesimal potencies also have caused aggravations as has been testified by Pahud and Voegeli of Lausanne and his colleague, Voisin. Voegeli says : "in time we shall know the conditions in which 50 millesimal is preferable". He recommends works of Vannier for the application of the different degrees of dynamisation. Voisin blames 50 millesimal for its aggravation, while Voegeli admires it, "can we not use them for curing rather for aggravating?" he asks.

Therapeutics by High Dilution (50 Millesimal)

The biological energy (which acts on the vital force) is developed by trituration and succussion. In the scale of 100:1 sufficient number of succussion cannot be given, because then the remedy will cause dangerous reactions. Therefore, in the centesimal one must be content with 2 to 10 succussions. In the scale of 50,000:1 the attenuation of pharmacological power is sufficient for giving 100 jerkings.

"Thus non-substantial remedies are obtained which contain high energy which act on all planes of the living organism, without causing dangerous reaction if one knows how to manipulate these dilutions."

"Such is the idea of Hahnemann". "It is strange there are Homœopaths who have not arrived at such conclusions."
—(Voegeli).

Her Worst Limitation

The worst limitation in the treatment of diseases follows from the shortcomings of the votaries of Homœopathy, many of whom, at least in India, seem to suffer from dearth of knowledge.

"Lack of knowledge for a homœopath is unpardonable".
—(Hahnemann).

Homœopathic literature is too vast to be available to all and mastered; remedies are numerous, symptoms countless.

Indefatigable, intelligent labour is her demand.

The best people of society are not attracted by Homœopathy, because it is not a lucrative profession.

Moreover, for want of constant and vigorous attempt to disseminate the sterling excellences of Homœopathy among the public, there is hardly any sufficient chance to arouse an interest in the hearts of young and energetic people who could embrace it out of sheer love.

Her Merits Misused

Chances of misuse are inherent in Homœopathy ; the minimum dose of potentised medicine will hardly make any dangerous impression on normally healthy tissues, yet it will act vehemently on the diseased parts by virtue of similarity, elective affinity. But owing to the mistaken impression that homœopathic remedies are absolutely harmless, any-body handles Homœopathy and misuses it, of-course not without some good results sometimes.

Lay-homœopaths

The lay homœopaths are a great blot of homœopathy ; yet many of them have to their credit many wonderful cures, for which they command clients and respect in society ; but their failures based on their ignorance bring discredit to Homœopathy ; the inferiority complex of homœopaths in general is also due mostly to the lay practitioners, who have not the basic medical knowledge including the allied sciences.

Unerring like Astronomy

Now the question is how can these lay homœopaths, even women-folk who use a simple book on "Family Treatment" sometimes effect miraculous cures ? Because "Homœopathy is a system founded on the science of correspondences, which is as unerring as the laws of astronomy and physics", says Skinner who had 54 years of medical experience, half as an orthodox doctor and half as a homœopath.

Single-symptom-cure

By virtue of this unerring law, sometimes a single characteristic, peculiar symptom brings about a surprising cure.

A patient who used to keep his cold, gangrenous foot outside the bed, with a wet-cloth for cold-compress, had got cured

by Ergot (homœopathic *Secale cor.*), one drop in 12 ounces of water, every three hours, which had reached the patient by the mistake of the chemist ; this incident had led to the conversion of Charette of France.

Skinner cured an apparently incurable cough by a single dose of *Ars. 50,00th* ; "in ninety-nine cases out of one hundred if dyspnœa after cough is a regular marked symptom, *Ars.* is bound to cure or greatly ameliorate....."

Chance Cures

Thus, though the very merits of homœopathy have turned into a source of disorder, chaos and confusion at the hands of lay homœopaths, they too score wonderful successes like SKINNER and CHARETTE only with key-note symptoms.

Functional Troubles

When functional troubles melt away before homœopathic doses, like darkness before the sun, they are considered by the unsympathetic allopaths and ignorant public as no cures at all ; why should they, especially at laymen's hands ?

Organic Changes

Generally organic changes are held to be beyond the power of homœopathy. *Nat-mur.* given as a constitutional remedy had helped new growth of hair on a bald head ! Fluoric acid cured cases of baldness.

Neglect of Study

Such easy chance-cures through characteristic symptoms have fostered a criminal neglect of study of Homœopathic books by many of its followers. Many practise without having read even the *Organon*, not to speak of "The chronic DISEASES" or *REPERTORY*, and with the help of cheap books that have flooded the market and are full of faults of omission and commission.

Tuberculosis

It is a pity that Homœopathy could not offer anything in place of *B.C.G.* "There is no deeper remedy than *Silica* in

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.