

always a warning and happened repeatedly under *Kali carb.* It corresponds to a phase of *Medorrhinum*, and is complementary in the tuberculo-sycotic state. The symptom referred to is found under *Medorrhinum*, in H. C. Allen's *Materia Medica of the Nosodes*, "is always anticipating, feels most matters sensitively before they occur and generally correctly". The typical sycotic is not troubled with dreams. It finds its expression in the tubercular type.

Here is a clear-cut illustration of a general symptom of a miasm, the tubercular, acting as a vehicle for expression of an accretion, the sycotic. It further indicates that when the diseased grouping shapes itself in an orderly relationship of expression, and we do not by injudicious handling of the case add drug or other wrong impressions, we can with homœopathy unravel the problem. In our study we find the enlarging capacity of remedies in a developmental sense to include progression in natural disease, namely evolvment of the miasms. This destroys the fictitious concept that our materia medica is limited in its scope to function in a definite period to be superseded by other means in the evolvment of diseased states due to the complication arising out of our civilization.

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## THE SCOPE OF HOMŒOPATHIC POTENCIES

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It is probable that the crude remedies and their lower potencies act on the more *material* conditions of the patient and with some mental reactions, while those potencies beyond the third centesimal cause reactions from the *vital* ranges corresponding.

The characteristic nature of each herb or other substance is known quite well as a rule, and when potentized they have been proved to cover a much wider set of conditions without losing their basic qualities. The reason for this is rather diffi-

cult to express because we lack terms which will clearly indicate the connection between the remedy and the patient as a *whole* : it is not simply a matter of counter-action or of local stimulation but rather that of contacting a dynamic center or layer of *Life*, both of the remedy and of the patient. When this is done by the appropriate potentized remedy *that* dynamic force or center reacts and starts a whole chain of effects related to its characteristics. As there is no end to the sub-division of Matter, so it is with Life itself ; and the Human in his *total* constitution is a synthesis of such a tremendous range that human minds are incapable of observing more than *proximate effects* as they manifest themselves in the present.

There is no doubt whatever that the very high potentized remedy will show reactions in a very short time. It may also cause aggravations of the symptoms or bring to the surface several others which were latent but whose causes were of ancient date. Not only so, but the characteristics and force of the remedy may continue for many months—all without our observation ; but the implication necessarily follows, that until its energy exhausted *some* reactions will occur.

The result of nuclear experiments has shown that the *field* increases with the subdivisions. This seems to be the effect with any drug or remedy, and the field within our observation—and with the aid of our best mechanical recording inventions—does not touch those ranges of the process belonging to the deeper individual character, but which may be stimulated into action by appropriate means.

So far, we have not devised a satisfactory nomenclature to designate the various levels on which potentized remedies start their reactions. The nearest concept is that of strata of Aether, and Aether in ancient philosophy was a correspondence of a phase of Life. The term Ether as now used does not convey the same idea ; and yet, if it is granted that it has different densities and corresponding attributes it would be possible to account for the various reactions and to accept a numerical scale which would serve the purpose of dealing with potentized substances with a fair degree of accuracy. For instance some herbs have a small range of reactions ; others

have a medium or high range ; the metals, minerals, and many other substances seem to have an almost unlimited range of effects, direct or collateral.

In ordinary practice the present use of numbers is satisfactory and meets requirements ; but if we can discover the *rationale* it would be a help, and also might lead to a more accurate mode of prescribing, by coming within the sphere of an accepted and recognized Science. So far as I know the provings have not been carried much beyond the CM potency ; and I think that without a very definite *scale* of provings one might be justified in doubting, or at least, speculating, as to the differences in the reactions of the higher potencies. So long as there is a characteristic reaction it actually matters little from what etheric level it occurs. But this is not either Philosophy or Science, and we need both, for Nature and Life have processes which conform to an undeviating procedure.

The magnetic reactions of some of the recently devised instruments are indications that there are possibilities of reducing such to an orderly scale of values. One handicap likely to cause inaccuracy and indefiniteness is that no mechanical instrument yet devised can in the nature of things give an accurate and explicit delineation or record of the *subtler* elements and the nature of the non-human causes. Humans react to such ; and in another sense, some of the causes are inherent and a carry-over from the past. Yet, "While there's Life there's Hope" of the possibility of modifying even inherent causes and their progressive effects, so the nearer the basic psychic, mental, and physical source we can reach and stimulate to beneficent reactions the more radical will be the ultimate result, and potentized homœopathic remedies approach very closely to this desideratum.

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