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## THIS AMAZING HOMŒOPATHY

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One of the most astounding things in Homœopathy, is the way in which the symptom-picture of a patient can be matched, even often to small details, by the symptom-picture of a remedy—the symptoms brought out by the provings. This similarity between the two pictures is not confined to physical symptoms or to symptoms relating to the obvious disease from which the patient is suffering. It extends to the mental sphere and embraces manifestations of the very innermost nature of the individual.

How can such a close resemblance exist? What is the basis of it? What possible connection can one discern between for example a snake poison and the physical and mental state of a woman undergoing the change of life? Yet the snake poison picture may so exactly match the said patient's symptom complex as to be able to obliterate it and cure the woman of all her ills.

This remarkable resemblance of symptoms is not due to co-incidence. It occurs too frequently and too exactly to be accidental. If we cannot fathom the way in which it works, we can but accept the fact as a gift of providence, and use it for the benefit of humanity.

And our remedies themselves. How amazing the fact made abundantly clear by Hahnemann and all the provers

who have followed him that there is probably not a single substance in the world, animal, vegetable or mineral that is not capable of curative action when sufficiently subdivided. Substances recognised as quite inert medically such as common salt, flint, lycopodium, are seen to develop the most wonderful power for healing when potentised.

Nay more, substances that, in the crude state, are actually injurious and dangerous can be transformed into healing agents through the process of dilution and succussion.

The snake poisons, the cyanides, poisonous gases are all instances of the power of the homœopathic touch to change harm into healing.

And what of potentisation! The facts we find there are more than amazing—they are incredible.

Hahnemann discovered that by repeatedly diluting and vigorously shaking a drug, he gradually eliminated its power to upset a patient with its crude effects, and at the same time brought out and enhanced its deeper curative virtues. Hahnemann found, as others have found since his day, that it is not possible to reach the end of curative action however long one continues the process of potentisation. On the contrary the power of action is greatly increased by extreme potentisation.

Most of those who use the high potencies will agree that the strongest-acting of all the potencies is the 10M (ten-thousandth). What is the actual strength of this potency? It may be represented by 1 of the original substance, in 1 with fifty noughts after it of diluent.

This is fantastic and only those who have seen their effects can believe in the action of such high potencies.

Faith-healing, humbug, are epithets used by those who cannot or who do not want to believe. But the facts are easily demonstrated.

Some years ago I read a paper to the then British Homœopathic Society, in which I happened to mention a

cure with a 10M potency. A medical colleague, a member of the Society, wrote and rebuked me for making such a statement in public. Any action, he said, from such a high potency was absurd to believe, it was impossible.

I asked the doctor if he were willing to make a test. He consented, and I sent him some doses of a 10M potency of a certain drug, to take three times a day until he developed symptoms, at the same time enclosing a sealed envelope containing the symptoms likely to be caused by taking this particular drug.

Fortunately for the quick success of my experiment, the doctor must have been somewhat of a "sensitive," for in a week or so he wrote me that he had been forced to stop taking the doses on account of the intolerable symptoms produced, that he had read the note in the sealed envelope and found the description therein to tally so exactly with the symptoms he experienced that he was quite convinced that a 10M potency had something in it. The symptoms produced by the drug, and recorded in the sealed envelope, were chiefly a terrific pounding headache, and the drug was Glonoin (Nitro-glycerin).

The 10M however, is not the limit of our potentising. Some of us frequently use the CM potency, which is the 100,000th. I possess also some remedies in the five and ten millionth potency. I do not often use them, but there is no doubt that they act. Of course, with these enormously high potencies one cannot be sure that the figure named represents the exact stage of dilution, but with such astronomical numbers even a considerable error either way can be ignored.

As a matter of fact, when one reaches such heights one is probably dealing more with vibration than with matter as we ordinarily know it.

It seems to be becoming more and more recognised that vibration is the fundamental basis of all power, and vibration may well be the bridge between matter and non-

matter. The strength of the vibration of a homœopathic potency is occasionally evidenced in an unexpected manner.

I have seen a glass tumbler in which a 200th potency was dissolved in water, shattered to pieces by the vibration of the potency. Such a revelation of the powers inherent in our potencies should make us all the more careful in our use of them.

If the foregoing considerations seem amazing, what shall we say when we come to the curative effects of the homœopathic remedies. Those who are used to their workings come to take for granted the treatment of conditions that are usually left to the surgeon of the undertaker. No experienced homœopathic practitioner hesitates to prescribe for a case of cancer when operation or other measures are deemed inadvisable or are refused by the patient. Some homœopathic doctors of the last generation published reports of numbers of cases of cancer cured by homœopathy. Personally I can claim to have seen only one authentic case of cancer cured. This was a carcinoma of the body of the uterus, in a woman aged about 60, diagnosed as such by an experienced gynæcologist, but apart from that, unmistakable from the signs. The growth disappeared entirely in eighteen months under lachesis in various potencies, and did not recur during the further twelve years that the patient lived. One swallow does not make a summer, but one undoubted case of cure does establish the fact that cancer can be cured by homœopathic medicines.

Many things that would still be amazing to the uninitiated have ceased to be so to us who are accustomed to them. But very much will always remain to excite unending astonishment and gratitude.

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