

was—she had to eructate a lot at the time of passing stool. A dose of Kali carb. 200 was given. First week she said that the headache is less. Next week she said that the appetite has improved. Third week she reports improvement in constipation. Now she has not to eructate, so there is gradual improvement.

### A CONTRACT MET AD VERBUM

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One evening, in the year 1927, an Anglo-Indian middle aged gentleman walked into my clinic enquiring about the doctor, who was absent from his office for several days, and who was just opposite to mine, across the road. He was an old patient of his, undergoing allopathic treatment for years without getting his health restored except that he was tided over one or the other complaint that used to appear every now and then. He being ignorant of homœopathy expressed his desire to know something about it. He had however, heard several queer and funny things about this. Some old lady told him that the inventor of homœopathy was very fond of flowers and one morning as he was having his usual stroll through his garden the idea that these beautiful creations of the Almighty must have been gifted to the mankind for some more lasting good than the mere passing show that they did put up. He plucked a few of them and distilled them and used the same for curing human ills. Some other source informed him that homœopathy was a faith cure, the dilutions that were used were no better than a drop of the tincture dropped in the upper sources of the Ganges and the water collected in Hoogli near about Calcutta, and so on and so forth. He was asked to take his seat and the principles of this new method of cure were laid before him and gradually unfolded so that he was able to grasp them. His keen interest manifested by

his searching questions which encouraged me to go deeper and deeper into the subject.

Henceforth, he became a frequent visitor and would resume his talks whenever he found me free to do so. After about a week or so when all his doubts were cleared and he was convinced of the rational basis of this new system of treatment, he declared his intention of taking my help to get himself restored to health and relieved of his sufferings so that he could also enjoy life like any other normal man. He was asked to give a detailed account of his health ever since he could remember and to the best of his knowledge. Here again he showed how keen and enthusiastic he was about the new method of cure by giving me a complete report of whatever he had suffered from along with a graphic statement of his reactions to the various natural stimuli so that practically nothing was left out except that at a particular period of his life he began to show a few syphilitic symptoms which were absent before that time. This naturally led me to enquire about this, rather a delicate question, of his ever contracting a primary V. D. infection. This took him by surprise and he explained that he had purposely desisted from mentioning this none too laudable an achievement for two reasons. In the first place out of sheer modesty and the second that he had undergone two courses of injections and twice his Wassermann reactions were declared negative.

To cut a long story short I jotted down the following symptoms on which I could base my immediate prescription, as recorded in my old register: He was rather stout and short of build with black hair and eyes and a fair complexion and always well dressed. Mentally he looked sad and dejected almost weary of life, sometimes his behaviour becoming so indifferent that it verged on absence of mind. He had no desire to make friends or to marry though he was thirty two at the time. He preferred to remain a bachelor not because he felt guilty in any way but because he did not think that a girl could be good enough

to be his wife. His disposition was timorous, at times he would feel that he was going to die soon and that there was no use marrying or doing anything. All these changes came about after his V. D. incident. He would at times suffer from a headache feeling as if a tight bandage was round his head and it had become numb. Off and on he would suffer from a severe odontalgia of a pulsative, and digging character. His appetite used to vanish even after the first mouthful not because he did not feel hungry but because the food that was placed before him was not properly cooked. In fact he never had any food upon his table he could not find fault with. Flatulence in the abdomen to the extent of causing soreness towards hypogastrium was one of his constant companion and this was probably the consequence of a most obstinate constipation with hard and sticky stools, very difficult to remove or wash. Thread worms often crawled out of the anus at night causing voluptuous itching and thus disturbing sleep. During sleep he used to have lascivious dreams with erections and constant flow of prostatic fluid. Urination was very often frequent and always slow and loaded with a red deposit and turbid sediment. When he was on his legs there was a general lassitude of the limbs occasionally with a feeling of trembling and cramps in them. Towards evening he used to feel so lonely and unsatisfied that he did not know what to do. His life was hell as he said.

After studying the above statement I was somehow, sure of curing the patient within a matter of three doses and when I next met him I told him of my resolve. Though this was something out of medical ethics and different from my normal habit I shook his hand and closed the contract, money of course was out of the question. On September 4, 1927 a dose of Platinum 10 m was put on his clean tongue with the usual instructions about diet and his general mode of living and to report after about a fortnight. He, however, returned to my clinic on the morning of the 8th, with a long face and took his seat in the corner. After I had

done with other patients, I adressed him and enquired of him the reason of his so early a visit. He was very angry as was evident from his face and then he revealed that his old complaints had returned and that he had given up all hope of cure. I on the contrary was very happy in spite of his distress. I explained to him the reasons of my hopefulness and told him that the results have been evident sooner than expected. He had begun passing large quantities of blood per rectum and had some eruptions round his penis with burning urination. I told him that no new dose could be given to him as only two were left in my hand for the entire cure. He was, however, asked to report after another four days. He came on the 14th morning smiling and apologising for whatever he had said during his last visit. He said he was already a changed man and by the end of the month he was so full of joy that he began to plan a holiday tour and also a visit to his sister who was at Shahjahanpur. He was the Head Telegraph Master of this place and managed to go on a fortnight's leave from the first of October. He informed me from Shahjahanpur that he was expecting to be married soon, and this he did before his leave came to an end. After about two months a dose of Syphilinum 10m. was given only as a precaution. He again met me some eight months after, as he was going on leave to enjoy a few weeks at Mussoori, from Meerut where he was working at the time. I told him that the third dose was still in my hands, and the cure was complete within three as contracted. He was very grateul and all the pleasure of being able to help a fellow human being was mine.

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