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HOMŒOPATHY v. "WONDER DRUGS"

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I note, in your May 1946 issue, P. 67, Dr. Bowman-Behram, in his address, as reproduced by you states: "The greatest discoveries of modern times, in the field of pharmaceuticals, are sulphonamide and penicillin. Sulphonamide has been successfully used in a large group of acute dangerous diseases like pneumonia, meningitis, plague, dysentery, erysipelas, septicæmia, gonorrhœa, etc. There is not one or more drugs in homœopathy which will tackle those conditions so successfully as sulphonamide." So! Let us see!

May I be allowed to challenge that statement? If the doctor has solely suppression in mind and is able to ignore the evil results that have followed the use of those drugs and their abuse, then I can see his point of view. But if he has a radical cure in mind he had better change his mind. Disease is not a separate entity apart from the individual who entertains it. No one ever found a single drug that will fit every case of any disease by its name solely,

any more than a tailor can devise a single pattern from which he can cut a single suit of clothes that will fit, without alteration, EVERY white man regardless of his bulk or stature: one is just as ridiculous as the other. The search for a cancer cure is ridiculous and a waste of public funds and shows the lack of intelligence of the one who attempts it.

I have had no experience with either plague or meningitis, but have had plenty of experience with the rest. How false and misleading the doctor's statement may prove is well illustrated in these "wonder drugs," sulphonamide and penicillin. Both were heralded as "perfect," and it was not long before their temporary results wore off and their "stock" fell off 50%, and nothing was said of the evil results that followed their ignorant use. Why? We have plenty of wonder drugs of our own! Yes! If we will only learn to use them! All we need is to go ahead and prove more drugs scientifically and learn how to separate the indicating symptoms from the vast amount of dross that is generously given us by the prover himself on top of those produced directly by the drug itself.

As to dysentery, erysipelas, septicæmia, etc., I cannot recall the loss of a single case, and all I ever used was the indicated remedy in attenuation. May I ask why the sulfa drugs were eliminated in the ten most important discoveries listed awhile ago? With the editors kind permission I am going briefly to relate a few cases for "sulphonamide and penicillin" to duplicate or excel if they possibly can:

Gonorrhoea : A prominent Detroit business man strayed from the straight and narrow path and contracted a specific urethritis (gonorrhoea), the discharge watery, the pains severe and burning, beginning in the meatus and extending backward to the bladder and prostate, worse urinating, but especially after, driving him to distraction. He was given a small vial of *Cannabis sativa* medicated absorbent tablets and told to take 3 tablets every three hours until improvement set in. He telephoned next day as follows : "The second dose gave prompt and lasting relief. In 3 days the whole affair had passed away. That was several weeks ago and there has been no return. Will any doctor duplicate that ?

Pneumonia : Here are two more posers for the advocates of "wonder drugs : " In the 61 years I have practised Homœopathy I have been called upon to sign but 4 cases of pneumonia death certificates. Here are 2 cases for "wonder drugs" to cast into the shade, IF they can ! Case 1 : One cold winter night with the ground covered with icy sleet and the temperature below zero, just as I was closing the office for the day I was asked to go and see a man about 87 years of age and was informed that he had been for 3 days coming down with pleuropneumonia which was fast becoming typhoid. In short it was one of the most beautiful cases of *Bryonia* that I had ever seen. But one call was all that was necessary. After the third dose he fell into a peaceful sleep from which he awoke next morning minus his delirium and fully able to move

and breathe. Will the advocates of "wonder drugs" duplicate that? Now for my own case of pleuropneumonia: 3 years ago, after closing the office on a bitter cold winter night, temperature away below zero, my son, who takes me home after we close the office for the day asked me if I objected to go with him to make a call before taking me home. I consented. He thought he would not be long in the home he was to visit. He was gone much longer than he expected and I, in the cold car, took a violent chill which did not pass off until about 7 p.m. when I was taken with a violent fever, 105°, cough began, sputum became tinged, violent stitches appeared in my left lung, I could tell the outline of the lung, for it felt like a potato from a red hot oven, I could scarcely breathe or move. It got so bad that at 8 p.m. I was put to bed, every bone in my body felt as if broken. At 8 p.m. I had my wife put 7 drops of *Eupatorium perfoliatum* in a quarter glass of water. From that I took 2 teaspoonfuls. At 10 p.m. I took two more, before time for the third dose I had fallen into a sound peaceful sleep from which I awoke next morning at 8 a.m. almost floated out of bed from a drenching perspiration and was surprised that I could move without that excruciating breakbone pain. In two days I was back to work as "good as new." Now let the advocates of "wonder drugs" beat those!

Septicaemia: An old German was referred to our office for a case of "blood-poisoning." He was about 60 years of age and as dirty as they come.

He pulled off a dirty stocking that had apparently never had any acquaintance with a wash tub and disclosed a filthy leg and a compliment of toes between which one could grow potatoes. That reminded me that a homœopathic physician once stated: "The indicated remedy will act through 'hell fire.'" Here was a grand chance to test that statement and I took advantage of it. It was a most beautiful Lachesis case. It was given, with the injunction that he should in no way bathe that foot or leg. He did not, and Lachesis made a most amazing and lasting cure. The dangers of blood-poisoning came from within and not from without. But the young man was given a lecture on cleanliness nevertheless.

Syphilis: Here is a letter from Champaign, Ill., dated June 20th, 1946 from which I quote: "Some 15 years ago you cured my brother of locomotor ataxia (with platina: A.P.). He recommended me to come to you for relief. As you know I was a victim of syphilis. During the first years I was under allopathic treatment and had all their experimental new discoveries imposed upon me until they got me down in bed. You came to my rescue and absolutely cured me and I have had no need to apply to any one for medical aid until now and I therefore come back to you for aid. Before I came to you my Wassermann test remained firmly POSITIVE, since you discharged me my Wassermann test has remained firmly NEGATIVE. I have had the tests taken several times to see how radical the cure

was. The remedy? Hepar sulph 200x for one week and the lm monthly for one year." Now let your advocates of "wonder drugs" beat that!

Homoeopathy has no need to fear for its future existence if its adherents will only resume drug proving and do it in the proper way! In admonishing us from that angle the good doctor is RIGHT! Only by proving the SAME drug on several persons at the same time, carefully collecting the symptoms and comparing them and eliminating those symptoms that do not appear in ALL the provers, will it attract new members and ease the tension of the older men, by saving eons of time and much confusion and overlapping of symptoms.

—*Health through Homoeopathy, August, 1946.*

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An Appeal to all Health Ministers and others interested in the welfare of the masses.

Homoeopathy is so closely related to the life of its Founder Dr. Hahnemann that it is practically impossible to understand the one without a proper grasp of the other. Hahnemann was born in 1755 A.D. at Kothen, a small town in Germany. He took his degree of M.D. from the famous University of Vienna, and was a renowned and leading physician of

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