

VICTIMS OF VERMICIDES

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A recent detrimental trend of self-medication gets more and more popularity by the wide propagation of pharmaceutical enterprises. Newspapers, periodicals and radio broadcasting are the mediums of such temptations. Thus people are gradually taken to a noxious habit of taking medicines indiscreetly. Even it is found that they take prohibited medicines which are supposed to be used under recommendation of a registered medical practitioner.

The other aspect of misuse of medicines, we often see, is done by the allopathic practitioners on the children for worms. They prescribe vermicides generally on the following group of symptoms or only on any one or two of these symptoms:

- (1) General emaciation without any apparent cause.
- (2) Pot-belliedness.
- (3) When they are informed that the child often grinds teeth during sleeping.
- (4) When they hear from the guardians that one or two worms have got out of a child naturally. Instantly they need more worms to be expelled.
- (5) Failing to secure any improvement in a diagnosed illness, they assume the illness may be for worms and give vermifuges as intercurrent remedy.
- (6) Some of them advise that the children should occasionally take vermicides for aborting many grave situations in future.

In this way they have created a wide-spread popular notion that most of the children's illnesses are caused from worms in them. By this notion there begets a tendency of using vermicides on children, not carrying any advice of a physician.

From the allopathic point of view actual treatment of worms in children, should be bringing the order of disordered digestive system by aid of medicines which improve the digestive power of the patient with adequate food according to the nature of diseased manifestations, i.e. costiveness, diarrhoea, acidity, rachitis, marasmus etc. Without digestive disorder there cannot be trouble of worms. Disharmony in digestive functions comes first, then come worms. But most of the allopathic physicians apply all their efforts generally on ejection of worms. They give much stress on the result of the disease without going deep into the cause. The result of expelling worms recurrently weakens the patient and begets many far-reaching consequences.

The frequent use of vermicides on the children more weakens their digestive system, favours the excrement of the bowels to be agreeable to worms; moreover, they build a body-resistance to vermicides. So, they breed in the bowels increasingly. Now the condition of the intestines is that of

a container of polluted excrement mixed with melted vermicides. The absorptive function of the intestines absorbs this contaminated residual matter and sends them into the system. Thus in time the whole system becomes toxic and this poisonous state of system begets many grave situations, such as grave digestive disorders which may bring organic changes, serious nervous disorders, marasmus, rachitis etc.

In animal kingdom only the human being is bestowed with freedom of will. He has his own desires and aversions according to his own likings. But all the activities of other animals are completely regulated by the nature itself. It will be easy to comprehend if we try to observe the life-cycle of the free animals in the forest. In consistence with our individual disposition we take many things as our food, make them rich, roasted with various spices. We also eat such things which should not be taken as food. It will not be irrelevant to quote here the famous remark of George Bernard Shaw: "a man of my religious intensity does not live upon corpses." If we look to the habitual food taken by human beings in different sections of the different nations we may somewhat comprehend the great list of eatable things of man.

For our arbitrary mode of living what we eat as our food is neither completely digested nor its residue completely evacuated from the bowels. After possible assimilation of extract from food, digestive system sends residual matters to the large intestine. The undigested residual matters make the whole excrement very detrimental to health. The intestines have a great power of absorption. So, whose digestive disorder becomes very worse, the excrement in their bowels is, more or less absorbed in their body. In such cases the nature gives birth to worms in the intestines to eat away the harmful matters in the excrements and save our body from contaminated absorption. The nature of our vital force is such that it never allows any foreigner to come in or stay in, if it is not accorded with the conformity of law of animation.

Our preceptor, Hahnemann, the wisest in the history of medical science, says in the footnote No. 13 to Introduction of the Organon: "But even before the cure is accomplished they (worms) live—the patient enjoying tolerable health the while—not exactly in the intestine, but in the residue of the food, the excrement of the bowels, as in their proper element, quite quietly, and without causing the least disturbance, and find in the excrement what suffices for their nourishment; they then do not touch the walls of the intestine, and are perfectly harmless."

In normal health our autonomous vital force never permits an excess of worms in the bowels, it expels the little animals whenever need arises; our vital force is always active to keep a harmony in the physiological system of health.

Again Hahnemann says in the same foot-note: "But if the patient happens to be affected with an acute disease of any kind, then the contents

of the bowels become intolerable to the animal; it twists about, comes in contact with, and irritates the sensitive walls of the intestine, causing a peculiar kind of spasmodic colic, which increases materially the sufferings of the patient."

By the by, he says here clearly: "The psoric taint of the constitution of the patient is amenable for begetting worms in the bowels. So, the treatment of the worms must be to make the constitution of the patient, extricated from psora."

In conclusion he says: "That the worm after eradication of the psora, finds the contents of the bowles no longer suitable for its support, and therefore spontaneously disappears, for ever from the now cured patient, without the least purgative medicine."

Therefore, the best treatment of worms in children is to treat them constitutionally. Only the anti-psoric remedies in the homoeotherapeutics, may save the children from worms for ever and those remedies not only suffice for eradication of helminth in the bowels of children but make them free from predisposition to be easily affected by any disease, improve their general health squarely, fairly sharpen their mental faculties. In future they will become quite healthy men and women, the future parents of the coming generation.

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we have that great polychrest, *Calcarea carbonica*, which has excessive head sweats and is related to *Sepia*.

This kind of analysis and mnemonic study of a remedy may prove valuable to some minds and not to others. But it is hoped that others, physicians and laymen alike, will come up with like ways to make straight materia medica study come alive. Homoeopathy is an art. Let's paint some living pictures.

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