

A SURGICAL CASE CURED WITH A RARE HOMOEOPATHIC REMEDY

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A young boy (3 years old) was brought to me by his parents for multiple fleshy tumours on the lips, tongue, palate, and near the tonsils. They were bleeding on harsh touch or by pressure. A general practitioner had been consulted who referred the child to a specialist, who in turn, referred him to an E.N.T. specialist. The surgeon first cauterised one or two with silver nitrate but they recurred. The surgeon again cauterised this time with electro cautery. He also made an auto vaccine and gave 12 injections, one every week. Some mycines were also given. As there was no improvement, the patient switched to Homoeopathy.

The boy had a past history of neonatal icterus for which a blood transfusion was given. Again, he developed jaundice at the age of one year. Vaccinated twice, the DPT triple shot and polio was given. Two boils and some itch appeared on the body, and was treated with external applications.

Family history: Grandfather—cancer; paternal aunt—cancer; maternal aunt—warts on the lips; paternal grandfather—diabetes.

Patient has frequent colds and coughs. Cold drinks make it worse.

Stool, urine, appetite, thirst normal.

The child is very furious, obstinate and irritable if he is refused certain things. He hits other children while playing.

To start with, the patient was given Thuja 200, 2 doses and after about a week Nitric acid in ascending potencies till 50M. The child was bleeding through his tumours at the least cause while eating something hard or biting on the same by mistake. One wart on the lip and one on the tongue disappeared to reappear again. Inter-currently Carcinosis 1M and 10M were given with some further improvement but tumours grew again.

As the child did not improve as I expected, I referred to the book on tumours by Dr. Burnett. In chapter IX on water tumours in the mouth, he mentions a case where *Cupressus lawsoniana* was given. I decided to give this, in the 30th potency, but it was not available in Bombay, so I ordered from Calcutta, but in the meantime, the parents got it from Germany from Willmar Schawbe in 30 d. It was given 3 times a day. The growth near the tonsils looked to me like a condylomata which we very often see near anus or vulva. Dr. Burnett describes it like a cock's comb. The remedy worked and the growth became much smaller but remained stationary. I requested them to get 200 d which was again obtained from Germany. I was very cautious, and was of the opinion that it should be given once a week but the mother out of enthusiasm gave it more frequently and to my pleasant surprise she brought the child one day with a completely clear mouth, lips

and tongue. No medicine has been given for the last two years and the child remains perfectly well.

Cupressus lawsoniana: Botanically this is a Coniferous evergreen tree, in the same family as *Abies nigra*. A tincture of berries and leaves are used in making the medicine. Another closely related medicine is made from the *Cupressus australis*, but this has had only a scant proving.

Characteristics: *Cupress. l.*, has been proved in a fragmentary way by Burnett, who had to relinquish the proving on the account of the "terrible pains it caused in the stomach." He concludes from his experience that the action is very like that of *Thuja*, and he has successfully used it as a variant of that remedy and of *Sabina* in the cure of tumours: cocks-comb growth in the mouth; lipoma of thigh; keloid.—*Materia Medica*, John H. Clark, M.D., Vol. I.

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appear rather awe-inspiring to novices and students of Homoeopathy. But a little acquaintance with all these various sources and little practical training in the clinical field or a little practical experience will bring all of them to the finger tips.

SUMMARY

The data on which a homoeopathic prescription can be based, are to be procured from the following spheres of investigation:

1. Symptomatic sphere
2. Etiological sphere
3. Miasmatic sphere
4. Iatrogenic sphere
5. Constitutional and temperamental sphere
6. Pathological sphere

All these data are actually covered by the grand totality from which a dependable cartoon totality can also be drawn.
