

GASTRIC TROUBLE

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Mr. S. N. M. aged 45. Had gastric trouble from 1947. Palliated by Allopathic treatment. After some years there was recurrence of the trouble. He was treated by some homœopaths with Selenium, Picric Acid, Nux Vomica, Cantharis etc., as per report of the patient. Finally as a result of too much homœopathic drugging had facial neuralgia and symptoms leading to paresis. Then had recourse to allopathic treatment. The gastric trouble continued with burning in stomach, dysentery and other ailments as before.

On 10-9-60, he came to me for treatment and gave the following symptoms: Had dysentery in 1947, had pain in hypogastrium before stool. The stools were diarrhœic, thin, with bloody streaks and mucus. Appetite increased during dysentery. Heaviness and constriction in abdomen with rumbling and gurgling and sensation of nausea. Leaning back and sitting >: Slight pressure of the hand >: Walking >: Daily morning, nausea with vomiting sensation, 9-11 a.m. Rumbling with sensation of something going down in abdomen with constriction; > after eating, for a short time. Also < from 4-6 or 7 p.m. Swelling of left hypochondrium with slight pain followed by swelling of hypogastrium.

Stomach indigestion with eructations, smelling or tasting like food taken, with burning from stomach to throat, especially in the middle of chest, flexing limbs >, leaning or reclining to one side >. Also burning pain in middle of chest, (also in the pit of stomach) < by eating or drinking cold water. With constricted abdomen, empty eructations, also burning and sour, in morning and afternoon; but eructations > constriction.

During this suffering, had violent anger, aversion to company, irritability when spoken to; desire to lie, one idea or other persisted in the night making him sleepless; < from loss of sleep: intolerance of clothing. Abdomen sensitive to clothing. Gastric pain < with sour things, chillies, or pungent things;

potato and farinaceous food <. Lying on back < ; lying on sides >, and > more on lying on left side. Erections without desire ; when listening to talk of women, and after coition. Had head pain, dull, heavy as if a stone was placed ; < by reading ; > by walking, by open air ; < by thinking.

The case was repertorized thus, with Kent's Repertory ;

Averse to company and eructations tasting like food: Aloe, ant-c, cal-c, carbon, con, ferr, graph, kali-c, lach, lyc, nat-c, nat-m, phos, puls, sep, sulph, thuj, and other drugs not related.

Irritability when spoken to: graph, nat-m, sep, sulph.

Violent anger: graph, nat-m, sep, sulph.

Desires to lie: graph, nat-m, sep, sulph.

Sleepless from activity of mind: graph, nat-m, sep, sulph.

Intolerance of clothing: graph, sep, sulph.

Lying on back <: sep, sulph.

Leaning back against anything <: sep.

Loss of sleep <: sep, sulph.

Food sour <: sep, sulph.

Food potato <: sep.

Erections after coition: sep.

——— *without desire*: sulph.

Abdomen constriction: sep, sulph.

——— *sensitive to clothing*: sep, sulph.

Stomach, burning extending upward: sep, sulph.

Head pain, reading <: sep, sulph.

——— *walking >*: sep, sulph.

Anamnesis: sep 18/29, sulph 16/22.

Here the mental and general symptoms are mostly covered by Sepia, and then to certain extent by Sulph. Sulph has not the < from potato, and erections after coition ; the latter is a mental symptom as genitalia is governed by both will and understanding. Sepia has > from leaning back against anything (? J. K.) while Sulph has not it. The general state of the patient is most similar to Sepia and not to Sulphur. On 12-9-60 *Sep 1m* was given. Reactions followed in the reverse order with improvement of the patient. On 14-10-60, *Sep 10m* was given, and it brought forth more old symptoms in the reverse order with the improvement of the patient. On 17-11-60, *Sep*

10m was repeated, and the patient, further improved, with the recurrence of old symptoms. On 8-2-61, and again on 17-4-61, *Sep 50m* was given. Symptoms came with reverse order, with abscesses which soon healed. There was much improvement in the patient. The gastric trouble passed away, with gain in weight, and enjoyment of normal health.

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should come forward to see that sufficient funds are available for the purpose of upgrading the existing colleges and hospitals and of establishing new institutions for the purpose of manufacture of and experiments with drugs derived from mineral, botanical, animal and other sources.

There is quite a large number of substances in every category which are the sources from which drugs are derived in all the systems of medicine, allopathic, homœopathic as well as ayurvedic. So it would be extremely useful if the source-substances are placed at the disposal of all the systems. For instance, a botanical garden for medicinal plants may be utilised for the benefit of all the recognised systems.

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