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## TRACHOMA .

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Trachoma is a not very frequent disease of the eye, which our predecessors called Granular lids, defined as "a contagious disease of the Conjunctiva attended by the formation of small elevations on the conjunctiva of the lids and by atrophy, cicatricial contraction, and deformity of the lids". It baffled the best efforts of the good old allopathic practitioners, who would resort to weekly touching of the eye lids with copper sulphate, year after year. Formerly, many people would come to us, say after 10-12 years of allopathic treatment without any avail.

With the discovery of the anti-biotics, allopathic treatment came out in this disease with some seeming results. Some dramatic result followed their administration in the most acute stage, when congestion, swelling, irritation, burning-and-sand-sensations, itching, dim vision and photophobia abated. But after the initial improvement, which again was frequently temporary, the conditions lingered for months and years without any sign of complete amelioration. Already Penicillin, aureomycin, chloromycetin, and lately cortison preparations have had their days. But Trachoma is having its traditional way in spite of them, and the work of the Homœopath could not come to an end.

The exhaustive list of remedies for Trachoma may be given thus :—

Alum., Ant-T., Apis, Arg. Nit., Ars, Aur., Bar-C., Bell., Borax., Carb-S., Caust., Euphr., Fago., *Graph.*, Kali-Bich.,

Lycopod., Merc-Cor., Merc-I-F., Mer-I-R., Mez., Nat-Ars., Nat-M., Nat-S., Nux-V., Ol-J., Petrol, Phytolac, Puls., Rheum, Rhust-T., Sang-C., Sepia., Silic., Sulph., Thuja, Zinc.

Any remedy of the above comprehensive list may be called for in the treatment of the said condition. But by enlarging practice and clinical acumen you will surely come over the limited list :—

Alum., Ars., Arg. Nit., Graph., Lycopod., Merc., Petrol., Sulph., Thuja and Zincum.

Look out for the local symptoms combined with the modalities, match them with the concomitants and constitucionals, and most likely you find a remedy in one of the above concise list.

Assiduity and avidity to grasp indications be your guide.

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