

SOME SIMILES AND METAPHORS

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In the following similes and metaphors great truths are succinctly and graphically expressed. A fund of information is enclosed in a nut-shell and the facts thus described leave an indelible impression on the mind.

Aconite: "Aconite is styled the 'Homœopathic Lancet' for it has put an end to blood-letting by the relief it gave in inflammatory conditions like pleurisy, pneumonia etc. where blood-letting was considered imperative."

Aconite fever—"It is a great storm and is soon over."

Dr. C. Dunham.

Aconite disease—"The great storm of the fully developed Aconite disease is a 'tempest in the tea pot'."

Dr. W. Gutman.

Alumina: "Alumina is the 'Aconite of chronic diseases'."

Dr. H. C. Allen.

Antim. Tart.: "The Antim. Tart. patient is the 'death-rattle' patient."

Argentum Nit.: "Argentum Nitricum globules are known as the 'Funk pills'."

"Argentum Nitricum is represented by the 'played-out actor, who, panic-stricken within, finds excuses for all his shortcomings'." *Dr. Edward Whitmont.*

Arsenicum Album: Arsenicum Album patient is the 'gold-headed—cane patient'."

"Arsenicum personality type has been likened to a 'race horse'."

Arsenicum album is the 'Homœopathic trocar'."

Asafoetida: The loud eructations of Asafoetida are like a 'pop-gun' going off almost every second. *Dr. M. L. Tylor.*

Belladonna: "The child is very hot, with red face and semi-stupor, but every little while starts and jumps in sleep as if it might go into spasms. This condition is often found

in children and then Belladonna is like 'oil upon troubled waters.'" *Dr. M. L. Tyler.*

Bellis Per: "The Daisy is our 'English Arnica'." *Dr. M. L. Tyler.*

Bryonia: The Bryonia patient, "like a bear chewing his paws', he wants to be left alone." *Dr. Edward Whitmont.*

Calcarea: "The typical Calcarea patient may be likened to an 'oyster without a shell'; he represents a helpless, flabby organism lacking in inner organization and outer defence." *Dr. Edward Whitmont.*

Carbo Veg.: Carbo Veg. is a veritable 'corpse reviver'."

Chamomilla: "Chamomilla has been called the 'opium of Homœopathy' as it is so successful in calming these nerve storms." *Dr. Petrie Hoyle.*

China: "That it (China) caused a febrile paroxysm was the 'Newton's apple' which led him (Hahnemann) to formulate Similia Similibus as the law of specific therapeutics." *Dr. R. Hughes.*

"If the depletion has been sudden, as from a hæmorrhage from the womb, lungs, bowels or nose, there will be faintness, loss of weight, ringing in the ears etc. For this state of things we have a 'friend indeed' in China." *Dr. E. B. Nash.*

Coca: "It is called the 'mountaineer's remedy' as it has difficulty of breathing when walking up the least elevation." *Dr. W. Boericke.*

Conium: "In cancer cases Conium is a 'pip' when you are in a corner." *Dr. Anthony Shupia.*

Croton Tiglium: "The Croton Tiglium stool is a 'goose-spurt'."

Ferrum Phos.: "Ferrum Phos. might be called the 'Children's antibiotic' since it is given for the same clinical conditions of fever, pulmonary congestion, cough and pharyngitis." *Dr. G. W. Boerieke.*

Fraxinus: Burnett calls it the "medicinal pessary."

Gelsemium: "Gelsemium pulse is described as 'waterhammer' pulse; it is full and flowing."

Germs: "Germs are 'guests of disease'." *Dr. J. C. Burnett.*

Glonoine: "In Glonoine there is a 'vessel storm'." *Dr. Battman.*

Hahnemann: "Samuel Hahnemann, the 'Martin Luther of Medical profession.'" *Dr. L. C. Khanna.*

"Samuel Hahnemann, the 'Messiah of Medicine.'" *Dr. Granier.*

Hamamelis: "Hamamelis is the 'Aconite of the veins.'" *Dr. H. C. Allen.*

Hering: "Constantine Hering, 'Father of Homœopathy in America.'" *Dr. F. Bodman.*

Homœopath: "The Homœopathic physician is constantly at war with disease. There is no retreat into the laboratory for him, 'no flight from the patient into the statistician's worry tower.'" *Dr. F. Bodman.*

Homœopathic Treatment: "In successfully treating chronic diseases with homœopathy, the patient 'retraces its steps' as far as its medical history is concerned. She meets again the 'mile stones' that she passed when going down in her illness." *Dr. R. A. F. Jack.*

Homœopathy: "The garbage cans of ordinary medicine are full of homœopathic germs." *Dr. D. T. Pulford.*

Homœopathy is contemptuously dismissed by Allopaths as 'faith and cold water.'

"Homœopathy escaped this mechanistic straight-jacket, possibly because the 19th century savants did not care enough about it to tailor one up, or because Hahnemann was too tough a curmudgeon for them to tackle." *Dr. James Stephen.*

"Any Homœopathic David could conquer any Allopathic 'Goliath' if only he would follow Hahnemann's principles."

Hypericum: "Hypericum is the 'Arnica of the nerves.'" *Dr. H. C. Allen.*

Iris Versicolor: "Iris is 'thirty feet of fire' meaning burning along the whole length of the alimentary canal."

Kali Phos.: "Kali Phos. is our 'homœopathic tranquillizer' without the side effects." *Dr. G. W. Boericke.*

Kali Sulph: "Kali Sulph is the 'chronic of Pulsatilla.'" *Dr. E. B. Nash.*

Lachesis: "The Lachesis patient is the 'life and soul' of the party."

The Lachesis patient has 'diarrhœa verborem'. *B. S. L.*

Lathyrus Sativum: "This single 'instrument in Homœopathy's citadel of power should command world-wide recognition both from the medical profession and the laity."

Dr. A. H. Grimmer.

Lycopodium: "It is the 'old man's balm.'" *Dr. S. Lilienthal.*
Mag. Carb.: "Mag. Carb. is the 'chronic of Chamomilla.'"

Dr. E. W. Hubbard.

Malaria Offi.: Malaria Officinalis has been called the 'vegetable pyrogen' and it seems appropriate, as it is produced from decaying vegetation while Pyrogen is the product of decaying flesh." *Dr. A. H. Grimmer.*

Medorrhinum: "It is the mother of pus and catarrh."

Dr. J. C. Burnett.

Natrum Mur: "Nat. Mur. is the 'chronic of Ignatia.'"

Dr. H. C. Allen.

"The problems involved in Nat. mur. may be regarded in a sense as the 'pons asinorum of homœopathy.'"

Dr. J. H. Clarke.

Nux Vomica: "The Nux Vomica type is the 'overcivilized city dweller.'" *Dr. Edward Whitmont.*

Organon: "It is the 'Bible of Homœopathy.'"

Orthodox medicine: "The Orthodox minded have had 'disease and diagnosis saturation but causation starvation' for so many centuries." *Dr. G. D. Pettitt.*

Palliation: "The employment dole would never solve the unemployment problem, it tends to make people unemployable. So palliatives are not curative; the economy must be put right to give nature a chance and that is what Homœopathy does." *Sir John Weir.*

"Palliation 'puts out or atleast disturbs the dim lights on the path of cure.'" *Dr. J. N. Kanjilal.*

Phosphorus: "Phosphorus is the 'surgeon's friend,' the great remedy for vomiting after chloroform." *Dr. J. T. Kent.*

Phytolacca: "Phytolacca ought to be called 'Vegetable Mercury.'"

Physician and Nurse: "Two people chosen by god, thrown into the battle at its hardest like forlorn sentries close to the attacking enemy with no relief. They strive to attain a citizen's crown amidst fatally poisonous atmospheres and overcome by anguishing cries and dying moans."

Dr. Samuel Hahnemann.

Platina: "Platina is the 'pharisee among remedies.' Haughty."

Sir John Weir.

Polychrest: A polychrest may be called a "Jack of all trades."

B. S. L.

Potency: "I've compared my high potency to a shower of rain and my low potency to the water-can that I must use occasionally in some corner of the garden in order to weather a critical stage." *Dr. M. G. Blakie.*

"In homœopathy there is potency and the drug—a jockey and a horse—and it is important to have the right mount, so to speak, in order to win the race." *Dr. G. R. Mitchell.*

Potentized Medicine and the Cure: "That people eating salt in appreciable quantities right along and can't live without it, and don't get well on it, and do get well on the same thing potentized, does not hold to reason, the microscope, molecular theory, spectrum analysis or any thing else scientific (so called) not being able to discover anything material. But there stand the cures 'like the blind man whom Jesus healed.'" *Dr. E. B. Nash.*

Prescription: "The thoughtless prescription will be so 'entangle the thread of cure' that months may be required to untangle it." *Dr. A. D. Sutherland.*

Psorinum: "Psorinum is the 'King of antipesorics.'" *Dr. G. P. Thornhill.*

Pulsatilla: "Pulsatilla has been called the 'tears of venus.'" "Its name (windflower) is in keeping with its symptoms, as they are 'as fickle as the wind.'" *Dr. E. A. Farrington.*

Pyrogen: "Pyrogen is the 'Aconite of Typhoid.'" *Dr. Drysdale.*

Repertory and Materia Medica: "They are literally 'Siamese Twins,' inseparable for life." *Dr. Pierre Schmidt.*

"To confine one self to the study of the Repertory and to neglect the study of the Materia Medica is just about as sensible as 'to study the catalogue of a reference library and never to look at the volumes' to which the catalogue refers." *Dr. D. M. Borland.*

"Those who do not use the repertories do not know them. They are like 'sleepers who must be worked up.'" *Dr. C. M. Boger.*

Silicea: "Silicea is the 'Chronic of Pulsatilla.'" "

"Silicea stool is described as 'bashful stool' because when the motion is half out it slips back again." *Dr. M. L. Tylor.*

"Silicea is called the 'Bio-chemic knife.'" "

Similimum: "The Similimum when found and administered is the 'catalyst key which unlocks the innate forces of the body' which tend toward recovery." *Dr. W. T. Walker.*

Simile and Similimum: "The simile is like 'water on fire.' According to the violence of the fire, we have to pour water on it by buckets, one after another. . . . It (similimum) is like a spark which starts the fire' and one spark is sufficient." *Dr. F. K. Bellokossy.*

Similimum—Materia Medica: "The Similimum needle has to be pulled out of the materia medica hay-stack." *Dr. R. E. S. Hayes.*

Stannum: "Stannum renders great service in upset stomachs; one might call it the 'homœopathic band.'" *Dr. Joseph Boudard.*

Strontium Carb.: "Strontium Carb. is the 'Carbo Veg. of the surgeon.'" *Dr. J. T. Kent.*

Sulphur: Hering calls the Sulphur patient the 'ragged philosopher.'

Symphytum: "Symphytum Officinalis is the 'Arnica of the bones.'" "

Vaccinum: "A dose of the 6x trituration of Vaccinum is a 'Homœopathic Vaccination' having it is claimed by com-
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should send representatives of Homœopathic physicians to International Conferences.

A decision to render help to different Homœopathic Colleges of the country was also made in the meeting.

—*The Anandabazar Patrika, 13-10-62.*

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HONOUR FOR NOTED HOMŒOPATH

Dr. Abhinchandra Rao, a noted homœopath of Orissa, has been appointed by the President Dr. S. Radhakrishnan as his personal homœopathic physician. Dr. Rao is the first homœopath of Orissa to receive this presidential honour.

—*The Amrita Bazar Patrika, 14-10-62.*

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petent observers far more prophylactic power against small-pox than vaccination."

Veratrum Viride: "Veratrum viride is a 'therapeutic lancet'; it bled a man into his own veins." *Dr. H. C. Woods.*

Zincum: "In migraine Zincum is the real 'mineral opium.' Due to its soothing power it resembles opium very much without having its stimulating action on the vascular system."