

SOUTH AFRICAN HORSE SICKNESS

A Typical Example of Hydrogenoid Constitution

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Those who have studied Von Grauvogl's three morbid constitutions which have been clearly elucidated by John H. Clarke, M.D., in his book on constitutional remedies (The writer may please give the name of the book—J.K.) will support my statement.

The occurrence of this disease for the first time in India during last year and also during the current year has got historical and geographical importance and in my opinion the homœopaths should study its occurrence taking into consideration all the aspects of this new disease in this country. As explained by Von Grauvogl, in my opinion some diseases of hydrogenoid constitution are also increasing among human beings also at places where big water reservoirs are recently constructed under irrigation schemes in our country. **South African Horse sickness** had its first occurrence in Rajastan when only recently irrigation channels have reached into the dry areas for the first time in Indian history.

Change in the environment is the important factor which has helped to establish this disease in this country also. These views may not be accepted by Allopaths but facts remain the same whether accepted by any group in medical world or not.

Once we accept the principles of Von Grauvogl, it is very easy to find out the remedies to counteract the ill effects of this constitution and avert mortality. Here again the use of remedies on homœopathic principles could be opposed by Allopaths but any how for those who desire to try and take the advantage of Von Grauvogl's dictum, remedies and suggestions he has mentioned are repeated in this article.

1. Anything which increases the atoms of water in the organism should be avoided (in the case of equines Maiz and Maiz chari, green grass or open grazing especially in the night should be avoided).

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historical city of Delhi where it can be truly said that every brick has a history of its own. The political dramas that were enacted here if recited today, will sound stranger than fiction. I hope that out of your multifarious engagements you will be spared sometime to see the places of interest.

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2. Damp residence and damp climatic areas especially near standing water such as river banks, tanks, dams are to be avoided when disease occurs.

3. For increasing the bodily heat and reducing the influence of hydrogen ions on the tissue fluids—Natum Sulph, Nux and Ipecac alternately in low potency are very helpful. For nervous symptoms Atropine Sulph 6x, Apis and Antimony have proved valuable. Other remedies which also act on Von Grauvogl's principles are Nitric Acid, Spigelia, Calc. Carb, Thuja, Arsenic etc. These drugs can be used according to symptoms shown by the animal.

Nosode prepared from the vaccine or from the morbid eye secretion can prove useful as preventive and curative homœopathic remedy and some of the Indian firms are requested to bring such products in the market.

The nosode prepared for distemper in dogs is gaining popularity among veterinarians in the field.
