To diminish the salty taste of everything, for which he had to abstain from food & thus to become very weak, I gave him *Cyclamen* 30 four doses every three hours. This remedy elicited a certain response. He began to take liquid food but a slight salty taste was still being felt by him. After two days I gave him *Baryta carb*. 200 one dose and phytum for seven days. The result was marvellous. After three or four days he was able to eat rice or anykind of solid food at ease. Within seven days he became a normal man.

Two cold spells passed meanwhile, with no complaint of his old disease.

A CASE OF 'ACUTE NEPHRITIS'—CURED WITH A SINGLE DOSE OF 'LYCOPODIUM 200'

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The astounding results of Homœopathic medicines—inter alia—the miracles of cures, produced by an accurate prescription due to the keen observation and close watching on the patients, are sufficient proofs to convince the public of the truth of the 'Similia Similibus Curentur', enunciated & promulgated by the great apostle, Master Samuel Hahnemann.

The following case in question will be one of the instances to demonstrate the principle that the highest court of appeal in Homœopathy is our *Materia Medica*, besides reportory, and we can thus generalise that 'we treat the patient and not the disease'.

The wife of a daily labourer, aged about 20 years, married only some six months ago, all on a sudden, at the end of a night, complained of an excruciating pain on her left foot. There was a slight fever in the early monring; the foot appeared to be a little ædematous. As the day advanced, the ædema gradually extended upwards all along the left leg and therefrom to the left hand also.

The young husband being a poor labourer, could not stop his day's work; so he approached me in the evening for a suitable medicine. He reported that the ædema & pain besides extending as narrated above, now jumped down to the right leg also. Fever did not rise any more. Yet restlessness supervened with no relief of pain & swelling either from hot or cold application. There was almost total suppression of urine which was passed only once or twice a day—the colour was reddish and the sediment seemed to be full of brick dust. Ideas of Lachesis, Pulsatilla, Kali Bichronicum, Lac Caninum, Ledum and Apis Mel. flashed before my mind. Manganum Aceticum was also thought of. No history of leucorrhæa or urinary troubles on the side of the wife or of gonorrhæa on the side of the husband could be traced out, though enquiries were made. Of course, there was a history of constant night keeping, indulging in sexual excesses quite common to the young couple.

Lachesis 30. 1 dose only was given. Next morning no report of improvement. I insisted on my visiting the patient which the husband denied. There being complete thirstlessness & ædema spreading on the face also, my second prescription was Apis Mel. which in several doses of the 30th potency could not improve matters.

Being vexed with Homœopathy, the father of the girl called in a qualified & experienced allopath, thought to be the best in the locality. The patient, after thorough examination of urine & blood was found to be a case of Acute Nephritis. She was then under the allopathic treatment for a week. But the patient went from bad to worse.

The husband again came to me and requested me this time to visit the patient. I went and closely watched her. There was severe pain & inflammation in the right kidney region, besides ædema all throughout the body, face, hands & legs all became puffy. There were restlessness & burning sensations all over the body, with moderate thirst off and on for cold water. Pain in the right kidney region was giving her the worst trouble. The temperature remained normal in the morning till noon; it began to rise at 2 or 3 P.M. and came up to 100° — 101° or so in the evening. The body heat remained so till 10 o'clock at night and then began to decline & come down to 97° in the early morning. Urine was a little nigh

coloured,—very scanty & infrequent,—with pain while passing water. There was severe constipation. Her face, eyes & fingers looked slightly yellow.

Her former history revealed that her bowels moved at the interval of 3 to 4 days only and she was in the habit of urinating only once or twice a day, for some 15 days prior to this acute attack.

The patient was chilly—though liked to drink cold water while the fever rose; yet she was always feeling chilly and normally did not like to bathe in or drink cold water.

I studied the cause carefully. There was no doubt that the case was one of 'Acute Nephritis'. But, we are not concerned with the name of the disease. Nomenclature of diseases forming the basis of the prescription in Homœopathy, is likely to cause blunders in the right selection of the remedy. 'Arsenicum Album' might be the probable medicine. But I thought deeper & deeper. Taking into consideration the grand characteristic of medicines and the too much allopathic medication beforehand.

I put her on one dose of Nux Vomica 30 only at the first evening of my visit. Next morning, there being no amelioration of symptoms. I visited the patient again and administered one dose of Lycopodium 200. only. Liquid & salt-free diet was advised,—preferably milk. In this way the girl, with frequent doses of Sac lac day after day, came round within a week. There was no more recurrence of the disease, though 3 months had already passed by. The couple were thus happy. on the cover.

I am here reminded of the following few remarks of Margaret Tyler, the late eminent Homœopath of London—the most astute observer of the Hahnemannian laws.

"Homœopathy may be beneath contempt, 'nonsense'— 'Sugar pills'—'imagination',—but it works provided that you hit the remedy. Otherwise, it is all the things they say against it, but that is when it did not happen to be Homœopathy at all. Get it out of your head that a drug is Homœopathic, and that Homœopathy must stand or fall by it, because it comes out of a Homœopathic case or has been prepared

after the manner of Hahnemann by a Homœopathic Chemist or has been potentized or prescribed by a Homœopathic doctor (or even by a lay Homœopath), or because it has been 'worked out' and has more or less 'come through'. Whereas, on the other hand, a remedy may be absolutely Homœopathic when it comes from an ordinary chemist's shop, is prescribed by an old school doctor, and is supposed to be an ordinary 'allopathic drug'.

So, when we have failed, it was not because Homœopathy was incapable of curing, but because we were incapable of finding the Homœopathic remedy.....

This applies to our failures everywhere......the remedy is sometimes terribly difficult to spot, but when found, we can do everlasting work."

(Vide pages 745-46, Homœopathic Drug Pictures.)

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Dear Sir.

I am sending an article of great public importance for publication in your esteemed paper.

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Yours faithfully, B. S. Darbari, Allahabad.

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