

## TWO OF THE LESSER PROVEN REMEDIES: SLAG AND THIOSINAMINE

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The circumstances that were largely responsible for the calling of my attention to such unusual and briefly proven remedies were casual and accidental in my usual routine, daily work.

*Slag* was exploited in some bad cases of constipation with astonishingly good results; also it was found of great help in stubborn cases of hemorrhoids with soreness, itching and constipation.

In a similar manner I came across the brilliant use of *Thiosinamine* in the dissolution of old scars and adhesive bands. All these therapeutic hints set me to thinking, and so to the homœopathic materia medica I referred to verify such tips and to find out the whole story.

First, I wish to discuss *Slag*, or the product of the blast furnace. Since it contains the elements of many of our deep-acting mineral remedies, I could see why it would be useful in many of our stubborn chronic cases showing symptoms of such remedies as *Calcium*, *Sulphur*, *Silicea* and *Alumina* which are some of the constituents of *Slag*. Other minerals in lesser amounts are *Ferrum*, *Phosphorus*, *Magnesia* and *Manganum*. Unfortunately, being one of the lesser proven remedies, it is hard to find many books on materia medica carrying it. The only two I could find were *Clarke's Dictionary* and *Boericke's Manual*.

The most fascinating experience I had with it was its remarkable cure of rectal conditions such as itching hemorrhoids with constipation. The 3x has produced soreness in the rectum and therefore one could expect a cure of such symptom with the higher potencies. The chronically enlarged tonsil would come under its sphere of influence. *Anshutz' Therapeutic By-Ways* says that the silico-sulpho-calcite of alumina in 3x trituration will cure "house-maid's knee." Give a few grains of the trituration three times a day—about as much as would rest on a ten-cent piece.

As to its particular symptoms:

*Head*—There is a dull, stupefying, frontal headache on waking. The pain extends to the right temple with a sensation of stiffness in back of head slightly worse moving about.

*Nose*—Cold in head.

*Mouth*—Thickly coated greyish tongue with a terra cotta streak down the middle. Awoke with slimy tongue.

*Throat*—Throbbing in the left tonsil.

*Stomach*—Very little appetite. Distended stomach, must loosen her dress.

*Abdomen*—Creeping irritation of the skin (or under the skin) in um-

bilical region kept him awake sometimes (3x). In a gouty prover 3x removed distension of abdomen necessitating unbuttoning top button of trousers in evening. Aching in region of spleen alternating with pain between the shoulders; in L. elbow. Pain in spleen.

*Stool and Anus*—Took away a dreadful anal itching, piles and constipation as if by magic (6x). Constipation relieved (3x). Soreness of anus produced (3x). Diarrhea, great debility, quick pulse; pain in back, inflated stomach, had to loosen dress.

*Urinary organs*—Very frequent urination; urine darker than usual.

*Respiratory organs*—Cough with expectoration; profuse night-sweats.

*Heart*—Stitches in the region of heart; oppressed feeling over the heart; quick pulse.

*Neck and Back*—Stiffness of back and neck. Lumbago with flatulence. Aching dull pain over small of back.

*Limbs*—Pain in limbs. Aching between shoulders and in left elbow, alternating with aching in region of spleen.

*Upper Limbs*—Pain in left elbow. Shifting pains in left elbow, changing to right and then back again.

*Lower Limbs*—Pains in both knee-caps, sometimes dull, sometimes aching. House Maid's Knee. Occasional shooting-aching through knees, worse going upstairs.

*Generalities*—Want of energy.

*Sleep*—Unusually drowsy in evening. Sleep disturbed by creeping sensation about navel.

*Fever*—Quick pulse. Profuse night-sweat.

*Thiosinamine* (chemically Allyl sulphocarbamide, derived from Oil of Mustard Seed) belongs to the same chemical group as urea. An English author, Edward Bach, said that the herb mustard was good to dispel gloom and bring joy into life. That may be where Anshutz got the idea, according to Dr. Hurd in his little book, *Therapeutic By-ways*, that a 1x tablet a day of *Thiosinamine* will hold off senility.

This drug has been known to dissolve cicatricial bands or scars where bougies and mechanical measures failed to relieve. One old lady was entirely cured of a stomach distress, depression of spirits, worse by motion, worse after eating, and inability to walk due to a stricture of the rectum by the use of this remedy.

In such cases where tinnitus aurium is due to the ossicles being bound down by adhesions there has been encouraging success. Enlarged lymphatic glands have been reduced the same way. Some of the local symptoms are:

*Ears*—Tinnitus caused by fibrous bands.

*Stomach*—Appetite increased.

*Rectum*—Stricture of rectum resolved.

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In 1921 the Homœopathic Hospital for Children at Oakpark, Mount Vernon, given by Mr. and Mrs. William Fyfe, was opened under the late Dr. T. T. M. Dishington, and in 1944 the adult and children's hospitals were amalgamated by voluntary agreement under one Board of Management.

From the outset, the Board of Management has received most helpful consideration from the Western Regional Hospital Board. Members of the medical staff engaged before the transfer received contracts from the Regional Board and have enjoyed complete freedom in applying homœopathic methods of treatment within the hospitals and in the out-patient department. Moreover, the buildings and the equipment have been well maintained, and the experience of running these units within the framework of the National Health Service has been encouraging. All this is largely due to the understanding and sympathetic attitude of the Western Regional Hospital. An instance of this is that certain homœopathic hospitals were given the status of a group all to themselves and not administered by a board responsible for the management of other hospitals as well.

The General Hospital, with thirty beds, continues to be filled to capacity, with a waiting list as previously. A new Radiological Department has been added and the attendances are an indication of the great need for this, as the previous facilities had long been found inadequate. The Children's Hospital, Mount Vernon, with twenty-eight beds, is also fulfilling its function successfully and is fully occupied. At the Out-Patient Department in Lymedoch Crescent the attendances number about 20,000 each year and continue to grow as the demand for homœopathic treatment increases. There are also Out-Patient Clinics at the General Hospital and the Children's Hospital.

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*Urinary organs*—Urine increased in quantity; no albumen or formed elements.

*Female sexual organs*—Tumors of uterine appendages.

*Respiratory organs*—Accelerated respiration.

*Generalities*—Sensation of heat and burning in affected parts. Bodily weight increased. Glandular swelling reduced.

*Skin*—Distinct local reaction in lupus cases after a few hours. Urticaria. Lupus. Scar tissues.

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