

Mr. Charles F. Kettering recently said that "the inventor fails 9999 times and if he succeeds once, he is in." That is a statement regarding industry. In homœopathic practice, I think we should reverse those figures in curable cases. Fail once in ten thousand times. That is what I think of homœopathic medicine and of its application.

I very much dislike sickness, but I have a soft spot in my heart for sick people. I was one of them. And my saviors were all professional descendants of Dr. J. T. Kent.

Mr. Kettering also said that "we have looked back into history so much that we have been backing into the future." And adds that he "would like to have us turn around with our backs to history and look into the future to see what we can do."

In our homœopathic profession, it is my opinion that we back into the future when we try to explain Homœopathy by using allopathic ideas. An occasional allopath might be attracted by straight Homœopathy, but I never heard of any of Hahnemann's converts who made the change because a sweet little pill was coated with, perhaps, a "wonder drug" of that day.

Whether they admit it to themselves or not, the members of all systems of medication know that a patient cannot be cured if he is undergoing destruction of vital structures.

We, as homœopaths, know that prevention of such conditions must be done before those stages are reached. There is our power, and there should be our ability.

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A CASE OF CARDIAC ASTHMA

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A patient named Shivcharan Pd, aged 30 years, of Sohdi, Behar sharif, came to my clinic on the 2nd of July 1957. He was suffering for the last 6 years and was always under Allopathic treatment without any permanent effect. I noted down the following symptoms :—

1. Dyspnœa with deep breathing > by sitting up in bed; cyanosis.
2. Inspiration difficult but expiration easy.
3. Pressure on the chest.
4. Faintness, extreme prostration; fear of death.
5. Appetite lost; thirst intense.
6. Constant desire to micturate; 30-40 in 24 hours; urine clean.
7. Pulse 40-45 p.m.; irregular, intermittent.
8. Feels better in cold place, cold room, cold open air, fanning, always went to cold store room.

Past History—Nothing particular except the snake bite which produced ulceration on the dorsum of the left foot that was closed by external applications.

On the basis of the above symptoms, I prescribed "Digitalis 30" 4 doses daily for two days.

4th July—Patient felt better, Dyspnœa was less, inspiration easy; good sleep in the night, appetite good, pulse 80 p.m. and regular.

8th July—Pulse was normal but the dyspnœa and other symptoms relapsed. The modalities were the same as noted above. I prescribed "Ledum Pal. 1M" and Sac. lac. 4 doses daily asking him to report to me after a week.

15th July—Reported all right—Gave nothing but Sac. lac. for four days.

19th July—Reported all right except a few trace of symptoms. Ledum Pal. 10M and advised him to come after a fortnight.

3rd Aug.—Reported normal; Ledum Pal. 10M. ** Advised him to come after a month.

3rd Sept.—Reported normal in every respect. Ledum Pal. 50M.

He is now in good health, going on with his daily work.

** Dr. Thakur has repeated high potencies too often. Besides, he should have clearly pointed out the grounds of his prescribing Ledum Pal.—Editor.