

selected at random and administered to all cases of tuberculosis for assessing the efficacy of the remedy in a routine manner, would be met with utter failure.

So an unprejudiced research into all the remedies might only help us in evolving a group of "most-often-indicated" remedies which bear proved clinical value. This might help us in finding a solution for effective, preventive and curative treatment for tuberculosis.

May we hope to see a day early, when the Government forms a team of experienced homœopaths of the country to conduct research on these lines and start a homœopathic campaign against this much dreaded disease ?

HIGH SPOTS

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There is nothing as keenly refreshing in pure Hahnemannian practice as figuring out the remedy and knowing that it is *the* one. But, due to either the inability of the patient to express himself or the prescriber's shortcomings in eliciting a history or perhaps a meager, inadequate knowledge of the *Materia Medica* or perhaps some other reason this thrill is not as common as desired.

Case I—Mrs. H. P., a rather stoutish 72-year-old lady, not fat but more fluidy, complained of hoarseness and arthritic pains, hands puffy, fingers deformed, numbness. Lots of twinges throw her. Aching through right knee and "headache over eyes." *She volunteered* the fact that all these symptoms were better in damp weather. *Causticum* 1M did the trick. This was on Feb. 6, 1952, again on Dec. 14, '53 and again on May 12, '54. Not seen in between these dates nor after the last. I assume I hit it again.

Case II—H.T.N. was operated on for a bladder tumor which required constant fulguration for reappearance of multiple metastases (non-malignant). Given *Thuja* CM April 28 '53. To this date (July 12, 1954) no reappearance of growths and no discomfort. I might say we waited almost too long here. The surgeon deserves credit.

Case III—M.E.L., a 70-year-old maiden lady. In the left breast a lump began before 15 May 1944 with burning. Was treated until his death by the late Royal E. S. Hayes with various remedies. Breast has continued to shrivel in size compared to the other. It is now over 10 years since she has had her malignancy and over two years under my care. So far X-rays have failed to reveal any metastasis. She is philosophical and continues to enjoy life in spite of her handicap.

Let us assume for the sake of argument that our remedies have no action. Here then is a girl with cancer 10 years on placebo. It's a lot better than under rippers and burners. Perhaps this might be an indictment against our scientific brethren who grasp at straws and in the attempt forget about control series in this ever-so-common ailment. This is a case I will put odds on that it is a cancer. I can add two similar cases. *Conium* is a "pip" when you're in a corner.

Case IV—Seen by a surgeon and advised hysterectomy for dragging feeling in lower abdomen worse during menses. "Don't touch me, I'll break feeling." "Gotta sit still." Excessive flow. Constipated. Looks all washed out and sallow, overworked. *Sepia* 40M (F). Typical text book picture. One dose, no placebo, was given Nov. 5, '53. To date (July 12, '54) no operation; to quote her, "No need for it."

Case V—Miss V. C. seen first in Jan. '52 (when took over Dr. Hayes' practice before his demise) for an ulcerated lesion on nose, right side, just to inside of eye. A typical skin cancer, if I've ever seen one. She had had homœopathic treatment all her life. This patient was in her seventies pushing eighty.

All remedies seemed to fail me. On September 1, '53, to quote from my records, "Right hip lower level of gluteus (fall 2-3 years ago on cement steps) sharp cutting pains < stooping,

< first starting motion, > after motion, < by present hot weather (95-100 degrees for 7 days)."

℞ *Nit. ac.* 30. (BT).

Seen again May 12, '54. She said the ulceration cleared up by October. "Scab left and dropped off in 3-4 weeks." Lucky for her she didn't come in sooner or I might have botched her with another remedy.

This time (last visit) May 12, '54 complains of dull tight feeling. Rushing sensation when leaning down. Pains from occiput shooting to forehead, knifelike in character. Needless to say I gave *Nitric acid* 200. this time.

I would like to add that I have treated a great many cases of whooping cough with good "modern day homœopathic consultations" with indifferent results. This past week on 7 cases occurring in two families I used a recently purchased potency of Boericke & Tafel's *Drosera* 200. with amazing results. One measly cough per 24 hours on the average for each kid. Just ask the mothers of a bunch of puking kids if that isn't results.

I wonder, therefore, how long we should keep our potencies. I'm almost all for throwing the old ones overboard and starting anew. I say this with my fingers crossed, as some of Jenichen's and Fincke's still give me what I'm after. Frankly, I'm afraid of the old ones.

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