

Some Homœopaths are of opinion that Variolinum should prove to be the effective remedy in acute infections, such as Influenza, Dysentery, Gastro-enteritis, when they occur in spring time with throat troubles in acute form. The writer some years ago after a small-pox epidemic used Variolinum successfully in Influenza and Dysentery, on the assumption that they must be due to the residual poison of small-pox.

Experience has shown that, when Variolinum has been used as a prophylactic against small pox, the patients who were suffering from chronic ear discharges were cured of their ear trouble"—Heal Thyself (Feb. '49).

It has cured deafness when it was the result of the mismanagement of a patient having had small-pox and skin diseases resembling pox.

Variolinum is an anti-sycotic remedy.

Dr. E. Barker, suspecting vaccination as the principal cause of skin trouble in a patient, gave Variolinum when Thuja failed.

A medical correspondent writing in "Heal Thyself" says, "We have more effective method in Variolinum for those who have never been vaccinated and Malandrinum for those who have been vaccinated".

Dr. H. C. Allen advocates the use of Variolinum in a type of small-pox that is comparatively free from pain and when the patient does not show symptoms of sepsis, in short to be used in milder types of small-pox.

MY FAITH IN HOMŒOPATHY

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I was in charge of a small Veterinary dispensary in the Dist. of Unnao (U.P.) in 1940. It was summer season and cholera was raging furiously in spite of preventive inoculations. People were dying in tens every day. My next door neighbour was a

young Excise Inspector. At dead of night, the peon of the Inspector called on me, telling that his master has vomited and had passed loose stools and that he was alone with him and could not go to the hospital, situated a mile away, leaving him in this condition. I gave him Essential oil. After an hour the peon again came with the information that he was unconscious. Now I was helpless. In the meantime my uncle, a homœopath, who was with me for the last few days, wake up and coming to know about the case accompanied me to the Inspector's house. He learnt from the peon that he was much restless, which could be observed even in his unconsciousness, and that he had thirst for small quantities of water at short interval. He put two doses of Arsenic A. 30 on his tongue at the interval of ten minutes. In half an hour he opened his eyes. Two more doses were left with him to be taken if required. The next morning the Inspector came to thank my uncle. So the educated people in that small locality knew for the first time what homœopathy could do even in such serious cases. Under the instruction of my uncle many of them purchased homœopathic books and medicines.

The stock of medicines in my dispensary was absolutely exhausted. Fresh indents were placed but they were not forthcoming. I was pained to return the dumb creatures coming from far and wide without treatment. My uncle suggested that I should give them homœopathic medicines. He gave me some medicines and got me a book of Veterinary Practice by Homœopathy. The dose and the repetition was the same as in man. Most of the cases were coming of digestive disturbance. For constipation and anorexia Nux Vomica surpassed my routine medicines. In diarrhœa and dysentery the action of Merc. Sol. 30 thrice daily for three days was sufficient to cure 90% cases and even those that resisted massive doses of astringents and intestinal antiseptics. I would cite a few cases of interest.

1. A Freschian bull of German breed named 'Hitler' was affected with colic. He was kicking at the abdomen, repeatedly sitting and standing, looking with outstretched neck towards the site of pain, bellowing in agony, pressing

the abdomen on the ground. Three doses of Colocynth 30 at the interval of one hour were sufficient to affect a permanent cure.

2. A red Jersey cow had aborted thrice in the second and the third month. Later on, she failed to conceive. I observed some warts on her udder. This was sufficient indication for Thuja, which in 30 potency for few days not only caused the disappearance of the warts, but she also conceived at the next service, passed the period safely, delivered a healthy calf, the placenta was retained, which was brought out by a few doses of Sepia 30.

I was called one winter night to see the same costly cow. She was badly shivering, had profuse discharge from mouth and nostrils, and spasms on the neck, extremities cold, tongue very hot, temperature elevated, rumination suspended, bowels obstructed, no urination since six hours back when she was taken sick. The cold winter night, sudden onset of disease, violent symptoms, chilliness on the body which was causing shivering and the fever were clear indications for Aconite, which was given in 3x potency, four doses at the interval of one hour. There was immediate improvement and the next day she was found cured.

3. A heavy milker was having repeated attacks of mastitis. The udder was swollen, hard and painful. Two of the teats were obstructed and were not yielding milk. She was off feed and feverish. Bryonia 30, three doses for three days caused a permanent cure. The placenta of the same cow was retained. In traction it was broken. It decomposed, pyemic symptoms developed, and she was passing about four to five pounds of offensive pus every day. Such cases of Endometritis generally terminate fatally. Medorrhinum 200, two doses for two days decreased the pus, two more doses on the fourth and the seventh day completely cured her. Her calf was getting denuded of hairs. Sulphur 200 one dose made a luxuriant growth of hairs.
4. An epidemic of Foot and Mouth disease was spreading in the locality. Cattle were having profuse salivation due to deep ulcers in the mouth and on the tongue and the similar

ulcers were found on the clefts. It is a virus disease and is highly contagious. The disease is not generally fatal, but it causes a great economic loss due to loss in milk yield and for bullocks remaining off work. Under the most appropriate antiseptic washing and dressing it would last for about two weeks. But under three doses of Nitric Acid 200, daily for three days, most of the cattle were cured in one week.

When I had received the stock of medicine the owners insisted that I should give them the small powders which were so convenient to administer and so powerful in action. My popularity was spreading when my Superintendent got scent of what crime to his imagination I was committing. He paid a surprise visit and caught me red-handed, when I was actually putting some powder on the tongue of an animal. As a punishment he transferred me to Animal Husbandry section, where I was not required to treat animals. Thus my novel and most interesting experiment ended. My immediate officer had special instruction to be very harsh with me for violating the discipline of the department in introducing something what he called nonsense. His behaviour was so indecent that I had to resign my job. I have entered into business, but my love for Homœopathy lingers. I do not get any chance to treat animals, but I have opened a small charitable Homœopathic dispensary. I spare two hours every day from my business to serve the poor and my faith in this most rational therapy deepens every day.
