

A NOSODE SAVES THE DAY

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An infant boy, 9 months old, "always healthy," suddenly developed fever of 103° F. and drowsiness; wouldn't eat, little response, lying quiet, color rosy, occasional strange cry (piercing, single, brief). Upper eyelids swollen almost closed and red-dish. No thirst, refused liquids. No twitching eye movements or apparent pain. Bowels moved. Urine sufficient. No throat or ear abnormalities. Pupils sluggish, equal. No abdominal tenderness. No vomiting. Rx *Apis mellifica* 10 M, 1 dose.

Six hours later, fever 101° F., lids less swollen, no cry, limbs flaccid, slight rigidity of nape of neck; no Kernig or other signs. Pediatrician called, who confirmed diagnosis of probable meningitis and rushed the baby to the hospital.

Parents finally recalled child had a sniffly cold three days before onset. Eye grounds negative. Lumbar puncture revealed typical haemorrhagic influenzal meningitis. Aureomycin and Chloromycetin given by pediatrician, oxygen tent, intravenous feeding and fluid by ankle vein. Child unconscious, didn't know parents, went from bad to worse.

City Health Department meningitis specialist called in consultation, confirmed diagnosis and took very dim view of survival. Baby began to twitch on right arm and leg. Now restless legs. Vomited twice, projectile. Pediatrician and staff gave T. W. a couple of hours to live, said they could do nothing more.

I asked permission to give the child a homœopathic dose and the pediatrician said "nothing can harm, hinder or help, so go ahead if it will make you feel any better." Remembering that the baby's mother had Tb. in her family background and knowing its power over stubborn meningitis, I put one powder of *Tuberculinum bovinum* 200. on the little tongue, while two nurses and a couple of internes looked scornful and despairing. Within a quarter hour, while we watched, his color and breathing were better and restless stopped. One interne

said, "It would be better if he didn't get well. He'd never be right. On looking up the statistics last night I found 98% of those who live are blind." But next day he followed me with his eyes, tho' he still couldn't turn his head, and his neck was much less rigid. He improved steadily, moving all limbs freely, though his back was still weak. Temperature 99.2 F. In a week he was home, seeing, hearing, moving, sleeping, recognizing, playing, eating and drinking. He has recovered totally and is now (4 months later) walking and beginning to talk.

When you are scraping the bottom of the barrel think of one of the nosodes! Should it have been given first?

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