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THE SECOND PRESCRIPTION IN CHRONIC DISEASES

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"The second prescription presupposes that the first one has been a correct one, that it has acted, and that it *has been let alone*", writes Kent in his "Lectures on Homœopathic Philosophy" P. 279. He adds "If the first prescription has not acted curatively or has not been permitted to act the full time, it is impossible to get a second observation. The second observation is made when the case comes to a standstill ; for, after the first prescription has been made, changes occur, there is coming and going of symptoms, and *while these changes are occurring no rational observation can be made of the case* ; if a second prescription be made during this time, it will be likely to spoil the whole case".

It has been very lucidly expressed but very few physicians follow this advice ; for, in their anxiety to provide quick relief to the patient, a second prescription is made too soon. How

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long should the prescription be let alone? The answer is best given by Jahr in his 'Forty Year's Practice'. He observes on Page 20: 'In truly chronic affections I always give two or three doses of two globules each, at intervals of two to four days. I never decide upon a change under any circumstances before the termination of the third week, quietly watching every apparent aggravation, especially if I discover in it symptoms of the remedy the patient has been taking, until I have satisfied myself of its true course and character of the aggravation and if, after the termination of the third week, I do not perceive any signs of improvement, I give another remedy. But if the appropriate remedy has been given, the attentive eye of the skilful observer will sometimes perceive even in a case of this kind the first symptoms of an incipient improvement in the first week of the treatment, which may be followed by another apparent improvement for three or five days; if now the physician can prevail upon himself not to be too hasty in changing his prescription he often succeeds in effecting marvellous cures with two to six globules of the same remedy. For the purpose of illustrating my statement with *one* example, I will state the case of a man who had crude pulmonary tubercles and was constantly suffering with spasmodic asthma, to whom I gave Kali carb. with tolerable success, which remedy when the symptoms got worse again eight days after the improvement had first commenced, I exchanged for some other medicine. Before he came under my treatment, he had taken several homœopathic remedies in Italy, his native country, and I had been giving him for the last nine months a variety of homœopathic remedies without any result, when I determined to again have recourse to Kali but this time not as formerly in *three* but in *one* dose of two globoules of the thirtieth attenuation. Already on the third day after taking this medicine, his asthmatic paroxysms had abated, which abatement continued until the ninth day, when the paroxysms returned again with increased violence. Instead of changing the medicine I gave him Saccharum lactis. About the third week they again commenced to decrease and under the exhibition of these sham powders the improvement continued until the ninth week, when another aggravation set in,

which it was my purpose to watch for eight days before deciding in favour of some other remedy. After the lapse of eight days the patient was again better than ever; during these eight days he had not had a single paroxysm of asthma, not had he another attack during the eighteen months that he continued under my treatment, notwithstanding his tubercles still existed. The beats of the heart that had previously been very tumultuous and irregular, had likewise returned to the normal standard. From my long practice I might relate more than a hundred of such cases where *one dose* of a single remedy achieved a finer result in the space of two months than twenty impatiently—administered drugs in too or three years. Observation, however, has shown to a certainty that in *chronic diseases, where one remedy alone is capable of achieving the whole cure, slight symptoms of an incipient improvement will* according to my observations, *show themselves in the first week or first fortnight, and if these preliminary symptoms do set in, the physician cannot watch subsequent aggravations with too much care, unless he wishes to spoil everything by the premature exhibition of another remedy.*"

CYCLAMEN EUROPÆUM

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In the photographic projection of this remedy we are struck simultaneously with two aspects which this patient presents. First, the thinness and whiteness of the skin; second, with the air of depression and weakness.

More than likely, our patient will be a blond of passive and phlegmatic temperament, who expresses an enfeeblement throughout her entire constitutional makeup. She is completely disinclined for anything savoring of labor, and evidences a generalized debility and torpor of both body and mind. She