

## A RAPID CURE OF EARACHE

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Homœopathy has the reputation of being slow in getting its results and of taking a long time to cure. This depends however, firstly, on the type of disease that is being treated, whether it is an acute disturbance or whether it has taken root deeply in the particular individual asking to be cured. Secondly, it depends on the patient, whether he knows how to represent his case to the homœopathic physician, that is whether he is educated up to the appreciation of the minute details required for the homœopathic case history, which does not depend on the diagnosis of the disease, but on the diagnosis of the curative drug or remedy. Thirdly, it depends also on the knowledge and experience of the treating homœopathic physician. The more one gets interested in, and the more one knows the individual drugs the more one realizes that each drug is of value to somebody at some time and that one cannot limit the drugs to a mere seventy or even one hundred.

The homœopathic lay person who only deals or works with a small circle of friends obviously can get on and do his task of mercy as a Samaritan with the help of say at the most, forty or fifty, or perhaps seventy remedies, but a physician who may have to deal with obscure diseases, with difficult chronic complaints, will require a full knowledge, a detailed knowledge of as many of the drugs as his brain can take in, digest and retain. The day will always come when a little used drug, some lesser-known remedy, may mean the difference between life and death to the patient. Therefore it is necessary that a physician should possess as full a repertory of all the remedies which have been proved on healthy people as it is possible to get: it is even necessary to have more than one repertory so

as to find the most similar, the truly indicated remedy for the particular patient in question.

Many years ago I had a patient suffering from, indeed dying from tubercular peritonitis, pericarditis and endocarditis. A repertory containing only say seventy remedies would not have been any use: for on studying the various symptoms in Kent's *Repertory* and later in Kent's *Materia Medica*, I found she needed *Selenium*, a drug completely unknown to me; and as soon as she received one dose of *Selenium* in the 30th potency, the temperature, which had remained in the region of 104 degrees for months, in spite of all the usual and recognized treatments, dropped to 99 degrees, and remained normal after that. The patient was completely well within four months and lived for nearly thirty years. All she required was less than half a dozen doses of *Selenium* 30 during those four months, and yet she had been given up by the consulting physicians as being beyond human aid. Therefore to restrict a repertory to seventy remedies, or in other words to throw all the drugs beside these seventy, overboard as overloading the barque of homœopathic therapy, would be a retrograde step and not to the best advantage of our science. And who is to say which are the best seventy remedies? Some remedies work better in certain climates, others are more frequently of use in a different district. Why should we restrict ourselves to the drugs that Hahnemann used in his day? He was a great physician; but Homœopathy is a progressive science; many new diseases have come uppermost in our day, and new diseases frequently require new drugs. Just think of *Pyrogen*, Hahnemann did not know it and yet it has made brilliant cures in influenza and septic diseases, etc. *Tuberculinum*, *Medorrhinum*, *Syphilinum* were not known in the early days of Homœopathy, but surely very few physicians of our school would care to be deprived of these valuable remedies. *Tarentula cubensis*, the Spider remedy, cures rapidly and painlessly the most troublesome boils and carbuncles, and if *Tarentula* is not

sufficient, *Anthracinum* takes up the work and finishes it successfully. Neither of these remedies were known to Hahnemann. *Hepar sulphuris*, *Belladonna*, *Arnica* and *Silicea* are of no use in those cases of chronic boils and carbuncles which drag on under these remedies which the early homœopaths advise, but *Tarentula* or *Anthracinum* clear up the boils in a few days, brilliantly and miraculously. A restricted repertory means poor work, inferior work and is only of use in the beginning of a professional career when the tyro is overwhelmed at the thought of the mountains of work in front of him.

Each person who would seriously consider acquiring the ability to cure rapidly according to the Law of Similars must learn to know the more common remedies as intimate friends and recognize their peculiarities, so that when he meets a particular sick person presenting a certain combination of symptoms, he recognizes the totality of the symptoms and can prescribe accordingly and so cure rapidly, in a few hours even, in an acute attack. Let me illustrate. A delicate boy, liable to attacks of acute earache, took off his cardigan which he had worn all the morning in order to run about in the school play ground during the recess and was not permitted by the schoolmaster to put it on when returning to the classroom, hot and dishevelled. Within three hours, absolutely suddenly and out of the blue, he developed the most excruciating pains in his left ear, he became violently delirious, shrieked and screamed with pain, threw himself about and would not let anybody touch him. His face, his ears, behind his ears, his neck, even his chest and back were of a brilliant scarlet colour and exceedingly hot and burning to the touch, as if on fire. His pupils were widely dilated and he looked extremely ill, which alarmed his parents and not without cause. They tried *Aconite* for "high fever" without any effect, they tried *Mercurius solubilis* on the diagnosis "Earache" and although this had helped the year before, the totality of the symptoms was now different and

it naturally failed. They were prescribing on the pathological symptoms, the pathological diagnosis, not on the symptoms presented by the child; the heat, the suddenness of the pain, the violent delirium and restlessness, the scarlet discoloration of the skin, the enlarged pupils and the violent disturbance of the circulation. They rang up the doctor who immediately advised "*Belladonna*" which was given in the 30th potency at ten minute intervals at first. The result was that the child went to sleep almost at once, woke up within ten minutes with a scream, got another dose and repeated the performance. After four doses the intervals became longer and after four hours the child slept for five and a half hours without stirring and awoke without any pain and perfectly normal in every way. No heat, no scarlet flush, no earache. Everything had disappeared, everything cured in those few hours with a few doses of *Belladonna*, which was prescribed according to the Law of Similars. This says that the remedy which produces certain symptoms in the healthy person can and does cure the same or similar symptoms presented by the sick person. What it causes, it cures. *Belladonna* produces these symptoms: "extreme heat, violent delirium, scarlet flush, etc." when given to a healthy child, and the sick child showing these symptoms will be cured rapidly with *Belladonna*, whatever you call the disease—scarlet fever, tonsillitis or any other disease which may show these symptoms. Therefore, never prescribe on the name of the disease, but always on the totality of the symptoms as presented by the sick person. A hard and a difficult lesson to learn; believe me; and some never learn it.

This rapid cure made a deep impression on the circle of friends in this particular school, and one such rapid cure of a serious acute illness wins many new friends for Homœopathy.

Let me urge it again and impress it upon all those who wish to heal; who wish to repeat such cures in their home

circles; learn to know your acute remedies, learn to distinguish between *Belladonna* and *Aconite*; look up *Mercurius solubilis* and learn why it was not "similar" in this case, why it could not cure, if the Law of Similars is right. Study Nash's leaders or Allen's *Keynotes* and get to know, really know, *Bryonia*, *Nux vomica*, *Ipecacuanha*, *Gelsemium*, *Pulsatilla*, *Hepar sulphuris* and Uncle Tom Cobleigh and all, and you will find it less difficult in the beginning and easier as you get on to find the right remedy. Believe me, there is no short cut to Homœopathy, the real Art and Science of Healing.

—*Heal Thyself*, December, 1948.

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### MORGAN-GAERTNER THE BOWEL NOSODE COMPLIMENTARY TO LYCOPodium

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#### *B. Morgan (Bach) "Provings"*

In using the term "proving" in this instance it must be clearly understood by my audience that it is not used in the strict Hahnemannian sense—the result of administration of a remedy or potentized vaccine to the *Healthy* person. All the "provings" of the bowel nosodes have been obtained from the *sick* person by either observing the clinical picture present when a specific type of organism was isolated in the stool, or from the clinical results observed after the administration of a specific nosode.

I propose now to present to you the clinical picture of this very important *B. Morgan* type of non-lactose fermenting organism. In presenting the general picture of the larger group, I shall also indicate the differentiation between the sub-types and how one may identify the clinical characteristics of a *Morgan (pure)* type from a