

been removed by the potentized remedy. Only by continued observation and the use of the potentized *X-Ray* can we enrich our symptomatology, and it is hoped that my humble effort may inspire the profession to further investigate this specific remedy.

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THE CURE OF SURGICAL CASES BY HOMŒOPATHY*

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SURGEONS, in general, are not adversaries of Homœopathy, and it is a mistake to think that homœopaths are enemies of surgical intervention, but we may say that many operations are unnecessary and that Homœopathy is able to cure a lot of so-called surgical patients. Moreover the help that we can bring to surgeons is important. We can help the patient not only before the operation but after it as it will be shown. For example, *Aconite* will often calm the anxiety of the fear of death from operation, anæsthesia and so on.

If our patient has a tendency to hæmorrhages we can choose such remedies as *Phosphorus*, *Arnica*, *Crotalus*, *Vipera*, *China*. *China* will be very useful to prevent and control hæmorrhages of surgical operations on tonsils. We all know the action of *Ferr. phos.* and *Capsicum* on mastoid. *Capsicum* given in due time will often avoid mastoiditis.

In inflammation of sinuses, in France we successfully use a nosode called *Oscilococcin* a remedy found by Dr. Roy. We give it in the 200th. The action of this remedy is short and bears repetition. Dr. Chavanon gives also

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Eupatorium 100th which has the same action. There are other remedies which will cure, such as, if symptoms agree, *Hepar*, *Asafoetida*, *Aurum*, *Ars.*, *Hydrastis*, *Kali bichrom.* Acute and chronic sinusitis cases are nearly always cured without calling the surgeon.

In surgical dentistry Dr. de Nevrezé has shown that *Ignatia* for women; *Nux vomica* for men given by way of prevention, will allow the stomatologist to use his trepan without causing pain, in fact these two remedies, diminish the sensitivity of dentine.

And now a word about cancer of the skin, we have been able to cure cancer of the face without operation with the following treatment, *Thuja* 200 once a week, *Carcinocinum* once a week, *Cinnabaris* 6, twice a day. This procedure effected a recorded cure in six months. Cheloids come into the scope of Homœopathy with *Fluoric acid* when that remedy is indicated. *Silica* in low potency helps the expulsion of splinters without the knife of the surgeon. *Silica* is often wonderful in chronic osteomyelitis.

It is not always necessary to take the knife when facing a panaritium since we have *Anthracinum*, *Hepar*, *Myristica*, *Silica*, *Tarentula*, *Pyrogen*. In anthrax which is so painful, let us remember a magic remedy *Tarentula* 200 without forgetting if necessary, *Anthracinum* and *Arsenicum*.

In lymphangitis the power of *Bufo* is wonderful. Even in cases of "external tuberculosis" Homœopathy is of avail, as Dr. Margaret Tyler demonstrated. *Drosera* is a quasi-specific remedy in many surgical tuberculous diseases. *Drosera* 200 given every six months will perform miracles of healing.

When in London in 1929, I had the privilege to meet Dr. Tyler in this Hospital, and I was taught the use of *Drosera*. When I came back to my town, I had the opportunity to be called to a case of tuberculous osteitis of tibia.

A surgeon had advised an operation. The patient refused it and wanted to try Homœopathy, by the by, he was lucky, since I had just come from London. I gave

him *Drosera* 200. I was rather anxious about the results in spite of what I had seen with Dr. Margaret Tyler. A fortnight later, I saw the patient again and he was entirely cured. We know the action of *Drosera* on shin bones. Look at your *Materia Medica*. In 1930 I received a call for a young girl who was in a very bad state, she suffered from a tuberculous peritonitis. I tried *Drosera* 200. Three days after I was phoned, the young patient was worse. The reaction was severe but after a week she felt much better. She began to eat with appetite, the fever subsided and in three months' time she was cured. Before leaving Paris now, I received a letter from this patient asking for treatment for her sister.

Drosera is also the remedy of tuberculous adenitis, closed or open. In all these cases *Drosera* is given about once every six months, and as long as amelioration continues, *Drosera* must not be repeated. If repeated too soon the case will be spoiled and it will be very difficult to cure the patient. This remedy does not bear repetition; others do, for instance *Phosphorus*, in hepatic diseases as cirrhosis of liver, must be given every ten days, *Ignatia 1m* in vomiting of pregnancy when indicated must be prescribed every seven days. In a case of severe vomiting of pregnancy, doctors in attendance advised the interruption of pregnancy, but *Ignatia 1m* mastered the case at the first dose.

In pleurisy, hydrothorax, pericarditis, *Sulphur iodatum* will avoid tapping; and in purulent pleurisy *Hepar sulph.* will be the remedy in most cases. In ulcer of stomach, we homœopaths seldom have the opportunity to have our patients operated on. In ulcer of pylorus or duodenum we have a remedy which selectively works on these portions of stomach, I mean *Ornithogalum*. We have also, if symptoms agree, *Anacardium*, *Kali bichrom.*, *Uran. nit.*, which control most cases.

In a case of severe hæmorrhage of stomach *Geranium* in low potency stopped the hæmatemesis very quickly, and after the acute symptoms, *China* was given.

In acute appendicitis, remedies are of no avail. Surgical intervention is needed as soon as possible. I never prescribe even a well-indicated remedy which risks masking symptoms and deceiving the surgeon. After operation, *Lachesis* is often indicated, when the appendix was gangrenous, in these cases allopaths now give Streptomycin. In sequelae of appendicitis, in painful adhesions *Iris tenax* is the remedy. In strangulated hernia you can try *Nux vom.* and *Opium*. These remedies are sometimes successful, but of course this hernia belongs to the surgeon. In a case of a hernia, *Sulphur* cured quickly.

The patient was pregnant and the date of delivery was near, her family and above all her midwife were rather anxious. I gave good words and *Sulphur* 200. The patient was of the *Sulphur* type. The hernia entirely disappeared and delivery occurred without any incident.

Homœopathy will help the obstetrician: *Aconite* for fear of death before and during delivery, *Pulsatilla* in bad position of the foetus and *Nux vomica* 200 every fortnight during the two last months will allow a delivery nearly without any pains.

Kali carb. controls lumbar pains during confinement. In intolerable pains we have *Chamomilla*. In rigid os, *Gels.* or *Caulophyllum*. After delivery *Arnica* in hæmorrhages. In puerperal fever *Pyrogen*, *Echinacea*. We must not forget these remedies in spite of penicillin or streptomycin. These anti-biotic remedies are misused so often that very soon allopaths will meet penicillo-resistance and strepto-resistance as they met sulphamido-resistance.

It is impossible in the time available now to review all the gynæcological diseases which can be cured by Homœopathy, you can refer to Richard Haehl's work, *Die Unfruchtbarkeit der Frau* which, in spite of its title, is a complete treatise of gynæcology. I want to mention the action of *Sepia* 6 given twice a day during one month and longer if necessary in the sequelae of pelviperitonitis. I

consider this remedy as a specific in this affection, which thus is no longer a surgical disease.

In renal lithiasis, it is a field of triumph for Homœopathy. I never had a patient needing a surgeon. Thanks to *Calcarea carbonica* 200, renal colic is often ameliorated in a few minutes. In one case, the amelioration was so rapid and complete that I was accused of giving Opium. In France we give also *Calcarea renalis* 200 once a week and *Calcarea carbonica* 200 once a week as preventive remedies. Such remedies as *Berberis* 6x, *Pareira brava* 6x may be given. German homœopaths give also *Magnesia-boro-citrica*. Two French Spas are celebrated for their active waters; they are Contréxéville and Capvern. They complement the homœopathic treatment and vice versa.

In gallstone gall-colic, Homœopathy gives us success. Pains are relieved with *Magnesia phos.*, *Colocynthis*, *Dioscorea*, *Calc. carb.*, *Calcarea biliaris*, *Carduus*, *China*, *Nux vomica* and so on. *Hydrastis* and *Belladonna* facilitate the migration of the stones through the biliary ducts. I shall recall a treatment that Dr. Granville Hey taught me at the Congress of Geneva. He called this treatment "The M.A.C. Powders." M. for *Mercurius dulcis*, A. for *Atropin sulph.*, C. for *Cholesterinum*. He gave those remedies in low potency at the 6x trituration. In alternating these remedies every day, I follow Dr. Granville Hey's indications and my patients appreciate these therapeutics, which is very helpful. Let us not forget the action of *Gigeria* which was born at the last Congress of Lyons, this remedy is a very powerful remedy in gallstones.

The fissure of anus, which is so painful, may be cured without operation with *Thuja*, *Nitric-acid*, *Paeonia*, *Ratanhia*, etc.

Nocturnal Enuresis is often the triumph of Homœopathy with *Sulphur*, *Equisetum*, *Caust.*, *Sepia*, *Kreos.*, *Plantago*, *Rhus aromatica*, and so on. Let us mention *Symphytum* which helps the consolidation of fractures. It is impossible to quote all the surgical cases amenable to

Homœopathy ; I am too short of time and others are more qualified to treat this question.

In closing I wish to mention the help we can give to the patient who had just been operated on. *Raphanus 3x* in great accumulation and incarceration of flatulence, systematically given after all abdominal operations, the patient is greatly relieved, and flatulence disappears quickly. In shock we must remember *Aconite*, *Arnica*, *Camph.*, *Hyper.*, *Lachesis*, *Opium*, *Stront.*, *Verat.*, and so on. And at last in sepsis *Lachesis*, *Arnica*, *Pyrogen*, *Echinacea*. Let us not forget *Staphisagria* after operations on urinary apparatus, on sphincters lacerated or stretched. *Staphisagria* acts also on teeth and alveolar periosteum.

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VALUABLE HOMŒOPATHIC REMEDIES IN THE TREATMENT OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

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3. *Phosphorus*. It will be useful only when the typical phosphor constitution is present. It is therefore preferably indicated in slender, emaciated, tall patients with pointing dorsal vertebrae. The cough is dry, torturing ; there is continual hoarseness or loss of voice with soreness in larynx and under sternum. The expectoration is either bloody, blood-streaked or purulent, and of salty or sharp taste. Patient has to sit up nights on account of continual coughing ; there is a dry and raw feeling in throat, the voice is hoarse or soundless, aggravation from much talking or inhalation of cold air. Every excitement causes chest congestion and severe palpitation.

Phosphorus is furthermore indicated in sticky night-sweats and dry palms. As accompanying symptoms deserve