

**RECUPERATING IN CALIFORNIA.**

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Although they know I am here for a rest and am not licensed to practice in this state, still some of our neighbors insist on calling upon me for help when sick. One cannot refuse.

A sixteen-year-old lad, son of my neighbor, recently came down with a severe chill, general body pains and temperature of 104°. I consented to look after him and put him on *gelsemium*, 1m, followed by *eupatorium*, 3x, every three hours. The temperature worked down to 101° on the third day, at which time a cough developed. At this stage the patient's grandparents stepped in and demanded that their own physician take charge of the case, they fearing to trust homeopathy in the face of the severe influenza epidemic then raging. I gladly withdrew.

For two weeks, under the very efficient care of the "regular," the temperature hovered around the 104° mark and the patient coughed constantly, day and night. At the end of this time the attendant physician threw up his hands, proclaimed the case an inveterate bronchitis dependent upon proximity to the ocean and advised immediate removal to the hill country! Directing them to leave that very afternoon, he resigned the case. The parents declined the responsibility of moving so sick a patient and called upon me again for help.

The lad at this time was desperately ill, had a constant, high temperature, a persistent cough, profuse, drenching perspiration, was restless and thirsty and profoundly prostrated. That Monday morning I put him on *kali bichromicum*, 30x, and at night gave him a sleep-producing hypodermic of *morphia*. Tuesday saw the condition practically unchanged except that he was rested from his night's sleep. I gave *arsenicum album*, 1m, and repeated the hypodermic.

At two o'clock on Wednesday morning the temperature dropped by crisis to 97.5° and stimulants were given freely to support strength. Recovery was uninterrupted from this point on and the lad returned to school within ten days from the crisis, better in health and more clear in mind—judging from the progress he made in his work—than he had been for months. It is needless to add that the whole family, including grandparents, are satisfied with the homeopathic treatment.