

PROSOPALGIA

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Belladonna

General remarks—Some acute cases with feverish pain shooting like lightning into ear or molars of affected side, with red face without head congestion were cured by a few doses of *Belladonna*.

In the real nervous prosopalgia *Sulphur* was the main remedy, but *Belladonna*, as an intercurrent remedy, relieved the severely cutting pains—*Heichelsheimer*.

Woman of 40 had for a long time suffered from prosopalgia.

Symptoms: The pain attacked, at times, simultaneously, and at times in turn, head, face and chest. Now the right side of face was affected along the course of the supraorbital nerve, worse in afternoon and evenings; cutting, stitching, burning and pressing. The facial expression is that of intense suffering. Patient was pale, feeble, emaciated; some ptosis of upper lids; nystagmus; squinting; diplopia. Mouth and nose drawn to right side. Tongue semi-paralysed. Speech confused. Severe vertigo with swaying gait.

Patient had previously been given large doses of *Belladonna* by other physicians. *Belladonna* 12c in water solution, two tablespoonfuls daily, cured in a few days—*Sollier*.

Man of 40 has suffered from prosopalgia for ten years.

Symptoms: Several attacks daily, lasting for hours; at intervals patient was free from pain for a week or two. Severe tearing pain in right malar bone with convulsive closing of lid. Jerking of facial muscles. Mouth drawn to affected right side. Face hot. *Belladonna* was given three times every third day and cured soon—*Schindler*.

Woman of 30, tall, slender, weakened by worrying and suffering, has had prosopalgia for six months.

Symptoms: Several attacks daily lasting 4 to 5 hours, then free from pain for $\frac{1}{2}$ to one hour. Pains begin with annoy-

ing itching over *right* malar bone and *right* side of nose, forcing patient to rub surface; pain severely cutting along course of infraorbital nerve, involvning also adjacent parts, driving patient almost crazy. Lachrymation and salivation. Pulse slow and small. Constipation. Patient is sad and despondent.

Belladonna 30c, one dose, relieved in a few days, and a second dose, given after two weeks, cured entirely—*Hartmann*.

Woman of 36, has suffered from prosopalgia for two years.

Symptoms: Pains begin in forehead, radiate to *right* side over nose, jaw and neck; tearing, throbbing, start at 4 A.M., lasting $\frac{1}{2}$ to one hour. *Right* side of face swollen after attack, with itching of lids, pressure in ear, perspiration; at times with spots on face. Allopathic treatment had been minus result.

Belladonna 30c, one dose, cured—*Kirsch*.

Lady, florid, very irritable had nervous prosopalgia with suspicious nasal discharge, which was considered a case of antrum infection. Allopathic treatment was without result. All symptoms disappeared after confinement, but soon returned after taking cold.

Symptoms: Pain always begins in same spot over *left* infra-orbital nerve, radiates to nose, lip and upper teeth, then jumps to lower jaw and quits. It usually begins at 11 A.M. and lasts till 3 P.M., daily increasing in severity, comes in several attacks accompanied by jerking of entire body; during the night it is less severe. With the pain there is circumscribed redness of cheek with swelling and, when severe, reaches up to inner canthus and nose. Several physicians diagnosed antrum disease.

After unsuccessful allopathic treatment patient was given *Belladonna* 6c and, later, the tincture, also minus result. The entire *Belladonna* plant was triturated, $\frac{1}{4}$ grain with 2 scruples of sugar, divided into four portions of which patient received one every morning. This cured the pain on the second day, and she remained well—*Kraemer*.

Woman of 20, slender, has prosopalgia; drilling, stitching pain from teeth upward through zygomatic arch to orbital bones on *right* side.

Symptoms: For two weeks pain has come several times

daily with increased severity and appeared to be connected with abdominal function because, preceding attacks, patient had stitching pain in abdomen followed by attacks of borborygmus and flatulence.

Such an attack was immediately overcome by *Ignatia* 30c, but pain recurred in 24 hours without abdominal symptoms. *Bryonia* 30c gave no relief, but *Belladonna* 30c cured permanently—*B. in D.*

Woman of 42, menstruated regularly but profusely, suffered a year ago from rheumatic pains in limbs, which ended in prosopalgia in left side of face with ecchymosis of eye, which latter was sensitive to light. . . . The pains are paroxysmal and severe as in tic douloureux. Patient was very restless, full of anxiety, has restless sleep with lively dreams, is in constant excitement especially from noon till midnight to the extent that she has hallucinations of dark specters which frighten her.

Belladonna root was given in 12 doses which cured all except the left-sided conjunctival suffusion.

Bismuthum

Man of 24 has had neuralgia for 24 days affecting temporal and facial nerves; it has resisted much allopathic treatment. Pains are so intense that patient had repeatedly contemplated suicide. During all his suffering he was troubled with insomnia. The only relief was had from fast running, and taking cold water in mouth frequently (better from cold!). This pointed to *Bismuthum*.

Bismuthum 30c was given, and 1½ hours after the first dose patient had relief, slept for 11 hours and was free from pain. The next day a mild attack occurred and was cured by a second dose of *Bismuthum*, and patient remained well.

Three other cases where cold water relieved were cured by *Bismuthum*—*Bechet*.

Bryonia

A lady suffered from tearing pains in face and teeth which became most severe under allopathic treatment, and in which *Bryonia* was indicated. *Bryonia* 200c in water solution cured—*von Boenninghausen*.

Cannabis

Woman of 36 has for two years been treated allopathically minus relief; unspeakable pain in course of *right* upper and lower maxillary branch of fifth nerve. Patient was at time free from pain for weeks or months, but when the pain returned it lasted for 2 to 3 months. She had been weakened by many miscarriages.

Cannabis 6c relieved in a few days; patient could sleep and had better appetite. The remedy was continued, but a severe pain returned in the left side of face and ear. Constipation. Now *Belladonna* 6c was given. When the stool was regulated a new attack occurred. *Cannabis* was again given and cured the prosopalgia permanently, except a remaining unpleasant sensation in teeth—*Ker*.

Causticum

Spinster, weakly, pale, has suffered from prosopalgia for a long time with very severe tearing pains especially nights, starting from the *right* malar bone, spreading over maxilla to behind ear, accompanied by chilliness; menses scanty.

Pulsatilla did not help. After three days. *Sulphur* was given for inhaling. *Causticum* cured lastingly—*B. in D.*

Chamomilla

Man had been relieved from quotidian fever by massive doses of quinine. During inclement weather he had severe attacks of prosopalgia nights.

Symptoms: Pain from *left* supraorbital region to eye and along facial nerve. Patient is frantic, howls; pain as if nails were driven into head, and eye plucked out.

Belladonna 6c was given every 15 minutes. The second dose relieved. The next morning the pain returned and was severe in afternoon. *Chamomilla* 3c was given in water and overcame all pain in three doses.

China

Lady of 36, blonde, delicate, hysterical. Menstruation regular but protracted, followed by leucorrhœa. Was very weak after an attack of cholera for which massive doses of quinine

had been given, leaving patient with severe palpitation when walking, ascending stairs, fast talking. To this picture was added prosopalgia.

Symptoms : Has not been able to sleep for three days on account of severe pain in region of infraorbital foramen, drilling, stitching, burning, drawing. Warm applications relieve temporarily. Pain most severe nights till morning. The *slightest touching* aggravates the pain exceedingly, hence patient protected seat of pain by cupping hand over it.

Chamomilla, Thuja, Sulphur, Arsenicum were given minus result. *China* 6c, given in evening, brought the first sleep, and pain disappeared. In 3½ months it returned and was permanently cured by *China*—*Roth*.

Colocynthis

Woman of 27 was under treatment on account of amenorrhœa and chronic vomiting. After a cold she suffered from prosopalgia : severe tearing, burning, stitching pains on *left* side of face, radiating to behind ear, temple and entire *left* side of head, screams from pain, can find no rest ; slightest touch of affected parts aggravates. *Colocynthis* cured quickly—*Gaspary*.

An otherwise healthy man of 60 has for three days suffered from severe prosopalgia.

Symptoms : Pains in *left* cheek, eyelid, orbital cavity, maxilla, *left* side of nose and left ear with heat and redness of *left* side. Pain stops and returns, not letting him rest day nor night ; worse from motion and touch. *Left* side of head feels as if torn from right side. Entire body hot ; pulse full and hard. Thirst.

Colocynthis cured in two hours, followed by severe itching of face. Another similar attack occurred the next year and was cured immediately by *Colocynthis*—*Gaspary*.

Kali Chloricum

Woman of 29, melancholic temperament ; after depressing mental emotion had a liver affection with prosopalgia. *Natrum muriaticum* 15c relieved repeatedly, and *Acidum phosphoricum* 15c cured the remaining mental depression. *Kali Chloricum* 3c, given every two days, cured completely, when a previously

present chilliness and scorbutic condition of gums reappeared—*Martin*.

Woman of 44 had been gouty, now suffers from prosopalgia. She was cured by *Kali chloricum* 3c—*Martin*.

Spinster of 36 had been suffering from a chronic liver complaint. After mental depression had prosopalgia which had been unsuccessfully treated allopathically.

Symptoms: Pain comes suddenly like an electric shock, quite often, lately on *left* side of face, which then turns fiery red with jerking of facial muscles, lachrymation, throbbing of temporal artery. Attack of pain caused by mastication, eating fruit or anything sour, and touching.

The previous loss of smell now returned. *Belladonna* in steadily increasing strength up to toxic doses gave relief for two months. *Kali chloricum* 2 to 6 grains given two or three times daily cured. Periodical numbness of *left* side of face remained for a long time—*Herber*.

Lachesis

Woman of 24, strong, brunette, has suffered from tearing prosopalgic pain for one week.

Symptoms: Pain begins in forehead, extending to maxilla and below *left* eye, at times into eyeball with lachrymation, lasts several hours and then quits for a day or two, and returns more severely without any known cause. All is preceded by congestion to head. On days without pain, patient feels weak in abdomen. *Belladonna* 400c was given; later *Lachesis* 800c. The latter remedy relieved the pain, which at times also affected the *left* side of nose and around *left* eye. Three doses of *Lachesis* 800c cured—*Tietz*.

(To be continued)

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In conclusion, may I add this letter from Dr. A. H. Grimmer of Chicago, written especially for us, which gives us not only insight into Kent's greatness and personality, but also shows how Dr. Grimmer has carried on the great homœopathic tradition built so painstakingly by Hering and Kent. (Dr. Grimmer's letter will be published in June issue.)

(To be continued)

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Mezereum

Military officer of 25, robust, florid, has for a long time suffered from prosopalgia, at first on right side, later on left side.

Symptoms : Six to eight times daily, when entering a warm room after long commanding and when eating something warm, has cramping, pressing pain beginning in left zygoma, extending to ear, eye, temple, neck and shoulder ; at times pressing pain in occiput ; sudden stitches in side of chest.

Mezereum 6c, one dose, caused aggravation for 12 hours, then relief. A relapse was relieved by *Chamomilla*, and a week later *Mezereum* 18c completed the cure—*von Boenninghausen*.

Lady of 50, delicate constitution, kindly character, exposed to constantly changing temperature during winter entertainment, has for two years suffered from prosopalgia.

Symptoms : Severe pain in mandible and mental foramen, as if a hole were drilled into foramen from the outside, alternating on right and left side, or at times on both sides simulta-

neously, during the day or night, intermitting, without set type, lasting for several minutes, along inframaxillary nerve of the third branch of trigeminus, interfering with motion of mandible. Salivation from almost constantly open mouth. A year ago she had contusion on left zygoma; here at times swelling with sensation of tension of the skin of face, which leaves soon and has no connection with the pain. External influences make no difference. After attack, facial skin feels stiff and heavy. There is no sensation in hard palate, as if wooden; fauces red but not swollen; constant burning in throat. Varicose veins on legs. On neck a round red spot appears frequently. Rheumatic pains in limbs during wind.

Mezereum, three doses of the 15c, 6c and 3c potencies were given during four weeks and cured completely. Has not had another attack during the past four weeks—*Roth*.

Nux vomica

General remarks—In the very torturing forms of prosopalgia, the infra-orbital ramus of the trigeminus is often affected with pain from its exit over nose, cheek and upper lip; or the middle branch of the facialis involving ear lobule, the pain extends over cheek, corner of mouth, upper lip, mandible, and, due to the connection with the third cervical, nerves on the side of the neck into shoulder. *Nux vomica* and *Chamomilla* gave outstanding results. Thus I have cured prosopalgia in a few days which had lasted for months. The pain of these two remedies was intermitting, especially severe nights, driving patient out of bed; it is of a tearing character especially on neck—*Schroen*.

Man of 26, lymphatic-sanguine temperament, healthy otherwise, suffered from prosopalgia which resisted all treatment.

Symptoms: Severe itching pain, throbbing in *left* inner canthus extending to nose and forehead; burning-itching pain in eye with the lachrymation. The left eye was shining, conjunctiva very red, photophobia, severe throbbing of temporal artery; serous discharge from left nostril. The painful parts are as if numb or cold.

Belladonna 6c, in solution every two hours, brought a quiet night; but the pain returned in other locations. *Nux vomica*,

in solution every three hours, aggravated the pain with every dose. After a good night with copious perspiration, patient was cured—*Moor*.

Opium

Man of 60 has for 36 years suffered with most severe prosopalgia for which all conceivable allopathic treatment had been employed in vain. Finally, *Stramonium* up to toxic doses was given minus relief. Patient now was given *Morphinum aceticum* gr. 1/32, one dose every morning. The three doses relieved all pain, and when it threatened to return, one powder brought the desired result—*Kraemer*.

Phosphorus

Man of 30, strongly built, has been well up to 8 years ago when, after taking cold, he developed prosopalgia which allopathic treatment did not help.

Symptoms: Dull tearing pain in *left* cheek, dull drawing in *left* maxilla and root of nose; stitches in cheek from maxilla into ear and temporomaxillary articulation. Severe pain when opening mouth, with tension and swelling in entire *left* side of face, and paleness. Itching in *left* side of face. Vertigo upon rising mornings with head congestion.

Phosphorus cured all lastingly in two weeks—*Gaspari*.

Woman of 74 has suffered for ten years from tearing pain in *right* cheek extending into head, worse from speaking, eating and swallowing; perspires easily; feels weak; vertigo with inclination to fall.

Phosphorus 2c, a daily dose for 12 days, relieved little; *Phosphorus* 1c, 28 drops in 2 ounces of water, was now given. Total cure was had from 14 to 18 drops of undiluted *Phosphorus* spirit in water, two times daily—*Haustein*.

Woman of 35 has for a long time suffered from prosopalgia, now on *right* side, then on *left* side.

Symptoms: Teeth carious, painful when touched and upon masticating, as if a nail were driven into cheek, especially severe in temples extending into eyes. At times, better from pressure, cold or warmth. Patient feels very weak; often has dysmenorrhœa. Great appetite. Normal stool. Sleep unrefreshing. After eating, eructation. Can often taste her food

for hours. Is very irritable. Palpitation from least motion.

Belladonna 6c relieved for a few days. *Mercurius* 6c was given with general improvement. But the still present prosopalgia was now cured by *Phosphorus* with improvement in general—*Ker*.

Man of 50 has suffered for years from prosopalgia ; all teeth of lower jaw gone.

Symptoms : Severe tearing pain, beginning in mandible, increasing and extending to maxilla and to infra-orbital fossa. Attacks start from speaking, eating and slightest touch, lasting for hours. At the same time tinnitus aurium ; sensation of tension in cheek, as if mouth could not well be opened. *Phosphorus* was given four times on every fifth day and cured lastingly—*Schindler*.

Platina

Woman of 20 has had nervous prostration for two years very severely after recovering from typhus fever, and lately never stopping ; especially severe nights. The pain is tearing, drilling, on *right* side near canthus and along nasal branch of fifth nerve. Profuse lachrymation with swelling of face. General condition good. *Platina* 12c in solution, three doses daily. After 11 days, had an attack lasting 4 hours. Patient complains at times of mild vertigo and trembling. Continued use of *Platina* cured—*Ker*.

Pulsatilla

Spinster of some 30 years has had two very severe attacks of supra-orbital neuralgia during the last four years which, in spite of continual use of quinine, always lasted two months. She has now suffered for six days.

Symptoms : Pain is pressing ; constricting, dull, throbbing in right supra-orbital region extending over entire *right* side of face ; especially severe in zygoma and into hairy scalp, as if parts were pinched ; worse from least motion ; and ending with profuse lachrymation from right eye. Coryza with obstruction of right nostril ; sensation of pinching and pressing at root of nose ; ears feel stopped up.

Sense of smell diminished, often totally lost. Discharge of thick yellow mucus from *right* side of nose. During attack,

anxiety sensation in chest. Aside from this, patient often suffered from attacks of migraine and indigestion.

Zincum 30c inhalation relieved slightly; but one smelling of *Pulsatilla* 30c cured completely—*Perry*.

After rheumatic fever a man suffered a metastatic infra-orbital neuralgia.

Symptoms : Daily, at 11 A.M., severe pain occurred in the region of *left* infra-orbital nerve, followed by extraordinary mucous discharge from *left* nostril, thick, fetid. At 4 P.M. all stopped. Pain relieved in open air, which prompted the use of *Pulsatilla* 1c, given in early morning and afternoon before attack. In six days patient was cured—*Vehsen*.

Spigelia

General remarks—In prosopalgia simulating rheumatic pain, limited to one side, as often found in hysterical female patients, accompanied by precordial anxiety and great restlessness, *Spigelia* 30c or 18c, if necessary repeatedly given, is an important remedy—*Lobethal*.

At a time when a kind of prosopalgia almost seemed to be epidemic, several patients suffering from it were quickly cured by *Spigelia*—*Gross*.

A woman suffered for weeks from a not further specified prosopalgia, and was cured by one dose of *Spigelia* 200c—*von Boenninghausen*.

A woman of delicate constitution had prosopalgia. It begins with toothache and very sensitive teeth, especially the incisors, but only on *left side*. Pains shoot from maxilla in all directions, spreading over left cheek and temple, a continuous dull pain with burning in lower orbital bone; previously it was burning spots of dollar size on maxilla. The attack repeats at same time daily. Headache. All symptoms worse after eating and especially when lying down; can not lie on painful side; worse from heat. Loss of appetite. Smelling twice on *Spigelia* 30c helped—*Hering*.

Man of 70, irritable, has had scabies several times with ulcers in throat and anus; inclined to attacks of erysipelas. Seven years ago had prosopalgia.

Symptoms : Pains begin with stitching in *right* side of

maxilla, extending into head, especially in right temple. Jerking and pulling in right side of face with sensation as if skinned, worse from touching. Sensation as from red-hot ball on head, which is often relieved by slight pressure. Pains appear and end quickly every few minutes. Mornings worst, and then upper lip feels stiff; aggravated in moist weather. When pain is most severe there is a sensation as if top of head were open, and then cheek is dark-red; nosebleed. Lachrymation from right eye, dripping through nose. Gums feel raw with hot facial perspiration. Afterward dull headache and exhaustion. Vertigo when rising from sitting; breathing difficulty. Arms "go to sleep." Jerking in sleep. Strangury. *Nux vomica*, *Pulsatilla* and *Rhus toxicodendron* were minus result. *Belladonna* 30c relieved a little. Two doses of *Spigelia* 30c cured—*Helffrig*.

Staphisagria

Man of 30 has for years suffered every January from rheumatic and gastric difficulty, tearing pain in left cheek, and has been much weakened by taking prescribed emetics. During this winter he had severe rheumatism which in spite of all treatment developed into prosopalgia.

Symptoms: Tearing pain from hollow tooth in *left* upper jaw, through the *left* upper teeth, into *left* cheek; rooting in the parotid plexus, most severely from touching, while hard pressure relieves slightly. When pain is especially severe, it radiates to behind ear and into *left* arm. Sensation as if cheek were swollen. Pharyngeal spasm; abdominal cramps.

Staphisagria 30c was given during an attack and repeated. Cure—*Neumann*.

Stramonium

Man of 34, obese, suffers from prosopalgia. *Symptoms*: The pain starts above *left* eye combined with stitching pain in ear, spreads over cheeks under eye, into left nostril. Attacks come at irregular times with longer or shorter intermissions, of stitching, tearing character lasting 3-4 days.

Other homœopathic remedies had not helped; three doses of *Stramonium* extract were given during four hours followed by severe attacks of narcosis, but the pain disappeared entirely—*Schroen*.

Girl of 16, delicate, irritable, blonde, fine skin, has often suffered from headache as if brain were shaking at each step. When 15 years old menstruation began, with pain in two molars in right lower jaw.

Symptoms : Pain begins in molar, radiates over entire *right* side of head, affecting all branches of facial nerve, tearing ; patient also has angina symptoms interfering with breathing ; pain in stomach and transverse colon. Fainting with following exhaustion. Crying moods with tendency to be insulting and feel insulted. Several remedies were given minus result.

Stramonium tincture, 9 drops given in six hours were followed by dry throat, seeing sparks before eyes, etc., but the pain has disappeared. Cure—*Schroen*.

Woman of 42 has metrorrhagia ; after preceding toothache, prosopalgia developed on *right* side.

Symptoms : Pains radiate over all branches of facial nerve from stylo-mastoid foramen to alae nasi, of tearing character to such a degree that the affected side of face was distorted, with oscillation of the facial muscles. After various remedies were futile, $\frac{1}{4}$ gr. of *Stramonium* extract was given, and after 2 hours $\frac{1}{8}$ gr. The following day she had another dose of $\frac{1}{4}$ gr. This developed severe *Stramonium* symptoms followed by a complete cure—*Schroen*.

Veratrum

Woman of 48, plethoric, short but strongly built, has suffered for four months from prosopalgia which increased under all treatment and had already severely weakened vision of her right eye.

Symptoms : After short chills and stretching sensation in limbs, she has much stitching, drawing, tearing pain on *right* side of face in the region of the stylo-mastoid foramen, radiating over cheek and temple with heat and redness over eye, specially of inner canthus, redness of albuginea with streaming lachrymation on right side which is intimately connected to the attacks of pain. No external application gave any relief. Pains come at irregular times, often of tertian type with nausea ; worse when angered.

Veratrum 4c was given morning and night ; no more attacks,

but instead goose-flesh with stretching and stitching behind ears. Eye symptoms are better. *Veratrum* was repeated during two weeks. After a severe spell of anger, she had a slight return of the old trouble but with swelling and stitching of parotids, head congestion with heat and pressure pain which was cured by *Belladonna* 4c. Two weeks later came a mild attack, but one dose of *Veratrum* and *Arsenicum* cured lastingly—Genske.

Verbasicum

Woman of 32 has for two years suffered almost constantly from prosopalgia. Allopathic treatment was minus result.

Symptoms : When speaking, sneezing, biting hard, touching front teeth with tongue, there is lightning-like pain shooting in different directions into *right* side of face. Most severe attacks in forenoon, lasting from 10 to 15 minutes up to one hour. Pain in skin from *right* temple to corner of mouth, tearing, jerking, stitching, often burning. Slightly less in afternoon, and absent when mouth is not moved. During attacks face is red, head hot ; empty eructation ; tough saliva runs from mouth. Often severe vertigo ; or for hours or days pressing, tearing headache on *left* side. Formerly had frequent attacks of toothache.

During six weeks patient was given *Belladonna*, *Bryonia*, *Colocynthis*, *Platina*, *Psorinum* minus result. *Verbasicum* tincture, one drop mornings for four days, cured—Y.

Zincum

Woman of 38, brunette, slender, irritable, but of tender disposition is constipated and menstruates profusely. Has suffered from prosopalgia three times after mental emotion. After long-continued allopathic treatment, *Hahnemann* cured her every time. After his death patient had a new attack following a severe fright which during six weeks neither allopathic quinine treatment nor homœopathic prescribing helped.

Symptoms : Severe burning stitches and lightning-like jerking and tearing, radiating from infra-orbital foramen over entire right half of head to occiput and mandible.

Right side of face swollen, tense, feels hot ; right eye sunken ; lids bluish ; in teeth sensation as if they were being pulled. Tongue numb ; throat feels contracted. Salivation. Prosopalgic

attacks evenings lasting 1-3 hours. Head does not tolerate slightest touch. Patient cries out from pain.

Zincum 30c was used for smelling two times through each nostril and cured the pain in a few minutes. The following day a mild attack occurred, but again smelling at *Zincum* cured lastingly—*Perry*.

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EXCERPTS FROM INTERNAL HEALING ART IN SURGICAL DISEASES

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Maria E., 30, has for years suffered from right sided coxitis, limping on shortened leg; disarticulated femur head; has been treated at University Clinic, four times with iodoform injections into a very large gravitated abscess below trochanter. I instructed patient regarding hygiene and diet, etc., and gave *Calcarea phos.* and *Belladonna* 30c.

Two years later she brings her sick sister, and reports herself as relatively well. During those two years the abscesses were positively cured without using anything but the remedies I had given.

N.Th. on February 7th stated. "Two weeks ago my daughter of 7½ years complained of pain in the right knee; after a few days it began to swell. Our local physician ordered painting with iodine and tight bandaging. Until then the child had not complained of pain, except on account of the tight bandaging. Now our local physician thinks there is pus in the knee joint, and wants to operate, which scares us very much.