

Gross and Stapf, and without the slightest reservation, revealed to them all the fruits of his research. Writing upon this, he said :

“Not until the year 1827 did I communicate the essentials of this discovery to two of my pupils, who had been of the greatest service to the art of Homœopathy, for their own benefit and that of their patients, so that the whole discovery might not be lost to the world, if perchance a higher call to eternity had called me away before the completion of the book—an event not so very improbable in my seventy-third year,”

The love and good wishes of the person who is all welfare never remain circumscribed. There was none amongst the members of his family, the German People, the whole of human race, the patient, the prover, the physician, the nurse, the disciple, the student, the child, the old, the woman and the insane, who had been deprived of the blessings and good wishes of Hahnemann.

Victory be to Hahnemann !

PAINFUL FEET AND SKIN TROUBLES

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The efficiency and efficacy of the Homœopathic system of healing and the wonderful results which can be obtained by their correct use is a constant source of amazement to me. This is all the more striking when one comes across a condition in a person which immediately brings to mind the action of a particular remedy. What a joy it is when one is given details of a case which dovetails into the characteristics of one remedy so surely that one can say without any worry about the outcome, “that’s IT !”

I received a letter from a lady who was distraught because of her inability to take advantage of good weather and of not being able to take her little daughter out simply because she couldn't get her shoes on! And if she did succeed she was crippled—crippled by great horny lumps on the soles of her feet which made walking sheer agony.

She was obliged to sit at the window watching others out with their children, her own child was always raising a rumpus about her enforced inactivity.

Other symptoms were : obesity, due to lack of discretion in eating habits, a desire to eat anything and everything without the slightest idea of weight-reducing diet, coated tongue, tired in hot weather, swelling of ankles which prevented wearing of shoes.

Antimonium crudum has all these conditions. Tyler's "Drug Pictures" reads : "Large horny places on skin of soles of feet, great sensitiveness of soles, getting fat, dropsical swelling of whole body, exhausted in warm weather, sleepy during day. Allen's 'Keynotes' tells us with regard to *Antimonium crudum* 'Thick milky-white coating on tongue, the red strand of the remedy, longing for pickles, gastric affections from bread and pastry !'"

Antimonium crudum 6 was given t.d.s. for two weeks and the lady reported that *the horny places have completely gone*. Surely no medicinal treatment could secure such results.

Unfortunately this good lady was not desirous of giving up her gastronomical pleasures and I lost contact with her but these are things which make an indelible impression on the mind of a comparative newcomer to Homœopathy.

Some five months ago I was approached by a friend who knew of my interest in Homœopathy, he was seeking advice regarding one of his work acquaintances who, it appeared was suffering from a skin disease affecting his hands.

It was made known to me that this person, a young man, had suffered in this way for a period of four years and he had tried all forms of treatments and remedies for his complaint with no success.

The commencement of his trouble dated back to his naval

days in India. While walking along one of the Indian roads he had tripped and fallen into a monsoon ditch at the roadside, cutting his foot in the process. The ditch, incidentally, contained a quantity of stagnant evil-smelling water.

After a few days his foot began to itch in the neighbourhood of the scratch and a rash developed which spread gradually until his whole body became affected, the most marked point about this outbreak was the terrific itching accompanying it. He was sent to a naval hospital and after treatment the condition was relieved to the extent that only the hands remained uncured. No further treatment of any kind could rid his hands of the rash and he was unconditionally discharged from the navy.

He returned home to take up his present occupation where he is at present, four years later. These were the details as given to me.

I prescribed *Sulphur* 30, once daily for one week, this caused a marked improvement and his hands cleared miraculously in a few days and remained almost completely clear for about three weeks. Then he appeared to be affected by a local heat wave as he could sense the sunlight renewing the itching and causing a return of the complaint.

He was given a unit dose of *Sulphur* 1m, this quickly took effect, it actually caused a very slight aggravation and then his hands cleared again. This was five months ago and his Indian misadventure now seems to be ended, thanks once again to the wonderful curative and healing powers of Homœopathy.

Another little experience with *Sulphur* and its action on skin diseases of the *Sulphur* type came my way recently.

This was a lady whom I met by accident. In answer to my ringing, she opened her door and I saw that her neck was bandaged. Out of sheer curiosity I just had to ask, "What's wrong?" Well, it was another itching skin ailment, this time under the local doctor and of five months' duration with no improvement up to the time of my calling. The lady also suffered from constipation and "would try anything to remove her throat affection".