

MUMMY AND CHILDREN

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Said my wife the other day, "I have noticed in all your scribbling that there is one person you appear to have overlooked, and that is just like a man."

"Overlooked," said I rather haughtily, "and, pray, who is this person I have overlooked?"

"Mummy, you ass," she replied. "Man does not realise how lucky he is—he gets up in the morning, breakfast nice and hot is provided; he kisses his wife and young offsprings good-bye, and when he returns from work in the evening, the said young offsprings are nicely tucked-up in bed, and another hot meal plus slippers are all ready for his Lordship!"

"Surely, that is a woman's prerogative," said I with some diffidence.

"Prerogative indeed!" she expostulated with some heat. "A woman's job is never done, whereas you have definite hours of work, she has to slave all-round-the-clock, plus, please remember, plus screaming, irritable, half-witted, impossible children."

"Oh!" I rejoined, feeling that any further remark would be superfluous.

"Now," she continued, "if you could give these poor, harassed mothers a few homœopathic tips on what to do and give their children when they are driving them mad, you would be doing something worthwhile."

Having been very nicely deflated and brought down to earth, I hope you mothers who condescend to read this scribble of a mere man will not only take heart, but find the few tips given in this article of some help. Well, let's go!

CONDITION	REMEDY
Babies, with violent wind colic ...	... Illicium ... Anisatum.
Babies, nervous ...	... Kali Phos.
Babies, with fiery red rash around anus ...	... Medorrhinum.

Babies sour smelling	...	...	Sulphuric Acid.
Babies with urinary difficulties	...	...	Petroselinum.
Babies with scalding urine	...	...	Medorrhinum.
Children who cannot bear to be bathed or washed	...	...	Sulphur.
Children, sickly, puny, weak, but with well developed heads	...	...	Lycopodium.
Children who take cold readily with every change of weather	...	...	Sepia.
Children, good all day, scream all night	...	...	Jalapa.
Children who flush easily	...	...	Calc. Carb.
Children afflicted with worms	...	...	Spigelia.
Children, chubby, subject to catarrh especially if stringy	...	...	Kali Bich.
Children, chubby, fat, indolent, easily homesick	...	...	Capsicum.
Children, cross after sleep, pushes everyone away	...	...	Lycopodium.
Children, outrageously cross	...	...	Hepar Sulph.
Children, delicate, sickly	...	...	Psorinum.
Children, fair, fat, flabby, fearful, sweaty	...	...	Calc. Carb.
Children with chalky white face	...	...	Calc. Carb.
Children growing too fast	...	...	Phosphoric Acid.
Children subject to head sweats	...	...	Calc. Carb.
Children with hard and enlarged glands	...	...	Calc. Carb.
Children who refuse milk, and get pain in tummy if they take it	...	...	Mag. Carb.
Children, nervous, unmanageable when sick	...	...	Lycopodium.
Children having a disagreeable odour	...	...	Psorinum.
Children, restless, hot, kick off clothes at night	...	...	Sulphur.
Children slow in movement	...	...	Calc. Carb.
Children, slender and slim	...	...	Phosphoric Acid.
Children with irregular and partial sweats	...	...	Calc. Carb.
Children who cannot bear to be touched, looked at, with milky white tongue	...	...	Antimonium crudum.
Children who develop a cough after influenza	...	...	Sanguinaria.

Children who are spiteful, malicious, irritable, sullen	Nux Vomica.
Children who are foxy, deceitful, destructive ...	Tarentula Hispania.
Children who are listless, lack self-confidence, timid, no grit, moral or physical ...	Silicea.
Children who are affectionate, mild, gentle, weepy, who dislike heat, crave fresh air	Pulsatilla.
Children with changeable mood, introspective, silently brooding, sighing and sobbing ...	Ignatia.
Children who want to read the Bible all day, talk of angels, the future life, and want to die	Calc. Carb.
Children, irritable, with rapid decay of teeth, which become dark and crumbly ...	Kreosotum.
Children who crave sweets and suffer gastric troubles	Oxalic Acid.
Children who are highly excitable ...	Hyoscyaminum.
Children who have hot, sweaty hands, hot soles, hot vertex	Sulphur.
Children who are always cold, tired, breathless, and have cold, clammy feet ...	Calc. Carb.
Children with offensive, sweaty feet ...	Silicea.
Children who fear being alone, dark, thunder, apprehensive	Phosphorus.
Children who are jealous, suspicious, who dream their parents are dead, of snakes, terrifying animals, they sit in a corner and cry at the thought of being left alone in the world	Lachesis.
Children who are seized by violent pain, head- ache, throbbings, delirium, convulsions, starts, twitchings, with heat, redness, intense burning	Belladonna.
Children who suffer severe headache, inability to think, or fix their attention on their lessons	Aethusa Cynapium.

- Children, thin and spare, emaciated, unable to stand, weak ankles, slow learning to walk, sunken, flabby abdomen, with a dirty white or brownish complexion Calc. Phos.
- Children, very irritable, do not want to move, want to be left alone, thirsty, want long drinks Bryonia,
- Children who want something new every minute, which they hurl away with frantic irritability Chamomilla.
- Children who want something new every minute, which they hurl away, with constant desire to rub, pick, or bore into the nose Cina.
- Children or babies who desire to be carried (and mother or father must walk the floor with them), with bad temper ... Chamomilla.

I do hope, dear Mummy, that these few tips will be of use.

Give any remedy which may be indicated in the 30th potency. Two pills every hour until better, and then STOP the medicine and repeat only when necessary. The only remedy which you should not give in the 30th potency is Medorrhinum. This remedy should be given in the 200th potency in the SINGLE dose, of two pills.

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HYDROPHOBIA

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On 28-6-1957, at 5 P.M., I was called to see a patient in the Government General Hospital, Jajahmundry. I refused to go to the Hospital to see the patient, as it was not proper etiquette. He requested me to see the patient as a friend or adviser, and, if I assured that I would take up the case and treat it, he would bring the patient immediately out of the Hospital.

I went into the Hospital and saw the patient in the mortuary shed. The patient was called N. Mukunda Krishna—aged 25, Proprietor, Universal Trading Co., Rajahmundry. Both of his hands were tied, lying on the Hospital iron cot, tied at chest, waist and legs at three places to the cot by ropes. There were short and loud rattling breathing sounds in lungs (phlegm) audible to the ears. He was admitted to the Hospital two days back, i.e., on 26-6-1957, and he was being treated for tetanus, with anti-tetanus serum. On 28th, when the lady-doctor approached to give injection, the patient saw the nurse with a glass of fresh water. Immediately, he slapped the nurse and dashed the glass with water at the wall. Then the lady-doctor correctly understood the disease as hydrophobia and reported the same to the Civil Surgeon. He declared that this disease was hopeless and removed the patient to the mortuary shed (while still alive), wherefrom he could be easily despatched to the grave. His relatives and friends—about 200 in number—were waiting under the trees for the result anxiously and restlessly.

He was pinched by me—found unconscious. I took hydrophobinum 1M. tincture, dipped cotton in it and made him smell. He smelt it three times and opened his eyes, which were blood shot, and tried to bite me. Then I squeezed the wet cotton and poured two drops of the medicine on his tongue. Immediately he closed the mouth. Bystanders said, he could not swallow as the process of swallowing ceased four hours back, due to lock jaw. On hearing that, I closed his two nostrils with my fingers cautiously and did not leave them till he swallowed. At once I left