

FROM MY CASE-BOOK

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A boy named S, age 6 years. Male, Hindu, was brought to my hospital at 2 P.M. on 15.9.65 with following history.

Persisting retching and vomiting since 10 A.M., cannot tolerate anything per mouth either solid or liquid, rice, glucose water, milk, water etc. are vomited out after few minutes or ingestion, very pale and dull. On physical examination of the abdomen there was no clinical abnormality, thus I considered it as a case of "Acute gastro-enteritis"—there was a history of ingestion of some bad arakanuts. After considering all these facts I prescribed Ipecac 30/1d without any effect still vomiting was continuous. Then I saw the case again. He was very weak, exhausted, black rings around the eyes, apathetic and listless. On these grounds I prescribed Phosphorus 30/2d—4 hourly interval. After the first dose the vomiting and retching was remarkably controlled and after the second dose the weakness, lethargic attitude etc. was all gone and the patient was quite cheerful and active.

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of psychiatric implications in organic illness; that he stressed the mental symptoms in his materia medica and left us a wealth of remedies that still work just as well as they did in his day.

Let us use this heritage and learn skilfully to combine it with all the adjuvant therapies now at our command to the benefit of mankind and the perpetuation of the Law of Similars.

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