

HYPOTHETIC EMPIRICISM OR SCIENTIFIC PRECISION?

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Evolution, the inherent trait of nature, exerts its influence upon every branch of human achievement, and medical science is not an exception. In the progressive history of the art of therapeutics there are three distinct landmarks.

First Hippocrates improved the primitive irrational or blind medical practice by introducing his method of clinical observation as a requisite in pathological diagnosis. Next Paracelsus added to it his clinical and physical analysis. With all these, the art of therapeutics remained hypothetic, empiric and hence unscientific without fixed laws or foundations. Later, Hahnemann founded it on the firm grounds of his discoveries of symptomatic source for both pathological and therapeutic diagnosis based upon experimental reality.

For the first time in the history of the medical world Hahnemann's discoveries, based upon the infallible and immutable eternal laws of nature—the fundamental concepts of matter, energy, force, animal body, life, mind, spirit, health, disease and cure—and upon the inductive philosophy of Aristotle and Bacon, have given the therapeutic art foundations on the firm bed-rocks against the then and even now existing evanescent and insecure sand-banks of the old school. Out of his grace alone does the art of Therapeutics deserve the term "Medical Science".

A CASE FROM CLINICAL REPORTS

Angina Pectoris: 12 years Chronic: Lach 200. Two doses.

Patient—Sri Y. C. V. Reddi: 40 years.

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Signs and symptoms selected from his several troubles: 27.2.62.

- (1) Pain in the heart region now and then, lasting for some minutes, while the severely acute stage lasts for some seconds to 1½ minutes. The attacks are progressive in intensity and duration with shorter gaps as age is advancing.
- (2) Violent palpitation at ghostly scenes and thundering sounds
- (3) Mind very sensitive to impressions. It gets easily absorbed in delightful scenery or thought of fair sex.
- (4) Sex craving excessive.
- (5) Night pollutions with dreams.
- (6) Stomach burning at mid-night > by eating.
- (7) Flatulence.
- (8) Constipation with knotty stool.

Past History: (1) Dandruff during childhood—treatment given not known. (2) Scabies every winter from the 13th to 18th year—sulphur applications. (3) Abscesses during the 20th year—Ayurvedic decoctions—oral. (4) Recurrent Coryza during the 24th and 25th years—Allopathy.

(5) Eosinophilia 9% during the 26th and 27th years—Allopathy. (6) Angina since the 28th upto the 40th years—Allopathy.

Points Noteworthy: Hydrogenoid constitution. (His brother's too). An active poet, a public speaker, worried about his health; but not to the extent the disease warrants. His brother has bald head and father had eczema.

REPERTORISATION OF THE CASE FROM KENT'S REPERTORY (HAPCO EDITION)

No.	Rubric	Page No.	Grade of Lach.
1.	Sycosis	1419	II
2.	Thoughtful	98	II
3.	Ideas abundant, clearness of mind	62	I
4.	Fancies, exaltation of, lively	52	I
5.	Anxiety	14	II
6.	Sensitive to noise	89	II
7.	Palpitation	886	I
8.	Tumultuous, violent, vehement	890	II
9.	Sexual passion increased	724	II
10.	Seminal emissions nightly	723	II
11.	Eruptions Scabies—Suppressed	1331	III
12.	Appetite ravenous	489	III
13.	<Midnight before	1356	II
14.	Eating after >	1370	III
15.	Angina Pectoris	835	II
16.	Flatulence	558	II
17.	Constipation	617	I
18.	Stool Knotty	650	II

As the Repertory work unambiguously decides in favour of Lach, it was given and it has aptly played its part.

Treatment: 3.3.62. Lach 200. Single dose. The orderly retreat of the disease under his similitum and the futility of placebo was explained and no placebo given.

Effects: Soon an inward ease and comfort with a decrease of the pain were reported with delight. Jelly-like stool and good appetite were noted the next day. Early in April appeared eosinophilia, which gave place to abscess and scabies towards the month end. Later, came flatulence and dandruff, which persisted, indicating them to be the remnants of the original disease demanding a repetition of the dose. Unmindful of the slight inconvenience caused by these, he stopped reporting his condition.

Nine months after the first dose, while attending a picture, during a ghostly scene with thundering sounds he suffered violent palpitation. Some competent physicians consoled him stating that his com-

plaint was one of a psychological character bearing no clinical implication, while some prescribed preparations of Phosphates, Calcium, Vitamins and bewildering cautions, which engulfed him into a brooding state amidst poor resources and plenty of encumbrances. I was away by fifty miles and totally out of his focus.

By chance I visited the town.

13.12.62. Lach. 200. Single dose.

Curiously to all observers, since the next morning he was quite trim in body and mind. His flatulence and dandruff disappeared shortly. His adventure soon, as the proprietor of a firm amidst keen town competition, spoke to the condition of his heart and mind under his similitum.

Remarks: The hereditary tints and the patient's troubles since his childhood confirm the predominance of Sycosis. Out of the Sycotics for a thoughtful mind, Lach, Sep. and Staph. deserved consideration. The patient's clarity and capacity for mental work are rightly met with in Lach. The indifference and sadness of Sep. and the violent passionate outbursts with the sensitivity to opinions of Staph. were quite foreign to the patient. So they were ruled out. Lach. stood out individualized from the miasmatic list with two mentals alone and curiously all other generals, particulars etc. fell in with it. And Lach. was capable also of annihilating the latent Psora looming under the plumes of sycosis.

All suggestions inviting results of laboratory tests, skiagram, cardiogram etc. were never considered; as human intellect, 'the cosmic element, can cognize even the slightest deviations from health in their earliest manifestations as simple perversions of thoughts or sensations, which take some months or even years to develop into a gross disease and its ultimates, which can be seen at that later date even by a lay mind, (that too in the presence of intellect) with the aid of these after-all inanimate laboratory instruments, upon which these materialists lay their total reliance. As the importance of these instruments sinks into insignificance in the presence of human intellect with a skilled and unprejudiced mind, their utility here was totally ignored.

For curing permanently and kind of disease, this kind of approach, quite strange to the other known systems of medicine, which still grope in materialism, is a speciality only to Homœopathy.

This case presents the following noteworthy points.

1. *Heredity:* A probe into the heredity determines the nature of the background influencing the patient's health.

The early dandruff can never be primary in the innocent life of the child. The father's eczema, the brother's bald head and the hydrogenoid constitutions of the patient and his brother clearly indicate the presiding miasm in the background as sycosis.

2. *The Miasmatic Study:* The knowledge of different miasms, the diseases that are prone to develop under their individual influences and the

disastrous consequences of their combinations is quite necessary for treating chronic diseases.

Before the discovery of this doctrine by Hahnemann the treatment of Chronic diseases was a problem to the medical world.

This entire case is a display of the morbid heredity together with the mischief of material drugging by the old schools, without the addition of the other miasms.

Here the patient deserves credit for keeping his life and habits quite above reproach throughout.

3. *Natures expulsive Efforts, AllopathicSuppressions and serious Consequences*: In every plane nature i.e. the instinctive vital force cries out for aid in its language and exerts to expel the enemy or to direct it to a less important part in the interest of the health of the entire economy. But under the treatment of the old school it receives assaults by way of toxic material drugging compelling it to recoil, permitting the disease to penetrate further deep into the system along with the drug poison. So metastasis into deeper planes and graver ailments are the sequelae.

Suppression of dandruff and application of sulphur to scabies drove the disease from the skin into the system and imposed upon the unhealthy hereditary complex a tendency to form abscesses. Suppression of this tendency with oral decoctions caused metastasis into the next plane, the plane of mucous membranes in the form of Coryza. Here suppression pushed the disease deeper into the next plane, i.e. the plane of blood and the tissue of the lungs, as tropical eosinophilia. Suppression here with antihistamines and arsenic pushed it still deeper i.e. into the nervous plane and heart in the form of angina threatening extinction.

Assaulting vital force whenever it cried out for aid by way of material drugging and thereby causing metastasis from the circumference to the centre, plane after plane, involving nobler and more important parts of the body has been the rewards awarded by the official school. It is an unpardonable criminal procedure of which it is guilty. Yet it claims the credit of having protected the health and life of the patient all these years, proclaiming by virtue of its undue position, "ours is the only rational method of treatment".

Physician's fortune built upon his own ignorance and bigotry with the patient's ruin and the society's misery.

4. *Application of the Law of three 'S'*: Had the law of three 'S' been employed at any stage of the ailments of the patient the train of his later maladies would never have had a role on the scene of his torture.

Under this law the vital force receives the requisite aid, it cried for and gets freed from the disease. At once, the tables are turned and cure takes place from within outward and from the more important to the less important organs, symptoms disappearing in the reverse order of their appearance.

This case is aptly demonstrative of the progressive phenomena of disease and cure.

To hold the patient during the period of disease expulsion or Homœopathic aggravation, from slipping away into the other camp, thereby inviting discredit to Homœopathy and disaster upon himself, a knowledge of this reverse course of the symptoms etc. is of high prognostic value and is quite imperative too.

5. *Material drug poisoning and Antidotes*: The quantitative use of the drug in material form and the eliminative capacity of the system decide the possibility of establishing adverse drug effects.

Sulphur applications for scabies and arsenic intravenously in small doses for the 9% eosinophilia being minute in quantity under favourable conditions of age and vitality factors of the patient, never necessitated antidotes in this case. No mention need be made about the other less harmful drugs employed.

6. *The Modus Operandi*: The magic of minimum dose judiciously selected, i.e. the work of a Homœopathic pellet of the size of a poppy seed, without the slightest trace of material drug in it, but the simple conceptual curative force, (spirit like) in it, in uprooting the most inveterate simple or multiple, of medically curable maladies, either acquired or congenital, of even twenty to thirty years or even of longer chronicity, provided they are within curable limits and in establishing permanent cure simultaneously is a mystery to the dominant official school, which contemptuously grins at these grand feats only out of cowardice or fear of losing its positions and the possessions of the cunning cliques supporting them from the background.

Humanity is deeply indebted to Hahnemann for his blessing it with such a therapeutic art of the highest conceivable scientific precision against the gambling with human lives by the dominant school by its hypothetic empiricism and materialism.

The gratitude of the patient was at once conveyed to Dr. Hering for his law and Lachesis.
