

Moreover the child was blonde, was rather corpulent with a rather large head.

On the 14th April, 1957, he was given Calc. Carb. 1000, one dose of one drop.\* This was reinforced on the 22nd April, 1957, with another dose of one drop of the same potency. On the 30th April it was observed that there was a white swelling in the front part of the lower jaw, where erupted a tooth without any cerebral or digestive disturbance. Now he is two years old and has eighteen milk teeth, (on the 2nd May, 1958) all cut with comparatively less ailments. He also began to stand on the 7th of May, and could walk after a fortnight. Now, he is in very good health and runs faster than the children of his age. Similarly, any other constitution may be rectified.

In the end I may make it clear that the classifications of the characteristics and their identification as Particulars and Generals do not indicate any superiority or inferiority of the one over the other. This division has only been done to explain the definition of Particular and General characteristics.

An intelligent and progressive mind in Homœopathy will consult any reliable Materia Medica and observe how the hidden treasure of manifestations of drugs is unlocked.

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## VARIOLINUM

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When one prescribes for small-pox one's attention is as a matter of course drawn to Variolinum—a nosode prepared from pus obtained from small-pox. It has been extensively used and clinical experience has confirmed its efficacy in small-pox. It is at once a preventive, modifier and cure of small-pox.

\* Drop-doses are anti-Hahnemannian—high potencies are not so quickly repeated—Ed.

For protective action *Vaccinum* and *Malandrinum* have also been used. A prescriber like Jahr used Variolinum. Some back up Vaccinum, other Homœopaths favour Malandrinum as a protective agent.

The writer's purpose is not to estimate the relative merits of the preventive aspects of the above three remedies, but to give what Variolinum stands for as a whole.

The following experience of Dr. Clarke clearly proves its preventive and protective nature. "Variolinum 6 (three pilules) was given to the mother of the children of the family, one of whose members was taken with small-pox and removed to an isolation hospital with his mother to nurse him. The patient (who did not receive Variolinum) was dangerously ill for a month. Neither the mother who nursed him nor any of the other children took small-pox-vaccine was sent by the government and all the family were vaccinated but did not take any of those who had taken Variolinum, although the vaccination was repeated".

Dr. Fethger gave Variolinum to hundreds of people and reported that none of them were ever attacked with small-pox. In one family when the father had confluent small-pox, he gave Variolinum as a prophylactic to the others; although not one had been vaccinated, not one of them took the disease.

Dr. S. G. Mukherjee, author of the *Materia Medica in Hindi*, writes that he gave Variolinum to lots of people when epidemic was on, but none of them was attacked with small-pox. The results, in his opinion, were beyond his expectation. He used 200 and 1000. The high potency gave immunity for a year.

So far its protective action, now let us tell about its curative value. In the words of Jahr—a great name in Homœopathy "since I have tried Variolinum, I prescribe this substance at the commencement of the disease which is generally abbreviated by it more than any other agent. If I am called after the exanthema is fully out, in the suppurative stage, I likewise commence the treatment with Variolinum; if it does not seem to act well, I have recourse to Sulphur by which means I cure my patients more speedily and leave them less pitted than earlier with Thuja or Merc". Jahr generally used the 30th potency.

There is paucity of symptoms as "Variolinum has not been systematically proved". But pain in the throat in any acute infection in spring time, painful deglutition—sensation as if throat is closed—intolerably aching in the lumbar and sacral region—pain in muscles of back like in rheumatism—and inflamed eye-lid are important indications suggestive for its use.

Some Homœopaths depended upon their eye for recognizing the small-pox features, as the following report of cases will show.

Writes Dr. W. J. Guernsey, "I once made a beautiful cure of a most untractable case of acne with Variolinum which I was led to prescribe because the man's face was so disfigured by cicatricial marks so as to resemble one who had been afflicted with small-pox". Here is another. Dr. S. N. Ghose writes, "I preferred Variolinum to Thuja in the case because such inflammation of the eye is very prominent in small-pox".

Variolinum cures after-effects of small-pox, if not treated properly. Dr. Ghose cured a very obstinate Irido-cyclites and circumcorneal congestion of the eye which the patient got after small-pox three years previously.

Here is a case noted by Dr. Allen, carrying its own lesson. "A broker in Philadelphia was well-pitted from small-pox. When a child he was vaccinated and he became idiotic in consequence. When sixteen years old he had a violent attack of small-pox, after which he recovered his reasons."

Besides being used as a preventive, modifier and cure of small-pox, it has been used in diseases other than small-pox, symptoms agreeing.

Dr. Burnett who made valuable contribution to the treatment of Tumours used Variolinum in the treatment of tumour cases with notable success.

He also used it in very intractable cases of uterine Hæmorrhage due to fibroid and cancer and got satisfactory results with its use. Speaking of hæmorrhage here, it must be noted that hæmorrhage in Typhoid is neither to be conjured with. Dr. S. N. Ghose writes in his "Rare Nosode" "I have seen cases of severe and desperate hæmorrhage in typhoid to respond to Variolinum when other remedies failed".

Some Homœopaths are of opinion that Variolinum should prove to be the effective remedy in acute infections, such as Influenza, Dysentery, Gastro-enteritis, when they occur in spring time with throat troubles in acute form. The writer some years ago after a small-pox epidemic used Variolinum successfully in Influenza and Dysentery, on the assumption that they must be due to the residual poison of small-pox.

Experience has shown that, when Variolinum has been used as a prophylactic against small pox, the patients who were suffering from chronic ear discharges were cured of their ear trouble"—Heal Thyself (Feb. '49).

It has cured deafness when it was the result of the mismanagement of a patient having had small-pox and skin diseases resembling pox.

Variolinum is an anti-sycotic remedy.

Dr. E. Barker, suspecting vaccination as the principal cause of skin trouble in a patient, gave Variolinum when Thuja failed.

A medical correspondent writing in "Heal Thyself" says, "We have more effective method in Variolinum for those who have never been vaccinated and Malandrinum for those who have been vaccinated".

Dr. H. C. Allen advocates the use of Variolinum in a type of small-pox that is comparatively free from pain and when the patient does not show symptoms of sepsis, in short to be used in milder types of small-pox.

## MY FAITH IN HOMŒOPATHY

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I was in charge of a small Veterinary dispensary in the Dist. of Unnao (U.P.) in 1940. It was summer season and cholera was raging furiously in spite of preventive inoculations. People were dying in tens every day. My next door neighbour was a