

the minds of scientists and medical men more importance is attached to structural (chemico-physical) changes in the body than the associated perceptible alteration in sensations and functions. Even at the present time, scientists still look upon the phenomena of telepathy and other psychical phenomena as illusions. So evident facts which can neither be explained nor utilised are apt to be ignored and suppressed. E.g. The 'modalities' factor of symptoms in case-taking (which are so essential to homœopathic physicians) are ignored altogether by allopathic physicians.

These are some of the reasons for which biology is difficult to be raised to the same scientific level with other physical sciences. That is why Homœopathy gives up the scientific study of human biology and uses it as a descriptive science for the help it gives to practise the art of medicine.*

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NEW REMEDIES AND NEW ASPECTS OF OLD REMEDIES

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The homœopathic Materia Medica is so rich in therapeutic worth that one wonders what need there is for new remedies.

But as we use the Materia Medica and study its vast store-house of knowledge, we discover new and valuable aspects to our well-proven polycrests and many of our

* With ample apologies to Alexis Carell.

partial and fragmentarily proven remedies needing further study and development, as such study often brings most happy results in difficult and baffling cases of illness.

Regarding new remedies, it is patent that we need many more of the type corresponding to the chronic diseases that are constantly increasing and which, because of the complexities of living conditions now prevailing, become more resistant to treatment, such as cancer and the various blood diseases and many others of the degenerative type, to say nothing of the great increase in mental and nervous breakdowns. Insanity and psychopathic abnormalities are increasing so fast that it is becoming difficult to house and care for them properly. Hence the bad effects of overcrowding and inadequate personnel to treat and care for them and all this tends to aggravate rather than help these unfortunates.

A few examples are set forth here to illustrate the possibility of curative power residing in the remedy best adapted to the individual patient for whom it is selected.

Euphorbium is one of our fairly well-proven remedies and it has been found useful in a goodly number of chronic and difficult diseases, including cancer and bone diseases. Especially has it been efficacious in the relief of the severe burning pains of cancer.

Clarke describes a desperate case of sarcoma of the pelvic bones that found relief in repeated doses of this remedy.

In its pathogenesis can be found the prostration and weakness with the burning pains and restlessness that belong to *Arsenicum*. The pains are worse during rest and at night like *Ars.*; the patient is chilly and shudders with the cold. The anxiety in *Euphorbium* is not as marked as the dreadful fear of death found in the *Ars.* provings. It is easy to differentiate between these two very similar remedies by their polarity, *Euphorbium* being negative magnetically and *Arsenicum* being bi-polar.

Diseases that are magnetically positive, such as cancer, require a remedy from the magnetically negative group, the totality of symptoms finally decides.

An aged lady in her seventies had been under careful homœopathic prescribing for several years with only a moderate degree of help. A sudden acute condition came on which caused her family to be alarmed. Her physician was not available at the time so a local physican (allopathic) was called in to attend her. She was rushed to the hospital and given all the tests and soon her family was told that she had cancer of the liver in late stages and nothing could be done but palliation until the end.

The old lady, full of faith and assurance that her homœopathic doctor could help her, insisted on going back to this treatment. The family, feeling there was nothing to lose, consented and sent for a remedy as the patient was unable to come to the office. A small sample of blood on blotting paper was submitted and *Euphorbium* came through, symptomatically and magnetically.

It was given in the 10M with astounding results. The jaundice and weakness cleared rapidly, the emaciation was changed to plumpness and all pain and discomfort ceased, enabling the patient to sleep and enjoy all her usual routine even to the resumption of household duties. Two years have gone by and the patient remains well and happy. This may not be a cure but at least there has been several years of comfortable living.

Euphorbium should be studied more, as I believe it to be one of our so-called forgotten remedies. Gangrene, with burning pain, in old persons who are weak and cold; erysipelas bullosa; persistent stomach ulcers that fail to respond to the more usual remedies like *Phos.* and *Ars.* will heal under *Euphorbium*. Indolent ulcers that burn like coals of fire and resist the usually well-selected remedies will heal under this remedy.

A chronic cough that comes on as soon as the patient touches the bed, coming in two violent attacks and continu-

ed as long as she remains lying down ; cough accompanied by pain in right temple, cold feet and a pain in the heel. After failure of many remedies *Euphorbium off.*, drop doses of tincture in a glass of water, to be sipped occasionally, gave instant relief, but the patient had to continue the remedy or the cough returned. (Clarke's *Dictionary*, page 738, Muminghoff case report.)

Sudden starting up in bed as from electric shock is an unusual symptom that belongs to this remedy. Periodic cramps and convulsions with loss of consciousness is a feature. Most symptoms are worse at night and in the morning. Rest aggravates; motion relieves (*Rhus. tox.*, *Ars.* and *Kali iod.*). Heat aggravates, cool applications relieve, a differentiating symptom from *Ars.*

We have presented only a very brief synopsis of this wonderful remedy. It will repay the physician magnificently for his study of it.

Malaria officinalis has been called the vegetable *Pyrogen* and it seems appropriate, as it is produced from decaying vegetation while *Pyrogen* is the product of decaying flesh. This remedy is magnetically neutral and fits in with neutral diseases such as "flu," T.B. and malaria.

There are instances where malaria has cured tubercular disease. As great an authority as Hering relates an experience of his own in a converse sense. He was exposed to the swampy Isthmus of Panama for nine days, on the ship's return several of the sailors who were, like him, exposed to swampy influences were prostrated with Panama fever, while Hering who had formerly suffered from tubercular disease of the lungs was unaffected by the experience.

Dr. Bowen of Indiana, the producer and prover of this remarkable remedy, gave to a lady apparently in the last stages of consumption, herself the last survivor of five, the rest of her family having died of consumption as well as several of the preceding generation, a dose of a watery solution of the remedy. On the fifth day she had a fairly perceptible chill and a harder one on the sixth and seventh

day. Antidotes were required but when cured of her malaria her tuberculous infection was also cured.

Another case of Bowen's was Mrs. R., forty-five years old, weight 240 lbs. who could scarcely walk from rheumatism in back and limbs. This was of two years standing. *Malaria off. ix* was given, ten pills three or four times a day. In a week all rheumatism and lameness was gone.

Mr. S., foreman in a large saw mill, where his work involved frequent wettings, had rheumatism of malarial nature worse by quinine and external applications. He was given *Malaria off. ix*. In three days he was better and soon had relief from pain and was greatly improved in general health.

Mr. I. S., aged fifty-five, a veteran and pensioner, bronzed in colour was unable to walk for years. He had heart, chest and hemorrhoidal troubles which were remedied but still he could not walk or get out of a chair. His back had been injured while in the army. *Ruta* and *Rhus* enabled him to get up and take one or two steps. Bowen concluded that the complaint was really rheumatism of malarial origin and gave *Malaria off. ix*, ten pills three or four times a day. In a week the patient went to Bowen's home and walked up and down a flight of steps alone. In five more days he walked three miles in one morning. He put on flesh and seemed ten years younger.

Dr. Yingling was equally successful with the use of this remedy in potencies ranging to the 1m.

The clinical application of this remarkable remedy demonstrates its value and effectiveness in serious states of illness after the failure of other remedies. It needs further provings and study. It has proven effective in very resistant, relapsing types of fever, especially those based on tubercular or malarial causation.

Ocimum canum, a remedy of fragmentary proving, was introduced to Homœopathy by Mure who tells us that it is used in Brazil as a specific for disease of the kidneys, bladder and urethra.

This is one of the most useful and effective remedies in renal colic. It has cured severe cases after material doses of opium failed to relieve. Swelling of the inguinal glands, even bubo, has been cured. In the female, swelling and prolapsus of the vagina has been cured.

Physicians do not use the remedy as much as they should. It is one of our best for very serious and painful complaints.

Paeonia is another little remedy too often overlooked by the profession in the treatment of hemorrhoids, fissure and ulcerating conditions of the rectum.

The female sexual organs are markedly disturbed with this remedy. The external genitals are swollen and painful.

Sleep is greatly disturbed by dreams, many unremembered but others voluptuous with emissions, or anxious, vivid dreams of death, or frightful deaths of relatives which make sleep unrefreshing.

Ratanhia, *Nitric acid* and *Silicia* need be compared with this remedy in the special conditions mentioned, those referring to rectal and hemorrhoidal complaints.

Among the most useful of our new remedies is *Cadmium oxide* which is the most active of the *Cadmiums* and has a wide range of action in chronic and intractable conditions of cancer, degenerative diseases of heart and kidneys and many forms of arthritic and nerve inflammations, all most resistant to ordinary remedial measures.

This remedy is indispensable and unequalled as an antidote to the aluminium toxins afflicting humanity at the present time and which stem from the use of aluminium cooking utensils, as well as from the toxins resulting from water softeners in which aluminium chloride is used.

Those who use the water treated with aluminium chloride for cooking and drinking purposes are sure to suffer from the ill effects of aluminium poisoning and, when

so affected, will not respond to curative remedies until this pernicious toxin is antidoted and eradicated completely from the system.

This poison acts like one of the basic miasms of Hahnemann as the patient will not get well until it is entirely removed.

A case in point: A patient suffered from chronic asthma having excellent homœopathic treatment over a long period of time with only short-acting palliation of the asthmatic attacks, which gradually became more intense and wearing. The patient was greatly reduced in weight and strength with an ever-increasing dyspnoea which made him very depressed with despair of recovery. Then it was discovered that he was poisoned with chronic aluminium from using aluminium cooking ware for a long time.

A dose of *Cadmium oxide* 30. and later 200. brought quick relief which was superseded by an attack of what appeared to be the symptoms of a virus "flu". In this condition a perfect picture of *Hepar sulph.* was presented: chill, fever and copious sweat, must be covered in all stages, no relief from sweat. *Hepar* 30. has brought complete relief of the asthma for several weeks without a break and the patient is rapidly regaining weight and strength.

Cadmium oxide is magnetically negative and the symptoms for its indication may be found in the other *Cadmiums*, notably the *Cadmium met.* and *Cadmium sulph.*

Another new remedy that needs proving and developing to place it where it belongs in the realm of cure is *Kali thiocyanide*. It is magnetically negative and corresponds to a wide range of chronic conditions, such as severe types of nerve and blood disorders.

In crude laboratory experiments on rats, a highly interesting result was obtained, proving its intricate tie up with the vital processes of life. Those members of a litter that were given regulated doses of this drug obtained a life span one third greater than those of the same litter not receiving the drug.

We have no proven indications for its homœopathic use, but clinically, when prescribed by the blood selection, it has cured inveterate cases of arthritis and severe types of heart and kidney disease, after the failure of other carefully selected homœopathic remedies.

The object of this paper is to call attention to these remedies for further study and trial by as many doctors as possible thereby gaining more knowledge quickly for future use.

DISCUSSION

DR. HARVEY FARRINGTON [Chicago, ILL.]: Mr. Chairman, just a word or two about *Euphorbium*. I have used it a great many times and have been successful in curing cases that seemed so nearly like *Rhus* that I was a little puzzled as to why *Rhus* did not help and this did. Not only rheumatic symptoms that were relieved by continued motion but also eruptions that were vesicular or even larger, almost like blisters.

There is one symptom I have confirmed three or four times—persistent pain in the right groin, just below the crest of the ilium.

DR. ROGER A. SCHMIDT [San Francisco, Calif.]: A paper such as the one Dr. Grimmer just gave us is worth anybody's while to come even from San Francisco to Chattanooga to hear, and one to be enriched by.

I remember last year in Atlantic City Dr. Grimmer mentioned *Kali cyanatum* as a remedy for intractable pains of cancer. I brought this back to our group in San Francisco. Soon after Dr. Cookinham had a very interesting case in which this proved to be entirely the case, I mean the remedy.

There was an old man who had cancer of the prostate in a most advanced stage, with metastasis all over the body. That man was saturated with all the anodynes possible, having had a tremendous dose of morphine.

The specialist taking care of him, called Dr. Cookinham to take care of that patient while he was away a few days, although the death of that patient was expected at any time.

On that indication of excruciating pains in a cancer case, Dr. Cookinham administered *Kali cyanatum* with amazing relief. He had to repeat the dose two or three times a day but, just the same, the morphine could be withdrawn very rapidly to even a sixth of a grain a day, or less, which was not a tenth of what he used to take.

Shortly thereafter, the other doctor returned and put the patient on the regiment he was on before Dr. Cookinham came in, and the pain came back and the dosage of morphine had to come back again, and the patient

was complaining very much. He couldn't eat; he was vomiting everything, in fact, was very uncomfortable in spite of the heavy sedation.

So the Doctor said to Dr. Cookingham, "I see under your observation the patient was doing so much better while I was away. He was eating and progressing, and now he is doing so badly. What did you do?"

Dr. Cookingham explained to him. "By all means, let's give again the remedy." It proved to be a boon to that patient.

I would also like to ask Dr. Grimmer if he can tell me about the malaria remedy. Where is that remedy taken from? Of what does it consist?

Thank you, Dr. Grimmer.

DR. GRIMMER [*closing*]: I want to thank these Doctors for their comments.

Dr. Farrington spoke about *Euphorbium's* close similarity to *Rhus tox*. That is true but there is no need of confusion if we take the modality that *Rhus* is relieved by heat and *Euphorbium* is relieved by cold. The same is true between it and *Arsenicum*. Those are often the only plain, differentiating points that you can get between these remedies.

Of course, the type of patient, the type of sickness and all that enters into it, but that modality is the most marked thing that I could tell you in differentiating between them in some of the painful nerve and arthritic conditions.

In the *Euphorbium* case, you have a case far more advanced, hooked up with deeper constitutional toxins than even *Rhus* may be.

I want to thank Dr. Schmidt for bringing that confirmation of a remedy. We like to see these remedies confirmed that we have brought out, because it helps to build our *Materia Medica*. It helps us all around. That is very interesting.

If a remedy can't cure, then the next thing is a complete palliation like that, without drastic dosages of morphine. It is really a boon under those circumstances.

Answering your question about *Malaria officinalis*, we get best information from Clarke. Dr. Bowen of Indiana got twigs and leaves from a swamp in a malaria district and subjected them to decay in water and, later on, alcohol was added. Potencies were made from the fluid of that decaying mass.

It is really an interesting remedy, a remedy which none of us should forget because it will help us out in some of our inflammatory cases of rheumatism, I am sure, from what we have read about it and know about it.

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