

and their satellites in homœopathy are fast leaving us and the gaps created thereby can not be filled in the near future. Anyway, let us hope for the better. May the happy new year fulfil our dreams and bring us progress, prosperity and perfection! S.M.B.

THE SURGEON IS VEXED

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The Surgeon is vexed with you. Why should he not be? He pronounces a case to be surgical, and induces the patient to undergo a major or minor operation, but meanwhile a friend enters the scene, when dissuasions and persuasions take place, and ultimately the patient is brought to your doors, offering you a nice chance to show the magic of your imponderable dose. Or it may be, the patient has been prevailed upon to mount the surgical table, when unexpectedly a relative, a very dear one or a next of kin intrudes upon the picture, argues with the Surgeon and succeeds in snatching away the patient out of his hands, to drive straight to your Chamber to give you a chance once again to persevere in the continuity of your magic. You may have some magnetism in your magic, but why should you choose to attract, of all things upon the Globe, the blessed clientele of the Surgeons, who constitute a special class by themselves? It is a devilish situation, abominably intolerable, you must agree. The Surgeon has a legitimate occasion to be vexed.

A few such instances out of many are represented here, that made my name enter their black-book.

INTERNAL ABNORMALITIES

1. *Growth*: A 32 year old, dark, slender, tall, agricultural labourer, visited me three years back for an intense migraine. His brain was X'Rayed and the diagnosis

was of brain tumour, left sided. He complained of intense left sided headache, much in the nature of sun headache, but persisting throughout the day and night. His nightly sleep was pitifully disturbed, he had dim vision, nausea and vomiting during the height of pains, which were indescribable but would be ameliorated a bit by pressing hard against the temporal vessels, applied heat or cold having no influence upon the distress. The patient was of an emotional, sensitive, irritable nature, would enjoy cold bath daily, lie to left, like acid and salty food most, would relish tepid food and drink, had flatulence coupled with rumbling in abdomen and frequent empty eructations. He was habitually constipated and a chilly subject, despite enjoying daily cold bath in summer, but could not tolerate sun-heat in the least. He had copious sweat of forehead and arms. His most complaints were left sided, as he had a left pterigium, left migraine, more dimness of vision in the left eye. He was admitted to a famous hospital, and all arrangements for operation were completed, when all on a sudden his young wife, who was absent till then, appeared in the scene, vehemently protested against the proposed risky operation, and somehow managed to have her husband discharged to be soon brought under my care. Though I could not comfort the weeping wife adequately, I saw a ray of hope, as I had before me the perfect picture of a deep-acting remedy. It was that of *Thuja Occidentalis*, which when administered in 1M, brought about an encouraging response in a week's time. It was repeated once again in the same potency after a month and the amelioration of the complaints was considerable. A dose more of the same remedy in the 10M potency, after a lapse of three months from the second dose of the 1M, was administered, and was followed by a complete cessation of all the symptoms in course of three months more. The patient visits me once every year for a check-up, but complains of nothing. He visited me last, six months back, when I observed that his eyes showed no trace of the Pterigium, too.

2. Abscesses:

(a) Two years ago, a twenty-five-year-old merchant was suddenly ill with right-sided lower abdominal pain, followed by a rise of temperature, nausea, vomiting, and great restlessness. A very tender lump could be felt in McBurney's point when a surgeon was immediately called in, who advised the case to be hospitalized without delay, as the appendix would better be removed to safeguard against any untoward consequences. The patient got frightened at the name of a major operation and on the second day my services were requisitioned, since he witnessed how quickly an obstinate case of chronic appendicitis, pronounced by two F.R.C.S's to be definitely surgical, was radically cured under my care, with a few doses of Mercurius Cor 200 and 1M. Now, the patient was thin, of medium stature, dark, and was suffering from pains, which were simply overwhelming to him. Despite a high body temperature in the hottest season of the year, the patient could not uncover without feeling extremely chilly; he had thirst for small and often, there was a continuous irritation at the rectum to pass stools, which were semi-solid and offensive but never satisfactory. Two doses of Nux Vomica 1M, morning and evening, favourably changed the picture in twenty-four hours, when the temperature came down, the pain abated, the troublesome urgency to stools diminished and the patient could sleep much to his satisfaction. Nothing more had to be done, and strictly on liquid diet, the patient completely recovered in a week's time.

(b) Six months back, a twenty-year-old dark robust lady, para 1, became seriously ill with agonizing lower quadrant pain, high temperature, constipation, sleeplessness, nausea and a great inflammation and swelling of the appendix. A young man of the same locality, with similar complaints, was hospitalized, treated with 2,000,000 units of procaine penicillin, coramine, glucose etc., but unfortunately he died in the hospital on the thirtieth day of his

illness. So, Homœopathy was to be tried in the next case. I had to visit her ten miles away from here, and saw her bedridden and emaciated by the onslaught of the disease, only six days old. Her hands would tremble, her voice was indistinct and the pulse rate 130 p.m., since she ate or drank almost nothing for the whole period, more because of a fear of the consequences she saw in the previous hospital case, than for any loss of appetite. She was hot, could not tolerate much clothing even in the coldest weather, could not cover her head and face during sleep in winter, wanted the doors and windows open, and the caecal region was too tender to tolerate any clothing upon it,—to speak the least of any pressure. Evidently, Lachesis was indicated, which applied in the 200th reduced all the signs and symptoms to one-half. It was repeated in the same potency after a week, but no further amelioration was noticed. The condition remained unchanged even after the administration of a dose of the 500th potency, later on. A higher not being advisable in such cases, as it might suppurate and break open the appendix to the detriment of the patient's life, the case had now to be viewed from a different angle. There were:

- (i) a great constipation.
- (ii) "Large, hard swelling in ileo-caecal region, painful to touch and motion. θ Typhilitis."
(Hering-Condensed Materia Medica—Plumbum Met).
- (iii) the lessening of the internal and external heat,—though chilliness was not marked.

The above indications proved gems, as two doses of Plumbum Metallicum, (a dose applied once a week) were rapidly followed by the complete disappearance of the lump, along with all its attendant symptoms,—a sharp medicinal aggravation of pains, for the first five hours after the administration of the first dose, having been, of course, recorded meanwhile. The lady has considerably gained in weight, and is quite hale and hearty, as I saw her a week

back. But woe to the surgeon, who missed a chance to demonstrate the positivity of his lancet.

3. *Obstruction.*

(a) A fifty-year-old dark obese merry gentleman, after a night-long revelry on a festive occasion, was suddenly seized with a most agonizing lower abdominal pain. He could neither sit, nor stand up, nor lie down,—a state of non-stop distress was his. Three qualified local physicians put their heads together, diagnosed the case as of Intestinal obstruction, and immediately sent the patient to the District Government Hospital for surgical intervention. On their way to the hospital, the attendants of the patient dropped in to consult me, and I advised them to keep the patient under my care for six hours only, which they readily agreed to do. The patient lay on a stretcher in the waiting room attached to my chamber; his abdomen was enormously distended; he passed no stools, urine or flatus for twenty four hours, the least drink even of plain water was immediately ejected, an enema previously could bring about no evacuation, and he was constantly moaning for pain. As soon as I touched his abdomen, he gave out a shrill cry,—it was so extremely tender to touch. But peculiarly, during the constant moaning, he seemed to be dozing at regular intervals, and on questioning, the patient confirmed at last my conclusion that there were intervals of remission of the pain, which, of course, did not pass off completely. Belladonna was my selection, of which the first dose in the 30th produced a sleep for one hour, the second dose, applied after an hour of the first, was followed by a remarkable lessening of the pain and distension, leading to a passing down of some flatus, while the third dose, administered three hours later than the second, brought about an evacuation of copious, offensive, dark stool, which ameliorated the whole condition, to the entire satisfaction of all present. On liquid diet for three days more, the patient was discharged as cured and saved from all the consequences of disease and surgery.

(b) Many more cases of Intestinal obstruction could be cited. But to demonstrate the efficacy of Homœopathic potencies in such abnormalities, irrespective of constitution or species, I select here a case from among a race of animals other than man. It is in the case of a horse belonging to myself, sometime past. During the wars when automobiles were a scarcity in private sectors in India, I had to keep a carriage and pair for my professional duties. After covering about fifty miles during one summer day, the horses ate and drank voraciously in the afternoon. The next morning one of them seemed to have discontinued eating during the past few hours. Throughout the day the said horse passed no stool or urine, showed an enormous distension of the abdomen, was restless, would groan and sit and stand off and on. The veterinary surgeon was called in, who diagnosed it to be a case of Intestinal obstruction, and tried his utmost with purgatives, enema and catheter, for about ten hours, but without any effect. He then gave the verdict of surgical intervention which, too, he was not sure would do any positive good. Homœopathy was started at this stage. Nux Vom 30 and Belledonna 30 utterly failed, while Colchicum 30, in four doses,—a dose every 2 hours, showed the magic of homœopathic efficacy. The dumb patient passed stool and urine after the third dose, and was quite hale and hearty in ten hours, to save me some money and lend Homœopathy a name, which itself has been a source of inconvenience and annoyance to me, as many people even today flock to my place with the misconception that I am a Veterinary.

Abscesses.

EXTERNAL FORMATIONS

(a) Two years back, a forty-year-old, dark, lean, stooping gentleman called me in to treat him for his three Pyæmic abscesses, two on the biceps and another on the back. He had been suffering from Kala-azar, and was undergoing a course of Urea-stibamine, which controlled the temperature. But one day the said regions became painful, and

abscesses seemed to develop there. Considerable doses of Penicillin were administered, but after twelve days of treatment the attending physician, a very reputed man of the locality, gave the verdict of immediate surgical intervention, since the temperature was running high again, the patient was prostrated, had loss of appetite, and under the pressure of fingers a considerable amount of fluid seemed to be fluctuating, which the attending physician was afraid was not less than seven pounds in all. He was kind enough to hand over to the patient a recommendatory letter addressed to the whole-time surgeon in the local Government hospital, requesting him to admit the patient without delay. But strangely enough, he was admitted under my care that very day. The patient was in great distress, was restless, sleepless, anxious, thirsty, chilly, and had an evening rise of temperature. He experienced cutting, throbbing, burning pains in the parts, slightly ameliorated by applied heat. The whole laid a bright prospect before us, as there was a typical picture of Anthraxin, a magic drug, which had shown its singular efficacy in about five hundred similar cases under my care. Four doses of Anthraxin 200, a dose every fourth day, completely removed all the attending symptoms along with the abscesses, which were not allowed to burst open. Two weeks later the said attending physician visited the patient out of curiosity, but was awestruck and remarked: "Where does all the pus go?" He was not sure if all the pus went down the hill, at the hot chase given by Homœopathy.

(b) A forty-eight-year-old, dark, short, obese gentleman, who had been suffering from chronic Bronchitis for some time past, seemed to be losing weight, passing increasing quantities of urine, and experiencing dryness of mouth. A small boil appeared on his back, meanwhile. But unfortunately, in a few days, the boil developed into a giant carbuncle invading his whole back, which was a terrible sight to see, with enumerable pores in a large enormously swollen area of congestion and increasing darkness.

His urine was examined, which showed 6% sugar and a considerable amount of acetone. One of the best obstetricians of Calcutta, and a host of local physicians wanted the respectable patient to be admitted to the Calcutta Medical College Hospital, which the patient refused to do. He would rather die at home than in a hospital. He was running a high temperature, had offensive loose bowels, had no sleep, was restless, chilly, anxious, fearful and delirious on occasions, had burning, throbbing, tearing pains in the back, ameliorated by hot application, indicating Arsenicum Album. But the case seemed to deep for Arsenicum, and I started with its nearest but deeper analogue, Anthraxin, which in five doses of the 200th a dose once every fifth day, cured the patient completely in five weeks, when his urine on re-examination showed no trace of sugar or acetone. The gentleman visits me frequently, as he brings in other patients, and considering his age, he is a picture of health, now.

Growths.

(a) Three years ago, a dark, short, thin, motor-car driver, had a big cystic tumour covering the whole left deltoid region. It stood there for a long time and was gradually increasing in dimension. He was going to have it removed surgically, but was induced to try Homœopathy once before that. He was irritable, fastidious, and a chronic liver-subject. His bowels would not move regularly, causing flatulence, empty eructations, and croaking in the abdomen. He could not tolerate sun-heat, could not cover head and face during sleep in winter, would lie to left, liked salty and pungent food and tepid drink most, and would sweat copiously on uncovered parts. Thuja Occidentalis was my selection, which in 1M and 10M potencies, administered at long intervals, helped to suppurate the tumour, which discharged a large quantity of thick, muddy, offensive matter, and ultimately disappeared in five months' time. A surgeon frightened him that it would flare up again. But the man has been employed as my

driver for the last three years, and I find no trace of the growth till today. On proper diet his liver also is functioning normally.

(b) A year back, a robust, good natured, intelligent lawyer, had a similar tumour but smaller in size on his forehead. He was constipated, a flatulent subject, who had been vaccinated many times unsuccessfully, had a rheumatic diathesis, had bleeding piles, and many of the constitutional group of symptoms of the previous case. His family history revealed sycotic manifestations. Thuja Occidentalis, 10M and 50M, at sufficiently long intervals removed in four months' time the tumour, which suppurated and discharged as in the previous case, leaving no trace of its original state.

BONY LESIONS

(a) *Hip-disease*

A thirty-two-year-old, dark, medium-statured grocer, came to me for his right-sided hip-disease. He could not stand on his legs, and had to be carried on a stretcher into my chamber. He was running a constant temperature ranging between 100 F. in the morning and 105 F. in the evening, was emaciated, prostrated, had loss of appetite, sleeplessness, and obstinate constipation, and he showed cold extremities, sweat of head, alternate sensations of chill and heat, and a sad despondent weeping mood. In his enormously swollen right hip, there were agonizing pains, which were aggravated from motion, coughing and sneezing, especially during the new moon and full moon and in the evening, but were ameliorated by rest, applied heat, and deep massage on the femur. It was a perfect picture of Silicea, which applied in two doses of the 1M potency, morning and evening, helped the patient to completely recover in course of a month. Ponderable doses of Berin, Penicillin, and Calcium, coupled with diathermy, previously failing, a surgeon advised him to be hospitalized for cement plaster. But all the cement that was to be required for his hip, could now be utilized for his dwelling house. He

is hale and hearty till today for the simple magic of the minimum dose and the law of similars.

(b) *Osteomyelitis.*

A four-year-old girl, fair, apparently robust, a relation of one of the best allopathic physicians of India, had osteomyelitis of left ulna, for six months. 80,00000 units of penicillin failed to do any tangible good. So the case was X' Rayed and examined by many eminent physicians and surgeons of India, who unanimously advised surgical operation. But the parents,—especially the mother, could not be persuaded, and they would rather try homœopathy, first of all, than resort to immediate surgical aid. The child was hot, irritable, had canine appetite and hot palms, was constipated, would like salty food and cold food and drink, enjoy daily cold bath even in the coldest winter, and would lie in a knee-chest position during sleep. There had been a history of virulent rheumatism and rheumatoid arthritis in the family, and the affected part of the little patient would continuously discharge a thin yellow, fluid of fishy odor. The remedy of selection, therefore, was the remedy of Burnett's "mother of pus and catarrh",—Medorrhinum. Three doses of Medorrhinum IM were administered, a dose once in a month. After two months of treatment and on the administration of the third dose, a big piece of bone, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " inches in length and $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch in breadth, came out of the wound, which then gradually closed in a month more. The piece of bone is still in my possession, to demonstrate the efficacy of the imponderable dose, but the child is sufficiently active with her left hand, doing everything possible with it. There has been no recurrence of the ailment, too, during the past two years.
