

INTERMENSTRUAL PAIN—ONOSMODIUM

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INTRODUCTION

The following case is of considerable interest because it demonstrates a number of valuable facts associated with effective prescribing for acute conditions. These are summarised below:

(1) Homoeopathy brings about speediest relief in certain acute painful conditions.

(2) Less routine remedies must also be kept under constant review.

(3) One must have a wide stock of drugs ready in hand so that there is scope for execution of rare prescriptions. This is possible when the list of individual drugs in the stock exceeds at least the 400th mark.

(4) When you are certain of homoeopathicity the very first prescription of a drug handled for the first time would be much like a familiar one.

(5) Prescribing for acute conditions are most effective when the underlying general symptoms are also taken into consideration.

CASE

Mrs. A. E. D., 34 years, Primipara. Her presenting complaint was: "I have a pain in the lower abdomen which I always get around the 14th day after menses. The feeling is much like as if I were to menstruate again". Her presenting features were a tired look, slow motion and loosened garments around the waist. On questioning the following symptoms were gathered:

Pain intense enough for her to have given up household work. Pain worse sitting up, bending right down and fast movements.

Pain better by lying down and keeping still, had no relation to heat and cold; pressure did not alter it remarkably.

On earlier occasions she took treatment for an occasional headache that was partially improved by Belladonna and Bryonia alba.

REPERTORISING

Pain in uterus better by lying down—Sepia, Onos. Pain in abdomen as if menses would appear—Onos.¹

General features of the case and modalities excluded Sepia. On going through Onosmodium drug picture², it seemed fitting in well to the case in hand. Loss of sexual desire described under it was questioned back. The patient admitted her moderate sexual desire.

PRESCRIPTION

Onosmodium 6, five years old drug, four globules dissolved in little previously boiled water of which a teaspoon was administered.

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immunogenetic systems they result in. All one needs to remember at this juncture is the warning Hahnemann gives in the footnote of §1 in the *Organon of Medicine* (a warning even though he issued, he himself could not resist the temptation of trampling it by writing a long exposition on how homoeopathic remedies act in the subsequent aphorisms of the same work) in our anxiety to give homoeopathic therapeutics a modern scientific look.

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teristic individual symptoms to the symptomatology and diagnosis of the disease.

(3) From the law of similars to arbitrary choices of any potentized remedies, which are incorrectly named homoeopathic.

What such a proceeding doesn't reflect is that Homoeopathy without these three conditions ceases to be scientific, and becomes what medicine before Hahnemann was: pure guess-work. So the most important evolution in the history of medicine is inexcusably abandoned. But the exponents of this kind of Homoeopathy are pleased to denounce the Hahnemannian method as old-fashioned, puristic, intolerant, arrogant, and usurping of the truth. I do not intend to dwell upon their ignorance of the essential difference between scientific Homoeopathy and guesswork. But I do contend that after Hahnemann, patients have the right to a cure by certainty, not by the hazard of chance.

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PROGNOSIS

Improvement set in within two minutes. Slight relapse after half an hour as the patient walked about. Repeated a second teaspoon after which she was perfectly normal and active.

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