

## PENICILLIN—A PROVING

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Without laying any claim to much learning specially in organic chemistry I report the following experience which may be called a sort of proving.

In the last week of February, 1949 I suffered from a carbuncle on the back between the scapulae, apart from the inflammation and burning I suffered from a depressing somnolency which overpowered my senses. A local homoeopath prescribed application of soot which did not bring about any change in the pain (Burning) or the mental state. A local surgeon Dr. Jagdish Singh, F.R.C.P. & S. (Lond.) was called, I was carried to the hospital. After blood tests (sugar within normal limits) I was put on penicillin G, 200 units every three hours. The ulcer was dressed with Mag. sulph dissolved to saturation in glycerin, once daily. Pain departed in three days, complete healing in 12 days.

The following were observed:

Urinary: Passage frequent, copious, freer than before;

Sexual: Erections frequent, passion increased;

Mind: Concentration increased, lot of theorising and day-dreaming, vivid imagination.

Generalities: Desire for open air; aversion from draft of fan.

All this may be called a curative action.

When recovered there was desire to walk in the open air, but exhaustion with profuse perspiration from walking a short distance. I wanted to visit the local shrine about a furlong away, but I had to turn back when I had gone but half-way and on coming back I was so exhausted that it took me more than half an hour to recoup.

The carbuncle reappeared in 6 weeks but was aborted by Penicillin-procain 50000 units for three days. When there was a recurrence a month later I found a homoeopathic medicine for myself. Extreme weakness followed requiring prolonged rest in bed.

### EXPLOSION IN VENEREAL DISEASES

People following the news must have come across the news about explosion in venereal diseases during the World Olympics at Montreal. And also the claim that they would deal with the trouble after the Olympics. The teenagers have been given the impression 'that a shot of penicillin' will 'fix you up' in jig time. Very few people know that *failure against gonorrhoea* was the significant title of a press-release in December, 1962, by the World Health Organisation. The experts on gonorrhoeal infection of WHO reported that *in spite of* the widespread employment of Penicillin and other powerful anti-biotics complete failure to control gonorrhoea throughout the world has been registered. The figures committee of WHO reported that there were 600

crores of new cases in 1962. What is the present figure? Have the followers of Hahnemann taken advantage of the situation and offered the solution?

Penicillin suppresses symptoms but they recur after some time. What is worse the trouble goes deeper causing unassessed harm to the health and morals of people.

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### REPERTORIZATION

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Boyson and Elizabeth Wright Hubbard. I can also recommend *How to Use the Repertory* by Glen Irving Bidwell, M.D., published by Boericke and Tafel, Philadelphia, 1915.

There are printed forms with a full list of remedies and 11 columns for workout described above, the last column for the totals. If one has the time to work out a case that way, it is the most satisfactory because one can at a glance refer to any of the tabulated symptoms and compare and study the case throughout the treatment. The last tabulation brings out several remedies covering the totality or majority of the symptoms selected, and these should be studied and compared with the materia medica before the final selection is made and the prescription administered.

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