

## CLINICAL CASE.

### A BLEEDING SPONGY GROWTH.

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A middleaged gentleman of some well-to-do family of Baghbazar, Calcutta, came to me in the beginning of March last and complained of profuse bleeding from a big plum sized growth inside his mouth just above the left upper jaw. There was no pain in it, but the bleeding was so profuse that anybody of the strongest stuff would get alarmed. It was almost a daily occurrence and the special time was when cleansing the teeth in the morning. On enquiry I found another growth of the nature of condylomata just below his right shoulder-joint. It was not much big,—about half the size of the above spongy thing in the mouth. His mind was full of anxiety not only on account of the bleeding, but he said he was naturally of a highly apprehensive temperament. He had, he said, lots of terrors during his child-hood and he could never keep alone or go into the dark rooms in the evening. Most of the times in his earlier years, he would think in this way,—“What would be my fate if the earth below my feet cleaves as under?” or, “What should I do if the sea water over-flows some day and washes away our houses?” or, “How could I save myself and my wife and children, in case the big house we live in give way?” and so forth, and sometimes he would get plunged into this sort of imaginary ramblings and get quite nervous and anxious. These horried thoughts would come upon him specially when alone and at rest from labour, and he said he could not control his mind, though he fully understand that these fanciful aberrations were all nothing but he was unable to shake them off. Physical symptoms were very few, save and except nauseating and strong odor of his perspiration; and a general aggravation on taking meat and from exposure. He would always like to avoid cold, especially cold blasts and cold baths. He was apparently normal regarding all other functions.

The character and conduct of the gentleman were perfectly pure, though it is clear that somehow or other he inherited or

imbibed Sycotic miasm. I could not ascertain which way it came, but it is sure that he is sycotic otherwise all those sycotic manifestations would not be found.

The gentleman out of his anxiety, has been to several well-reputed Allopaths of the town and almost all of them advised immediate operation. One retired old physician amongst them that were consulted strongly advised him against operation, as he had the painful experience of being the immediate cause of a patient's death in a similar case during his hospital practice when he had been a Civil Surgeon. That patient had a similar growth just below the tongue, which was operated and with all the efforts his bleeding which set in just after the operation could not be stopped and the man died on the third day practically exsanguinised. The retired physician further advised to seek the help of a Homœopath who only could help him under the present circumstances without any the least further trouble. My patient, intensely apprehensive as he was, altogether banished the idea of operation and eventually came to me.

After carefully studying up the case I fixed upon Thuja to be the remedy and I gave it in 1M—three graduated doses. Thuja stopped the bleeding almost instantaneously, though small oozing was there, that also very occasionally. The size of the growth also decreased a bit. When the improvement came to a stand-still towards the middle of June, I repeated the remedy in 2M,—4 pills in water as a single dose. The oozing has stopped, the size has considerably reduced, and the action still continues. The mental condition has improved a good deal, the gentleman having admitted one day—"You have made me into a man—now I have no anxiety nor apprehension, as formerly". I think, a dose of 5M will close the case, or I may have to rise higher up; and it is the future condition that can properly decide. The case is still under my care, and shall be so as long as any the least vestige of the disease product is there. The closing remedy may be an anti-psoric, as I have seen in a previous case of almost parallel nature.