

## PLACE OF ANTIDOTE IN HOMŒOPATHY.

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Mr. K.....came to me in the Regular Homœo. College on the 20th July last for treatment of his wife. As his wife was a *Pardashin* lady he could not brought her to me and as she would not talk to a foreigner, I advised the husband to take a "CASE TAKING FORM" which he was requested to fill up in consultation with his wife. This he readily consented to and the following answers to the questions put forward in the "FORM" are presented to the readers in seriatim :

"Age 18 years. Formerly I was very healthy, now I am thin and emaciated. Stature tall. All parts are equally developed. No eruption at present. But some two years back I suffered from itches for some one month and a half. No medicines were used internally but ointments (chalmugura ointment and neem oil) were freely used.

"I am rather warmblooded. Prefer cold season. Do not require warm cover on body or head. I am in the habit of bathing in cold water in all seasons. I do not dislike cold in winter or in summer.

"I suffered from Malaria, Kala-azar, Jaundice, Skin disease etc. During Kala-azar (about 1½ year back) Dr. Brahmachari's injections were freely used as also quinine. For all my diseases since by birth I was treated only with allopathic medicines.

"My present ailments are : This is my third month of conception. I feel very weak and lazy. Vomit several times a day. Suffer from acidity, sometimes food taken at day time also produces acidity. Occasionally I feel pain in stomach which diminishes considerably after passing of stools.

"As regards mental symptoms : I want calm and quietness everywhere. Want to be alone. I am very shy, do not like to play with children. Not at all revengeful. I am of weeping mood, and not pacified easily when in anger.

"I like sour and egg, and dislike bitter, cold food, pungent things, fish and milk.

"I suffer from headache occasionally. Face is pale and pinched. Tongue is clean. There is a light dark lining under the eyelids. Heart palpitates when ascending a staircase. Pain in the abdomen comes suddenly and goes away suddenly. Usually constipated.

"Menses stopped since May 1931. On certain occasions I used to feel pain before menses. The menstrual cycle was usually after 30 or 31 days. The flow used to last only for 2 days and less the flow, more the pain. The discharge was scanty, colour of which used to be slightly red. Troubles regarding menses ceased after the administration of "Asoke Cordial."

"Thirst is not very marked and I now always feel nauseated."

These were all which I could get through the "CASE TAKING FORM."

Now the question of prescription came and looking into the constitution of the lady I saw nothing but *Pulsatilla*. She was a *Pulsatilla* patient all through but a point of order was raised whether *Puls.* should be prescribed at this stage of pregnancy. It was only the third month of her conception and in order to prevent any mishap in the way of abortion etc., I preferred not to worry the patient with *Pulsatilla*.

The patient took lots of Antimony injections in the form of Urea Stebamine for Kala-azar. My attention was now directed to see what medicines are *antidote* to Antimony. On opening "COPERTHWAIT" I found *Cinchona* and *Ipecac* are the *antidotes* "To large doses" of Antimonium. By re-study of the case the following points were found in favour of *Ipecac* :—

- (1) Constant feeling of nausea with aversion to food.
- (2) The tongue was clean.
- (3) Thirst was absent.

(4) Face pale with blue rings around the eyes.

The patient would not take anything lest nausea would trouble her and if she would take something, vomiting would ensue. The patient was gradually emaciating for want of proper nourishment and it was my duty, as the husband requested me, to stop vomiting tendency first of all.

On the 29th July last, I prescribed *Ipecac* 30th 3 doses to be taken a dose first thing in the morning. This gave her slight relief and she could take something at least. I waited for a week with no better result and repeated the medicine in the 200th potency which gave her immediate relief as she could take her food with relish. Of course, morning sickness and a slight nausea which are rather "necessary incidents" in this state were present.

The patient was much run down and it was advised to give her plenty of fruit juice and *essence of Mussooree*. Although she gained much out of this dietetic treatment, still she was lacking energy and always feeling an exhaustion and weakness. On taking the history of the patient a-fresh, I observed that the patient took lots of Quinine and Antimony and as *China* was *antidote* to both of the above, it was prescribed on the 18th August last. It gave us (both the husband and the Doctor) much pleasure to see within about 3 week's time that the patient was taking a lot of interest for house-hold affairs. She regained a little flesh and is now undergoing the usual course of pregnancy without any hitch. May God grant her a healthy child in due course, is my earnest prayer to Him.

[ The worthy Doctor fully deserves credit for the smooth cure, but he seems to share in the erroneous impression, almost general, that Puls., Apis, etc., are "aborting" remedies. They may abort when selected unhomeopathically and used too low or in crude form. But a similitum, especially when used in potencies 30th and higher up, is potent enough only to cure, and is wholly incapable of setting up or helping a morbid process.—Ed. ]