



TWO DIFFERENT REMEDIES FOR APPARENTLY THE SAME SICKNESS

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Normally the last days of March and the whole month of April bring spring in Belgium. But this year there were always those sharp, rather cold north-west winds with showers of rain, hail and sometimes

Officinalis came forward with the highest score.

I always give much attention to the principal complaint and as a rule I want it to score the highest grad-

pain - neuralgic CHINA in the highest grading.

This was sufficient to me and when on 16/3/94 my wife could not day sleep very well I gave her at

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78	Mind	Sensitive (oversensitive)	3
79	Mind	Oversensitive to noise	3
380	Face	Pain (prosopalgia)	2
384	Face	Pain in submaxillary glands	3
433	Teeth	Toothache in the upperteeth	3
1254	Sleep	Sleepless from activity of thoughts 2	
1348	Generals	Cold aggravating	3
1342		Worse in the night	3

even snow.

So there were many sick people and as my wife is of a rheumatic disposition, I was not surprised when she started complaining of neuralgic face pains.

These pains developed rather slowly but became rather troublesome. So I noted down all her symptoms and started to work out her case with Kent's Repertory.

After repertorisation **China** QHQ SPRING '94

ing in the chosen Homoeopathic remedy.

As the reader can see for himself **China** scored only a 2 in the chief complaint "face ache".

So I looked carefully in Kent's Repertory to find the specific rubric "Neuralgic face pains" but I could not find it!

Therefore I tried Boger/Boeninghausen's Repertory and there I found on page 398 FACE -

04.30 a.m. 2 pellets **China** 30C, again the same gift at 9.30 a.m. and again at 22 h. before bedtime.

On 17/3/94 the neuralgic pains were a lot better but still not entirely cured.

As the duration of **China** is from 14 to 21 days, I decided to let the remedy do its work and to give nothing more.

On 18/3/94 the neuralgic pains were practically gone, but now and

then during the day a painful stitch in the face reminded her of her former neuralgic pains. So at 22 h. just before bedtime I gave her 2 pellets China 200C to close the case.

From then on the neuralgic pains had completely disappeared.

And as the weather brought us still some of these cold north-west winds she always was wearing a head-shawl to go in the open air.

So my wife was fairly well when she made an appointment with her hair-dresser's saloon in the morning of 11/4/94.

When she came back, her hair was done in one of those modern short styles that was very becoming to her. Besides, she always prefers rather short hair that does not need much care each day.

However that night she got a sore spot in the right side of her occiput.

And during the day of 12/4/94 this small spot extended to her face and in the afternoon she had again all her neuralgic face-pains and more violently this time !

So I started thinking if it would be wise to give her again China Officinalis because that cured her so well last March.

But I realised that in March her pains had developed more slowly and gradually, while now there was more violence and somewhere in the back of my mind I remembered to have read somewhere that Belladonna is a specific remedy for

complaints that come on after a hair-cut.

I opened Kent's "Lectures on Homoeopathic Materia Medica" and under Belladonna on page 241 (first line in my copy) I read :

"Rheumatic complaints come on after having the hair cut."

But there was not the usual heat of Belladonna, nor was there redness, no inflammation, no fever. Only those severe neuralgic face pains

But then on page 233 of the same Materia Medica I read :

"Belladonna is a remedy that takes hold of the system with great violence."

And on page 243 Kent tells us : "Violent face aches"-

"Rending, tearing pains in the face." - "Pains in the face worse on the right side."

And that was exactly what my poor wife was complaining of !

So I no longer hesitated but gave her at 17 h. of 12/4/94 2 pellets Belladonna 30 C and repeated this gift at 22 h. before going to bed.

In the morning of 13/4/94 at 6 o'clock she could tell me that the pains were a lot better but still it continued in a lesser way.

Because Belladonna is a short acting remedy I gave her again 2 pellets Belladonna 30 C at 6.00 h.

During that day the pains disappeared and she only felt pain when she pressed her fingertips on the

spots where the face pains had been felt.

To close the case I gave her for the last time 2 pellets Belladonna 30C at 22 h.

And on 14/4/94 there were no more pains and until now they have not come back !

This experience tells us that Classic Homoeopathy is not simple or easy !

We always must think and do some reasoning before giving a Homoeopathic remedy.

A regular allopathic doctor can visit 5 patients with face ache and prescribe 5 times the same soothing remedy.

But a Homoeopath must carefully analyse each because it is fairly well possible that he has to prescribe a different remedy for each of those 5 patients if they came to him for help.

Master Hahnemann teaches us that "the more striking, singular, uncommon and peculiar symptoms must chiefly and most solely be kept in view. (§153 "Organon of Medicine").

And most of the time these peculiar symptoms consist of small trifles at first sight but for the experienced Homoeopath the real clues to the curing remedy.

And if we have a curable patient before us and we administrate him a homoeopathic remedy that is not working, we must not blame Classic Homoeopathy, but look into the mirror to see the one that is to blame !