

CLINICAL CASE.

ACID NITRIC — MY FAVORITE.

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CASE I.

Mr. D. C., aged about 24 years, came to the *Regular Homœopathic College, Outdoor Hospital*, on the 1st. May, 1931, and reported the following complaints :

“About a year ago I got Syphilis, which was cured by Neosalvarsan Injections. After 5 months, I got an attack of Gonorrhœa, which was cured by Allopathic medicines and washing, etc.

“Now I have got a relapse of both the diseases. Every morning at the close of urination a few drops of thin yellow pus comes out. At the meatus there is an ulcer which is gradually eating, thereby giving an unexpressible pain. Urine is reddish in colour and *very offensive*. I suffer from painful erection every night. The pains and aches of the body are aggravated at night. Offensive odour of the mouth.

“I am a *chilly* patient, do not like bathing every day. I like salt and sugar. Do not like bitter things at all. I had a habit of drinking all through. I like winter season most and want to lie on back.

“Mentally I am very *irritable, headstrong*, and worry about everything. I do not like company and want to be alone”.

I consulted and repertorised the case and fixed upon *Acid Nitric*. On the 2nd May, prescribed the medicine in the 30th potency—two doses to be taken every other day and to report after a week.

On the 10th May, the patient came to me in a dejected mood and asked me as to how long it will take to cure him. I said,—3 months at least. He became suspicious and requested me to cure him as soon as possible as he could not suffer any longer. I assured him of my best services and ordered

for a dose of *Acid Nitric* in the 200th potency. The report after a week was very pleasing, as he told me that the discharge was less and the ulcer was being healed up. I waited for a fortnight as the medicine was acting fairly well, by which time the ulcer healed up and there was no more discharge.

On the 2nd June, I had to give him a dose of 1 M to avoid a re-urrence and the patient though requested to come and report after a month did not turn up which concludes that he is alright now. I do not say with emphasis that he has been constitutionally cured, as these diseases require watching and medication at intervals with high and higher potencies, so that the patients are *miasmatically* cured..

CASE II.

In another case, I gained a fair name by treating a lady who was menstruating continually for the last 15 days off and on without any stoppage. The lady was of a very thin build and the husband was suffering from Syphilis for a long time which was cured afterwards by injections. Here I was asked to prescribe a "specific" without seeing the patient and hearing anything of the sort. I found my specific in *Acid Nitric* 200th, the flow stopped after the 2nd dose and everything seemed to be normal. "It did control the hæmorrhage in such a wonderful way" as they said.

CASE III.

The third case, a patient, Mr. Gaffur, aged about 29 years, was attacked with both Syphilis and Gonorrhœa some years ago and they were cured by quack remedies. After this the right testicle got inflamed and remaining tender for a few days became normal and again relapsed. Then the left one was inflamed relieving the right one to some extent and this also came to its normal size gradually affecting the right one.

The present complaints were : There was itching about the genitals. Aggr : in warmth, amel : for the time being, after scratching, but then severe burning. Cracking in the corners of the lips. The tongue was full of aphthæ. He liked salt and disliked sweet. He was very fond of open air. Mentally he was calm, and quiet. He was all along constipated. On the totality of : craving for salt, and for open air, and inveterate constipation, I at first prescribed *Nat. Mur* 200 and then 500th with no result and then on finding another grand characteristic mental : "Intense sympathy for the sufferings of others", I tried *Causticum* 200 on 21. 12. 30, but without any result. Then I repeated *Causticum* 200 in water after succussion but to my utter disappointment, every effort became futile. I then studied the case afresh and though the patient was warm blooded and rather constipated (as opposed to Acid Nitric), a single dose of Acid Nitric 200th was prescribed on the basis of the following symptoms :

The tongue was ulcerated and was very red—"looks like raw flesh". The corners of the mouth were ulcerated and would bleed at the slightest contact.

As already described, the patient was not so headstrong as the Nitric Acid patient usually is ; neither he had "strong smelling urine" ; but the main reason why I prescribed this was that the patient was attacked with Syphilis before.

The report after a week was that the aphthæ, itching, etc., were gone as if magically and there was no other complaint. He is feeling very much better both mentally and physically now. On the 8th February I repeated *Acid Nitric* 1 M, with the result that he is in good health now.

One thing I must admit that the right testicle which was inflamed could not be brought to its normal stage, as he did not continue the treatment for the requisite time.

I have often found *Acid Nitric* to act a miracle in cases where there is a *syphilitic taint*, provided a few symptoms

of the remedy are there. If there be *offensive urine*, which is so characteristic of the remedy, I have never failed in my choice and when the patient is *chilly* and of *irritable mood*, so much the better.

[In case III above, the dear Doctor might have cured his patient with Natrum Mur., with a single interpolation of Nitric ac. Syphilis on a Psoric base, with a predominance of Psoric group of symptoms, must have to be treated with a Psoric remedy having those symptoms ; but in some cases, as in this, unless a syphilitic remedy having a fair number of the symptoms is interpolated, a curative process does not set in,—because the *active* miasm has not been touched with the prescribed remedy which is only Psoric. The worthy Doctor, when assigning the reason, might have been more correct, if he had said so ; otherwise, every Syphilitic case would require Nitric ac, if “the main reason why I prescribed Nitric ac. was that the patient was attacked with Syphilis before.”

All the cures made by Dr. Sen are excellent. We are really proud of such a pupil.—Ed].

A Request.

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In the December 1930 issue of the ‘Hahnemannian Gleanings’, Dr. C. Roy, in reply to Dr. J. N. Chowdhury’s “Puzzle of potency”, has given his reasons against the latter’s suggestion regarding ‘reforms in the method of making and marking potencies.’ But if we are to give preference to the ‘time-honoured usage and custom,’ as put forth in the argument of Dr. Roy, then we cannot accept the explanation of Dr. K. K. Bhattacharyya, as offered by him in his “Reply,” published in page 500 of the same issue of the ‘Gleanings’. He has explained his “M” in the line suggested by Dr. Chowdhury and has thus gone astray from the established system, and introduced a new one.

As such, I respectfully draw attention of my learned colleagues and the worthy editor of the ‘Gleanings’ to the above inconsistency and earnestly request them to publish a satisfactory solution of the subject, so that we may not be misguided by the confusion now arisen.

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