

A few cures with indigenous Homeo. Remedies.

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CASE NO 1.

Sriman Hrishikesh Bour—7 years, dark, Tubercular.

He got measles of a virulent type—the eruptions being very thick.

I noted down the following symptoms in the morning of 29-4-28.

1. Eruptions all over the body.
2. Very irritable.
3. Offensive smell in the mouth.
4. Lips bright red.
5. Tongue—tip and border bright red—white coating in the middle and posterior.
6. No fever, they said there was slight rise of temperature last night.
7. Much prostration.
8. Felt heat all over the body and wanted to be fanned.
9. Coughed with rattling of phlegm in throat.
10. Catarrh running from the nose.
11. Purulent discharge from the eyes.

He took 'Pulsatilla' on the 27th and 28th last with little benefit. I put him on *Ocimum San.* 1x, 4 doses, every 6 hours.

30-4-28. Less cough and rattling of phlegm, lips and tongue almost normal. No rise of temperature but bowels confined from yesterday.

Though constipation is not a characteristic symptom of *Ocimum San*, its action was satisfactory and I repeated the medicine, 3 times daily for another two days.

•2-5-28. No complaint, no more of medicine. He made a good recovery.

CASE No. 2.

Manik Lal Panja—5 years, fair, well-built. I was called in to see his father's mother in the evening of 20-1-29. While examining her, I heard him coughing violently and frequently. The cough was spasmodic and each paroxysm ended with a marked "whoop".

On enquiry, I learnt that he had been suffering from whooping cough for about six weeks and had been treated by a homœopathic physician who was a relative to the family and who also was present there. The gentleman said that Bell., Drosera, and some other remedies had been tried with little benefit.

I took down the following symptoms and returned to my lodging :—

1. Spasmodic cough, mostly dry, chest seems to be full of phlegm but little was expectorated, the sputum was blood-streaked (this symptom was noticed some 10 days ago.)

2. During the paroxysm he got stiff and blue, turned pale and there was a fear of suffocation.

3. Could hardly sleep at night, so frequent and severe was the cough.

4. No food or drink was retained, it was thrown off in cough, aversion to food.

5. Obstinate constipation.

6. Tears run down cheeks during cough.

In Dr. P. Biswas's "Materia Medica of Indian Drugs", I found *Justicia Adhatoda* discovered by Dr. Sarat Chandra Ghose, M. D. to cover the symptoms well and gave him 4 doses of the same in first decimal potency on 21-1-29.

22-1-29—No marked change. Medicine repeated.

23-1-29.—No blood in the sputum—he retained some food last night. Paroxysms less severe and frequent, slept a little last night; bowels moved. *Justicia* 6x 3 doses, every 8 hours.

24-1-29. This prescription finished the case. He made a rapid recovery without any more medicine. He took *sac lac* only for 2 or 3 days more.

CASE No. 3.

On my arrival at home on 8-3-29, I saw that my wife had given birth to a daughter a fortnight ago and had been suffering from a very fetid leucorrhoea from the time of the delivery. She was confined to bed for 3 or 4 days. Expecting my arrival soon, they did not call in any doctor, but no information of the illness was given to me. However, I noted down the following symptoms and proceeded as follows:—

1. Cramps in hands and feet at times.
2. Burning all over the body, <at night.
3. Wetting the feet and rubbing them with water and oil gave some relief.
4. Lips bright red, tongue, red tip and border with white coated posterior.
5. Lochia totally suppressed.

The ailments were the same on the night of 8-3-29 also. In the morning of 9-3-29, she took *Sulphur 30*.

10-3-29. Burning was much less last night, no medicine.

11-3-29. No further progress, no appearance of lochia.

Ocimum. San. 1x, 3 doses, every 3 hours.

12-3-29. No action. Same Medicines repeated.

13-3-29.—Lochia re-established with almost entire relief of other complaints.

No more medicine. Lochia ran a natural course and she made a steady recovery.

CASE NO 4.

A child about 1• year old, fair, well-built—son of Sj. Rajendranath Mandal, Deulgram, Howrah, came under my treatment with the following symptoms :—

1. Fever remittent ranging between 100° and 102° with afternoon aggravation.
2. Passed 4 to 6 loose stools, yellowish, watery, slimy, offensive.
3. Abdomen distended.
4. Chest pregnant with phlegm and there was rattling of mucous ; sibilant rales on auscultation.
5. Coughing at times—on cough it seemed that mucous would be vomited but no such thing took place.
6. Tongue, clear, bright, red, tip and border coated yellowish in the middle and posterior—moist.
7. Lips bright red and dry.
8. Very fretful and irritable, would not allow me to feel his pulse and to examine his chest.

I put him on *Ocimum San. 1x*, every 3 hours daily when the fever was low and waited for two days. In those two days, the bowel symptoms were much improved, but no improvement regarding the chest and mind symptoms. The febrile symptoms also underwent no change. The guardian was alarmed and called in a more experienced physician on the third day.

After a close examination of the case, he remarked that the case was of a pure capillary bronchitis and that it would soon run into Broncho-Pneumonia unless special care was taken at once. Then he prescribed "Antim. Tart." and advised me not to rely upon these new remedies.

But I did not agree with him and said that it was a mere aggravation of frequent use of lower potency in a child and that it would be antidoted by a higher attenuation of the same.

The guardian, however, allowed me another 24 hours and I, remembering the name of our immortal Master, Hahnemann, put the child on *Ocimum San.* 30, 2 doses, at 3 hours interval when the temperature was at its lowest.

Thank God and our Great Master ! the guardian saw me the following morning with a smiling face and said that there had been no rise of temperature on the preceding day and that it had come down to normal after midnight.

R. Rep. one dose only.

On that day (i. e. the 4th day), a sub-assistant surgeon, a relative to the family, examined the patient and said that the chest was as free from phlegm as possible. There was but slight rise of temperature in the afternoon and the child made a steady and rapid recovery without further medication. *Sac lac* was used of course, for a few days more, to satisfy the guardian.

I have used "Ocimum San." on the above indications, in some other cases with equally satisfactory results.

Should we not rely on these indigenous remedies simply because they are proven by our countrymen and use them when well indicated ?

Editorial Notes and Comments.

End of the year. With the present January issue of the Hahnemannian Gleanings, the fourth year of its existence will be completed. We are glad to inform our readers and subscribers that during this year our Journal has occupied a commendable place in the field of medical journalism in India. Many eminent foreign Homeopaths of international reputation have joined the editorial staff