

CLINICAL CASES

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(36) **Petroleum.** "Mr. S. of Mount Vernon, aged 68 years, Has been afflicted with a sore and lame leg for about 8 years, and for the last 4/5 years unable to work. Had been told by doctors that it would be useless to do anything, as the trouble was incurable. Came to see me, April 19th, 1867. Examination revealed a swelling of left leg, extending from knee to ankle joint. The leg was nearly as large again as its mate, of a purplish colour, with a constant oozing of a watery substance, which when dried, became large scales or scabs, which were easily detached, leaving the surface raw and tender. Suffers from intolerable itching, and says the leg "burns like fire", Arsenicum 200.

May 20. No improvement in appearance or symptoms ; much to my disappointment, as I had cured two cases some years previous with this remedy, that seemed, according to my recollection, to be similar. It occurred to me to try Petroleum, as I had found it beneficial in several cases of itching; sore, and moist surfaces, and accordingly I prescribed this remedy in the 200th potency.

June 4. Improving rapidly. Continued same.

June 20. Still gaining. Continued same.

Aug. 6. No particular change in appearance from last visit. The itching seems worse than for some time. Clematis. 200.

Aug. 12. Leg is looking about well ; some reddish blotches on the foot, which itch badly, for which he got Rhus.

Aug. 24. Leg seems entirely well, and looks as well as its mate ; although there is some itching at times in the skin. Sulph. 3m.

Oct. 1. Reports himself entirely well, and able to do more work in one month than for previous 5 years.

(37) Mr. D.W. has had for about 6 years salt rheum affecting both hands, which are now completely raw from wrist to ends of the fingers which smart and burn, with a watery oozing all of the time. Is unable to do any work, on account of the great soreness of his hands.

March 10, 1868. Prescribed Petroleum 200.

May 8. Almost well. Continued same.

June 1. Quite well.

(38) Mrs. G. has had salt rheum on left arm for 9 years, extending from elbow to hand, red, raw and moist at times, and at other times covered with a thick scab or crust ; unable to work on this account ; was completely cured in six months with Petroleum 200.

(39) I have also cured two cases of itching herpes on the perineum, with this remedy, that had resisted other remedies for many months.

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