

REPRESENTATIVE SYMPTOMS

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The symptoms that the patient relates spontaneously are the true representatives of himself and his parts.

The signs and symptoms that other scientific (?) physician finds in his modern methods of investigation are the representatives of the disease. There can be no objection to combining both in a thorough examination ; but when the former is left out and the physician prescribes on the latter, it must be noted that he prescribes for the disease and not for the patient, thereby violating the first section of Hahnemann's Organon.

It is urged by many that diagnosis and pathology must be carefully studied in order to know how to prescribe for the disease. The author joins in this appeal but he would put in a different way. He would urge that all become acquainted with diagnosis and pathology in order not to prescribe for the disease.

Their study of pathology and diagnosis is of the highest importance. The symptoms that represent all diseases and all pathological study as far as possible are of great importance. This is a study of common symptoms. The symptoms common to Bright's disease are dropsy albumen in the urine, weakness and the disturbed heart action, etc. Any physician who would pretend to prescribe on these would show a great folly. The remedies that have produced such a complex of symptoms are very numerous. To prescribe on such a group must lead to failure. As much can be said of any diseased part or organ or disease. Yet, if the physician does not know what

the common symptoms are, *i.e.*, what symptoms represent the various diseases, he will make the mistake of trying to fit a remedy to such symptoms. However, if there is no albumen in the urine and no signs of structural kidney change there, the symptoms mentioned become representative of the patient and become valuable features in the totality of the symptoms. It will at once be seen what a relative proposition each case of sickness becomes. Symptoms quite indetical may be common or important and rare, general or particular in accordance with the character of the sickness the patient suffers from.

The symptoms general or particular that are not common, become important as a basis of the prescription and it is not argued that the common symptoms must be omitted but that they must not be considered as the first and only basis of a prescription.

They symptoms that are general and particular with the common left out are always strange, rare and peculiar, therefore characteristic. To collect these is the only way to secure a firm basis for a homoeopathic prescription. In the highest sense the general symptoms represent the patient; in a lesser sense the particulars represent the parts of the patient and hence in a lesser degree the patient. The general symptoms that are mental are the very highest in importance.

It may well be said that there is nothing new in such teaching and thinking. It is true that all one needs to do is to study Hahnemann in all his ways and methods and he must conclude that it is precisely what he did and as he practised. If this be admitted, the homoeopathic physician finds justification for a pathological basis for a prescription, no jurisdiction for the present day use of key-note.

The great aim of the homoeopathic physician is to study the representations until the sick man stands out in bold relief, not the disease, but including the disease.

In the study of diseases and pathology, the characterizing and pathognomonic symptoms are such as are found in our *Materia Medica* as common symptoms, common to many remedies and such as are found in large numbers in our repertories, hence common symptoms are common to many remedies and common to disease conditions. These are of the least importance in prescribing because they are too common and do not aid in individualizing. They do not represent the patient. The patient is left out.

We are accused of being ignorant of pathology and many times the accusation is true. Men who are really ignorant of the manifestations of disease are unable to realize the wonderful scope of characteristic symptoms. If they do not comprehend common symptoms they cannot comprehend uncommon ones.

The majority of patients brought to my office by physicians come with a written description supposed to comprise everything relating to the case but nearly all of these are merely an account of the pathology and diagnosis, and from this report we are expected to name the remedy. It is needless to say there has been no examination of the patient such as is necessary to name a remedy. Under such circumstances any homoeopathic physician is helpless until he has carefully questioned the patient to bring out what symptoms he has that represent the patient himself.

The homoeopathic physician is one who knows pathology and diagnoses and knows how to examine a patient so as to bring out the symptoms that are general and particular and common. Otherwise the prescribing must be attended with indifferent results. It is often observed that a good mother has done much good prescribing in the family or among her friends. It also has been said that an ignorant doctor has done good work in a community, but no truly educated physician could look upon such work without feeling that Homoeopathy ever so poorly administered by our pioneers was wonderful in its results but how much more wonderful in the hands of a broadly educated physician.

It is truly by comparing our Materia Medica symptoms with disease symptoms that we have learned to classify them into symptoms that represent the patient as a whole, in symptoms that represent his parts and symptoms that represent disease.

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We are permitted to publish these Jottings from the experience of a student (Royal Veterinary College), a born homoeopathic prescriber, who will be, later on, a brilliant homoeopathic physician. This student has already worn out one copy of Kent's Repertory (at over six guineas a copy) and is getting on with the second—carried about everywhere, and incessantly studied. The pages quoted below are from the third edition.

It may be noted that, although we cannot get our drug provings from animals, because they respond so differently to many drugs, and also because they cannot give the subjective symptoms on which our work is so largely based, yet, on the other hand, remedies proved on humans can be used for the successful treatment of animals, where careful repertory work pays, and where even observed mental symptoms can be important in the choice of the remedy. (*Editor—Homoeopathy*)

Moist eczemea responds to *Graphites* (p. 1311).

Parturition is made easy by *Pulsatilla* given two or three weeks in advance, and during labour, if necessary, *Belladonna* or *Gelsemium* if no dilatation occurs at immediate approach of parturition. ("Rigidity during labour", p. 744).

Sour smelling diarrhoea after parturition, *Rheum*. (*Boericke* has "sour stool", *Rheum* and *Kent* "Diarrhoea, nursing women" *Rheum*).

48. Swelling, extremities and skin, with appearance of white wax, retention of urine. *Ars. 10M* brought the dog to

normal. (*Skin waxy, Ars., D. 1340 ; Retention of urine, Ars. p. 650 ; swelling of extremities, Ars., p. 1196*).

49. One very large fan-shaped wart attached to lower gum in centre of a mouth led to prescribing *Aur mur* in very high potency. A few days later every part of the mouth was filled with warts of all sizes and shapes. Liquid diet could only be taken by dog. Several weeks passed before they suddenly disappeared, leaving no mark except faint trace of base of first wart, which soon healed. (*Warts on tongue, Aur. Mur., P. 430*)

50. A sow due to have a litter in a short while could not stand from painful swellings of feet. Except that she was worse from motion, nothing could be observed. *Bry. 30* restored her to normal but litter was subsequently born dead.

51. A great Dane had practically lost the use of her hind legs. She could rise only with difficulty, but once in motion the pain evidently decreased. She was also worse after even slight exertion. Under *Rhus tox.* she improved to the extent of jumping a high wall while in season and having a misalliance. A litter arrived in due time. She had bred several times before unsuccessfully. (*"Stiff on rising", "walking", "after walking", Rhus tox., P. 1191*).

In distemper cases, pneumonia complications are seldom seen when *Acon.* is given at the onset, followed by *Bry.* nor is the vitality lowered to other more malignant forms of disease.

Merc. does remarkable work in distemper where all discharges are yellow. (*"Stool yellow-watery", Merc. : "Eye disch. yellow" Merc. ; "Nasal disch. yellow-green". ; "Teeth yellow", Merc.*)

Merc. cor does remarkable work where there is great tenesmus and bloody diarrhoea. (Hahnemann's "specific" remedy for dysentery, see P.70 of this issue of "*Homoeopathy*"—Ed.)

52. A Pekingese aet., 18 months still had two of its first teeth. Poor coat. Constipation with knotty stool. *Sil. 10m.*

one dose. The coat grew luxuriously ; the teeth became normal, as did the stool. "Dentition slow", P. 431, Sil. ; "Knotty Stool", P. 638, Sil. ; "Constipation", P. 607. Sil. ; "Warmth ameliorates". P. 1413, Sil).

53. A nose spotted to any extent with pink is a disqualifying point in a wire-haired fox terrier, as it should be black. Calc. Phos. will produce the desired effect. A brown or liver-coloured nose will likewise respond to the same remedy. If Calc. Phos. is given when the defect is first noticed in the young pup, better growth of bone, and coat, etc., will ensue.

54. A dog hit by a car showed no ill effects except a roached back and a tail carried between the legs. As an injury to the spine was evident, Hypericum was given with complete recovery of posture. (P. 892, "Injuries to Spine, Hyper").

Pups with enlarged abdomen usually receive Calcarea. The indigestion is thereby corrected, and worm effects are no longer in evidence. Vermifuges, as such, are entirely unnecessary. Correct the dog's general state of health and there will be no worms, as they cannot exist in healthy intestinal secretions. (P. 546, "Enlarged abdomen in children, "Calc. See Also Kent's "Lectures", Calcarea.)

55. A setter bitch who could not be gotten in whelp, had a hip joint that could not be kept in place. It kept coming out of the socket. Nothing could be done for her allopathically. *Rhus. Tox.* has this condition, and was given to her with the result that she was subsequently bred. ("Spontaneous Dislocation of Hip" *Rhus Tox.*, P. 983.)

56. A dog hit by a car was dying from shock, apparently, as the skin was merely grazed over the chest where the bruise was. The tongue was icy-cold. *Ars.* was given, followed by *Arnica*, which removed all effects of the shock. Next day he was as good as ever. ("Mouth, Icy-cold Tongue" *Ars.*, P. 399 ; "Shock from Injury, *Arn.*, P. 1399.)

57. A severe gastritis with all the symptoms of *Arsenicum*, except animal wanted to be in a cold place, was cured with *Secale*. ("*Warmth Aggravates*", *Sec.*, p. 1412; "*Warmth Ameliorates*", *Ars.*, P. 1413.)

58. An infection of a front foot with much swelling and discharge where the cause was not ascertained, but a puncture by "*Foxtail sharp head of dried grass*, was suspected, subsided under *Bellis Per.* (*Boericke*, "*Injuries-exudation, Swelling.*")

Strontium Carb. It is effective in post-operative collapse in animals as in human beings.

Newly-born pups that have a blue colour in all visible skin usually die, but not if *Cargo Veg.* is given. (*Skin Bluish, Carbo Veg.*, P. 1305)

Arnica is useful for both mothers and pups after a hard labour, where pups are very large and are too weak to nurse. (*Boericke*, "*Prophylactic of pus Infection*". *Arn*, "*Bruised parts after labour*".)

When the hair falls out after parturition, *Sepia* is invaluable and results are striking. (*Hair falls out after Parturition*", *Sepia*, P. 120.)

Umbilical hernia is frequently seen, but not after *Calcarea* is given. (*Hernia, Umbilical*" *Calc.*, P. 552.)

59. A pneumonia with loud rattling respiration did not improve until jealousy was observed when her master gave some slight attention to another dog. That a dog so ill would show such emotion led to *Lechesis*, which was given with immediate improvement. ("*Respirations Loud,*" P. 774)

Car sickness is very distressing to both dog and owner. There are few cases that will not respond to *Tabacum*.

Dogs get home-sick as well as children when taken away from their customary environment. *Capsicum* makes them quite content with their new surroundings. ("*Homesickness*". P 51)

Netrum Mur. has been used with good results where timidity prevents a dog being shown in the ring. (*Fear in a Crowd*, "Timidity", P. 43-89):

When puppies dislike being left alone and say so in no uncertain barks, *Arsenicum* usually quiets them. *Chamomilla* is useful if the characteristic *Cham.* disposition is present.

Pulsatilla removes a urethral discharge in male dogs which very annoying, especially in house pets. (*Urethral Disch. Purulent, Yellow, Chronic*, *Puls*)

Euphrasia for cats with watery eyes and nose, especially where distemper is suspected. *Iris Vers.* has the characteristic vomit of cats. (*Lachrymation during Coryza. Euphr*)

Bad dispositions in animals (usually the result of suppression of skin disease) may be changed by the appropriate remedy.

Skin eruptions are often the result of inoculation and may be cleared up with *Sulphur* or one of the other remedies "useful after vaccination" (P. 1410).

Many cases of fits in dogs respond to *Belladonna*, followed by *Nux.* (*Con-vulsions*, *Bell.* : *With Running*, *Bell.* : *Teething, Bell "In Children"*, *Bell.*, *Nux* : *Light Aggravates*, *Bell*, P. 1351-2, 1354)

The range of *Sulphur's* ability to cure in animals is as wide as in human being.

60. Paralysis of hind legs, with coldness and much thirst : *Rhus Tox.*, the great anti-paralyticum was given, followed by complete recovery. (*Paralysis Lower Limbs, with Coldness of Parts, Extreme Thirst* *Rhus*, P. 529, 1176, 1179.)

Merc. had excoriation in corners of mouth, also eruption around genitals. (P. 374, 717, 718)

Ignatia controls eclampsia following parturition. (P. 1355)

61. *Phos. 200* was given with prompt relief when all other means failed to the copious bleeding from a small cut in the ear.
 ("Wounds bleeding freely" *Phos.*, P. 1422)

62. An overworked stud dog, with a history of many skin eruptions and warts cut from face, developed violent erections but with no desire to do his work, *Graph. IM.* cured in three weeks. ("*Aversion to Coition*", *Graph.*, P. 693, 696.)

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