

A Comparative Study of the Remedies from Potassium Kingdom.

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N. B.—In this study, the following remedies will be mainly considered :—Causticum, Kali Bichromicum, Kali Bromatum, Kali Carbonicum, Kali Hydriodicum, Kali Muriaticum, Kali Phosphoricum and Kali Sulphuricum.

First of all, to speak of *constitution*, Causticum is useful to persons of dark hair, and rigid fibre. Kali Carb. is useful to persons of dark hair, but with lax fibre, Kali carb. patient is fat. Kali Bichro. is useful to fleshy, fat, light haired persons. Kali Brom. is also useful to fleshy, fat people.

As regards *mind*, Causticum causes absence of mind and fretfulness. Kali Carb. has fretfulness and confusion of mind ; the intellect becomes befogged. Kali Brom. has difficult comprehension, impaired intellect and loss of memory. Kali Phos. has irritability and night terrors. Kali Brom. also has night terrors.

As regards their action on the *head*, nearly all of the above remedies cause headache. In Kali Phos. the headaches are better from warmth, but in Kali Sulph they are worse in the heated room. Kali Iod. has pain in sides of the head. Kali Carb. has one-sided headache, especially left sided. It also has pain in the forehead and temples, and headache from riding in cold wind. Kali Bich. has frontal pain usually over one eye. Kali Brom. has numb feeling in the head. Kali Phos. has cerebral anæmia. Kali Phos., Kali Carb. and Causticum, all of them cause vertigo.

Upon the *eyes* Causticum acts very prominently, especially on the brows and upper lids. The lids seem heavy, even the upper lids may be paralysed. It has dryness and pressure in the eyes as if sand were in them. It causes paralysis of the optic nerves. There is blindness ; the sights become vanished ; dim vision ; photophobia and it has spots before the eyes.

In it the look is fiery: Kali Bich. and Kali Iod. have dim vision. They also act on the conjunctiva and have lachrymation. Kali Sulph also causes conjunctivitis. Photophobia is also caused by Kali-Nitr. like Causticum. Kali Carb has fiery look and spots before the eyes. Kali Carb acts very prominently on the brows and eye balls. It causes swelling between the eyebrows and the lids; it appears like a little bag. Kali Mur. causes granular eyelids. Causticum, has hardness of hearing, loss of hearing. Kali Carb has hardness of hearing, weakness of hearing. Causticum, Kali Carb. Kali Mur. and Kali Phos. all have noises in the ears. As regards discharges from the ears, Causticum and Kali Carb have it. In Kali Mur. it is white. In Kali Bich. it is yellow and stringy. In Kali Sulph it is yellow. Kali Phos causes offensive suppuration. Kali Phos. and Kali Mur. have deafness too. Kali Carb. and Kali Bichro. have stitching pain in the ears.

Causticum and Kali Carb. have prominent actions on the external *nose* and cause swelling. In Kali Bich. there is pressure and pain at the root of the nose. Kali Carb. Kali Bich. and Kali Iod. all have stopped coryza.

In Kali Bichro. and Kali Iod. *catarrh* is very prominent. In Kali Bich. the discharge is greenish, watery or thick, and offensive. It may be slimy. There is sneezing and loss of smell; hard plugs form in the nostrils. The nose may be dry. Kali Iod. has sneezing, loss of smell, greenish discharge, but in it the discharge is profuse, burning and acrid; it may be watery or thin. Kali Carb has purulent discharge and Kali Phos. has offensive discharge. Kali Sulph has colds with yellow expectoration. Sneezing is also caused by Causticum. Kali Bich. has ulcerated septum; Kali Carb has ulcerated, sore and scurfy nostrils. Kali Nit. and Kali Phos have nose bleed, but in Kali Phos it is thin and dark.

Kali Carb. Kali Bich. and Kali Iod. cause paleness of *face*. Kali Carb has swelling of face. Causticum, Kali Bich. Kali Brom. and Kali Carb have eruptions on the face. Kali Bich. has sensitive bones. Kali Iod. has prosopalgia, especially syphilitic. Causticum has pain in jaws, which causes difficulty in opening the mouth. Causticum also causes paralysis of one side of the face, especially of the right side.