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Pen-pictures of few splendid Cures from  
my Practice.

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CASE NO. 1.

CONFIRMED APPENDICITIS CURED WITH  
BRYONIA.

Few subjects are of greater importance and of more practical interest than appendicitis. It is a subject on which eminent medical practitioners all over the world hanker after the most up-to-date information, in order to help them in arriving at a decision that may involve the difference between life and death. The allopaths always insist upon an immediate operation in cases of appendicitis. It is true that many lives have been saved by appendectomy, but it is equally true that with the diffusion of homœopathic science, patients do not like to be operated upon and they place them under homeopathic treatment at the first instance. I am here emboldened to say that several bad cases of appendicitis were perfectly cured by me with appropriate homeopathic remedies and none of these cured cases had any recurrent attack.

I shall now proceed to dwell upon this case which was cured by me.

Mr. Narendra Nath Palit, Carriage Examiner, E. I. Railway, while serving at Asansol, had an attack of appendicitis.

The chief Medical officer saw him, examined him and advised him to come to Calcutta and to have an immediate operation. In fact he sent him here with an official letter to the Principal of the Calcutta Medical College Hospitals for admission and immediate operation. Mr. Palit's old father saw me and instead of seeing the Principal, placed his son under my treatment on the 2nd May, 1928. I found the following symptoms to be present :—

The patient experienced pains like intestinal colic for some time before with vomiting ; it generally happened after an indiscretion in diet ; after sometime, this pain was worse in the lower abdomen. At that time by careful palpation it was detected that a slight rigidity of the right rectus muscle existed ; there was some tenderness of the abdomen which was localized, usually at Mc Burney's point, this was on a line between the *navel* and the right anterior superior *spinous* process of the *ilium*, and nearer the *ilium* ; on pressure a tumour could be felt at this point ; frequently there was a peculiar facial expression, the patient looked sicker than the symptoms seemed to warrant and the features had a drawn pinched look ; there was occasional vomiting consisting of bile and water ; there was great pain in the region of the vermiform appendix ; the patient could lie on the right side, his breath came quick and rapid ; the pulse was quick and agitated (120) ; the temperature was 102.8 ; the tongue was very dry and *enveloped* with a brown coating ; thirst was excessive for large quantities of water ; the urine was highly coloured ; constipation existed.

Relying upon the *foregoing* symptoms I prescribed *Bryonia 30* to be given four times daily.

*4th May, 1928.*—The pains were less than before; fever came down to 100·4 yesterday and was still continuing; bowels moved, thirst was decidedly less than before. The same prescription was continued.

*6th May, 1928.* The temperature came down to normal this morning; inflammation in the appendix almost gone; tumour could not be found; facial expression was normal; no vomiting; the abdomen was not distended; a slight pain over the right hypogastric region was still felt on hard pressure.

Prescribed *Bryonia 200* to be given twice daily.

*10th May, 1928.* On my arrival I found the patient to be very cheerful; could walk with ease; there was no rise of temperature; no pain, no *tumour*, no vomiting, nothing was present to trouble the patient; the patient was found to be on a fair way towards recovery. Placebo was ordered to be given twice daily.

In two weeks more Mr. Palit was perfectly healthy and after another two weeks he could join the post. The man is at present serving at Howrah as the Carriage Examiner and has become a staunch advocate of homeopathy.

#### CASE NO. 2.

#### ANOTHER CASE OF APPENDICITIS CURED WITH BRYONIA AND MERC. SOL.

A nephew, aged 15 years, of Babu Satish Ch. Roy Chowdhury, B. L. Solicitor, Calcutta High Court living at Haris Chatterji Street, Bhowanipore, was brought here from Sylhet by his father for treatment on the 2nd January, 1928.

*Past History.* The boy, while at his father's place at Sylhet, experienced some pain, like intestinal colic, off and on, sometimes associated with vomiting; gradually this pain was worse in the lower abdomen. By palpation a slight rigidity of the right rectal muscle was detected at that time. He frequently vomited and there was slight rise of temperature up to 102° or 103°.

The boy was examined and treated by two distinguished allopaths of the place and at last the Civil Surgeon of the District was called in who diagnosed the case to be appendicitis and asked the father to remove the boy to Calcutta and have an immediate operation.

After his arrival I was called in to treat the patient on the day stated above. Before this, the patient's father got his son examined by two eminent Surgeons of Calcutta and Xray photo was taken by Dr. Mukherji. All of them diagnosed the case to be appendicitis, pure and simple.

After my arrival I marked the following symptoms:—

The boy was suffering from fever; the temperature rose up to 102° or 102·4 in the afternoon; the morning temperature was found to be 100° or 100·4; there was extreme thirst for large quantities of water at a time; the tongue was dry and enveloped with a brown coating; the abdomen was greatly distended from tympanitis and the exudation had mounted up from the right iliac fossa, nearly to the umbilicus; there was obstinate constipation; there was great tenderness over the inflamed part which was ameliorated by pressure.

I prescribed *Bryonia 30* to be given thrice daily and asked the father to place the patient only upon liquid diet. In order to disperse and absorb the exudation and to allay the pain I advised the father to apply hot poultices of bread and milk. Though the patient did not pass any stool for the last 6 days, I did not ask the father to use

any clysters. A retention of the stool even for a longer period is, according to my experience, extending over thirty years, not attended with any danger or trouble.

*8th January, 1928.* The temperature of the patient did not rise at all to-day. The pain was less than before; no vomiting; tenderness over the swollen part almost disappeared. Prescribed *Bryonia 200* once daily.

*15th January, 1928.* The patient was found not to be progressing at all—on the contrary, the following new symptoms were noticed:—

The tongue was coated and flabby and took the imprint of teeth; there was copious, oily, offensive perspiration troubling the patient; there was offensive odour of the breath; slight salivation was present; the exudation was still present.

Relying upon these clear-cut symptoms I prescribed *Merc. Sol 30* twice daily.

*18th January, 1928.* All the above symptoms disappeared totally; there was no exudation; no pain over the affected part, no tympanitis; no tumour could be detected in the iliac fossa.

Placebo was given.

*24th January, 1928.* The patient was on a fair way towards recovery. No more doses of *Merc. Sol* were necessary.

The boy was examined by the Surgeons who had seen him before and they declared that no trace of appendicitis could be detected at that time.

#### CASE No. 3.

#### STERILITY CURED WITH AURUM MURIATICUM NATRONATUM.

Mr. B. C. Mitra, M.A., B.L., is the only son of Mr. Bhagabati Mitra, a very wealthy man of Tollygunge, Calcutta.

It was in January, 1912 that I was called in to see and examine the daughter-in-law of Mr. Bhagabati Mitra, a young woman aged about 26 who had been suffering from an extremely painful dysmenorrhœa for more than 6 years.

Mr. B. C. Mitra married the girl when she was only fifteen years of age, but though they had been united these years there had been no issue much to the great regret of Mr. Bhagabati Mitra who was expecting to see the face of his grand-child so long. The young wife had been under the treatment of several eminent I. M. S. doctors who had diagnosed malposition of the uterus and indurated cervix. After having treated her for more than 8 months, they pronounced her case amenable only to mechanical treatment and informed the husband that any internal medicine would do nothing for her. Her father-in-law unwilling to torture her with mechanical treatment, placed her under some homœopaths of the town, but the result was not at all satisfactory either to patient or to her guardians. She went on suffering excruciating agony month after month and to Mr. Bhagabati Mitra's extreme regret, there was no prospect of giving him an heir to his not inconsiderable property. After my examination I came to learn that every month, for two days just preceding the catamenia, the poor girl's agonies were very excruciating—so much so that she could take no food on those two days and could not at all stand erect on account of a cramping contraction of the abdominal walls. Her restlessness and expressions of agony were too painful to witness, but no sooner had the foul blood found its way out of the uterus, than all pains disappeared as if by magic and the girl bore the four (sometimes 5 or 6) days of her period quite cheerfully as if nothing extraordinary had happened to her.

On palpation and on a careful consideration of all the

facts collected from the husband, I ascertained that the uterus was lying bent back with the fundus and thereby bending and contracting the neck thereof. So that it was two day's thumping and knocking at the almost closed door before the catamenial blood could make its way out and it was this forcing its way out that produced so much pain to the poor wife. She was otherwise perfectly healthy, except for a slight looseness of the bowels for a day or two before menses. My first prescription was *Viburnum op.* lx, thrice daily giving a respite of three days after each week's dosing. The effect of this medicine was fairly satisfactory, the paroxysms at the next period lasting only for three hours in place of 48 hours as formerly. But I did not think it fit to continue this medicine for, as I thought all the mischief lay in the retroflexed uterus, a remedy was needed, the administration of which would impart a healthy tone to the ligaments of the womb and gradually draw it up to its normal position.

I prescribed *Aurum Muriatricum Natronatum* 3x to be given twice daily after two principal meals. I told Mr. B. Mitter that this medicine would not only cure his daughter-in-law of her monthly painful sufferings, but would also conduce to a considerable extent to give him his long-longed-for heir.

To my great satisfaction and to the greater joy of her husband and father-in-law, who had given up all hope of her ever falling enciente, there was not only no appearance of menses at the next period, but she was attacked with a morning sickness that troubled her greatly, though the same was ultimately removed by the administration of *Symphoricarpus Racemosa* 3x. There was no doubt about her case—she was pregnant.

Exactly in the tenth month at 4 a. m. my fair patient was delivered of a perfectly healthy boy, the labour lasting

not more than 3 hours. What a grand tribute to the universality of Homœopathy!

## CASE NO. 4.

OBSTINATE MALARIAL FEVER CURED  
WITH IGNATIA.

A niece of Khan Bahadur A. Momen, M. L. C. while he was serving as the Commissioner of the Chittagong Division in Bengal, was placed under my treatment on the 10th January, 1929. On my arrival at his house I ascertained that the patient had been suffering from chronic malarial fever for more than 6 months. All sorts of allopathic remedies prescribed by some eminent allopaths of Burdwan and Calcutta were used, but unfortunately nothing could check the fever without any symptoms of abatement.

*Past History.* The patient's native place is located at Burdwan. She had an attack of high fever associated with extreme shivering all on a sudden one day and the temperature rose up to 106.2. The blood and urine were examined and the disease was declared to be malarial fever.

Quinine was largely used and it could not stop the rise of temperature. In this fashion the fever went on troubling the patient for more than 6 months. I marked the following symptoms in the patient:—

*Temperament.* The patient was highly nervous; got easily excited.

The fever was of a postponing nature; the attacks were irregular both in periodicity and evolution of stages.

*Time.* There was no fixity when the fever would appear. The paroxysm generally appeared in the afternoon at 5 P. M.

*Prodromal Stage.* There was terrible shuddering.

*Chill.* There was excessive thirst for large quantities of

water during this stage ; shaking chilliness associated with redness of the face ; there was coldness all through the body which was considerably relieved by external warmth.

*Heat.* There was no thirst during this stage ; *sleepiness during heat* ; urticaria-like *eruptions used to appear* over some parts of the body, with great itching, ameliorated by scratching and these eruptions could not be found when the stage of sweat appeared ; heat was aggravated by covering.

*Sweat.* No thirst during this stage. Extreme weakness during this stage.

*Tongue.* Clean and food tasteless.

*Apyrexia.* Complete.

As the above are the clear-cut symptoms of Ignatia, I prescribed *Ignatia 200* one dose during the apyrexia stage. The result was simply marvellous. The temperature only rose up to 100.2 on that day and that at about 11 P. M. at night.

Next day. Placebo was given. There was no rise of temperature this day. One single dose of *Ignatia* cured the patient completely.

This case which baffled the skill of several eminent allopaths of the city, was cured speedily with a single drop of our despised remedy and that with Ignatia only.

Khan Bahadur A. Momen was jeered at by his numerous friends while he decided to try homeopathic remedies. But later on those who came to curse, began to pray, as the effect of a single dose of our remedy was so very speedy and instantaneous.

Sometimes we, the prescribers, become astonished at the result effected by homeopathic remedies.

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