

A Case of Suspected Tuberculosis.

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A lady aged about 30 who was having treatment for Tuberculosis in the hands of Allopathic Physicians, came under observation in the 1st week of March, 1931 for the following Symptoms :—

- (1) Nervous, easily irritated, weak memory.
- (2) Paroxysmal attacks of severe headache with nausea and extreme photophobia, the attack comes once in 2 or 3 months and lasts for 2 or 3 days.—This symptom is present for the last 12 years.
- (3) Tonsillitis and Pharyngitis present from the very childhood.
- (4) Pyorrhœa, with loose teeth, ulcerated gums and tongue.
- (5) Complete anorexia. Burning pain in the abdomen with excessive acidity and sour eructation < towards evening. Distension of the abdomen. Enlarged, engorged and painful liver. Diarrhœa alternating with constipation.
- (6) Tenderness in the left ovarian region, profuse Leucorrhœa.
- (7) Rheumatic pain in the joints of the extremities.
- (8) Perspiration of Palms and Soles, flushes of heat all over the body.
- (9) Sleeplessness for the last few months.
- (10) Fever—almost continuous for the last 8 months, appears with a slight chill between 1 to 4 P. M., reaches a maximum of 102° to 103° F between 10

and 11 P. M. then gradually subsides to 99° or sometimes 98° by about 9 A. M.

An enquiry into the past history and family history of the patient revealed the following facts :—

- (a) Used to have attacks of hysteric fits 12 years ago.
- (b) Once suffered from jaundice 10 years ago.
- (c) Had 'G' and 'S' before.
- (d) Epistaxis 5 years ago.
- (e) Mother had Insanity.
- (f) Influenza 10 months ago.

Below I reproduce my notes on the above case which was completely brought round within 4 months.

We notice that the long continued fever with suspicion of T. B. has developed after an attack of Influenza. There is distinct disturbance of digestion and some hepatic symptoms since the present suffering. Jaundice 10 years ago also shows a tendency of the patient towards a disturbance of liver. There is sour taste and evening eructation. All these symptoms indicate Card. Mar.—From Boericke we find it to be a remedy for Influenza with Liver complaints.

From Herring—we get 'gastric fever' is frequent in epidemic Influenza. It is also useful in

(i) Burning of the Stomach

(ii) Hyperacidity and sour contents of the Stomach. We do not know whether it is correctly stated that she had 'G' and 'S' probably contracted from husband. When we combine this fact with afternoon rise of Temperature, hot flushes all over the body, tendency to consumption and profuse leucorrhœa we get a hint of Medorrhinum. This

is corroborated by insanity in mother. We keep in record that Card. Mar. has got insanity with liver complaints.

Excessive Pyorrhœa now persisting indicate poor condition of liver.

Referring to the medicine in this line—Nitric acid and Thuja are suggested as complementary to Medorrhinum which also covers perspiration of palms and soles and pain in the left ovarian region (Boger).

Thuja also covers, persistent anorexia and insomnia (Bœricke). Nitric acid most-efficiently covers the Pathological condition of mouth and gums.

Patient has got Pharyngeal affection and bad liver for a long time. This suggests Kali mur. which is a complementary to Card. mar.

Order of remedies selected were as follows. Card-mar—>Kali Mur.—>Medorrhinum—>Thuja—>Nitric acid. When the course of Medorrhinum was about to be finished, the patient got an attack of severe headache. The headache became so severe that the patient wanted to discontinue treatment and try allopathic medicine for her headache. After the use of Card. Mar., Kali-Mur. and Medor. the patient was 90% better, there was no fever and the acidity was much less and the patient was gaining strength and weight; in other words, she was showing an all round improvement. Not intending to lose the patient at this stage, the case was reviewed and Taraxacum was selected on the following consideration:—

- (1) Has headache of long duration with Nausea and Photophobia.
- (2) Sour taste.
- (3) Sour eructation.

- (4) Gastric Headache.
- (5) Hysterical Tendency.

After Taraxacum, Thuja and Nitric Ac. were prescribed and the patient was completely fit within 4 months since she came under homœopathic treatment.

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