

Shortly after this, another eleven-year old girl with the following history was treated. At five she developed measles which was followed by an ear infection which eventually invaded the mastoids. Both ears had continued to discharge and an open sinus remained back of one of the ears. This discharge was sometimes sanguinous, sometimes pure pus, and always offensive. She had been treated homœopathically but no remedy had benefited her. She was given a dose of Staph. Māab. 200th, since which there has been a diminution in the discharge of pus and lessening of the odour; it is not so pussy, is inclined to be watery and in general she is much better. This remedy was given intuitively, the logic of the prescription being that it should have a specific relationship to the mastoid region and should contain all of the elements for combating pus-formation.

Sulphur.

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COMPARISONS.

In the Comparisons with Sulphur some medicines will be given for which the drug could be mistaken, but the governing idea here is to group together for some measure of comparative study twelve great antipsorics.

SULPHUR.

Nervous temperament,
Quick motioned, Quick-tem-
pered, Plethoric, Skin very
Sensitive to atmospheric
Changes.

ALCES.

Relaxed, Phlegmatic
habit, Hypochondriac.

Early a. m. diarrhoea
with sphincter control.

Margin of lids red and
scurfy. "Cat-nap" sleep.

SULPHUR.

Left side

Eruptions worse in open
air.

Pupils generally contrac-
ted.

Menses generally too
late. Scanty, short.

Worse when standing.

Hands hard. knotty,
osseous.

Diarrhoea in the a. m.

Skin remedy.

Better by cold, worse
from heat.

Lean, lank, listless, lazy.

SULPHUR.

Itching eruptions or
vesicles around the joints.

Eruptions commonly dry.

Painless eruptions and
ulcers.

Predominantly worse

Urgent early a. m.
diarrhoea, fears that sphinc-
ter control will fail.

Margin of lids red and
scurfy. Insomnia.

CALCAREA.

Right side.

Eruptions better in open
air.

Pupils generally dilated.

Menses generally too
soon profuse, long.

Better when standing.

Hands flabby, lax, limp.

Diarrhoea in the p. m.

Bone and connective
tissue remedy.

Better by heat, worse
from cold (especially damp
cold).

Fair, fat, flabby.

GRAPHITES.

Rhagades around the
joints.

Eruptions humid, viscid,
exudation.

Painful eruptions and
ulcers.

Predominantly better

from warmth, better from cold.

Lean, hot, diarrhoeic.

SULPHUR.

Lack of bodily irritability.

Lean, stooping, nervous. Typically dark, may be light complexioned or red-haired.

Generally better from cold, better from heat or of a stove.

Itching ulcers, otherwise not over-painful.

SULPHUR.

Burning of soles.

Worse at 11 a. m.

SULPHUR.

Worse from milk.

Diarrhoea predominates.

Sleeps with eyes half-open.

A prime remedy to begin the treatment of a chronic case.

from warmth, worse from cold.

Fat, chilly, costive.

HEPAR SULPHUR.

Bodily over sensitiveness especially in acute conditions.

Slow, torpid, lymphatic. Typically light hair or complexion (muscles soft, flabby).

Generally worse from cold, in cold dry weather, better in damp weather.

Painful, sore, sensitive ulcers, surrounded by little pimples.

LYCOPODIUM.

Burning between Scapulae (Phosphorus).

Worse at 4 to 8 p. m.

LYCOPODIUM.

Also worse from milk.

Constipation predominates.

Sleeps with eyes half-open.

Best preceded by a suitable anti-psoric; follows Calcarea, Lachesis or Sulphur well.

Epigastric sinking worse at 11 a. m. (also 8-9 a. m. ; 1-2 p. m.)

SULPHUR.

Anti-psoric.

Chronic diseases ; does not take cold easily ; diarrhoeic.

Eruptions painless.

Special seat of external action : the skin.

Discharges very offensive, urine, faeces, sweat.

SULPHUR.

Venous remedy.

Predominant lack of bodily irritability.

Diarrhoea guiding.

Menses too late, short, difficult.

Better in warm dry weather.

Acts best given in the morning.

Dyspepsia from milk.

SULPHUR.

Dark, lean, stooping, lazy, rough skin.

Epigastric sinking worse at night, preventing sleep.

NITRIC ACID.

Anti-psoric, anti-syphilitic, anti-sycotic.

Chronic diseases ; takes cold easily ; diarrhoeic.

Eruptions painful, especially with sharp, splinter-like pains.

Special seat of external action : Orifices where skin and mucosa join.

Ditto.

NUX-VOMICA.

Neutral remedy.

Great bodily (and mental) irritability.

Constipation guiding.

Menses too early, copious, always irregular.

Better in damp, wet weather (Causticum, Hepar).

Acts better given in the evening.

Dyspepsia from strong Coffee.

PHOSPHORUS.

Tall, slender, nervous, blonde or auburn, fine skin.

Epidermies and venous capillaris.

Antidotes ailments from abuse of metals.

Burning sensations (Ars.)

Skin dry, scaly, suppurative.

Better in warm dry weather.

Better lying on right side.

Nervous & bloody.

Antidotes ailments from abuse of salt.

Ditto.

Skin petechial, ecchymotic, every scratch bleeds profusely.

Worse from any weather change.

Ditto.

SULPHUR.

Worse from heat.

Lack of vital reaction.

Filthy odour.

Does not catch cold easily.

Very faint & hungry at 11 a. m.

Pustular eruptions.

Aggravated by milk.

Worse in cold; damp weather.

SULPHUR.

Motion generally aggravates.

Worse from damp cold.

Aversion to milk.

Better lying on right side.

PSORINUM.

Worse from cold.

Ditto.

Ditto.

Catches cold easily.

Very hungry at midnight.

Herpetic eruptions.

Very greatly aggravated by coffee.

Worse from cold; from change of weather.

RHUSTOX.

Continued motion relieved.

Ditto.

Desire for milk.

Worse lying on right side.

Worse from warmth of bed.

SULPHUR.

Hot remedy.
Thirst during fever.

Objective nasal stench.
Better in dry weather.
Principally sour vomit.
Menses too short, scanty.

SULPHUR.

Left side.

Lack of bodily irritability.

Painless eruptions; ulcers.
Menses generally too short.

Worse from being over-hurried.

Generally better in dry cold weather.

Worse in company.

Worse lying on right-side.

SEPIA.

Chilly Remedy.
Thirst during chill
(Ignatia).

Subjective nasal stench.
Worse in dry weather.
Principally bitter vomit.
Menses too long, profuse.

SILICEA.

Right Side.

Increased bodily irritability.

Painful eruptions, ulcers.
Menses generally too long.

Worse when idle.

Generally better in wet warm weather, but always worse from cold weather, wet or dry.

Better in company.

EARLY MORNING DIARRHŒA.

Aloe, Bryonia, Kali Bichromicum, Natrum Sulphuricum, Podophyllum, and Sulphur all have characteristically early morning diarrhœa.

With Aloe and Sulphur the patient wakes with the urging and is driven out of bed in great haste. In both, the diarrhœa is not apt to continue throughout the day.

but again, in the next morning, there is the same urging and haste.

In Bryonia ; the urging comes after the patient has risen and moved about a little ; from the slightest motion he is hurried to stool.

In Natrum Sulph ; the urging comes after the patient has risen. It may be any time during the forenoon.

Podo. diarrhoea occurs characteristically at 3 or 4 A.M. and continues up to 9 A. M., after which the patient is likely to have a natural stool which may continue throughout the whole day.

Kali Bi. is similar to Aloe and Sulph.—the patient is wakened with the urging and driven out of bed in great haste.

SYMPTOMS.

ALOE.	SULPHUR.	KALI BICHROM.
1. Stools, yellow, watery and <i>profuse</i> .	1. Stools, yellow, watery or undigested or changeable. More likely to be <i>scanty</i> and <i>frothy</i> .	1. Stools, generally brownish, watery and frothy, mixed with <i>stringy mucus</i> .
2. Gushing out. A sense of insecurity in the rectum, <i>involuntary</i> even when passing <i>flatus</i> or <i>urine</i> .	2. Gushing out. Involuntary only when sudden, or otherwise, not marked.	2. Also gushing and involuntary.
3. Moderately offensive.	3. Putrid or sour.	3. More likely to be odorless.

4. Constant *loud gurgling* in the abdomen is marked.

4. *Excoriation* is marked. The urine is excoriating, the stool is excoriating.

4. The diarrhoea followed by tenesmus.

Prolapsus ani during and after stool.

PODOPHYLLUM.

1. Stools, watery, pasty, yellow or undigested. Frequent.

2. Forcibly expelled and *wonderfully profuse*.

3. *Horribly offensive* and painless.

4. Great weakness in the rectum and abdomen after the stool.

NATRUM SULPHURICUM.

1. Stools, thin, yellow fluid.

2. Gushing and sputtering with profuse emission of flatus. May be involuntary, while passing flatus or urine.

3. Not frequent and often painless

4. Violent colic and rumbling before stool. Relief of colic and *cheerfulness* after stool.

BRYONIA.

1. Stools, copious, papescent, dark green, sometimes undigested.

2. More likely to be painless and involuntary during stool.

3. Smelling like rotten cheese.

SEASON.

Aloe—*Hot*, damp weather.

Bryonia—*Hot* weather, or when the weather becomes warmer.

Kali Bi.—Early part of *summer*.

Natrum Sulph.—*Damp* weather.

Podophyllum—*Hot* weather.

Sulphur—*Damp* weather.

CAUSATION.

Suppressed eruptions—Sulphur.

Chagrin—Aloe and Bryonia.

Fruit—Bryonia (Ars., Chin.)

Unripe fruit—Aloe.

Sour fruit—Aloe.

Farinaceous food—Nat. Sulph.

Beer—Aloe, Sulph. and Kali Bi.

Acid—Aloe and Sulph.

Sour Krout—Bryon.

Ice-cream—Bryon (Ars.)

PERSONALITY.

Aloe.—Indolent, weary persons; *averse to either mental or physical labour*.

Bryonia.—*Spare, dark-haired and complexioned persons with bilious tendency*.

Kali Bi.—*Fat, light-haired persons who suffer from catarrhal, syphilitic or psoric affections*.

Natrum Sulph.—*Hydrogenoid constitutions i. e. those who are very sensitive to damp, wet weather. This constitution is considered as providing the soil for gonorrhoeal infection*.

Pod.—*Persons of bilious temperament who suffer from gastro-intestinal derangement, especially after abuse of mercury*.

Sulphur.—*Lean, stoop-shouldered persons; dirty, filthy looking people, prone to skin affections*.

Sulphur has great *sensitiveness to cold air* or cold bathing though he has flashes of heat and burning of the soles and palms.

Aloe is a *hot-blooded* patient; he is worse from heat and better from cold.

Kali Bi. is a *chilly* patient; he is ameliorated by warmth and aggravated by cold.

These three are to be thought of in beer drinkers.

In Bryonia though the complaints come on after taking cold, yet it is common for him to be *ameliorated from cool air*.

Natrum Sulph. feels *better in the cold, open air*.

Podo. is *worse in the open air* and while washing.

MIND AND MOOD.

ALOE has a few mental symptoms only. He becomes extremely irritable and excited in his attacks of colic. He *hates* people and repels every one.

In SULPHUR *peevishness and melancholy* generally predominate during diarrhoea. The patient dwells on philosophical speculations; he is the 'ragged philosopher'—dirty looking—always inclined to speculate and brood but not to work.

KALI BI. is an *ill-humored, low-spirited* patient.

NATRUM SULPH. is cheerful and happy after stool. The patient is *depressed*; anything like melancholic strains, gentle music, the mellow light coming through a window, make him sad. He has an impulse to kill himself and he fights hard to resist the temptation.

BRYONIA is a *peevish, irritable* patient. He desires things which cannot be had or are refused when offered.

(Chamomilla like Bryonia has complaints following anger. With Bryon. there is apt to be chilliness with the anger; with Chamo. the patient gets hot and sweats.

PODO. has great *depression of spirits* ; the mind is easily fatigued ; he is fidgety and restless. Restless tossing about in bed with entire relief while doing so.

DESIRES AND AVERSIONS.

ALOE has an aversion to meat. He longs for juicy things ; fruits, especially apples ; beer.

BRYONIA has thirst for large quantities of cold drinks. He desires wine, coffee and sour drinks. He has no appetite for milk, but if he takes it the appetite returns and he begins to relish it.

KALI BI. desires ale or acid drinks. He is averse to meat.

NATRUM SULPH. has disgust for bread, of which he was formerly fond. He has great desire for ice, or ice-cold water.

PODO. may desire acids. He is averse to smell of food (Cocc., Colch.)

SULPHUR has a great craving for food, especially with little children. The patient drinks much and eats little. He has violent thirst for beer or brandy ; desire for sweets, and diseases from eating sweet things (Arg. nit.). Milk disagrees, causing sour taste and sour eructations. He is averse to meat.

ACCOMPANIMENTS AND MODALITIES.

Aloe has—(a) loud gurgling in the abdomen as of water running out of a bottle (even in dysentery) ;

(b) good appetite, most frequently met with in children ;

(c) urging for stool, every time after eating or drinking.

Bryonia is—(a) a peevish, ill-tempered patient ;

(b) thirsty for large quantities of water ;

(c) averse to motion and worse thereby. He is hurried to stool from any motion, even of a hand or foot.

Kali Bi. has a tongue dry, red, smooth and cracked—shining like a glass bottle.

Natrum Sulph., in addition to the other symptoms, has the tendency to painful suppurations around the finger-nails.

In Podo.—(a) many symptoms alternate. Headache alternates with diarrhœa or with liver complaints, or diarrhœa alternate with constipation ;

(b) there is gagging or empty retching ;

(c) the patient is hurried to stool after eating or drinking.

Sulphur has—(a) an empty, hungry feeling, particularly about 10 or 11 a. m. ;

(b) burning of the soles of feet, the palms of hands and heat on the top of head ;

(c) offensive odor of the body despite frequent washing. The patient is averse to washing.

In Sulphur the *patient* is worse after bathing ; in Podo. the *diarrhœa* is worse after bathing.

A Case of Menorrhœa

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In the month of December last, I was called upon to treat a case of Menorrhœa. The patient was 42 years of age having given birth to 8 children and suffering from excessive menses for the last two years. Her husband, a staunch adherent of Allopathy, tried every sort of treatment which the old school doctors could offer but to no useful purpose. She was once taken to Bombay to a