

“THE MENTAL SYMPTOMS AND HOMOEOPATHY”

Dr. Kent stressed the importance of the mental provings in the *Materia Medica*. On several occasions he did this so strongly as almost to suggest that a remedy is useless and is of no use if we can not cure the patients mental symptoms. Many a time, he cured patients only on mental symptoms alone as no other symptoms were clear to decide the medicines.

The great master of Homoeopathy has already mentioned in his writings that to make a stool to stand one needs three legs then only it can, otherwise it will have a fall so in a chronic case mental symptoms are the one leg, particular symptoms are the second and modalities is the third leg, on which you can select a remedy to cure a patient. It has been verified not once but several times that mind plays a great part hence a medicine selected on mental symptoms alongwith modalities and peculiarities will help the patient out of the storm and the ship will sale to the shore without disaster.

Professor Smith in his lecture has said “The State of the mind therefore may alter the body function, and if health depends on this continuous relationship, anything which disturbs that harmony may cause ill health, whether the disturbance arises from known physical or mental causes or otherwise”. Later on he made this further observation “and so far as the mind is concerned and its relationship to the rhythm of the bodily processes, we are almost as such in the dark as our predecessors of the time of Hippocrates, Plato, Aristotle and others who nevertheless saw its importance.” What is mind must for the greater part remain only a conception to the

human entity. Religious mystics and others have written much that is not comprehensible to the ordinary lay man. But it might be fairly understood as the Force which is in control of the complex machinery of the human body and which is more clearly apprehended in the thought processes of the brain which fix or create habits and behaviour patterns. “As a man Thinketh in his heart so is he”. It is simple reasoning that if the complex machinery of the human body should be in some form of disfunction the mind would be disturbed and unable to carry out its work of control. Then should we expect to see it manifested through the thought processes of the brain and the habits which it had created replaced by new ones that is mental symptoms.

Conversely, if the mind is disturbed through the emotional field the harmonious relationship with the bodily functions is also deranged. As for example, the state of fear or grief which reflects in indigestion or diarrhoea or paralysis, when the mind is relieved of its unusal strain it assumes again the control of the body functions and that which has appeared as disease or ill health vanishes. In present day life stress and strain causes many diseases which when implanted on sycotic or syphilitic miasm become more complicated and incurable diseases. Hence we should always think of mental symptoms and try to select remedy on these lines.

So we appreciate the importance of “The mental provings” in Homoeopathy which is an anchor on which the ship floats in the troubled water of human system. ●

Dr. R. M. MASURKAR**KARNATAKA****'Blue flag' against Intractable - Post- Operative Vomiting.**

A patient, Padmavathi Hegde by name, from Honavar aged 22 years was brought to my clinic, for retention of urine. I passed a metal female catheter and relieved the distension, after a few hours she had again distension of the urinary bladder and again relieved by catheter. This continued for three or four days. When I came to know that she had 2 months pregnancy I suspected whether it could be due to retroverted uterus, the cervix pressing upon the urethra, as everyone knows, it happens in case of retroverted uterus of four months pregnancy, when the fundus of the uterus is held up at the pelvic brim and the cervix pressing upon the urethra. I did a P. V. to ascertain my doubt. But it was not so, the fundus seemed to have been pushed to the right iliac fossa, and the cervix pressing the urethra and axis of the uterus was in the right oblique position; the uterus was still small in size to reach the height of the pelvic brim. The next day after preparing the patient for operation, I opened her abdomen and found a broad ligament cyst on the left side, pushing the fundus of the uterus, to the right side. I carefully

opened the broad ligament in order to shell out the cyst, but it had extended deep down into the pelvis, and I took two and half hours to do the operation. She had a kinked appendix, which was also removed. I was then using a mixture of chloroform and ether for anaesthesia. This was in 1957, I did the operation. From the next day, severe nausea and vomiting started, and she could not even retain a few teaspoonful of water. For two subsequent days, it continued without remission; I gave her two bottles of glucose saline infusion intravenously, but to no avail. The usual medicines like phosphorus, Ipecac and others were tried, but nothing could stop her nausea and vomiting. One of my compoundingers told me, that she vomits rosy saliva, the one end of which touched the tray and the other end still holding to the lips. Suddenly Iris versicolor struck to my mind. I referred the materia medica, for verification and gave her 4 doses of the medicine to be given, every hour. It had such a magical effect, that the nausea and vomiting stopped within an hour, and I heaved a sigh of relief, in this case the rosy saliva led me to this prescription.

II

Dr. V. KRISHNAMOORTHY**SRIRANGAM****Thanks to "ARNOLD'S REPERTORY"**

i) An old man of sixty-five, was brought to me as he was passing blood with urine. I was told that he is a confirmed prostate gland cancer patient, awaiting operation the next week.

I simply referred to ARNOLD'S REPERTORY and under the Chapter "Urinary Organs"

on page 604. I found the following rubric:
Urine, bloody... with cancer of bladder, or prostate:

Against this symptom, the name of only one remedy, viz., Crot-hor. was given and I prescribed one single dose of Crotalus horridus in the IM potency and blood stopped

that night itself. Moreover, when he went for surgery the next week, no trace of cancer could be found and so surgery was dropped. No doubt, the remedy also cured him of cancer.

ii) An epileptic boy of seven was brought for consultation by his father. I did not put any question but simply asked the father to tell me. He said that the boy is having epileptic attacks since childhood. Then, at the end, he remarked, "Doctor, one thing, I don't know why, while sitting in the commode for passing stool, he invariably gets the attack." At the end of narrating the complaints whenever the patient leans forward towards you and tells a symptom with exclamation, "Doctor, one thing....", then most probably you have the key to the simillimum, but such things are not taught in the homoeo colleges. Only if you do not start using your imagination and only if you keep quite, allowing the patient to continue, to gain time, you simply pretend looking into the reference books. I referred to ARNOLD'S REPERTORY and under the chapter "Stool and Rectum" on page 577 found the following:

During stool, convulsion: Art. V.

Since only one remedy *Artemisia Vulgaris* was found, I gave this in 200th potency to the boy and waited for two months. That one dose relieved him more than 75% according to the parents. Thereafter I gave a dose of the same remedy in the 10M potency and this cured the boy completely and it is more than seven years now and the boy did not get any more attack. His general health, appetite also improved.

iii) Here is a rare case where three members in the same family with same complaint was cured with one and the same remedy. A vegetable vendor came and told me, "Doctor, all my children are now having ugly skin complaints. In the night at bed, they scratch so violently. It originally started in one child and then spread to the other two. I have tried allopathy, no result." I asked him to bring one child and saw the skin. It was ring-worm, otherwise called herpes in the language of the Repertory. I confirmed from

the father that the other two children were having the same type of skin complaint. I consulted ARNOLD'S REPERTORY and on page 1155 read the various sub-rubrics given under "SKIN-ERUPTION, herpes," and noted down the following:

Ugly, black looking, communicated from one person to others ... Phyt.

What a surprise! The condition as told by the patient without our digging for any symptom, was given so exactly - I gave a dose of *Phytolacca-200* to all the three children and they were cured. Thanks to Arnold's Repertory which is helping me to find the one correct remedy in most of the cases, particularly where Kent, Boger and Boennighausen did not give the service.

iv) A boy of sixteen, who was brought to me with the complaint bronchitis for so many years. I was looking at the boy, and he remarked "Doctor, can you cure me this clutching pain in my chest (shows his heart region).... I referred to ARNOLD'S REPERTORY on and page 830 noted the following: "Heart, ... grasping sensation.... as if clutched, with chronic bronchitis: Cact." Cactus - IM single dose cured him not only of the clutching pain but also his chronic bronchitis.

What we hear or see about the patient in the clinic is given verbatim in Arnold's.

v) A female child of five was admitted in a Nursing Home for brain fever. The condition was going from bad to worse and a friend of the child's father recommended my name but he declined the suggestion saying that he has already consulted leading homoeopaths in the city. However, on repeated persuasion, he agreed to consult me. I noticed that the child was weeping often and every time the mother went to it to carry it, it tried to get hold of her face by stretching both its arms. They exclaimed that the child will suddenly start weeping at when tried to take hold of the child, parent. Again, ARNOLD'S REPERTORY.

MIND....Weeping, sudden with clutching of hair, or nurse's face (Cerebro-spinal meningitis): Dig.

A dose of Digitalis-30 stopped the crying and I told them to get the child discharged and bring home. The child recovered completely in a day's time without any need to repeat the remedy.

Those interested to know about another Repertory called WILKINSON'S, REPERTORY

may write to Dr. Krishnamoorthy, 16, Varudhi Nager, SRIRANGAM-620 006

The author has, of course, failed with Arnold's Repertory, but the percentage of failure is negligible compared to the number of successful cures!

III

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TUBERCULINUM IN BLINDNESS

A 3yrs old male child gradually lost his eye sight after a prolonged fever. The right eye ball deviated out side, this deviation of the eye ball was noticed by the parents after the fever which he had during the month of Ramzaan 1990. There is a history of injection which was given to the child during fever. After the fever settled down the child started showing the signs of loosing his vision.

On examination there was complete loss of eye sight. The child was not able to percieve light. Triple and polio injections were given at the age of 3, 4, 5 months. Child had measles at the age of 1 year, and also recurring cough & cold.

The child was very playful, mentally active & alert, though he could not see but he replied all questions boldly and intelligently, child was obstinate, affectionate, active and used to weep easily. If provoked became

irritable with revengeful attitude and also fond of travelling. The child had a strong desire for the company of father and mother while sleeping. He wanted to lie down between father and mother. He was in the habit of sleeping holding his father's hand in his one hand and mother's ear with his other hand. Investigation (catscan) reveals a moderate degree of hydrocephalus with a calcified tuberculoma. Allopathic colleague were in an opinion of operation, but they were not sure that this will regain the eye sight of child. However the father couldn't afford that type of treatment that is why he recommended Homoeopathic treatment. One year treatment restored the vision of the child completely.

The remedy prescribed was Tuberculinum in Repeated does under the rubrics, Revengeful attitudes, strong desire for travelling, Active and playful child with recurrent cough and cold.

ANSWERS TO "QUINQUINA QUIZ QUEST - SUMMER 92"

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| 1 Opium | 9 Lycopodium |
| 2 Mercurius Solubilis | 10 Lac Caninum |
| 3 Ledum Pal | 11 Nux Vomica |
| 4 Kali Carb | 12 Kali Iod |
| 5 Bryonia | 13 Natrum Phos |
| 6 Antimonium Crud | 14 Arsenic Alb |
| 7 Valeriana | 15 Rhododendron. |
| 8 Calcarea Phos | |