

first time and the stool consisted of hard dry balls, mixed with tough and purulent mucus, and she was given two ounces of milk which she took eagerly, but there was no vomiting at all. *Justicia 3x* was given every 5 hours.

November 4—There was more improvement this day. The bowels had been moving naturally and there were only five fits of coughing during twenty-four hours. The girl had been drinking milk with an amount of eagerness which could not be found a month before. The same medicine was continued.

November 6—The cough had totally disappeared and the girl appeared to be jolly.

The same medicine was given every six hours. The girl regained her former vigour and strength within a fortnight.

More clinical cases in support of the efficacy of *Justicia Adhatoda* will be published in a subsequent article.

The Materia Medica of Pain.

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I will grant you one of the tests of a good homœopath, of course, is the ability to handle these difficult and obscure chronic cases, repertoire his cases and cure them. On the other hand, I also feel that we can say a test of the homœopath is his confidence in his little satchel, when he is called into an occasional acute emergency, when something must be done quick, and he finds himself there with nothing but his potencies, no morphine or aspirin or anything to fall back upon.

Last year at Cleveland in the Bureau of Materia Medica, of which I happened to be Chairman, Dr. Dixon took a census of the men who did not have morphine or

anything in itself anodyne in their medicine cases. I think out of a possible hundred in the room, 16 were glad to admit that they practised without any opiate in their cases.

So, as I say, that to me is an excellent test of what can be done and how much confidence one has in true homeopathy.

Personal Experience in the Treatment of Pain

Today, I want to talk to you upon my experience in the treatment of pain. What I mean is acute pain in emergency cases treated with straight homeopathy. I am not going to talk to you on what you may find in materia medica regarding indications but what has actually been my own experience in cases, so that it will be probably personal and mostly a recitation of cases, cases from which I have gained my faith because for many of them I prescribed I was in doubt.

Aconite

I will take up the remedies more or less alphabetically starting with aconite. When I think of aconite there comes to my mind an incident; I was called to Liggett's drug store one evening, to come quickly. I found a man, probably about 60, leaning on the counter. His face was that of considerable pain or agony, in fact, typical you would say of an acute heart attack. I talked with him and found he was from Washington Court House, a druggist. He had been having these attacks for quite a while, and his only relief was an opiate. A glass of water with a few drops of aconite third relieved him within fifteen minutes when he was able to stand on his feet and return to his hotel with the address of Dr. Hobson of his home city.

All of you, of course, know the action of aconite in

these conditions. The chief indication is anxiety and without anxiety no aconite. Where you have it you can rest assured upon the results.

Apis

The second remedy I will take up is apis. It gives marvellous results, it seems to me. I think of a case of a little baby, just one year old. The baby had bronchial pneumonia. I was called to see it. I found the baby lying in the cradle, his head back, rigid, the back rigid, just staring with wide open eyes. We had intracranial pressure. The toxemia from our pneumonia was producing intracranial pressure, a meningeal inflammation; non-septic in fact, but toxic.

I recalled immediately the lecture given by Dr. Haynes on apis. He said that every summer he spent his vacations on the coasts of Maine. One afternoon when he was there, there were along the beach quite a few children playing. There was a little girl in a bathing suit, who started back to one of the cottages and in running across the field stumbled into a bees' nest and almost instantly the swarm pounced upon her and stung her in a very virulent manner. The symptom produced was marked oedema, but within a few minutes came on a coma, a typical coma we find noted in our materia medica; probably due undoubtedly to the marked diffusion we had from the meninges as the poison of the multiple stings was absorbed in the blood.

Most of us think of apis in connection with acute nephritis or in connection with arterial conditions. If it hadn't been for that little point made in his lecture I would not have thought of apis in this condition. Apis thirtieth was given in this case with almost immediate

relief. Within 24 hours the case was well under way to recovery.

The nice thing about a case of that kind is that when some one else tells you, "You are symptom hunters and don't treat your disease," you will analyze cases of this kind and if you want to prescribe on symptoms, open your materia medica under "Apis" and you will find the stupor, cerebral cry and the rigidity. Open any book on the pathogenesis of apis and you will find serous diffusions. So whether you prescribe on pathology, on symptomatology or in that ideal on the totality, which means both pathology and symptoms, you will come to your same conclusion in the true homœopathic selection of your remedy.

Argentum Nitricum

The next remedy that comes to my mind is argentum nitricum. I speak of this remedy in connection with a case that came in a few nights ago, a case of acute specific gonorrhœa. Incidentally, I had three cases obtained from toilet seats. It is something new for such an epidemic to spread in that way. This fellow had something strange, he admitted. I gave him because of his symptoms, argentum nitricum sixth. He came back to me the next day and said, "I don't believe I have gonorrhœa, the pain is all gone".

I told him we would see in a moment. The slide showed that he still had it but the case within about ten days was completely free from discharge. I don't speak of cure because that is a disease whose cure we are rather conservative in claiming, but at least the discharge is gone and the pain is gone. Argentum nitricum sixth, and no other remedy, shows remarkable results in relief of acute pains in that condition, when your remedy agrees.

Belladonna

The next remedy is belladonna, which brings a number of cases to my mind. One evening about nine o'clock, I was called to the south end to see a girl about 18, a telephone operator. I went into the house and was taken into the dining room, where I found her lying on a couch. The light was dimmed; in fact, the room was practically dark. I discovered in a moment my case was in delirium, couldn't talk to her at all.

My first observation was that the light was dim, must hurt her eyes, because I think that logical conclusion. They told me she had returned about four o'clock with a terrific headache, and almost before they could get anything out of her at all, she went into delirium. She was calling for her father. He had been an old school doctor, dead for seven years. She didn't know I was there. She didn't know anybody else was there. She was moaning and complaining of her head, her arms, her back, etc., as beautiful a case of belladonna as one could wish. Yet I can say with absolute certainty that 99 out of 100 of any old school physicians you would call in that case would have given her a quarter of a grain of morphine to quiet her in her delirium.

We gave her belladonna third in water, a few drops, to give her every half hour. At eleven o'clock she went to sleep. Called in the morning but she had gone to work. But you can compare such results with those that might be obtained after a shot of morphine.

Cantharis

Cantharis. I think we all know what wonderful action we get in acute inflammation of the urinary tract. I never appreciated that so much as when reading Nash in which he tells us, if your case has pneumonia, if your case has typhoid, or what not, if you have the cutting

pain, if you have this strangling that goes with it, give cantharis no matter what your conditions and you will get good results in regard to the whole condition of your patient.

I had such a case come in a few days ago, a young woman of about 20. While I was questioning her, which only took a few minutes, she had to urinate four times. She told me that her condition had been such that on some days she had to urinate 57 times in 24 hours. A specimen of urine which she brought was full of pus. Her disease, I believe, she had had for two or three years. Previous to coming to me she had spent \$350 for treatments. She had had ureter catheterizing; she had had cystoscopy, of course; she had had daily bladder irrigations. With what result?

"I am worse than when I started," she stated.

Very well, we put her on cantharis. She returned in a week 50 per cent better. She said, "I don't see how you can treat me without an examination."

I said, "Didn't the doctor whom you had previous to coming here examine you?"

"Yes."

"Didn't he catheterize your ureter?"

"Yes."

"Didn't he cystoscope you?"

"Yes."

"Didn't he irrigate your bladder?"

"Yes."

"And charge you \$350?"

"Yes."

"How much did it help you?"

"I was worse."

"Shall I start the whole thing over again?"

"Oh! no."

She is still coming and getting along beautifully, and now sleeps all night without getting up once. I have had to change my remedies on various occasions, once to terebinthina, but the case is prevailing nicely and I have not made a cystoscopy as yet.

Clematis Not Berberis

There is another condition not so acute but yet which has brought a remedy to my mind recently and has won me several good patients. I have had two patients complaining of this symptom, of the pain coming around the loin, down along the ureter and into the testicle or down to the end of the penis.

One of these cases was a man whose wife had been operated on some years ago and since that time he has been more or less of a celibant in his habits from necessity.

Another fellow not married, complaining of impotence and that particular pain.

In the first case, naturally the remedy that came to my mind was berberis. Most of us would think of that because of the characteristic pain. I put him on berberis. It didn't work. I raised the potency. Still it didn't work. I repeated it, but it didn't work. Then I knew I must not have a berberis case.

Urinalysis showed normal urine. Then I studied my case a little further and didn't take into consideration my pathology. My pathology on both of these was neurosis. No inflammation of the ureter; no cystitis; merely an ilio-scrotal-neuralgia.

In that case I need not give my man berberis which actually will cure and has cured many cases of distinct pyelitis with hemorrhage, pus and sand. I gave merely a functional remedy, clematis, and it brought about the most happy results.

(to be continued.)