

A BRIEF OUTLINE OF REMEDIES FROM POTASSIUM KINGDOM.

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Medicines that are Potassium preparations are generally adapted to fat, light-haired and "large persons" inclined to obesity and to those suffering from catarrhal, syphilitic or psoric affections. They depress motor and sensory nerves ending in paralysis, if continued. Anæsthesia of fauces, larynx, urethra and entire body. Spermatorrhœa due to excessive sexual desire, amorous dream and nocturnal emission. Somnambulism and night terrors of children (K. Brom.).

A periodical supraorbital headache begins with loss of vision which returns as the pain increases.

Skin :—Acne, worse during menstruation, eczema with intolerable itching while walking, undressing and from heat, lichen, psoriasis and fissures at the bend of elbows and knees, and gouty nodosities. Skin symptoms are better in cold weather ;—heat of summer and hot weather aggravates all complaints.

Rheumatism alternates with gastric symptoms, one appearing in the fall and an other in the spring.

Stitching pain, very characteristic ;—comes on independently of movement and is found anywhere and everywhere in almost every tissue even to the teeth ; the favourite place is lower right chest and is likely to run right through to the back.

Ladies at puberty ;—Blood lacks red corpuscles and patient becomes anæmic. She does not seem to be able to menstruate because of the poor quality of blood and general weakness and as a result, she inclines to bloat in face, around eyes and upper eyelids, gets much pain and weakness in lumber region with general weakness ; so there is a constant backache of such a nature that the patient feels all the time that the back and legs *give out*.

Potassium preparations are, besides Pneumonia, Pleurisy, Heart troubles, a marvellous remedy in advanced cases of Phthisis pulmonalis, mainly in lower right lung with profuse expectoration of matter of puslike appearance with a large cavity in the lung:

Chest affection aggravates from 2 to 3 A. M. and by lying on affected side, relieved by sitting up and leaning forward.

Several dyspeptic symptoms predominate in the remedy. Great sensitiveness of epigastric region externally, stomach distended, sensitive, feels as if it would burst; excessive flatulence, food taken or drinks being converted into gas.

Affections of any mucus membrane with discharge of tough stringy adherent mucus which can be drawn into long strings. In ulceration of the mucous membrane, the ulcers are deep as if cut out with a punch, edges regular.

A peculiar kind of pain and headache is noticed in the remedy, pain appear and disappear suddenly, fly from one place to another like Puls. Blindness comes on before headache and as the headache begins, blindness disappears.

Intolerable bone pain especially at night, syphilitic affections especially after abuse of mercury. Glandular swelling, interstitial infiltration.

In pneumonia, hepatization takes place and one or both lungs consolidated.

It is indicated in the affections occurring from secondary and tertiary syphilis.

A nausea of pregnancy and arterial sclerosis when associated with chronic rheumatic condition.

Chronic catarrh and ulceration of alimentary canal. Tongue has a superficial coating, vomiting of mucus after the slightest food of any form especially meat.

In hepatic derangement, skin is yellow, sallow and covered with pimples.

Sick headache, neuralgia and sciatica;—excruciating, attended with screaming and loss of consciousness. Cancer of tongue (K. Cynatum).

It has been of good service in uterine flexion with bearing down pains. Profuse puslike non-irritating leucorrhœa, at times passive hæmorrhage. Functional disorders of heart, it is weak, pulse small and irregular (K. Ferrocy).

Indicated in weak debilitated subject suffering from great muscular debility. In diseases of children,—as rickets, there is debility,

fretfulness, diarrhœa, delayed dentition and delayed closing of fontanelles (K. Hypo.).

In derangement of nervous system as neurasthenia, prostration, insomnia, the patient is gloomy, depressed with loss of memory and a tendency to look on the dark side of things. In low typhoid conditions, it should be remembered that pain is relieved by gentle motion and is attended with empty, all-gone feeling in the stomach. (K. Phos.).

An increase in the strength of the single dose of the homœopathic remedy, until it produces the desired and necessary degree of the pathogenetic stimulation of life-force towards a sufficiently curative reaction, does not fulfill the desired purpose by any means, as experience also teaches us. The life-force is in this way too suddenly and too strongly attacked, so that she has no time for an even and gradual curative reaction to accommodate itself to this change, wherefore she will try to reject the excess of the remedy assaulting her like an enemy, by vomiting, diarrhœa, fever, sweat, etc., and in this way she destroys and frustrates the aim of the inconsiderate physician for the greater part or entirely. Very little or no good for the cure of the patient is thereby accomplished; on the contrary, the patient is thereby visibly enfeebled, and we dare not think of it even for a long time thereafter, to give the patient even the smallest dose of the same remedy, lest it might prove very detrimental to him.

Likewise, a number of the smallest doses given for the same purpose in rapid succession accumulate in the organism to an over-large dose, with similar evil consequences, with few and rare exceptions; the life-force is in such cases oppressed and overwhelmed, and unable in the interval between the two, though small, doses to recuperate; incapable to react in the direction toward health, she is compelled to continue passively and involuntarily the too powerful drug-disease with which she has been overburdened, similarly, as we daily perceive, from the allopathic abuse of large, heaping doses of one and the same remedy, to the lasting injury of the patient.

—SAMUEL HAHNEMANN, 1833.