

A case of Chronic Lymphatic Obstruction.

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HISTORY OF THE CASE.

Dr.....Bhattacharjee, L. M. F., now aged 25 years, had been up to his age of 6 months, free from any disease except that the skin of the affected part on which the tumour grew later, looked red and glossy since his birth. From his seventh month a small tumour like a pea appeared at the upper part of his left thigh below the Poupart's ligament. This gradually increased to the size of a Robbin's egg up to his age of 3 years which was, of course, not taken care of then. From his fourth year, slow increase of the tumour was noticed and it was attended with an inflammatory fever during the new and the full moon with periodical remissions. This course went up to his sixth year when it really caused deep concern amongst his parents and relatives. He was then treated by a Homœopath. The tumour burst and formed like a cock's comb giving forth an ichorous purulent fluid. He was later admitted into the Calcutta Medical College Hospital where he was operated on (in 1917). Two years after he was discharged as being cured; the tumour, however, re-appeared immediately above the scarred tissue but was cured Homœopathically.

Sometime in the month of November 1933, during the new moon, he was attacked with a high fever followed by acute pain and swelling in that region. Later, he consulted his teacher—an eminent retired Civil Surgeon—who advised him to have a deep X'Ray Exposure. The patient, however, decided to try Homœopathy again and called me in. By this time, full moon reached and the acute exacerbation came on.

I waited for the acute stage to pass over in order to enable me to prescribe for his constitutional ailments. This stage passed away after 3 days and I took down the following symptoms :—

“Mother used to suffer from severe headache while the patient was in utero. A sister died of Phthisis Pulmonalis. Got many attacks of Influenza previously. Vaccinated four times for which he got a few doses of Thuja beforehand. Disposition mild. Wants constant company. Desires open air ; cold water for his bath ; sympathy from his friends. Had a ringworm suppressed by an ointment. No specific history of parents”.

A dose of Tuberculinum Bovinum IM was given with instruction to report after a month. On the 20th day, it was reported that the swelling as well as pain began to decrease. When the improvement flagged, a dose of 10M was given with marked improvement and thereafter 50M and C. M. in like manner. I was told by the patient that although this medicine gave much relief, swelling and pain had not altogether yielded to it.

Pulsatilla suited to his constitutional symptoms and I gave him one dose of 10M. This showed perceptible result for the better and afterwards a dose of 50M and C. M. when the improvement flagged after which pain and swelling (barring the scarred-tissue caused by the previous operation), totally disappeared. The treatment took 6 months to cure him. He remains to this day quite well.
