

## CLINICAL CASES.

### A CASE OF ULCERATION.

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Srimati.....Debi, aged 62 years, had been, for the last 6 or 7 years, suffering from several types of disorders, viz., vertigo, occasional slow fevers, constipation,—accompanied with an ulceration which, as she felt, extended all over her female parts, making her life miserable. The pains over the ulcers were quite intolerable. She had recourse to several sorts of treatment but to no effect. She got only partial benefits from time to time. The history of treatments during all those years was not at all regular, and could not be thoroughly obtained. The treatment was any how not much satisfactory, and that was all that I could understand. For one year or 10 months last, she was placed under an Allopathic physician of name and fame as being a specialist in female diseases, but his treatment consisted mainly of douching. However, as there was no truce, she was brought over to me for a regular treatment. I made the following records.

“I have been suffering from the most filthy disease that a woman can have. I think the whole of my inner parts is decomposed, and the horrible stench always emitting from off the parts and my body fully corroborates my supposition. I feel a burning pain throughout the whole abdomen up to the external parts,—and sometimes I see that the diffused heat over them give me much relief, and at other times cold water ameliorates. The main difficulty with me is in relation to my sleep-symptoms. As soon as my eyes close, on comes a jerk in my system and the sleep breaks up; there will be no pause of my uneasiness at the time, unless and until I rise up and keep myself busy with some work. So long I am employed in any work, I do not so much feel the brunt of my disease. I must have to divert my mind to

other directions, or the horrible burning pains will drive me mad, as it were. To add to my miseries, a peculiar sort of throbbing is felt in various regions, especially in the navel, abdomen and in the fossa just below the throat. (This throbbing or pulsation was quite visible). I feel many times that I would turn mad. The ulceration with its burning and stitching pains is altogether intolerable, and sometimes I think I should commit suicide, in order to get a relief, but I never-attempted it. The most shameful part of my story is that nobody likes to sit or lie by me, as the offensive odour coming out from my body is nauseating and unbearable.

"There are some other minor things to relate. My teeth are carious, the gums bleed, sometimes very profusely, dark offensive blood. Occasional nose-bleed also accompanies the gum-bleed. Patches of ulcers are there in my arm-pit and and perineum, which sometimes weep offensive serum-like discharges. This offensiveness is interwoven with all my complaints; but I cannot properly wash myself off, as bath and washing would invariably aggravate all my complaints."

Regarding inheritance, I got no clue whatever, except that her husband used to lead a bad life and would resort to ill-famed houses. He died in 1923 of abdominal T. B. at the age of 58. They had no issue.

On the above symptoms, I gave at first Nitric acid—200 and 1 M, but it produced no results. Then after a careful re-study of the case, I selected Kreosote 200 which gave the desired effect. The first symptom which it relieved was the sleep-disturbance with jerkings etc. She commenced to sleep comfortably after Kreosote—1 M was used. By and by all the painful symptoms were removed. But then after a period of six weeks from the day that 1 M was given, it was noticed that the patient had a daily rise of slow fever ranging from 99° to 100° in the evening making her intensely restless. From the mental symptoms which were exactly those of *Ars. alb.*, I administered a dose of *Ars. alb.*—

200, and the rise subsided by and by, leaving my patient quite healthy within a short time. This proved that *Ars. alb.* follows well after *Kreosote*.

### CHOLERA CURED BY VARIOLINUM ?

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A young robust man aged 34 of firm fibre and exceptionally strong constitution, a resident of Baghbazar, Calcutta, fell a victim to an attack of severe type of Cholera on Tuesday, the 9th March 1931 at 1 A. M. I was called in at 2 A. M. and a friend of mine Dr. Benoy Chatterjee was also summoned by 5 A. M.

The patient was vomiting and passing stool every 2 or 3 minutes and by 3 A. M. his pulse disappeared in the wrist. The patient's condition was rapidly changing from bad to worse and we had to alter our remedies every now and then to combat with the diverse symptoms. As far as I can remember, the following remedies were tried in order :—

- (1) *Veratrum Alb.* 30 for :—
  - (a) Facies hippocratica.
  - (b) Simultaneous vomiting and purging in excessive amounts.
  - (c) Sudden setting in of the collapse stage.
  - (d) Unquenchable thirst.
  - (e) Cramps of the lower extremities with coldness of the entire body.
  - (f) History of having done severe exertion in a marriage ceremony on Sunday, the 7th March 1931. ( i. e., 2 days previously ).
- (2) *Nux. Vom.* 30 for :—
  - (a) History of night keeping two days previously.
  - (b) Chilly patient.
  - (c) Cramps in the extremities.
- (3) *Ars. Alb.* 30 for :—
  - (a) Sudden onset and rapid sinking of vital force.