

which require active interference with the knife. All sorts of allopathic antiseptic lotions such as Tinc. Iodine., Perchloride, Carbolic Acid., Pot. Permanganate and various other things now in vogue with their adjuncts such as Hydrogen peroxide etc. are not used at all. Neither I like to use Calendula and Arnica lotions or lotions of similar Homœopathic medicines. I simply depend on sterilized plain water for cleaning surgical cases but I occasionally use sterilized Normal Saline in asthenic cases. I think no body can object to the use of normal saline as it is present normally in blood and tissues. I am a staunch advocate of Hahnemann's single remedy and the principle of using one remedy externally and another internally does not seem reasonable at all. For the cure of surgical cases, I always depend on the internal dynamic remedy after the "external obstacle to the cure" as referred above dealt with by mechanical and surgical means.

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### Difficult Children ( Les enfants difficiles ).

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We are very often consulted by parents who are grieved at the slow progress of their child in study and are led to bring him to us on account of some emphatic remarks of his irritated and disheartened teachers. They doubt the soundness of the professor's remarks though at the same time they are themselves convinced of the abnormal condition of their child, but their wounded self-conceit and paternal affection—pardonable of course—compel them to attribute the defects to an unsuspected morbid condition.

"He must be ill, for his behaving himself thus", they say and they are not wrong.

It would be of no use to tell them that they are right if we had not in our homœopathic arsenal remedies for their grief.

Here I cannot group cases but I shall treat them individually. Every individual corresponds to a medicine and each medicine to a collection of symptoms showing rather a child mentality than a corresponding clinical syndrom. By this I mean that whatever may be the hypothetic clinical cause to which we can ascribe the troubles or rather the observed "mentality" only one medicine can be prescribed: that one which will show pathogenetic signs, in conformity with the observed psychic symptoms. Thus we can describe successively :—

Agitated—Chammomilla.

Nervous—Ignatia.

Unstable—Pulsatilla.

Sad—Sepia.

Greedy—Iodium.

Naughty—Heper sul.

Impulsive—Anacardium.

Angry—Lycopodium.

Timid—Causticum.

Intoxicated—Sulphur.

• AGITATED—CHAMMOMILLA.

Agitated, perpetually restless, impatient, cannot rest still, cries, gesticulates, insufferable.

Calm and quiet when carried in a coach.

Capricious, always discontented, never satisfied—violent desire for a thing—but throws away when it is given, and asks for another.

Peevish, bad humour, cannot tolerate the look of others,

becomes angry when anybody speaks or approaches to it.

Two important symptoms :

1. Intolerance of pain.
2. Sensitiveness of breast in young girls.

#### NERVOUS—IGNATIA.

Excessively emotional, melancholy and sad, tendency to grieve in silence easily. Sighs involuntarily, constantly yawns, and weeps for nothing.

Mental depression after sorrow, disappointment or heavy nervous overwork.

Changing mood, sudden transition from excessive sadness to excessive joy.

Important symptoms :

Paradoxical character of pain.

Hysterical "lump" cannot eat if it is contradicted.

Nervous diarrhoea from emotion, contrariness, fear.

Emotional tachycardia.

Migrains "nervous" in change of weather.

#### UNSTABLE—PULSATILLA.

Everything is changeable and variable.

Changing humour.

Timid and emotional, weeps for nothing, "whining", soon consoled, smile with tears.

Intellectual fatigue, absent minded, irresolute, anxiousness, ingratitude, fear of death.

Fear of the opposite sex, ( fear of girls if it is a boy and vice versa ).

Insomnia, cannot sleep in the night—cannot wake up in the morning.

Erratic pains : suddenly appears and gradually disappears with shivering, without fever.

Aversion to heat, desire of cold wind ; shivering in hot room.

Important signs :

Complete absence of thirst.

Digestive troubles ; no two stools are similar.

Veinous congestion of extremities.

Acne.

#### SAD—SEPIA.

Indifference, apathy.

Interested in nothing. Indifferent to everything : play, reward, distinctions—nothing interests it, nothing amuses.

Sad and low-spirited ; feels himself unfortunate ; 'I am tired'.

Desire to remain alone, easily vexed, replies in monosyllables, desire to be left alone—silently weeps in a corner.

Irritated upon others and on himself.

Important indications :

Very emotional, fear and anxiety mostly towards the evening.

Headache—location on the left eye.

Yellow spots on nose.

Desire for vinegar, Aversion to meat, cannot digest milk.

Nausea when opening the mouth, better when eating.

Eruptions on fingers. Herpes.

#### GREEDY—IODIUM.

Constantly irritated, cannot rest still, but very soon exhausted and becomes anxious. Anxiety > in rest.

Always hungry, never satisfied. Becomes anxious and irritable if he does not eat.

Rapid emaciation—in spite of eating much.

Constant rise of temperature.

Always preoccupied, anxiety.

Important characteristics :

Malsecretion of glands, thyroid auxilliary, mesenteric, inguinal.

#### WICKED—HEPAR SUL. . .

Irritated by the least cause.

Always sad, awkward, cross, sulky, angry, flies into passion easily without reason.

Impulse to do wrong, to beat, to set fire.

Never contented, always changes place, each newcomer displeases it, irritates and exasperates.

The patient has sensitive skin, susceptibility and phohemia.

Important signs.

Tendency to faruncles, to pimples, "Unhealthy skin".

Strumous lips ( Museau de tapir ). Shout of tapir.

Secretion, having the smell of rotten cheese Skin very sensitive to cold, chilblains, chaps, eczema, great sensitiveness to least contact.

Profuse sweat.

#### IMPULSIVE—ANACARDIUM.

Contradictory.

Perfectly disagreeable to those whom he loves and respects—knows he is so but cannot help himself.

Laughs in grave matters and becomes grave in minor things.

Feels as if he has two different wishes. Loss of memory after overwork.

Impulsions : epileptoid equivalents, think itself followed

by some one, urgent necessity of running. Apprehensive, irritable, wicked, swears and curses:

Important symptoms :

Seems older than it really is, distinct and early wrinkling of face.

Yellow colour of the face, temporal yellow spots.

Bad humour when waking up.

Loss of memory, forgets letter and words when writing, confounds words with syllables.

Cannot find the proper word to express himself.

TIMID—CAUSTICUM.

Anxiety and agitation in the evening, twilight, child does not go to bed.

Anxious agitation, which  $<$  in darkness ; child cannot rest still in bed.

Weeps when he hears any account of some misfortune, much impressed by vexations and sorrows of persons around him.

Important symptoms :

Incontinence of urine in the first part of sleep.

Right sided chorea, epilepsy during periods.

INTOXICATED—SULPHUR.

Continual suffering, Asthma, eczema, morning diarrhoea, insomnia, weakness. Great fatigue, cannot keep standing, aversion for physical exercise.

Great exhaustion in the morning on waking or at 11 a. m. Weakness at 11 a. m. with goneness ( in the pit of stomach ) better after eating.

Light sleep, likes to be uncovered, always changes places.

Burning all over. Aversion to washing and bathing.  
Agitation, heat and burning.

Everything burning-skin, excretion and secretion.

Impatient, contradicting, quarrelsome.

Agitated, pensive, busy, absorbed, thinks himself to be a great philosopher-possessing immense grand ideas ( l' Esthete incompris ). The unappreciated Aesthetic.

Objective symptoms :

• Congested red eyes.

• Red ears.

• Red lips.

• Tongue with red points.

Lastly I do not wish to end this study without saying something about the bad habits that bring about so wonderful and so profound changes in the best of our children. Masturbation is one of the chief reasons for intellectual weakness of the adolescent, and to be complete I must mention some Homœopathic medicines that should be administered to the patient without neglecting advice, exhortations and justified observations. As soon as I place before you the symptoms of these medicines you will come to know their indications which if found in the child will help you in making a clinical and therapeutical diagnosis at one and the same time.

#### PHOSPHORICUM ACIDUM.

Child becomes heedless ; Apathetic, Indifferent to all.

Everything becomes indifferent to him, because he cannot think, ( because he is bored ).

Incapability of sticking together two ideas, thinks about nothing. Idiotic. Memory of everyday-business facts is completely lost.

Great weakness in the evening with apathy, intense headache < by every jerk, by every musical note, eyes with dark circles around them, dilated pupils.

Phosphaturia, night sweat.

#### RANA BUFO.

Imbecility. Weak mental condition together with onanism, desire to remain alone in order to give himself up to masturbation. Sneezing at everything.

Bursts of fury, begins to run within the house like a mad man. Inclination to bite—throws himself upon his little comrades. Incomprehensible muttering.

Dilated pupils, can tolerate neither light, nor bright objects.

#### STAPHYSAGRIA.

Lavish ideas of sexual intercourse. Cannot get rid of ideas that capture his mind. Oversensitiveness of genitals < by the least contact, very susceptible, gets easily angry and vexed.

Cross and sulky, when waking up, the child cries to have something but throws away when it is given to him.

Cannot tolerate the least noise.

Objective symptoms.

Caries of teeth on border. Colic after anger, vesicles on palms that itch very much.

#### CONCLUSION.

Homœopathy is a wonderful therapeuticaid. There is no doubt it does not cure all diseases and does not adapt itself to all cases. *In the treatment of functional troubles it occupies an important place; in the treatment of sensorial troubles, in nervous and psychic manifestations, (sometimes called hysteric)—it is the only pathy whose flexibility and precision permit to adapt to each considered case a remedy chosen with exactness.*

I hope that I have explained to you clearly the part it plays in the treatment of dull backward children. No doubt

bad boys will always exist because there is no remedy for inclinations, but how many evil tendencies would be overcome, how many baneful habits would be avoided and above all how many collisions will be checked between teachers and students, parents and children, if *Homœopathy* intervened with its tiny globules whose prodigious action is revealed in its immediate results.

L'avenir d'un enfant est fonction de son "devenir"

( The future of a child is a function of its training ).

Son devenir est fonction de son "Possible"

( Its training is the function of its possibilities ).

Son possible est revelee par la determination de son type.

( Its possibilities are revealed by the determination of its type ).

Only *Homœopaths*—with an exact knowledge of *Materia Medica* and the perception of his "observation" may act efficaciously in the education of a child by giving it its true orientation.

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### Editorial Notes and Comments.

**The Journal of the American Institute of Homœopathy in New garb.** With the issue of January, 1933, Dr. Linn J. Boyd, M. D., F. A. C. P. and his Associates and the Board of Control of the American Institute of Homœopathy presented to the homœopathic fraternity a revised Journal. This innovation is largely due to the untiring zeal, labour and sagacity of Dr. Boyd.

We have received and perused the last three issues of this Journal and found that the Journal is a great improvement with regard to typography and efficiency of articles. As a Corresponding Member of the parent American