

Homoeopathy in 'Mother Tincture' & the story of how we lost the 'Kohinoor'

ABSTRACT: *The mother tincture of homeopathy is an active ingredient of a plant from which it has been made. Active ingredients are the essence of a plant when prepared homeopathically, by way of dynamization, through Pestle and Mortar; they become more charging and energetic and so become more effective. Is it therefore that when these were prepared by the doctors themselves they were more effective than what they are today? Since most of them are being made through machines now.*



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The chemistry of an ingredient is very complex, they contain some basic elements in them like air, water, fire, earth and ether. It is also therefore that they carry the essence of their habitat, which is an environmental influence. Such as: *Alfalfa* – is best known as a forage crop. European herbalists knew about its soothing and strengthening qualities, it contains some important nutrients, including calcium, phosphorus, iron, potassium, magnesium, essential enzymes, choline, sodium and silicon, as well as vitamins A, B6, D, K and P. Therefore it not only helps in building the strength but also helps to heal ulcers and wounds.

Vitamin P or Rutin, builds capillary strength and reduces inflammation of the stomach. *Aloe-vera* – is the homeopathic *Aloe*, also known as Bur Plant. It has powerful laxative properties on one hand and acts as a cleanser for the liver, kidneys and spleen on the other. Therefore it has become a common herb helping people who spoil their liver by using allopathic medicines. *Aloe-vera* contains Gastroin as an active ingredient.

Do we know why *Calendula* has a habit of opening its flowers when the sun appears and closing when it sets? As 'Keats' said it; 'Dry up the moisture from your golden lids'.

Calendula is as great an antiseptic remedy as the sun! Proper light helps in building resistance of the body.

TB once upon a time was common (even today) amongst Muslims due to three main factors; Parda, Zarda and Garda. Parda is a veil preventing sunlight, Zarda is tobacco and Garda is dirt / unhygeine. Poverty brings all these together: a poor man's house has no ventilation or sunlight therefore TB is common in poor. In this way there are many herbs which have their properties as per their habitat and environment. Like Chamomile (*Chamomilla* of homeopathy) needs well prepared soil to grow or it will disappear deep into the ill-prepared bed and never sprout, and it is also connected to the healing elements of the sun.

British Comfrey, (*Symphytum* of homeopathy) has a cementing property of joining fractured bones because its resin is very sticky. Plaster of Paris for plastering broken bones has been made from this plant.

Burdak is said to be good for disorders of the bile, because their yellow flowers look like the colour of a jaundiced person's skin. Red clover (*Trifolium*) has the shades of blood thus used to purify blood, etc.

INTRODUCTION

In fact 'Mother Tincture' of homeopathy is the whole science of Allopathy; which means with each plant we have a particular affinity and association. Many may be familiar with the sage of

various plants and about their religious myths. Which also means healing through herbs, known since ages and modern science is no stranger to such medicinal plants. Even today more than 25 percent of the medicines, commonly used, contain constituents derived directly from plants. As for example; *Penicillin*, first discovered in soil mold. *Digitalis*, one of the modern doctor's most useful drugs is from glove plant.

Ephedrine, until few years back, used to treat asthma, was isolated from the ephedra plant. However, as we know that the homeopathic law of cure was also discovered from a drink of the extract of a plant – the *Cinchona* in the year 1825 by Dr Samuel Hahnemann who lived from 1755 to 1843.

Many allopaths may not believe that homeopathy had a profound impact on herbal medicine in Europe and America. Most of these have learned about them from Arabs. Europeans have learned two things from the Arabs, one, medicine and the other - how to load horses inside the boat? And this is how they could discover America!

American doctors, when came in contact with homeopathy, were the first to actively research native America's plants for their healing properties. And in fact, this was the cause which inspired a large number of orthodox allopaths to search the native medicine flora. The same thing happened in India, but here the story was different. Here there were the Hakims, Indian, Greek (Unani) Physicians, as the conventional healers. By this time these Indian Hakims had already searched the efficacy of various plants in the light of the Prophet's (Peace be upon him) medicine based on the Doctrine of Signatures.

As per the Prophet's (PBUH) teaching, a plant in appearance, if looks like some human organ, it can also become a remedy for that organ. Means, the basic law of homeopathy is applied- Like to be treated by like.

One herb gao-zaban, (*Dulcamara* of homeopathy) whose leaves have the shades of a cow's tongue, Hakims, used this for the onsets of cough and cold particularly when colds come in a cloudy weather. Cow's tongue also has the shade of a cloud. In

this way there are many on the line of similars; one can choose by its signature.

BACKGROUND

'Gao-zaban' in Unani system (Greek's medicine)- Hakims use this very often for asthma in cases where it is caused due to cough and cold. It is therefore growing inside wells but its growing end comes in contact with the sun on the surface while its roots remain inside water. This is a very mysterious plant, roots taste bitter but the leaves are sweet.

The background story of this plant became history later, was witnessed by various doctors and hakims, and made many convert to homoeopathy.

In the same way the history of Kohinoor, the priceless Diamond, is also very interesting. Babur the founder of Mughal got this from the Raja of Gwalior. His grandson, the great Akbar used to wear it upon his crown while his grandson Shahejahan- the builder of Taj Mahal, mounted this on his throne. In the decline of the Mughal Empire, Nadir Shah took this to Iran. From there it went to some ruler of Afghanistan, from him the Maharana Ranjeet Singh the King of Lahore got this. However, when this Maharana fell sick, half of his body was paralyzed. The historian says that when the doctors and hakims of his court failed to treat him, a Dutch Doctor was called on the recommendation of one Englishman who was a sergeant in the British Army. This Dutch physician, whose name was Kuklin Berg treated the king, he prepared the mother tincture of one plant Bitter-Sweet (Gao-zaban) in the presence of everybody and with that medicine miraculously the king's health improved.

This king was so happy that he gave so much gold to that Dutch that he had to carry it on four horses. And he also gave the Kohinoor diamond to that officer; people say this diamond (Kohinoor) was lying in that officer's pant pocket inside the bathroom for many days. This English officer, when he reached England, presented the diamond to his queen, the Queen Victoria.

This is how India got one diamond (Homoeopathy) in exchange of another diamond the Kohinoor.