



Synopsis of Other Journals

HOMOEOPATHIC LINKS- 4/2001

An issue wholly contributed by French Homoeopaths. All of us know that Dr Hahnemann himself practiced in Paris.

Two good articles from the pen of Didier Grandgeorge, a leading Homoeopath of France. One is on small remedies and the other on *Urtica-urens*. He says that "20 years of clinical experience in the psychiatric and paediatric fields have convinced me that the origin of all physical ills is to be found somewhere in our subconscious. Words unable to be expressed, emerge in our conscious state. The word thus takes shape in the body, which becomes a theatre where symbolic plays are acted out, a painful attempt to resolve a problem present in another apparently inaccessible part of us." After doing a proving of processionary (a variety) of caterpillars, the author had an emergency case of a 9-year old boy suffering from twisted testicle. One prover had had a sensation of *twisted testicle* as if castrated, though investigations later did not find anything wrong. Based on that, Grandgeorge asked whether the boy had touched any processionary caterpillars and when the answer was yes, he gave a dose of processionary *Bombyx* 30 and by the time the boy went to the hospital, he was free from pain and swelling!

CASE: A 17-year-old boy lost one testicle due to poor treatment and later developed asthma. On that history, he was given this remedy; asthma better and his energy level increased. The doctor recommends that this remedy should be considered when there is a testicle problem. He asks "Could it be the remedy for individuals who feel psychologically castrated and have only stereotyped behaviour?" He cites a case of a boy

with tight phimosis cured with *Castoreum* (from a substance near the sex glands next to genitals of beaver). The boy was suffering from progressive sclero-atrophic lichen of the prepuce. Peculiar symptom: the boy yawned during sleep (only remedy in KR p1258). He was to undergo a third operation for that complaint which was postponed; after six months he had an eczema on penis but the lichen problem had disappeared and his behaviour also improved. .

Tips: *Ornithogallum* when history of pyloric stenosis and its after effects. He gives two cases of children cured after they developed other complaints following operation for pyloric-stenosis.

Tip: *Hura* for rheumatoid arthritis (case given in **Learn a remedy** section); *Iodum* for Myasthenia gravis; *Oleum-jecoris aselli* for ankylosing spondylitis (he gives two cases cured with the last mentioned remedy and in these two cases the patients had taken vitamin D preparations as supplement).

Dr Grandgeorge has a knack of getting a different type of insight into the homoeopathic remedies (*Hura* for fear of losing child). In his article on *Urtica-urens*, he highlights the mental aspect A/F death of father. He has cited 7 cases, mostly of women, where the disease was triggered by the death of the father.

CASE: The sister-in-law of a colleague was dying of breast cancer; her condition was deteriorating rapidly. When Grandgeorge asked the most important event in her life, which might have been the cause of the present complaint, his colleague replied that she never recovered from her father's death five years ago. On that symptom she was given one dose of *Urtica-urens* 10MK. In some weeks her health improved and she lived for a few more years. In another case a woman experienced difficulty in breast-feeding her child on the fourth day after birth as the child looked very yellow. The mother recalled that her father who died of liver cancer several years earlier, was all yellow few days



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before his death. *Urtica-urens* was given and the mother was able to breast-feed her child thereafter. Didier Grandgeorge says "If a father dies, the child can no longer escape the symbiotic love with his mother because it is through the father that a child can break away from his mother". Father enables a child to go forward in life to the society and live a life of his/her own.

CASE: A 6-yr-old girl was brought for consultation to Dr Patricia for her misbehaviour, strongly introverted nature, daily masturbation and school problems. Initially, under *Bufo-rana* her habit of masturbation disappeared, but other problems persisted. On probing, sexual abuse by father was suspected, though the parents were now separated. On that history and dreams of snakes, and her habit of washing her hands frequently, *Lac-can* was prescribed with success.

Provings of *Neptunium-mur*, *Lac-asinum*, a case of dermatopolymyositis (a serious autoimmune and incurable disease) by *Bovista*, two cases of *Germanium*, an interview with Andre Saine and book review form the rest of the issue.

JOURNAL OF PAREEK FOUNDATION

(no date of issue or volume number is given)

Drs R S Pareek and Alok Pareek contributed two interesting articles. They discussed two cases of allopathically difficult diseases, which came to them as usual at a late stage, cured with homoeopathy.

CASE: Large Atrial Septal Defect. (ASD)

A 48-yr-old woman was a known case of large ASD. A routine preoperative coronary angiogram showed 80% occlusion of anterior descending artery and a surgery was done to correct it. On the second day after operation the patient's speech was incoherent and slurred, with facial palsy, strabismus and ataxia; with evidence of brain stem infarct. In spite of allopathic treatment her condition worsened. By day 6, even higher centres were being affected and at this stage Homoeopathic treatment was sought. On day 8, Dr

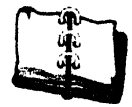
Pareek gave a dose of *Arnica* 1M and as there was no improvement, a dose of 10M on 9th day brought some improvement in her memory and recognition. Shifted to normal ward but there were no improvements in speech, strabismus, ataxia and facial palsy. On 15th day she was given *Bothrops* 1M with definite improvement in facial palsy and strabismus; her speech gradually improved in a week's time; a month later she could walk with support but her speech was not fully clear and *Causticum* 1M consolidated the change. She was still under observation.

TIP: Dr Pareek says " Clinically potentised *Arnica* has emerged as a great anticoagulant and of immense urgent help in post operated cardio-thoracic patients. We advise *Arnica* to be given immediately after cardiovascular surgery as a prophylactic to ward off post-operative thrombotic complications. *Bothrops* and other well proved snake poisons are of great help in thrombosis; *Causticum* follows well and helps in overcoming the residual paralytic effect.

They have also presented a study of Hepato-biliary diseases conducted in their hospital and research center at Agra. In all 186 cases of patients in the age group of 4-73 were treated and documented; for acute hepatic failure, infective hepatitis or chronic hepatitis and cirrhosis of liver with portal hypertension and Indian childhood cirrhosis and persistent hepatitis B antigenaemia. The remedies prescribed most were *China*, *Hydrastis*, *Lyc*, *Merc-sol*, *Mag-mur*, *Nat-sulph*, *Nux*, *Phos* and *Sulph* in 200 to 10M potency. *Hepatitis* Nosode proved useful in cases of chronic and persistent hepatitis, *Hepatitis B and C* nosodes(single dose in 200 potency) used in cases where there was blood transfusion and the patients were depressed. Three illustrative cases are presented. A similar study of 80 renal failure cases treated homeopathically with three illustrative cases also presented in the journal.

VITAL INFORMER -December 2001

In the leading article the Editor laments that in the draft



on national policy on Indian Systems of Medicine, no mention is made of role of Homoeopathy which is practiced widely here and in the draft use of allopathic drugs by ISM practitioners is also advocated. It is well known that all siddha and unani and ayurveda practitioners frown upon allopathic treatment of diseases because of the serious side effects and contend that they can cure cases treated as incurable by allopaths.. In their article on Homeopathy and AIDS. Drs Dhingra and Varshney stress that even in AIDS the treatment will have to be individualized and in that sense Homoeopathy is appropriate. These and related issues are proposed to be discussed in a seminar to be held at Delhi on 27-1-2002. An article on dengue fever and its homoeopathic treatment, coming events calendar and book reviews form the rest of the issue.

THE HOMEOPATH, UK- Autumn 2001, No 83

A report on a seminar by Dr Farokh Master on management of acute diseases during the treatment of chronic diseases. He said that when an acute condition develops in a chronic case under treatment, one should not be afraid to prescribe the indicated remedy if the picture is clear; if the picture is not clear, giving an acute remedy will be dangerous as the patient may deteriorate. If the acute disease is treated adequately with the indicated remedy, the acute symptomatology disappears and the constitutional symptoms become clear on which the constitutional medicine can be prescribed. The prescription of the constitutional medicine in the prodromal phase of an acute disease prevents it from developing. He gave tips on the use of nosodes when symptom picture is not very clear.

TIPS: *STAPHYLOCOCCINUM* IN MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION
Bacillus No7 in cardiac arrest

Streptococcus-hemolyticus in acute endocarditis

Paratyphoidinum-b in acute gastro-enteritis

Secale-cor in acute haemorrhages

The seminar report contains a discussion of four cases presented. One case follows.

CASE: A young boy was afflicted with

Myelodysplastic syndrome, characterized by hypercellular bone marrow and ineffective haemopoiesis. The white cell count is very low and blood film shows abnormal neutrophils. As a result, the boy was extremely susceptible to infection. He was born five weeks premature and at 7 months developed pneumonia; was on antibiotics and became deaf. He has had several blood transfusions and developed a large liver abscess. At that stage the mother opted for homoeopathic treatment. By nature the boy was sweet, affectionate, empathetic and fastidious- must wear matching clothes; must decide what rest of the family should wear. The dinner table should be cleaned immediately after each meal and so on. Likes salty and pungent food and crazy for chicken. He has several neavi on the body especially on abdomen; emaciated extremities. The mother said that during that pregnancy she was stressed due to hostility and jealousy of her colleagues at work due to her promotion. She had to do extra work to compensate for their non-cooperation. The child was prescribed *Carcinocin* under which he was doing well.

CHLAMYDIA- TRACHOMATIS: Two interesting articles on *Chlamydia-trachomatis*, which is an intra-cellular parasite responsible for conjunctivitis, pneumonia and Genito-urinary infections. It is spread by anal or vaginal intercourse. Or due to impaired functioning of the immune system from suppression. In UK the incidence of non-specific urethritis is attributable to this parasite in 70% of cases. It is noticed that many sexually active women have Chlamydia infection. It has not received the attention it deserves. In a recent press report in UK it is stated that Chlamydia is a disease and causes silent, devastating damage that can go unnoticed for years. Long term effects of the infection in females include pelvic inflammatory disease, increased risk of ectopic pregnancy, transmission of bacteria to the baby in childbirth leading to conjunctivitis or pneumonia, increased risk of pre-term delivery and lower average birth weight, increased risk of miscarriage and enhanced risk of ac-



quiring HIV. For males the long-term effects include epididymitis, sterility and urinary tract complications. In one case a woman suspected to have this infection, had seven miscarriages and three ectopic pregnancies. But she was reluctant to undertake a test for the same as she was embarrassed. It is reported that despite such serious effects arising from this infection, most people do not know about it or suspect that they have it, as it is hidden. In her article Linda Kenyon says that the nosode prepared from out of this bacterium *Chlamydia* has these key symptoms: unclear remedy picture; anti-chlamydial titre higher than 1/0; unbearable itching in the genital area; sterility; bone disorders; cancer; history of hormone treatment; allergies; conjunctivitis etc. It is sycotic miasm. She says that so far there is no clear picture of the remedy from clinical experience. A case where this nosode was very curative in the case of a woman, who had a history of thrush, infertility, cervical erosion, cervical cysts, uterine fibroids, increased menstrual pains, varicose veins, endometriosis etc is discussed. There is an article on the proving of the nosode.

There is a lot of interest these days for Chinese medicine, Feng Shui, Chinese astrology etc. Two articles on Chinese medicine, one for increasing the cure rates with Chinese meridian system along with homoeopathy and on method of treatment of children's diseases under the Chinese medicine with tips are presented. Jude Dawson says that finding the remedy in many cases can be straight forward if one concentrates on good case taking and finds the remedy on the totality of the case. She discusses in detail a case of 54 year old woman who suffered from homesickness, tiredness and disappointments from expectations of her daughter, inability to relate to people and communicate in the new place to which she had to shift. The remedy was *Phosphoric acid*.

In an article on the developments in the Homoeopathic

front in France the author, Jennie Taylor says that she came across TWO TIPS: One drop of lemon juice in each eye twice a week for curing cataracts and *Mica 9 c tds* as a near specific for vitiligo.(any takers?) Book reviews and two general articles on why Hahnemann chose the word Homoeopathy and how he built up his *Materia Medica* form the rest of the issue.

QUINQUINA HOMOEOPATHIC QUARTERLY- Vol 8 No1

A very thin issue. Dr P S Krishnamurthy discusses a case of Lipid Nephrosis, which is stated to be his most unforgettable case. He prescribed *Pulsatilla* and *Syphillinum* in millesimal potencies taking into account the clinico-pathological conditions. Periodical clinical investigations were done to monitor the progress and after 6 months the patient developed skin eruptions, which subsided on their own. Medicines were stopped when the results of tests were normal. He says that Teste only had mentioned that *Pulsatilla* is suited to syphilitic diathesis and hence it was used with the nosode. Dr Haque in his article also cites the importance of prescribing on pathological conditions where needed. He cited a case of a patient with swelling of the neck with breathlessness and puffiness of face and prominent neck veins. There was no other complaint. Based on h/o TB in the family he prescribed *Tub* in ML potency and *Thuja* as Intercurrent. In six months all the pathological conditions disappeared. He has given examples of names of medicines appropriate for some specific pathological conditions.

OTHER JOURNALS RECEIVED

1. The Rational Medicine, October 2001
2. Homeopathy Today, (USA) Nov 2001
3. The Homoeopathic heritage, Vol 26, No5, 2001)

These and other journals will be reviewed in the next issue.*



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