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## Preface

The chapters in this book are all compiled with a specific purpose — to enlighten the people with aspects of Homoeopathy not explored and highlighted in the modern context. The opinions and the aim of pioneers has always been kept in view so that the framework and philosophy of Homoeopathy is not disturbed.

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## Danger Zones in Homoeopathy

In day to day life, we find that almost every thing of common use may prove dangerous. The cooking gas cylinder, the stove (when handled carelessly), eatables like milk and overripe fruits (may cause food poisoning), ducking in cold water (may cause colds or fever) drinking impure water (may cause diarrhoea etc.) and such many things may create danger to life. The items of medication in Homoeopathy are no exception to it.

We shall look into the matter in respect of technicality involved and ignorance of the technicalities, neglect of the facts revealed and known, and things and situations-where confusion prevails at many levels.

### **Background :**

The word danger in homoeopathy was pronounced most severely by Dr. J.T. Kent when he said. "The homoeopathic failures are the worst failures on earth." and , "It is well for you to realise that you are dealing with rajors when dealing with high potencies. They are means of tremendous harm as well as tremendous good."

These are two aspects: One relates to situation when wrong medication masks the symptoms- and so in absence of clear symptoms - meaningful delicate cures cannot be possible in chronic cases; the other relates to use of high potencies

at wrong places where they create many problems — sometimes proving dangerous.

Besides the above, there are other aspects to which we have to be careful in order to remain safe and avoid the apprehension of danger at any point.

We shall now first see the observations of pioneers on this subject before discussion:

\* Lachesis 200 had a most unpleasant effect - later antidoted by a dose of Sepia.

— Dr. M.L. Tyler

(This pertains to Lach in 200 potency particularly)

\* In some drugs, 200 is a wicked potency - particularly with Lycopodium - a physician dreaded to use it.

— Dr. M.L. Tyler

\* Lycopodium in 200 potency causes abortion. I have verified it many times.

— Dr. (Mrs) Mamta Maheshwari

\* Be careful of using Lycopodium in potencies much higher than 12c in a case of sever pain (duodenal ulcer) or may precipitate a perforation.

— Dr. H.W. Boyd

\* After giving Arsenic in dropsy and oedema of lungs, in heart disease, dropsical swelling speedily disappears (a copious diuresis - sometimes sets in). Thereafter, it is useless to continue it for a longer period in some vain hope.

— Dr. Boehr

\* In Psoriasis the first influence of Arsenic is to make eruption redder and more inflamed. This fact if not known, would lead to suspension of the medicine just when it com-

menced to do good; at the same time it is unnecessary to give it in doses sufficiently large to do this.

— Dr. Ringer

- \* It is extremely dangerous to use *secale cor* in uterine haemorrhage when there is Albuminuria, for it is likely to bring on convulsions, and if used too freely during labour, it is extremely apt to cause puerperal metritis.

— Dr. Allen

- \* *Apis* should be given cautiously during first three months of Pregnancy in low potencies, liable to produce miscarriage.

— Dr. Cowperthwaite

- \* For prescribing *Passiflora Q.* for relief in rheumatism, the indication should be a "Clean tongue".

— Dr. Cuthburt

- \* One has to be careful that if a case is to be handed over to a doctor unfamiliar to Homoeopathy, one should not give a remedy which might mask the symptoms e.g. *Belladonna* in a case of an acute Appendicitis.

— Dr. Grace H. Nevell

- \* It is dangerous to give *Phosphorus* in high potencies to patients with advanced Phthisis as it may start a haemorrhage that may prove fatal.

— Dr. M. L. Tyler

- \* I want you not to select *Pulsatilla* for a loose cough unless you are sure that all the symptoms call for it. It often tightens such a cough without curing it.

— Dr. E. A. Farrington

- \* *Digitaline* — if taken at night, is liable to disturb the sleep.

— Dr. Hughes

- \* A caution should be observed in treating bowel affections

with sulphuric acid which is not to persevere in it if the first few doses fail to mitigate, and then it is almost certain to aggravate them.

— Dr. Stille

- \* Do not give Bellis near bed time, as it is apt to cause sleeplessness.

— J. H. Clarke

- \* Sepia is to be given in the evening because if given in the morning, it may produce a sufficient aggravation to have the patient feeling quite useless for that day.

— Dr. R.A.F Jack

- \* Most of the symptoms of Causticum are aggravated by drinking coffee.

— Dr. C.M. Boger

- \* Coffee must never be taken when Chamomilla or Nux.V. is the remedy. It will be equally true if you are treating a nervous paralytic with Causticum.

— Dr. (Mrs.) J. T. Kent

- \* All the kalis are aggravated after any disturbance in fluid balance in the body, particularly after coition.

— Dr. Donald A. Davis

- \* Psorinum patient does not improve while taking coffee.

— Dr. P. Banerji

- \* Nux Vom. should be given in a higher potency, the more exact the simili and must be given in the evening, one may add that if one is not so sure, one will achieve more of an organic action with lower potencies and more of a Psychic one with higher one.

— Dr. M. H. Deichmann

- \* Phos, Silicea and Lachesis are three very dangerous reme-

dies if there is pre-tubercular tendency. The wrong potency or too frequent repetition may drive the patient into an active tuberculosis.

— Dr. E.W. Hubbard

\* Colchicum hastens relapses of gout if abused.

— Dr. M. L. Tyler

\* Woman of forty nine: Took camphor- eight drops of the spirit of camphor in water as often as from seven to eight times a day. Had done so for five or six years. She took it every time she had an heart attack.

The over dosing resulted in floodings, then Cardiac set in, then 'flu' three times in five months, terribly nervous, very chilly. No energy. fainted in bath, nothing to live for. She was antidoted by Lyco 30, Phos 12, and in the last camphor to be normal.

— Dr. M. L. Tyler

\* An older native meeting a younger of a slightly better class, saluted him with, "why boy, you have got to look almost like a man," and got a bullet from the boy and fell dead.

Dr. M. L. Tyler mentions the effect of dry hot wind- which disturbs the nerves — creates sensitiveness and irritability, and insane desire to kill. Every harmless word offends — and these symptoms mostly met with Nux Vom.

## Comments

We have seen some areas of dangers and the type of dangers observed by our pioneers. There are still a lot which will require a separate volume to cover, but I close it as it is not necessary during the selected use of selected remedies for domestic purposes. To conclude, I suggest that overdosing

should not be done in any case. Sometimes alternation — I mean alternation of friendly remedies also helps to save us from the minor harms that may be likely from a remedy at any stage.

If general and simple precautions are kept in mind, the homoeopathic remedies usually do not and cannot harm, and there cannot be a safer way of medication because in each case we know the sphere and the symptoms found during provings and the potencies, if given in small doses have no chance to harm.

## Real Cure What it Means

Let us see what Dr. J.T. Kent observes in this regard: "When he gets a true curative medicine, the patient will say— I feel that to the roots of my hair and to the ends of my toes. Such is the feeling in the inner most portions of the economy and that is the way we want to get our medicines, always to be guided by the symptoms of our patient and that they will tell us what medicines to administer and when the medicine is administered, its highest reaction is of that sort."

Now we turn to Dr. E.B. Nash, "I remember a case of Asthma of years' standing to which I was called at midnight, because they were afraid the patient would die before morning. Found that her attacks always came at 1 a.m. Gave Arsenic alb 30th and she was completely cured by it."

We may also read when he quotes Dr. H. N. Guernsey, "It is a singular fact, though known to most practitioners, that if there be frequent micturition attended with burning cutting pain, or if not so frequent and the cutting burning pain attends the flow, cantharis is almost always the remedy for whatever other suffering there may be, even the inflammation of the brain or lungs." And Nash says, "he might have added "in the throat and mucus membranes all through the intestinal tract, even to the rectum and anus, and in the pleura or on the skin." Guernsey also wrote, "Cantharis should always be

remembered and studied in treating the affections of the air passages, when the mucus is tenacious."

We have seen above, the sophistications of homoeopathic provings and the way these medicines work in real cure. In one case, a single symptom that the aggravations were at 1 a.m. cured the whole case in a single dose, and in another picture we find *Cantharis* capable of doing anything on the basis of single symptom i.e. frequent urge and burning cutting urine." No pathological test, nothing of the sort! Ordinarily, people think that when they feel some trouble, they are sick, and when the trouble is locally removed, they are cured. If they have headache, they try to remove it by palliatives, and when there is relief they consider it a cure. They do not know sickness is the result when vital force gets weak and the self healing system of the body is not able to work properly. It requires help and tuning through very sophisticated methods provided by Homoeopathy. But when we apply crude ways, and try to take the function of an organ in our hands, the sickness goes deep, becomes complicated, and temporary comfort becomes a source of some long term sickness which changes its form and mode of expression.

The way of scientific healing shown by our pioneers is actually the main phase of homoeopathic system which I have termed as second phase or aspect. It deals with symptoms, modalities and also the nature of the case - all at the same time to effect a cure - as has been explained and advised by Dr. J. T. Kent.



## Homoeopathy Cannot produce uniform results

Except for one aspect i.e. where it covers the sphere or seat of disease fully — as in the case of Arnica, Hypericum, Hammamelis, Cantharis etc. used in cases of injuries, bleedings and burns, it is true that uniform results cannot be expected in each and all cases. We can find wonderful cures in one dose, but that cannot be possible always. Homoeopathy is meant for human beings, and here no two individuals can be identical with regard to features, nature, emotions, sentiments and intellect etc. So the effect of remedies will vary accordingly.

We can co-relate the above phenomenon from examples taken from history.

Sidhartha (Lord Buddha) saw one Sickman, one old man and one dead man, and he became too sensitive. He left his wife, son, and kingdom all-at once and went in search of truth.

On the other hand those who permanently and all the time remain in cremation place do not and never feel the urge to find out the truth. What a difference!

This is the reason that sometimes, a single dose with some person establishes a complete cure, while apparently similar cases do not respond so quickly with one medicine in a single dose.

So the common and uniform effects are observed on simple uncomplicated aspects of those constitutions — where

seat of disease is covered by the sphere of a remedy without any obstruction. Elsewhere, we have to trace the sphere, the cause, the obstructions, the mental aspects and the symptoms produced in provings for such individuals and a careful study will be needed to effect a cure.

We can compare such work with the art of a darning which definitely differs with the simple patch work of a person engaged in repairing jute bags. No system of medicine, except Homoeopathy can claim to effect a natural and real cure of such complicated cases where the vital force is required to be assisted.

Dr. Hahnemann and other pioneers experienced this phenomenon and all their clinical observations corroborate to the above truth.

It is this aspect which I have named as third aspect of homoeopathy that deals with complicated cases, and while going through the vast literature of clinical experiences, we again and again find the remarks, even at the hands of veterans that such and such remedy or remedies failed inspite of best selection on the basis of symptoms, and after a long zig zag findings, the ultimate cure was effected with a remedy that could suit the particular situation of the individual case.

## Alternation Why and When

We shall see some opinions before we discuss:

- \* In Pneumonia with pleurisy, one dose of Aconite followed by one dose of sulphur will frequently give relief.

Dr. J. T. Kent

- \* Dr. Kent states in his lectures on Arsenic in Pneumonia that Arsenic, while it ameliorates the condition, rarely cures unless a dose of Phos or Sulphur follows. He says "Those desperate cases that Arsenic brings up and warms up for a little while will need phosphorus.

Dr. A. H. Grimmer

- \* Bryonia is frequently suitable after Ipecac in acute Asthma.

Dr. Teste

- \* Sabadilla follows Bryonia well in Pleurisy and has cured after Aconite and Bryonia failed.

Dr. H. C. Allen

- \* Aconite in the first stage to be followed by Merc later are often the only two medicines needed in acute catarrhal bronchitis.

Dr. C. Hering

- \* Cold with pulsatilla symptoms, develops bronchitis, better response with Kali Sulph.

Dr. D. M. Borland

- \* Asthma - Arsenic **Palliates only** - Nat Sulph saves a day by bringing an improved state of health.

Dr. T. K. Moore

- \* Nitric Acid was a favourite remedy of Dr. Jahr for flat superficial erosion of cervix uteri. Ludlam recommends its persistent use in **alternation** with sulphur with long intervals.

Dr. L. B. Hord

- \* Merc sol and Sepia **after** Belladonna are most reliable in uterine congestion.

Dr. T. K. Moore

- \* I think the similium to Appendicitis is Iris Tenax. Instead of giving it by itself, I give Lyco. (right side) Bryonia (aggr. Movement) and Iris Tanax in constant alternation.

Dr. Ellis Barker

- \* If Rhus Tox **fails** in Lumbago, try calc. fluor.

Dr. Thurston

- \* Adrenaline chloride 200 gave dramatic relief in acute bronchial Asthma, but Arsenic to be **followed** for weakness.

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- \* Colocynth cures colic again and again. Then Kali Carb steps in to end **the trouble**.

Dr. T. K. Morre

- \* Aconite must be given in all those cases where the patients are almost frantic with pain, which is indescribable, and which coffee has **failed to** relieve.

Dr. C. G. Raue

\* Staphysagria is sometimes to be **substituted** for Colocynth in the effects of violent emotion in women, and children when the violent abdominal cramps fail to yield to the later remedy.

Dr. E.A. Farrington

Besides above, we will remember the known alternations e.g. Acon and coffea, Rhus Tox and Hyos; Bryonia and Rhus Tox; Aconite spongia and Hepar by the Pioneers Dr. C. Hering, Dr. E. B. Nash, Dr. Hahnemann and Dr. Boenninghausen respectively with marvellous results.

### **Comments:**

- \* It is a fact that single remedy does its work no doubt, but is unable to complete a cure always as we find during clinical experiences.
- \* In day to day life, our journey becomes pleasant if we have a good friend to accompany. So is the case in medicinal world. One drug helps the action of another - if friendly. It depends on our skill to choose a good friend. Mixing of two remedies are being practised, but then it does not remain homoeopathic.
- \* If and when we are required to complement a remedy, the sooner it is better.
- \* When we alternate, we do not have to consider the time gap for one remedy to complete its action.
- \* We cannot always judge the duration of a remedy and also exact time when a complementary is needed. So it is wiser to alternate. All that we can take care is that alternation should not be indiscriminate, and overdosing is avoided.

The use of Mercor in alternation with Colocynth, by Dr. Ruddock, and others is gratifying and so also the alternations of a chain of other pairs like Carbo Veg and China, Collinsonia and Aesculus, NuxVom and Sulphur, Aconite and Bryonia.

The observation of Dr. E.M. Hale is very important, "There is one point of practical importance according to my own opinion, with regard to Bryonia, namely that supposing Aconite had not preceded it in the treatment of Bronchitis, and also in the treatment of Acute Rheumatism, I have almost invariably found that Bryonia does not begin to produce its curative action until a few doses of Aconite have been first administered.

In practice, we find that complementation is a must, and alternation is only the other side of a coin. It is within the frame work of the system and the principles of homoeopathy advocated by our Pioneers. When we find it again and again that selecting a remedy on the basis of symptoms and modalities and sphere does not always (by 'always' — I mean in all the cases, because in some cases it can be possible) to effect a perfect cure or even partial in certain cases — when the remedy does not suit due to one reason or the other, alternation is necessary to save the patient from torture in vain or for distant hope for the favourable result. Such cases have been observed under clinical experiences. I shall like to quote one for ready reference and also for further studies in the field:

"I have used Morgan from 200th to the CM and in cases of Asthmatic Children, where Natrum Sulph, Arsenic and various asthmatic remedies failed completely, I have cured them with Morgan 200th and 100C.h potency.

**This is not the only experience of only one Physician but such situations are often met in complicated cases and we should always be alert to select a good complementary, or alternating remedy or a nosode as may be necessary. We need not feel 'guilty' of alternation when we need it. It is for this or such situation that Dr. J. T. Kent expressed his opinion, "we owe no obedience to man, not even to our parents, after we are old enough to think for ourselves. We owe obedience to truth."**

The first thing I noticed when I stepped  
out of the plane was a cold breeze and  
the sight of the city below. I had  
heard that the weather was perfect, but  
it felt like I had been transported to  
another world. The buildings were tall  
and modern, and the streets were  
wide and clean. I had never seen  
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were friendly and helpful, and I  
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## Homoeopathy then, now and tomorrow

The medicines discussed by our pioneers —Dr. Hahnemann, Dr. Nash, Dr. H. C. Allen, Dr. E. A. Farrington, Dr. J. T. Kent, and Wm. Boericke in their materia medicas (including plant, animal and mineral kingdom) are 67, 225, 300, 149, and 728 respectively (except some extra running references by Dr. Farrington and Dr. Boericke.

Looking to the volume of work by above and other Pioneers (which I shall discuss at some other time) it may apparently seem that much has been done, and perhaps very little may have remained. But when we look into the matter in depth, we find that very little has been done in the field, and a vast ocean has yet to be explored where treasure more valuable, is lying unknown. The plant life itself on this globe is so vast — with millions of varieties that continuous experiments are required to get the benefit of Nature's benevolent offers to mankind.

Our pioneers left a clear message for the next generation when they said, " Science means knowledge. But the Science of any day is never ultimate knowledge, and is apt to be pushed off the board by the science of tomorrow." and again , "Science is the plodding daughter of experiments and as such Homoeopathy is scientific." Dr. M. L. Tyler. We further get clarification when Dr. J. T. Kent says, " We owe no obedience to man, not even to our parents after we are old

enough to think for ourselves. We owe obedience to truth." How bold and broad hearted — had been our Pioneers!

So when we analyse the subject freely, we find that this science has produced volumes of experiments and also vast clinical observations based on that in the past 180 years. But the desired consolidation work and arrangements could not be done which has to be done by the present generation.

This arrangement is required to be done under three different heads: namely —

(a) material that can be directly used by the common masses

(b) material - technical - for people in profession.

(c) material - complicated - for people engaged in research work.

It is this spade work - which will enable the people to enjoy the fruits of this divine art of healing - which believes in real cures through strengthening the vital force - thereby establishing a natural process of recovery; and further, it will provide the guidelines for new experiments and also in removing confusions here and there in the existing achievements.

## **Homoeopathy is child like simple and mother-like affectionate**

No body can fathom the feelings and affection of a mother when she lovingly feeds her child, and also when she enjoys the smile while the child is at play. Homoeopathy showers its blessings through the easy and soothing cures that it establishes with the small doses. In domestic use, there are large number of situations where we can administer the dose without even looking at the patient and with confidence in the favourable results, I say - it is the simple aspect of Homoeopathy.

\* Arnica is a very much known remedy. Many of its uses do not seek any symptom, enquiry or detail. It has a definite effect - soothing and curing during injuries - simple or severe, from blunt weapons or bullets, in concussion of brain or injury in spine, or pain of fractures, or dislocation, or sprain or tooth extraction. It even relieves us in fatigue after hard labour and brings a sound sleep. What a vast range, and a simple way to put a few pills on the tongue, quite enough to ensure results. Not only this, the medicine saves from many complications and helps and safeguards from infections when given just after delivery. Is it not a domestic remedy with a real motherly affection! The child weeps and the mother runs to feed!

Note:— It is not that the above mentioned are the only uses of Arnica. It works wonders in heart troubles, dreadful cough, fevers, rheumatism, skin ailments like boils, bad breath and many other troubles. But these require some basic study to be sure about results. So I have kept all this separate for those who know this science.

**Like this - almost every medicine has two aspects - one which is simple, clear, uncomplicated by symptoms, and where it is possible for every member of the house to take it as we take the watery solution of sugar and salt during vomits and loose stools to save the patient from dehydration; and the other aspect where the study of symptoms are required to select and use the remedy. This is technical aspect of the medicine. Presently, our efforts will mostly be confined to such sphere of the medicines which can be used by all persons as domestic remedies not confused by the net work of symptoms what so ever.**

This work has not been done so far and in this way, it is the first venture in this field.

## Homoeopathy without Symptoms

It looks strange! But there is an aspect of Homoeopathy not complicated by the net work of symptoms. Dr. Hahnemann, Dr. Kent, Dr. E.A. Farrington and all others have pointed to it. All our Pioneers had experienced this at many occasions. If we go through the vast literature, as also the clinical experiences, we find the remarks very commonly, "Such and such remedy is almost specific," "it is nearly specific, "has never failed me," or "cured nine out of ten cases." All this is the domain of a particular aspect of homoeopathy where symptoms do not confuse us.

As we all know, every medicine has a sphere of its action at physical and mental level. If any sphere is covered by the medicine, it works, it has to work, This is the secret of it. Symptoms are the "outcome of disease", and if the seat of the disease is covered, the symptoms are automatically covered.

To see it practically, we find that one of the spheres of Aconite is "tension of blood vessels", and when this tension is relieved, the storm is gone, distress is relieved. Dr. Hahnemann pointed to this. Aconite is capable of passifying the turmoil in circulation, and so Aconite works, and works so quickly. An ordinary house wife knows that milk - when on stove - tries to overflow with heat - a few drops of water passifies it. So is the tension - related with Aconite. Now it is for us to locate the 'tension' through symptoms or in other simple way.

Again, we see in case of Arnica. It has a sphere on "fibres of the blood vessels." When any injury takes place, the blood vessels loose tone and cannot hold blood within walls, they ooze. We may also call it extravasation of blood from capillaries. Arnica tones up these capillaries, oozing stops and the effects are removed under its action. Soreness and other symptoms are only the language of the body to express what has happened, and if the injury is located or found, there is no need to go about or hunt for symptoms. Arnica does its work.

In chamomilla, the sphere is "sensory nerves." There is a turmoil in this sphere which expresses a turmoil in temper. We find that the patient cannot bear any thing; bear himself or others or any pain. It is effect of the turmoil. This is why 'chamomilla', a dose of it has been suggested when one is irritated to an unbearable extent.

When we find in the clinical experiences, a mention of "almost specifics," the story behind this is the sphere of medicine.- located nicely. Some examples will testify this:

- \* In simple acute pleurisy, Aconite is the sufficient remedy.  
Dr. Hughes
- \* In Pneumonia with pleurisy, one dose of Aconite followed by one dose of sulphur will-frequently give relief.  
Dr.J.T.Kent.
- \* In congestion of lungs, Aconite is the main remedy.  
Dr.Boehr.
- \* Pleuro- pneumonia- Bryonia is almost a specific.  
Dr. Burt
- \* Merc Cor may safely be regarded as a specific for the whole

process of an ordinary attack of dysentery.

Dr. Boehr

- \* Arsenic is undoubtedly, the safest remedy for bronchial Asthma.

Dr. Boehr

- \* Ipecac is one of the first remedies of which we think in an attack of acute Asthma and it is worthy of the place it holds.

Dr. C. Hering

- \* Nothing equals Hypericum in cases of smashed finger.

Dr. EA. Farrington.

- \* China sometimes comes-itself with glory by the way it controls gas formation.

- \* Arnica if given at once after a fracture, it almost instantly relieves the muscular spasms.

Dr. G. B. Stearns

- \* Berberis.V. is an excellent remedy fo renal Colic.

Dr. C. Hering

- \* Fracture of bones knit more quickly with Symphytum 30, 2 or 3 times a day for a week.

Dr. Pierre Schmidt

- \* Of all Homoeopathic remedies for toothache, none can compare with Plantago.

Dr. E. M. Hale

- \* Cantharis  $\bar{f}$  200 given internally quickly cures the inflamed and horrible swellings that may follow gnat bites.

- \* Colocynth cures colic again and again.

Dr. T. K. Moore

- \* We have no remedy which equals Arnica in concussion of brain or spine or both.

Dr. EA Farrington

\* **Cantharis internally in homoeopathic potency is a very old tip for charming away the pains of burns.**

**Dr. M. L. Tyler**

\* **Arnica is an excellent remedy to administer after delivery.**

**Dr. Cowperthwaite**

### **Comments**

The above quotations have been given to acquaint the common man, as well as all dealing with homoeopathy that this system has an aspect of simplicity also, where no confusion prevails, no uncertainty remains and such easy - sure - and quick - as also safe results cannot be expected from any other system of medicine, at least upto this day.



## When Modalities do not help

Modalities are said to be more important than symptoms in selection of a remedy in Homoeopathy. Whether the Patient is chilly or warm blooded is a prime factor for consideration. But there are situations when modalities confuse us. I shall give examples.

\* I have found, at least several times that a remedy like Psorinum, which is so terribly chilly, is necessary in the course of treatment of deep allergies, inspite of the fact that the patient is very warm blooded.

Dr. Pierre Schmidt

\* As for silicea, this is cold blooded in chronic cases, but if a case of silicea is acute or sub- acute, then it is usually hot blooded, warm blooded.

Dr. F. K. Bellokossy

\* Phosphorus although it has the marked symptom of unquenchable thirst for cold drinks, also is a thirstless remedy, a fact which is very easily overlooked.

Dr. R. F. Rabe

\* It is essential to ascertain the seat of the local disease with accuracy; for, every experienced Homoeopath knows how in toothache for instance, it is necessary to select the remedy which in its provings has repeatedly acted upon the very tooth that suffers. The specific curative power of sepia in those stubborn and sometimes fatal joint abscesses of the

fingers and toes, is extraordinarily conclusive evidence upon this point, for they differ from similar gatherings in location only, while the remedies so suitable for abscesses elsewhere remain ineffectual here.

Dr. C.M. Boger

The above observations are self explanatory. Similar is the matter with symptoms. Sometimes well indicated and selected remedies fail to effect a cure. Symptoms are results of proving on an individual body. Different symptoms have appeared when the same drug has been proved on different bodies. Of course some symptoms may be common, but we find that all symptoms have not been exhibited at one place on the same body.

We may be aware that one popular remedy (Cantharis) so often used on one common symptom, "urging to urine frequent, burning cutting urine," has 1650 symptoms mentioned in T.F. Allens Dictionary.

So, for practical purposes, we have always to keep our minds open. We have to see the sphere of the medicine, seat of the disease, symptoms of the remedy and also the modality. At times, one single factor does the trick.

We are told by our masters, "The best repertory any one can have is his own memory." Dr. J.H. Clarke. He again says, "One of the best cures of rheumatic fever I ever made was with Ignatia which was given because of the mental concomitants in the case." Also, "The use of Baptisia in the influenza epidemics has saved me a great deal of brain work and has cut short even in few hours, many an attack of the disease."

As we know, homoeopathic materia medica is a "register of symptoms," and the close study will show not only the characteristic symptoms of a remedy, but also similarity between two remedies in their symptoms and conditions.

Dr. J. H. Clarke has made a special reference to the use of Chelidonium 30 which completely cured a patient when Lycopodium failed to relieve and as the complementary remedy (chelidonium) came to its aid.

The main indication is that complementation is a very important factor in Homoeopathy. It is not only required to complete the action of one remedy, but also when the previous one has not been able to pick up the work in spite of its efforts.

It is in this sequence that Dr. J. H. Clarke again mentions, "however valuable a clinical repertory may be, it can never be paramount in Homoeopathy."

We have been told that the "last court of appeal, when the choice of a remedy is not clear, is the Homoeopathic materia medica," and I shall like to add that, "our appeal can be heard favourably only when we are able to plead our case taking all factors into account, may be that sometimes - a single factor, a small indication makes us win the case."

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## Gout and Colchicum

The famous physician **Dr. Hale White** in his *Materia Medica* says, "The sole value of this drug is that it is a specific for gout." **Dr. E.B. Nash** has a different experience when he says, "Colchicum is always set down in the text books for rheumatism, articular, migrating and gouty, and I have often tried it, but never with any thing like the success of our other rheumatic remedies. I have been greatly disappointed in it here."

**Dr. Wm Boericke** observes, "Benzoic Acid useful after Colchicum fails in gout."

Then we see **Dr. E. A. Farrington**, "Colchicum in joints and gout — extremely sensitive to slightest motion." Also, "metastasis of gout or rheumatism to chest. Valvular heart disease or pericarditis following rheumatism."

We may also read **Dr. J. T. Kent**, "The provings corroborate the fact that Colchicum fits into many conditions of gout." "Colchicum is aggravated by cold, damp weather, by the cold rains in the Fall." "It has also a summer rheumatism. Heat will slack up the flow of urine or the quantity of solids in the urine. A striking feature running through the remedy is its tendency to move about from one joint to another, from one side to another, from below upwards or from above downwards — with swelling or without swelling: first here, then there." We read **Dr. Guernsey**, "Arthritic pains in joints, especially when knocking the joints makes the patient scream with pain, or when stubbing the toes hurts exceedingly. Affects largely the periosteum and synovial membranes of joints: small joints."

Then we see the views of Dr. M. L. Tyler, "But one seldom sees the real old-fashioned gout of our grand fathers." She seems to indicate that Colchicum might be working wonders in the hands of Dr. Hale White — who said that, "It is a true specific," and how it acts is not known;" and she is further inclined to think that changes in the constitutions of bodies of her generation may be the possible reason for the drug being ineffective.

### Remarks

The use of Colchicum in gout represents third feature of homoeopathic medication — which is complicated and confused at various levels. It requires further analysis, research and provings.

There are many such pockets in this art of healing and a separate category of such items is yet to be compiled for further thought over it. This is what Dr. J. H. Clarke wanted while talking about rearrangements in homoeopathy.

I shall like to quote Dr. C. Hering, "The more Benzoic Acid is used in Gout, the more it will be prized." Now we may analyse things and reach a conclusion:

1. Dr. E. B. Nash seems to have used this remedy many times before being disappointed.
2. He must have been near to the symptoms while using this drug where ever required.
3. He failed to locate the cause of failure of this medicine in gout.
4. At this point, we have to turn our attention to Dr. Wm. Boericke's indication - that Benzoic acid helps when Colchicum fails.

5. We have also to attend to the findings of Dr. C. Hering about Benzoic Acid - which he says is a prized remedy.
6. And it is here that we come to know of the close relationship of Colchicum with Benzoic Acid.
7. We remember the remarks of Dr. Hale when he says that Bryonia sometimes does not unfold its action unless a dose of Aconite is given.
8. And also we have seen the same remarks about Rhus Tox that it is a moody remedy, and requires some companion to ensure its action.

### **Conclusion**

Our masters could not get time to study and concentrate on this aspect of the medicines even when they saw such wonders in case of Bryonia and Rhus Tox, Aconite and Coffea, Rhus Tox and Hyoscyamus and in so many other contexts. We have to highlight this aspect and develop it further. But this aspect is for specialists to study and not for domestic users. So I call it the third aspect.

'All things which have an effect will have a side effect' is true. People who propagate that homeopathy has no side effects are spreading wrong words about homeopathy.

If a homeopathic medicine is prescribed wrongly or unnecessary repetition is done, it will certainly have some bad effect on the body.

Some of these findings given by various stalwarts have been compiled by Dr Kanodia & collected here for a quick review of cautions to be taken care of by a homeopathic practitioner.

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