

opened my case of little pills and found *Ars.* 1 x, 3d, 30th, and 200th D. My fingers itched to pick out the pretty little phial of the 3d, but my vow came before me like Hamlet's ghost; it was too good a chance to lose. I gave one dose of five pellets No. 8 *Ars.*, 200th D., and waited. In just ten minutes she asked for the bed-pau, and passed about ten ounces urine. Rapidly after this the pains, cough, oppression of the chest and the skin irritation passed away, and she dropped into a peaceful sleep, from which she awoke feeling, as she expressed it: "Better than before confinement." Now, reader, if you are narrow-minded enough to say there was no curative power in that dose of *Ars.* 200th, and that all the good results would have happened without it, you should stop the practice of Homœopathy and carry hod for the masous that are building the tomb of allopathy.

CLINICAL CASES.*

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CASE I.—A lady had for several days frequent diarrhœic stools, commencing in the morning on rising, sudden urging, gushing, accompanied with flatulence, *the stool spattering all over the vessel*; the frequent movements had produced considerable prostration. A single dose of *Natrum sulphuricum* was given in the CM potency of Fincke. The frequent movements gradually ceased during the day, and no more medicine was given. The following morning the loose evacuations did not return, and the patient, with the exception of a little feeling of weakness, was well. *Sulphur* and *Aloes* have the morning diarrhœa, but the patient is compelled to arise from the desire to evacuate. The *Sulphur* patient has colic before a loose evacuation; *Aloes*, rumbling of flatulence before stool.

CASE II.—The patient complains of sore throat; on examination, find ulcer on both tonsils more on the right side, with external swelling of that side of the throat; painful to touch; of course there is considerable inflammation and difficulty of swallowing. The history of the case informed me that the pain commenced on the left side and progressed to the other side. On experiment, found that cold liquids were easier swallowed than warm fluids. *Lachesis* CM (Fincke), was given one dose; the following day the patient reports *no better*, but is *no worse*; no medicine; the following day much

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better; in a day was well. This was a clear case for the remedy, and the indications have been verified many times during the winter, especially the easier swallowing of cold fluids. *Lycopodium* has the swelling, pain and ulceration commencing on the right side, extending to the left, and the greater facility of swallowing warm liquids.

In these acute cases, when the proper remedy has been selected, and just enough, sufficient for that patient has been administered, it is often found that in the first twenty-four hours there is no improvement. If an improper (non-homœopathic) remedy had been administered, the case would progress from bad to worse; if too much medicine, or in too often-repeated doses, there would likely be an aggravation; but finding the case apparently in *statu quo*, my judgment was that the proper remedy had been given, and just enough, and the next day proved this view correct. In giving one dose and watching the case, experience has taught me that my cases convalesce more rapidly. In case of a progress of the disease after being twenty-four hours stationary, the symptoms being similar to the previous condition, then a powder of a different (generally higher) potency might be dissolved in water, a tea-spoonful given every one or two hours, for four or five hours, and the result waited for; if an improvement follows, no matter how slight, let the remedy act until its action has been exhausted.

GNAPHALIUM IN SCIATICA.*

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Mr. K——, suffering from caries of the right femur, the result of an accident many years since, was attacked with a severe sciatic pain, commencing inside of the pelvis, and following the course of the sciatic nerve to the knee. The pain was intense and unbearable, and he begged for a hypodermic injection. On a careful study of the case and remedies, *Gnaphalium* showed this symptom in Allen, italicised, "*intense pain along the sciatic nerve.*" Here was a case calling for prompt action, and as my experience had shown me that the highest potencies acted quickest, a dose of the CMM was put in half-tumbler of water, and a tea-spoonful given every fifteen minutes; before the third dose, the pain had gone, and the patient was sleeping quietly; there was no return of the sciatica.

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