

Bowman Method of Coffee and Milk-feeding of Infants, and the Indiscriminate Use of Alcoholic Liquors and Opiumes.

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DEDUCTIONS FROM FERRAN'S INOCULATION STATISTICS FOUND ON PAGE 22, JANUARY NO. OF THE HOMOEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN.

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- (a) *Number inoculated* were in proportion to those *non-inoculated* as three in seventeen.
- (b) While *proportion attacked* were relatively less than three in one hundred, as against seven in one hundred.
- (c) Yet *actual number of deaths* slightly preponderated (proportionately) among the *inoculated*, viz.: seven in thirty-four, or about one to five, which somewhat exceeds above ratio of three to seventeen.
- (d) While as to *actual fatality* among persons attacked there were *nearly eighteen per cent.* of the *inoculated*, as against *six per cent.* of those *non-inoculated*. Ergo, hurrah for microbic inoculations!

POINTS.*

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Dolichos pruriens.—Invisible itching. The nightly rest is especially interrupted by a very distressing itching all over the body, without any perceptible or visible cause; it is especially indicated if this itching proceeds from liver diseases, and is indispensable when there is present *Felurus*.

Symphitum officinale.—Mechanical injuries, pains in broken bones, injuries of the eyes from blows, a snow-ball strikes the eye, an infant thrusts his fist into the mother's eye. Arnica is utterly useless in blows injuring the eye. Arnica will relieve

* See also Dr. C. Carleton Smith's article, "Points," in December number, 1885, page 432.

the soreness from injuries of soft parts, contusion of the brain, etc., but if the periosteum has also been injured, and the soft parts recovered from the bruises after giving Arnica, this soreness of the periosteum only becoming perceptible *afterward*, then *Symphitum* will relieve it at once.

The Guiding Symptoms of our materia medica, by Constantine Hering, are largely subscribed for under the management of F. A. Davis, 1207 Filbert Street, Philadelphia.

Iac' carinam.—Pains and disorders of *all kinds*, changing from one side to the other; it was first observed in diphtheria, if first one, then the other, tonsil was affected, changing repeatedly, while *Iacthesis* has as a characteristic symptom the spreading of the disease from the left to the right side, and *Lycopodium* the reverse, spreading from the right side to the left. *Palustilla* has wandering pains, but not characteristically changing sides only, but wandering over the whole body, attacking different parts irregularly, generally with swelling and redness of the joints. *Sulphur* has a similar shifting of foot. China, Arnica, Daphne ind., and *Taxus* have also shifting pains.

Sicca pulmonalis.—Will be found an indispensable remedy with stoppage of the nose, with an uncontrollable desire to blow the nose to no purpose. Even at night this blowing is continued, allowing of no sleep, and nothing is really blown from the nose. *Nux vom.* and *Sambucus* have stoppage of the nose, with discharge similar to that which often attacks infants (sniffles). *Lycopodium* has stoppage of the nose at night, preventing breathing and sleep, with profuse discharges from the nose during the day.

The Guiding Symptoms of our materia medica, by Constantine Hering, are as indispensable to the library of a homoeopathic physician as is Hahnemann's *Organon*. A library of a homoeopathic physician without these works is as much of a mistake as the play of *Hamlet* with *Hamlet* left out.

Crusticum.—Involuntary hard stool, worse during the daytime and when passing wind. Aloe has also involuntary passages of hard lumps of stool when walking. *Coloc.* has also involuntary formed stools. *Causticum* has pains in the bowels *after* a passage. *Coloc.* has the characteristic doubling-up pain *before* the stool.

History repeats itself. Dr. Roth in Paris undertook to sift the materia medica, struck out symptoms by the thousands,

attempted to discredit Hahnemann, and he found willing lieutenants in his aim to annihilate our materia medica. Dr. Constatine Hering more than forty years ago wrote him down in a German quarterly, and in his despair he "lost his reason" and quit. The same attempt to annihilate our materia medica is made now. Hahnemann is discredited by a corresponding set of men, and history will repeat itself. The *Materia Medica* of the future and the threatened more complete farce will advance to the paper mill, and the designing pretenders will, like Roth, lose the little reason they ever had, if they ever had any at all.

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In the December number of THE HOMŒOPATHIC PHYSICIAN the Editor refers to the article of Dr. C. C. Smith under the above heading, and requests readers, knowing of other remedies having the same or similar symptoms, to furnish them for insertion. Wishing to add my mite, I contribute the following:

Taste of rotten eggs. Hepar (Jahr.).

Children are easier when carried about quickly. Yerat. alb.

(C. Hg.)

Desire for warm drinks. Cascarella (C. Hg.); Cedron (C. Hg.).

Desire for warm drinks. Eupator. purp. (Butler in How.

Phys., May, 1883).

Desire for warm drinks. Hypericum (C. Hg.); Medor-

rhinum.

Better, wrapping up the head and keeping in a dark room.

Mezereum (C. Hg.).

The brain seems to shake when walking or running in open

air; better when wrapping head up in warm room and when at

rest. Nux vom. (C. Hg.).

Colic, relieved by pressure—carrying on mother's shoulder.

Cina, Podophyl. (S. L. Therapeutics).

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Staph.—Escape of hot flatus, smelling like rotten eggs. (E.

A. F.)

Kali phos.—Similar mental symptom to Kali brom.

Zincum met.—Stitch at the upper part of sternum, extending

into left lumbar region, with dread of stooping. (R. R. Gregg.)

THAT SEPIA CASE.*

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(Over eighteen months ago I had to prescribe for a chronic headache, accompanied with fullness of the neck; the neck-band was frequently loosened during an attack. *Lachesis* proved of no value whatever, nor either of several other drugs. Finally, upon analyzing the case, *Sepia* came to the surface as covering more symptoms than any other drug, and it effected a prompt cure. Slight returns of the headache have been promptly checked by *Sepia*, but that fullness of the neck has never been felt since the first dose. The symptom, having been so distinctly verified by Dr. Lippe, should now rank as a keynote. Penninghaus's *Relatōns* is a sealed book to most homœopaths, but a few more cases like that recorded by Dr. Lippe would teach us how to use it successfully.

BOOK NOTICES AND REVIEWS.

THE REVOLUTION IN MEDICINE. By John H. Clark, M. D. London: Keene & Ashwell. 1886.

This little duodecimo is the seventh Hahnemannian Oration, delivered October 5th, 1886, at the London Homœopathic Hospital, where the author is physician and lecturer on *Materia Medica*. It contains the freshest presentation of the old but always interesting story of the rise of Homœopathy, and of the persecutions of its immortal founder, Samuel Hahnemann.

W. M. J.

AMERICAN MEDICINAL PLANTS. By C. F. Millsbaugh, M. D. Berioke & Tafel: New York and Philadelphia.

The fifth fascicle of this exquisitely beautiful work was issued in December last. Among the many plants illustrated our eye was particularly arrested with the following familiar remedies of our materia medica:

Ranunculus Seel, Yellow Mustard, St. John's Wort, *Zsclusus Gabra*, Rag Weed, Lactuca, Collinsonia, Japuntia, and Lachnantes.

The representation of the leaf of *Zsclusus Gabra* is particularly fine.

Why does not every homœopathic physician possess himself of this beautiful work? We hope to hear of all the subscribers to this journal procuring it.

W. M. J.

DRUGS AND MEDICINES OF NORTH AMERICA. A Quarterly, Edited and published by J. U. and C. G. Lloyd, Cincinnati. 1886.

No. 2 of Volume II has come to hand.

Before placing it upon our files we must stop to notice a very complete article in it upon *Asimina Triloba*, or Pawaw. Following the usual botanical description, with cuts of the several parts of the plant, the editors give its chemistry. They have isolated its alkaloid—*Asimimine*. A view of the

* See *Progressive Homœopathy*, by Dr. Lippe, December number (1886), page 429.—Eds.