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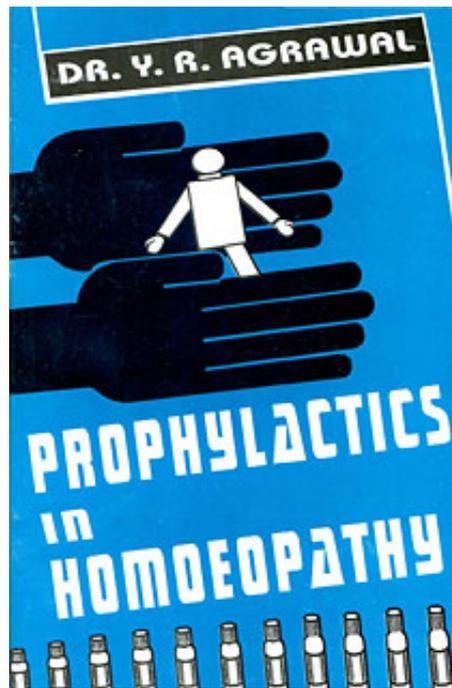
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Fevers

African Fever :— *Terebinthina* is recommended as a prophylactic in African and malarial fevers. (H.C. Allen)

Catheter Fever :— *Camphoric Acid* is recommended as a prophylactic for catheter fever. (Boericke)

Cerebro-spinal Fever :—*Meningo-Coccin*.

Chicken-Pox :—*Antim Tart*.

Rhus Tax is a prophylactic against chickenpox. (Mackenzie)

Cholera :- Hahnemann recommended according to the circumstances *Camphor*, *Veratrum Album* and *Cuprum Met* * as preventives or prophylactics of cholera. The selection of the preventive remedy must, to some extent be governed by the nature of the epidemic and. therefore, the best preventive can not always be determined until the epidemic has appeared and its peculiar (specific) nature is ascertained.

The sprinkling of suspected strangers on their arrival, and of suspected goods and letters with camphor spirit, would most certainly destroy the cholera miasm in them.

In his treatise of September, 1831. Hahnemann says, "Every one can use Camphor with his own people when they fall sick because he himself will be protected by the vapours of camphor and so long he continues to use he will remain unharmed." As to

*CUPRUM for the cases of a convulsive character, CAMPHOR for cases characterised by extreme coldness, and more or less dryness, and VERATRUM when the copious sweat, vomiting, and purging are the features. That is little to remember, but with that you can enter an epidemic of cholera with confidence. (Kent).

the homoeopathic use of camphor he says, "The dose must be repeated almost immediately if the treatment should have any lasting result. In such cases the camphor spirit given every five minutes, must be continued only so long as there results from it manifest improvement (which will be known within a quarter of an hour). If there is no very soon a striking improvement, we must not hesitate to at once proceed to the second stage e.g., 2 or 3 pillets of the medicine of refined Cuprum.

If inspite of the use of preventive Cuprum, the patient should be seized with cholera, he must at once when taken sick —I mean in the first moments or minutes where always, though it may be for a short time, the first stage is present - be nevertheless treated with camphor." (Hahnemann)

Cuprum Aceticum 3x to be taken in water (five drops), night and morning.

Cuprum Met :- It was noticed that during the epidemic of 1849, in Paris, workers in brass and copper establishments escaped the disease. It possesses considerable quality as a prophylactic in the disease. A dose of *Cuprum Met* should be taken every third day, on rising in the morning.

The preparations of copper (one or two globules of *Cuprum* 0,00x) together with good and moderate diet, and proper attention to cleanliness, is the most effective preventive and protective remedy. Those in health should take once every week, a small globule of it in the morning, fasting and not to drink immediately any liquid afterwards, but this should not be done until the cholera is in the locality itself or in the neighbourhood.

Chininum Sulph according to an old German practitioner (Dr. Aegidi) is to be used for the precursory stage of cholera. He gave *China Sulph* 0.01 to 0.06. one dose every evening for eight days and none of the persons thus treated were attacked by cholera. He also recommended along with *Chininum Sulph* ozonised water.

In some epidemics, *Sulphur* has been the best prophylactic. It will be suitable in diarrhoea if it comes on in the night, after midnight, the stool being yellow, pappy and attended by great urgency, though the urging is often ineffectual; and if at the same time, there are cramps in the soles of the feet.

It is especially indicated in hot, damp, stifling weather, the exact meteorological condition of sun stroke and it has at least in my practice, proved itself adequate to the occasion. (C.G. Raue)

I recommend *Glonoine 10M* as a preventive against sun stroke. (Pierre Schmidt)

Surgery*

Phosphorus 200 is prophylactic against fear before an operation. *Arnica Montana* prevents the shock of operation.

Arnica Montana is considered as a pyaemic prophylactic. Dr. Farrington says that some surgeons use Arnica after operations, applying it locally and give it internally.

Rhus Tax is the best prophylactic for cases of surgery. It should be given for 48 hours in 30th dilution every three hours. It will prevent sepsis.

Calendula, ** it is said, will largely prevent scars, also gangrene and tetanus when used as a dressing on wound. (Anshutz)

In cases of abdominal surgery, where the conditions are such that you fear sepsis ; give *Rhus Tox 6* every two hours. This remedy possesses the power of prevention of sepsis. (A.N. Mukherji)

Tetanus :—*Ledum* if given before tetanus comes on will save from tetanus and after the jerking comes on *Ledum* will not do but *Hypericum* must be given. (J.T. Kent)

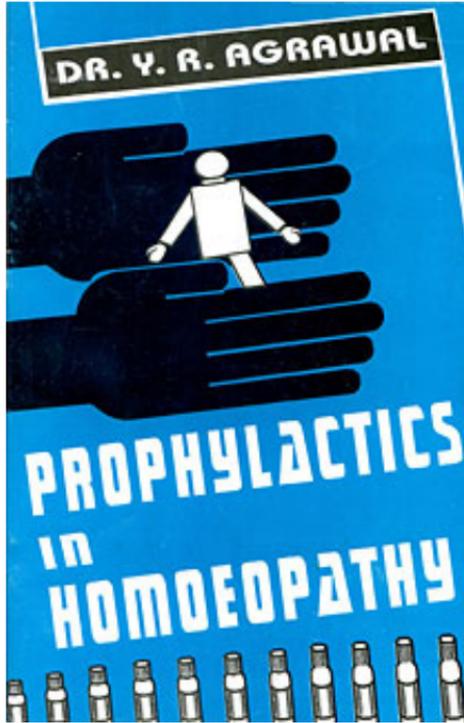
For trismus from injury to nerves, *Hypericum* is considered prophylactic in cases of wounds of palms or soles, especially useful in spinal injury — tetanus.

Ledum Palustre is a preventive medicine if an accident happens to the end of the fingers, if a patient steps on a nail or sticks a splinter under a finger nail or into the foot.

* See also prophylactics under Teeth page 45.

***Calendula* like Salicylicum Acid is useful in preventing excessive suppuration, and in preventing putridity, both keeping from wounds and sores septic germs. The odour of the flowers is disliked by mosquitoes; and the smoke of the burning plant will drive mice and lizards from houses.

(Bering's Guiding Symptoms Vol III P-262)



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