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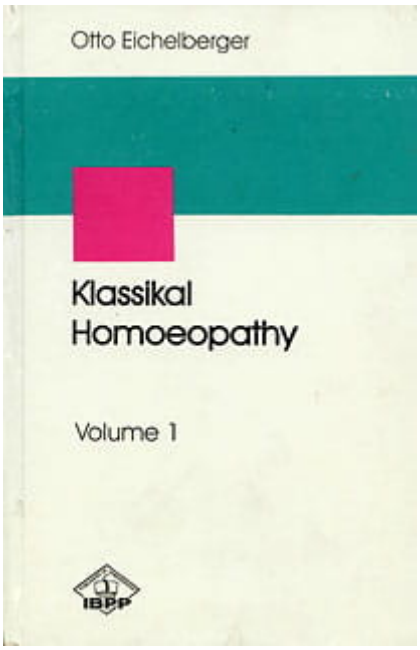
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INTRODUCTION

The aim of this book on classical homoeopathy is to be related to the direct practice. It is not introducing Homoeopathy in the traditional way, but it discusses the teachings and their application in the daily practice. A rich collection of cases is very useful for the purpose. These are the descriptions of the illness, which point us the way to find the medicine. The treatment was done with high potencies of the medicines, which the modern physics does not accept as a criteria of the healing-effects of a substance

We do not deal here with the general dilution of the stuff. They are prepared in a way, where the dilution is achieved through a stepwise rhythmic shaking of the stuff to be used. The production could also be achieved in the form of deep working potencies. Important thing is the skill of finding the correct medicine. The rules for finding the medicine are binding to all, who deal with it.

It comes to my mind, that in the age of psycho-therapeutic use of the medicine, a question dealing with the suggestion of expected working, or an impulse given to speed up healing could come for discussion, in the same way as the spontaneous healing is always looked with doubtful eyes.

In the cases discussed here we find all sorts of common illnesses. Tumor cases, T.B. Cases, Diabetic-Cases, difficult degenerative cases and some other are not given here, because they either require a substitution therapy which does not go with the therapy of classical homoeopathy and because it is not possible to cure that particular illness with one medicine successfully. One requires in such a case different medicines or combination of medicines. The use of polypharmacy does not match with the intentions of this book.

There are actually so many illness, which the allopathy can treat only with palliative tablets, without any hope of real cure or betterment. The field is very vast for homoeopathy to deepen its roots.

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The Classical Homoeopathy differentiates itself totally from the allopathy in the consideration and judgement of development process of many illnesses. For the Homoeopathy the bacteria and the virus are of no prominent value, when it sees a case with acute or subacute swelling of an organism as it is the case with allopathy. It is important for Homoeopathy to know which organism could be the next prey of that virus or bacteria. For a critical observer it will be clear, that similar outside conditions, which could create an illness can appear with completely different troubles. The Homoeopathy tries to treat such a patient in such a way that his biological, physical and mental balance is restored.

With the stubborn and chronic illnesses even with allopathy. The bacteria and virus are of no importance. To be able to find the correct medicine homoeopathy requires all symptoms, signs, and modalities, which the patient has experienced during his illness- and the homoeopath, who wants to be successful, is ready with his list of questions.

He is so composed, that the patient and the listeners around, help to put down the right information at the right time. At such time he does not ask about the diagnostic connections or clinical reports. He wants to know, what is not covered in the above mentioned examinations, which will be his special finding. And every patient has something special, some symptoms, some modality or something, what he has till then forgotten.

This is the important aim of this book, to present this picture of illness, which generally passes the borders of usual clinical picture with its symptoms, signs and modalities, which correspond the picture of the medicine. This way we will remain faithful to the "simile" principle to draw therapeutic consequences and decide the medicine, which consequently heals the illness.

Some *suggestions to go through the contents*

a) Please don't start reading the book from the last chapter or somewhere in the middle of it.

b) Even a layman is in a position to have an idea about the book. If he sticks to the inhalt, one day he will be in position to see the otherside of the illness-through the doctor's eyes.

c) Those who doubt about the high potencies of homoeopathic medicines, can clear their doubts, when they keep up with the principle of classical homoeopathy and have their own experience. Nearly every person, using high potency, has seen

its working and experienced the healing process as a sequence of Hahnemann' s principles.

d) I myself have never studied psycho-therapy. But I know one thing certainly; - therapeutic results from the analysis of a psyche are in no way to be rejected; but the formality of the method is shocking. Number of patients, who had been treated by the psycho-therapeutic in the beginning and then have come to an experienced homoeopath, have seen the difference, that it goes comparatively, quicker and cheaper with the finding of the "simile" in homoeopathy.

One who has treated a chronic illness successfully, knows, how much brain work and physical exertion is behind such a case.

These various cases ar-e supposed to give an all-sided picture of homoeopathy. The cases are not selected to give only sided positive picture of the therapy. All types of cases successful and time-taking, are presented with necessary scientific exactness. There are cases, which are actually no cases of any illness, but are artefacts. (artificial disturbances)

ki any case, the selection of the medicine is always in accordance with the paragraphs 7, 27, 153 and 154 of "Organon".

CASE NO. 167

Hyperthyroidism, Vegetative Dystonia (Imbalance of the autonomic Nervous System), Chronic

A middle aged woman of 47 had some trouble with her thyroid glands and so wanted to be treated for that, and that too with injections. "Her auntie had the same trouble & these injections had helped her very nicely" she said, and so she wanted the same treatment.

The patient added, that she had started a new allopathic therapy about 4 weeks back. The treatment before that did not help her, I advised her to finish the new course completely and then, if it did not help, to come again.

She visited me just after an year; she said, so long she takes that medicine, her condition is relatively under control; but she cannot say a word about betterment or complete cure.

On experimental basis, I started with the injections, which have helped her aunt: *Colchicum,* D4, *Chelidonium,* D4, *Levico* (Weleda) D3. These injections are given, if we find goiter in our examination, they have very good effect, when they are really required. The niece did not have actually that enlargement of the thyroid. After 8 injections, there was no change to be seen. So I decided to question the patient in my own way.

I have purposely waited so long. The patient had this trouble for over 3 years; and she was continuously under treatment. A few more weeks wouldn't have anyway mattered.

I also wanted to see, how far this expectation of the patient - that a course of injections would help her, as it did .to her aunt, - could influence my medical treatment, or should it be replaced completely.

Now, the suggestion power, the personality of the doctor, the positive lookout of the patient, the so hope-giving injections, - all these therapeutic impulses could not take away or reduce the troubles of my patient. There was no betterment in the least.

When I interviewed the patient, a very simple case came forward; I mean, the symptoms, the signs and the modalities were such, that it was possible to find the medicine right away.

Since more or less for three years, the patient's health was not in best conditions. And a cause for this state could not be thought of.

The left side of the throat was slightly swollen; but the right side was normal.

Sensitiveness to the pressure and tendency to enlarge was seen at the throat. Most troublesome was the vertigo-feeling with the feeling of being drunk all the time. This vertigo-feeling was stronger in the forenoon than in the afternoon. With that feeling there was palpitation.

The patient used to feel warm all the time; the windows used to be open through out the day; the warmed-up rooms were unbearable. In the mornings, while getting up, hands used to be very warm; and the feet used to be out of the covers in the night. In a warm room she used to sweat, which was otherwise not there.

But like the warmth and heat, the cold also was unbearable; she shivers easily; the thirst was normal. There was oppression-feeling around the heart. The breathing was sometimes difficult; the appetite was good; the weight was constant. Since a year early morning colds with sneezing.

Before 20 years or so, some trouble with the gall bladder; climacteric at the age of 43 unceremoniously.

The patient made a friendly, and calm impression. She was tall, a bit heavy, with blue eyes and blond hair.

As a leading symptom one can think of the vertigo with the drunken feeling; this is actually a bit outside of the periphery of thyroid-trouble; it was actually a nervous trouble; specially the feeling of being drunk was extraordinary; - cold and warmth unbearable; - feet are kept out of covers warmed-up rooms intolerable - windows must be open all the time, - sweating in a warmed up room all these symptoms are good & helping.

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The remedy was Plusatilla; but it was handy after we have gone through the symptoms.

Given in LM 18 it reduced the vertigo in a couple of days; the other symptoms were also reduced slowly, and after 9 months, I heard from the patient, that she was perfectly all right.

CASE NO. 168

Hyperthyroidism, Vegetative Dystonia (Imbalance of the Autonomic Nervous System), Chronic

Long time back a woman, 33, came to the clinic with the following complaints. Since three years she was having gulping-trouble, and she was very nervous. During this time she had a tendency for depressions. A thyroid test, which was done nearly 6 months back, was almost normal. And there was no goiter since this trouble she had disturbed sleep.

That was the narration, the patient made on the spot. As usual, I asked about the possible reason or cause of this trouble. When a patient mentions a particular starting time of his/her trouble, then one has a doubt, that something must have happened at that time - something that must have been the cause of this trouble. This happening must be so firm, that it could be related to the real cause of the trouble and its quality.

When one is going to use this cause as a leading symptom, with the help of which, he is going to find the remedy for the whole trouble, then this doctrine of the cause must be understandable, evident and real. A lover's grief of a young sensible girl is to be estimated differently than of a ripe, serious person; it depends, how much they take it "to the heart". It requires a particular experience, a sympathetic understanding to find out the real cause, to differentiate it from a triviality.

So, something must have happened before 3 years, than what the patient has mentioned. That time because of her menses-trouble, she was treated with sex harmones. She could tolerate them only for 3 weeks; then she became so nervous, that she could have gone mad. Because of this some

Modern allopathic medicines for nerves and thyroid were prescribed, which she was taking till this time. Since two years she was noticing a "plug feeling" while swallowing. She cann't take any coffee, because it makes her nervous. She has become shaky from inside and outwardly.

The menses remained irregular even after the treatment. Since then the stools are sluggish, and sleep is disturbed. But in this period she has put on weight.

I tried to be satisfied with the available symptoms and gave her a medicine in LM 18.

A report on telephone after 14 days, said that the general condition was better along with the pressure in the throat. The next report came after 7 weeks "she was very lucky. Everything was fine". Only the. menses and the sleeping problem were still there. Has our medicine, which has pushed away the other troubles, then failed with these two symptoms? When we start with the condition, that the guiding symptom must be selected in consideration of the totality of symptoms, so as to eliminate all the important troubles, or at least have reduced them to a considerable state, then we must acknowledge the fact, that our medicine has failed to do it. And when we think about the situation, we also have the answer. Every medicine can reach only that much, what lies within its range.

Although our selected medicine has in its display of symptoms menses, sleep and stool troubles, it has no effect on these in case of our patient. And the reason for this was, the medicine has worked within only the range of "overburdening of medication". *Nux vomica* has removed the effects of medication (sex harmones);

The medicine has helped, but only in one sphere - the overburdening of the medication. Here the medicine has selected its range and decided what was correct. But then why did it work only on thyroid glands and not on the other two symptoms - the sleep & the menses, which were existing may be in the form which was not important.

That the patient has divided her thinking in two parts, namely the suggestive and imaginary, what concerns the

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thyroid problem, and that what was still there, which she nicely nursed as a different trouble is unnatural thinking and therefore not acceptable.

To illustrate, that behind the selection of every homoeopathic remedy the differences in the appearance of illness must be there, an example from the book by Kent "on theory of Homoeopathy" - German by J. Kunzle, is given here.

On page 219, chapter XXIV, examination of the patient it is given -1) an example of 3 patients, who were suffering from urticaria. The first one pointed to general change in the skin colour (getting red). The other two had it in nodular form. They were the diagnostic symptoms. All three have itchy swellings, with irritable burning itch. These were the symptoms which were observed.

The first one saw his urticaria appearing only when he had taken wine; he scratches only in the night, and his skin is then red as a lobster, as by confluencing rash with mad itching.

The second one saw in his healthy skin suddenly now here, now there emergence of single nodules, particularly after bath. This emergence is always accompanied by rheumatic pains at joints. His itching is worst after overstraining or after long marches.

The third one saw the rash appearing, which was similar to the second one, but particularly in spring; it is worse in dampness, particularly when head or feet are wet. Scratching worsens.

These are three cases which according to their symptoms will have different medicines in Materia Medica.

From a reasonable view, it is enough for the first, to stop the wein; only then his prognosis will be correct; with the other two, their prognosis depends on weather and meteorological factors.

The first patient required *Chloralum,* the second urtica urens and the third required *Rhus* fox in 200 c.

So, that was from the book. In these three different cases, there must be somewhere, a difference of some type; they

Narutally cannot be treated with the medicine. In allopathy no therapeutic consequences will be drawn. But the homoeopathy will consider them definitely. One has to discuss the problems in allopathy slowly, why an Asthma case starts regularly at 3 in the night, and the other one in the forenoon, and yet the other when a skin rash is subsided.

To give one and same medicine to all three patients could be a possibility for discussion, but for a conclusive result after a treatment it is not enough, and .in this respect I have to say, that the method is unsatisfactory.

CASE NO. 169

Hyperthyroidism, Vegetative Dystonia (Imbalance of the Autonomic Nervous System), Chronic

A woman, now 29, came about 8 years back in the clinic, complaining a general disorder in her muscular reactions. As a young girl, she had been to me at the age of 12, to get treated her adolescent goiter. I had given her some medicines in deep working potencies and the thickness of her throat had vanished. And the throat remained also normal in future. Her today's complaint was different.

She was suffering from a strong pressure on her throat, with choking sensation inside, particularly in lying position. She could not tolerate any thing tight around her throat; when in bed, she had a feeling, that the bedspread might crush her to death? She felt like swallowing all the time, to take away the pressure in the throat. The most unpleasant thing was the cough formation in the throat. This cough came from throat to the mouth, and therefore she had to clear the throat very often. To this she added, that she could not tolerate any type of heat and stopped as she had nothing more to add.

All this was there inspite of a treatment by a ENT-specialist for 4 months. I gave her *Lachesis* in LM 18. After 3 weeks there was no change in her condition. After giving *Sepia* in the same potency there was following change. Her constant yawning stopped and the need to swallow became lesser. Because of these changes, I gave her one more bottle of *Sepia.* What did not change was the cough-formation.

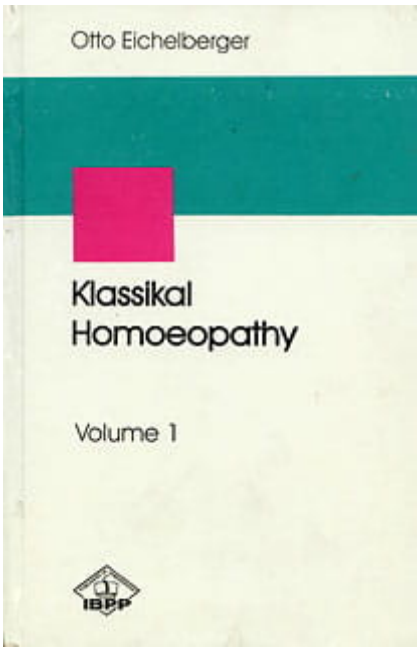
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