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TREATMENT

THE CHRONIC MIASMS

In the beginning of every expression of life or matter a dynamis is in operation. It is inexplicable and does not lend itself to be coaxed into revealing its secret law. For what is gravitation after all? Has the mystery of gravitation been so far unravelled by the profundity of scientific investigation? It has been mathematically calculated that a 400-ton ocean steamer loses one pound of its weight when the moon is on the meridian. One would naturally say that it is insignificant. But, all the same, such force determines the uproarious tidal phenomena, and when the Sun and the Moon are in conjunction, the tidal waves virtually express unusual conditions.

At all events, the why-aspect of the question is a scaled book to man, but not perhaps to the Great Federation of Planets ruled and regulated by the Sun. A most enticing drama of revolution and rotation, indeed, in the unlimited space without the intervention of any mechanism whatsoever! But a tremendous force plays its role all the time. It is, however, a force that obeys a law in all its perfection and to a nicety. It is something which is both enthralling and appalling. But, why then, the Halley's comet, long after the death of Halley was late in appearance and did not obey the time factor of his prediction? Was the calculation incorrect? No; its truth was verified after a performance of prolonged and indefatigable mathematical gymnastics. A distracting planetary force or influence was then tentatively presumed. Near the comet's orbit was soon detected a planet moving in its own course in harmony with what Milton has called "The music of the Spheres." This planet is our Neptune.

Anyway, what is significant from our view-point is the lack of any mechanism bringing about the enactment of the shocking drama in the nude space.

In his Principia Newton admits that the force functioning in the very origin "has nothing mechanical about it."

With all these preliminary observations to my credit, which seem to be off the track, I will, nevertheless, be in a
position to make my points clear while expounding the philosophy of life principle and disease force, or in other words, the doctrine of chronic miasms, a proper understanding of which may lead to the rejection of the present modes of medical treatment, so much extolled by the world at large. It is, for everybody, to be careful about palliation, suppression and false cures by diverting disease force to different channels with disastrous results.

Now then, let me discuss the Hahnemannian concept of life principle and disease force. If this is properly understood by a stretch of the imagination, we would realize where the wind blows.

Our body which is a conglomeration of infinite cells is animated, dominated, and regulated by a living vital force or life principle. If this principle harmoniously pervades an organism, there is a sound expression of life. But as soon as this life force is disturbed by another dynamis of a morbid nature, we have a disease. A perverted force is always there in all human beings. This basic chronic poison in the form of a dynamis has been designated by Hahnemann's Psora. It is existent in all human beings in a latent state and is the parent of innumerable diseases, it may manifest itself in itching eruptions and skin diseases, in which pruritus (itching) is a prominent feature. But, they themselves do not constitute Psora but are tantamount to one of the various manifestations of Psora.

Quite a healthy man may pass off as devoid of Psora, but it is there in a slumbering state and an outburst of the miasm may take place by exposure to abnormal heat or cold, excessive exertion of the mind of the body, overloading of the stomach and so forth, and, chronic diseases form.

According to superficial symptoms, one may prescribe short-acting remedies, which may often be of temporary help. A chronic nasal catarrh, for instance, may be warded off from time to time, with such remedies as Arum triph., Euphrasia, Allium cepa, and so forth; but it cannot be radically cured by such remedies which fail to reach the depth of the organism where the chronic miasm responsible for such acute outbursts remains unhurt.

The physician should try to get as much information as feasible from the patient as to heredity in matters relating to syphilitic and sycotic history, and whether he himself
4. **Burning.** Many symptoms are associated with *burning*. As if lime is being burnt in stomach. Rectum sore and burns. Piles burning like fire.

5. *Soreness or rawness.* This is a very characteristic note of the remedy. This condition may be noticed in throat, respiratory tract, urethra, rectum, anus, vagina, scalp and even in eruptions. Cough with *rawness and soreness in chest.* It is often forgotten that *Causticum* has soreness *infolds of skin*, back of ears and between thighs. Rawness and soreness of piles, worse when walking.

6. **Cracks ; fissures :** *Fissures in anus.* Nipples get sore and crack (*Phyt. Graph.*; cracks very deep and sore, *Sepia*).

7. **Warts.** Formation of warts on nose, face, eyebrows. Warts on fleshy tips of fingers. Warts large, jagged, and bleed easily. It has hard, dry, horny warts. Also fleshy warts. In seedy warts, *Causticum* is often overlooked.

**Determinative**

**Disposition :** Timid, nervous and fearful, esp. at night. Melancholy with weeping mood. Child cries at the least thing. Tendency to make mistakes when speaking. Indisposition to labour. Mistrust of the future. Absence of mind. Weakness of memory.

**Appearance :** Yellow colour of face. Eruptions of red pimples on face. Tetter on the lower lip. Painful corns in the feet.

**Characteristic peculiarities :** Cannot walk without suffering. Semilateral sufferings. *At night the legs are constantly "on the go."* Frequent but unsuccessful desire for stool. Chronic constipation. Very drowsy and sleepy, can hardly keep awake. Emaciation of long-standing due to diseases, worry, grief, etc. Stool passes better when standing. Contraction of the tendons, and stiffness in the flexor muscles of the limbs. Growth of warts. Stiffness on rising from a seat. In females : excoriation between the legs, at the vulva. Sweats while walking in open air.

**Typical pains :** Arthritic and rheumatic drawing and tearing pains, esp. in the limbs. Cramp-like contraction of several limbs. Wanderning chest pain better from pressure.

**Side affinity :** It affects the *right side* to a remarkable
degree. Paralysis affects the right side; right side of face, nape of neck, upper extremities, etc. But it has also left-sided sciatica, with numbness. Sudden severe pain commences in left hip joint.

**Desires**: Desire for beer, smoked meat, pungent things.

**Aversions**: Aversion to sweet things and delicacies.

**Aggravating influences**: The patient is sensitive to both heat and cold. Highly sensitive to currents of air and to cold. Worse from exposure to cold, dry winds. What is very peculiar as well as characteristic that the patient is generally worse from clear, fine weather. The more one thinks of one's ailments, the worse the person becomes. Suppressed eruptions with zinc or any other ointment.

Periodic paroxysmal attack (convulsion, epilepsy). Attacks twice a day. Attacks every two, three, or four weeks. Complaints coming on at new moon.

**Ameliorating factors**: The patient is better in damp, wet weather.

**Appendent**

**Obliquely contributory**: Chronic hoarseness, worse mornings. Inability to expectorate is observed in every species of cough, whooping cough, etc. Want of secretion of milk. Pain of excoriation, and moisture in anus. Difficult first menstruation. Words spoken and steps re-echo in the ear. Obstruction of speech.


**Notes**: "Teste found *Causticum* of great efficacy in small-pox in alternate with *Merc-cor."

**Drug relationship**: *Causticum* does not agree with *Phosphorus*; these inimical remedies should not be used one after the other.

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