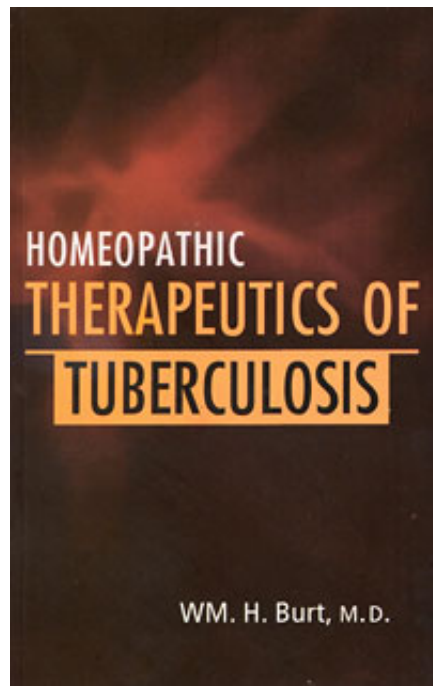


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INTRODUCTORY

TUBERCULOSIS OR PULMONARY CONSUMPTION

It is estimated that more than one-eighth of the entire mortality of the human family is due to the fatal ravages of *tuberculosis*. It is, therefore, not only the most frequent of constitutional, but also the most common of all diseases. With these facts before the physician, it behoves him to make it's treatment a life study.

Tuberculous matter is an unorganized material, characterized by a soft, cheesy, pale or yellowish gray coloured substance deposited into all the organs and tissues of the body, *especially* the *lungs*, accompanied by persistent cough, expectoration of mucus, blood and pus, dyspnea, asthma, hectic fever, emaciation, night sweats, apthae, diarrhea, pain, bed sores, general atonic condition of the body and debility.

In persuing the works of various authors -who have written elaborately upon the pathology and treatment of this dreaded disease, the writer's attention was directed to the catalogue of *distinct characteristic symptoms* or pulmonary tuberculosis, each of which presented itself as a subject for profitable study. Impressed with this idea, we have divided pulmonary tuberculosis into twelve of it's most prominent characteristic symptoms, and given a plenary treatment of each symptom

by it self, believing that in doing so it would greatly aid the practitioner in successfully combating it's fatal ravages. They are the following:

1. General atonic condition of the body.
2. Emaciation.
3. Debility.
4. Haemoptysis.
5. Cough.
6. Asthma.
7. Hectic fever.
8. Night sweats.
9. Aphthae.
10. Diarrhea.
- 11 Pain
- 12 Bed sores

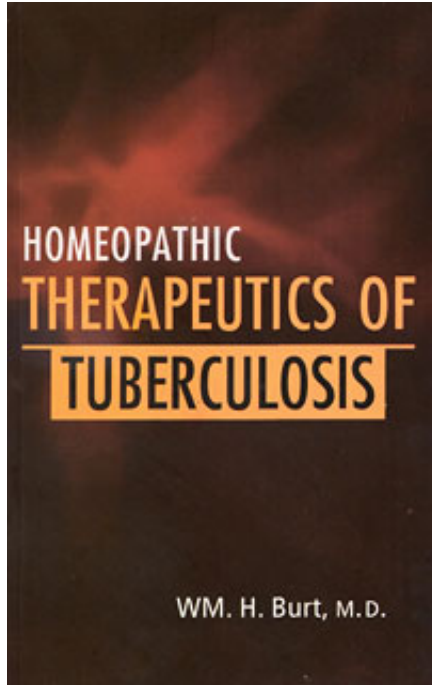
The pathology of the disease has been entirely omitted, it being so fully written up in our works on pathology, which are in the hands of every practitioner.

In writing the treatment of each symptom, we have collected together from our text books and journals all that has been written on this disease, and put in such shape that the busy physician and student can grasp and utilize it at once, without having to search over his whole library whenever a case presents itself for treatment.

The remedies have been so fully written, that not only the general indications are complete, but a *Characteristic Materia Medica* has been produced that forms a marked feature of the work, and we believe will be prized by the profession as invaluable; in it, the *heart* and *soul* of each remedy is put in such a concise shape that the labor of applying it to disease is made easy.

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We have aimed to put nothing in this work but actual *practical, clinical experience*, something that can be turned to by the student with the feeling that what he is wielding has been *thoroughly tested* and *found reliable*,



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