

marvelously short time to Nitric acid and went on to complete recovery, no other remedy was given.

All remedies given in the 200th potency.

Dr. Hastings—Has not aloes also that desire for apples? It is my impression that aloes has that.

#### A CASE OF DROPSY.

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Mr. J., about seventy-two years old, moderately stout built, blue eyes, dark brown hair, active for one of his age, had been a hard working farmer all of his life until three or four years ago; had been troubled with rheumatism more or less for some years, accompanied with indigestion (stomach would fill up with gas after eating) and an occasional attack of diarrhoea. The rheumatic troubles were mostly articular, worse in the hip joints, sharp, quick, stabbing pains. He was taken with a severe attack of diarrhoea, from taking cold or eating something that had disagreed with him more than common. I received a letter from an attendant giving his symptoms on September 1st, 1895, saying he had taken cold or eaten something that had given him a fearful diarrhoea. He had considerable pain in the abdomen, a kind of a sickening sensation, and at stool a severe sickening feeling about three inches (or seemed to be) up the rectum. A large amount of gas would pass off with the stool with very loud noise and a force which would scatter a watery stool all over the vessel, a brownish, watery offensive matter which was very small. He had to go at once as soon as the sensation came on, and could not tell whether it was fecal matter or gas which had collected, so he had soiled himself several times. I was asked to telegraph the remedy. I did not send a dispatch but wrote them a letter as what I wished to say would be too long. But before I got their letter the friends got alarmed and called in an allopath, so I did not hear anything further for

about two weeks, when they said that they had called in an allopath and he had checked the diarrhoea, but what he had given they did not know, and that now he was all bloated up. His legs, feet, thighs and abdomen were just as hard as they possibly could be, and he could not lie down but had to be propped up in a large chair, for if he attempted to lie down he would smother so that he would have to get right up again. As it was he had to sit stooped over and gasp for breath. If they would press the thumb or finger on the leg it would be some time before the dent would again fill up. The allopath said that nothing more could be done for him, that he could not live more than two days at furthest, as no one in his condition had ever got over it; all had died. I sent him one dose of Nux v. <sup>1m</sup> to be taken dry at once, also seven powders of Blatta orien. <sup>6m</sup> to be put in water, and after waiting four hours to give him one teaspoonful every two hours until better, then to cease as long as the improvement should last. Previously he would not pass more than a small teacupful of urine in twenty-four hours, which was very dark colored and of a strong odor. The first day he passed more, and they kept on giving the Blatta for four days, when they could see a decided improvement. In a week he could lie down, but must have two pillows under his head. The allopath and his friends said that "he could not get well but would be taken off very suddenly." In two weeks he could walk about the house. By this time they thought that the improvement had ceased, and they prepared another powder and gave it the same as at first. In three weeks he could put on his boots and go out on the street. The fluid had been absorbed, his appetite was good, and he said that he felt no inconvenience. He has had no trouble of the kind since or I should have heard of it. The allopath still says that it is only temporary and that he will go off suddenly without notice. My reply was "please keep your hands off and I will run the risk."



## DISCUSSION.

Dr. Hastings — What was that remedy ?

A Member — Oriental cockroach.

Dr. Baylies — I used it successfully in a case of ascites with general dropsy, complicated with albuminuria many years ago. The man was at the same time very sallow and jaundiced. The remedy had a progressive, recuperative effect, and no other medicine was required.

## CLINICAL CASES.

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I. *Constipation.*

Mrs. McCormick fifty-odd years, 1867, Nov. 29. Pains all through her. No rest, no appetite. Constipation, had no stool for three weeks. The piles came down, as large as hazelnuts, stinging, she counts five of them. Red flies through her sight. Staggers in the street and cannot see because the pavement looks like splashing fire. Cold runs down her back like a splash of cold water. A pain comes from the womb up to the heart, then she must hold on to something and shakes. Sometimes pain before passing water and then the urine looks reddish. Menstruation twice a month. Copious leucorrhœa in the intervals. She was led here by the hand because she could not walk alone. 10 A. M.  $\mathcal{R}$  Nux vom. 94m, one dose.

Dec. 3. After the dose of Nux 94m at 4 o'clock in the afternoon patient had a pretty natural stool and also yesterday. She was very bad on Saturday and Sunday and thought she could not live, because she had very painful uterine cramps but now she is better. Noise on top of head, can see well, the fiery sparks are gone. But she staggers from one side to the other. Pain starting from abdomen to heart like wind. Frightful dreams of bad people, dead

people. Tired and weary. Feet swelling. Some leucorrhœa.

$\mathcal{R}$  Sepia Cm.

Did not see her again but was told that she was well.

II. *Vaccinosis.*

1885. W. G., a boy seven years old, was vaccinated a year ago. The wound in the arm did not catch and healed up. But a pustule appeared at the foot which became very sore and would not heal for a long time. After that he suffered from similar eruptions on his body and extremities with general weakness. His legs and forearms are now covered with a flat pustular eruption with a red halo and a depression in the centre which when drying up itch. When scratching them they form sores. When one heals another comes.

$\mathcal{R}$  Variolinum 9 c three powders, one every night, dry.

Cured in a short time.

III. *Indigestion.*

1861, August 28. Mrs. S. Indigestion from new potatoes. Accumulation of saliva in mouth. Nausea. Pressure in epigastrium.

$\mathcal{R}$  Alumina 2500, two globules.

After this dose eructation of air with relief in epigastrium and sensation as if everything were diffusing. In the night cutting pains in bowels and one loose stool. After that well.

IV. *Scanty urine.*

1861, Aug. 31. Mrs. S. Swollen heavy. Some pressure in stomach. Urine scanty.

$\mathcal{R}$  Terebinthina 1m.

Sep., 2. Next day easier. Now as before. The urine had increased but now is scanty again.

9 P. M.,  $\mathcal{R}$  Terebinthina 2c.

Went to bed at 9 P. M. and woke at 11 P. M. with burning across the renal region, radiating toward the umbilical



region and like false labor-pains with tenesmus recti and vesicæ, followed by discharge of a little burning urine. Then three or four times loose stool each following the described symptoms and thirst without drinking. Some pain on top of head. Weak, but easier in stomach.

Then she was well.

V. *Diarrhœa*. The same.

1862, March 19. Burning in sacrum going toward the abdomen and watery diarrhœa. Chilliness.

9 P. M.,  $\mathcal{R}$  Pulsatilla 7m two globules.

She had no more diarrhœa.

The next day it went under the shoulderblades, then under the right shoulderblade with stinging through the chest anteriorly and sometimes worse on breathing, feeling like an ulceration underneath. This passed off soon and she was well.

VI. *Rhus-poisoning*.

1874, June 15. Mr. G., twenty-seven, tall, florid complexion, black hair and beard.

Was poisoned on decoration day, May 30th, probably by coming in contact with poison-ivy. After about five days little pimples broke out at the right forearm about its middle which since this day a week got very large. Dr. E. gave him powders which had no effect. They were very hot and burning. He pricked the blisters and patient afterward pricked them every night and morning. Then he put on cosmoline but all to no purpose. The burning is intense. There was one large blister as large as a pigeon's egg which he pricked twice as it filled again. The place occupies the lower end of the forearm and the whole wrist and has a bad angry look, there are large and small water-blisters on a shrivelled brown surface. The pain goes up the arm.

$\mathcal{R}$  Cantharis 90m in one-half tumbler of water, one teaspoonful every three hours, and Cantharis 50m one powder in

a glass of water, to be applied externally by means of linen rags wet with it.

June 17. The sore travels toward the hand. The large blisters being in front. It pains now only when moving the hand in pronation and supination. Sleep and appetite good again. Left cheek red, right one pale. Though everything is better he is discouraged because I promised a speedy recovery.

$\mathcal{R}$  Rhus tox Cm in water, a teaspoonful every three hours.

After a few days he returned and apologized and was very happy at the speedy recovery.

#### DISCUSSION.

Dr. H. C. Allen—It is a peculiarity which I have noticed a number of times in poisoning by *Rhus radicans*, and I don't think it is recorded, and that is the annual reproduction of the symptoms at the same time of the year for a number of years in succession. One of my colleagues was poisoned ten or eleven years ago on the San Jacinto river in Texas. He had a very severe attack at the time, taking him some weeks to recover, the swelling completely closing his eyes and mouth. Every season since that, in the same month, and generally about the same day of the month, he has had a recurrence of the symptoms. I attended him during one attack, and it came on very suddenly. His face was greatly swollen, the eyes were closed for three or four days. I would like to know whether any member of the association has ever noticed a recurrence of toxicological symptoms annually, under the poisonings of *Rhus tox*.

Dr. Taft—I would like to ask the association where I can find a proving of *Rhus radicans*. I have had several cases where *Rhus tox* seemed indicated, and when given in varying potencies, seemed to do little apparent good; then I changed to *Rhus rad.* and cured the patient. I have felt that *Rhus rad.* was a deeper acting remedy than *Rhus tox.* and would be glad to find a good proving of it.



Dr. Fincke—You might find it in Yahr's Symptomen Codex.

Dr. James—Doctor J. W. Thompson, of New York, has a very high appreciation of Rhus rad. and I have heard him lately several times complain of the Guiding Symptoms for not having Rhus rad. included. The editor of the Guiding Symptoms, now speaks of getting up an appendix which shall include the remedies which have been previously omitted; that is, those that are sufficiently well proved, and they will then be accompanied by a repertory on the same plan as this new repertory of the Guiding Symptoms.

Dr. Allen—I would like to ask Doctor Fincke if he has ever met with annual reproductions of the eruption in poisoning by Rhus tox. I have met a great many cases of Rhus rad. poisoning that had this annual reproduction of the symptoms, but in nearly every case I found it occurring in a patient of a tubercular inheritance.

Dr. Campbell—I don't see how you are going to tell whether it is Rhus rad. or Rhus tox.?

Dr. Allen—You very rarely find Rhus rad. and Rhus tox. growing in the same locality. Rhus rad. usually grows in a different soil.

Dr. Fincke—The late homœopathic apothecary Mr. Smith, in Brooklyn, could not even touch a bottle containing a tincture or potency of Rhus tox. without being seriously affected by it. His son, Albert, went to the New Jersey swamps to collect poison-oak plants for the preparation of the tincture. Both his hands got into a fearful state, being blistered all over. He applied camphor and everything he could think of in the store but he got no relief and no sleep at night. Then he asked me to prescribe for him and Rhus tox. 80m soon helped him and cured him in one dose. The case was published some twenty years ago in the Medical Investigator.

Dr. Campbell—Are we to understand from Doctor Allen's remarks that when the symptoms recur we are to

give Rhus rad. instead of Rhus tox.? I have a patient that does not need to go into the country to have the symptoms recur, if she goes where it grows, even without coming in contact with it, she always has the erysipelatous itch. Do you mean to say that Rhus rad. will prevent the recurrence?

#### CASES FROM MY NOTE BOOK.

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Madame J., æt. twenty-four, married nine years, slender, brunette, considerably deaf since childhood, was confined with her first child eight years ago. She seemed well during her pregnancy but when confined, although she talked rationally, she had no knowledge of what happened for the twenty-four hours preceding delivery. Soon after the birth of the child violent eclampsia set in, characterized by cold sweat over the whole body with desire to be uncovered. After the administration of several remedies, *Secale* <sup>200</sup> was given, which seemed to be just the remedy desired. She recovered her wonted health but was two days more in coming to a recollection of matters, and it was months before she could believe that she had been confined and that the child was her own. Later she was delivered of two children, then of a pair of twins, and last of all a single child was born to her in July, 1895. Nothing unusual occurred with her confinements, after the first, until this last one. With this she seemed to do very well for a few weeks until from overwork and a surplus of milk she weakened mentally and physically, becoming helplessly sick. An intermittent fever set in, characterized by much thirst for a little water at each draught and great restlessness about midnight, for which she received a powder of *Arsenicum* <sup>10m</sup>. Her fever left her and it was followed by profuse perspiration and restlessness with illusions of fancy. She wants no one near her, hates her



husband; calls him a liar; is cross and fault-finding; seems as if in a dream; fears she will lose her reason; fears her babe will starve. She is as deaf as a post to outward sounds but her own voice sounds to her like an organ. She has vertigo on sitting up and falls all of a heap or pitches headlong on the bed when attempting to lie down. She has no appetite but drinks greedily. The tongue is white coated, with red edges, indented, and feels as if pricked by needles when swallowing. The bowels were loose, but now are constipated with no desire for stool. Later she manifested no interest in her babe and would roll upon it if left to herself. She has had no sleep for several nights. Her pulse is 105 and weak. The babe was taken from her and she was given one dose of *Calcarea* 700 (Fincke). Next day I found that she had slept two and one-half hours. A steady improvement set in and in a few weeks she was her old self with her hearing as before her illness. Her friends had no expectation of her recovery and thought it a marvel that her reason was restored, as they predicted permanent impairment of the mind.

Ethel B., æt. three years, a blonde, always delicate, has gradually acquired the following symptoms: frontal headache; irritability of temper; stuttering, stammering, nasal, hoarse, husky, whizzing speech. She is slow to begin her speech; cannot get out the first words except she sings them. Spasmodic opening and shutting of the eyes; rapid winking; moaning in sleep and starting. Is hot at night and restless, with a poor appetite, and constipation with large stools in balls like marbles, packed together. She cries out during defecation. She often falls while at play and is very cross. I gave her *Sanicula* 50m, two doses within twelve hours, on March 4th, 1891.

On the 18th, she had improved in many respects, not winking so much, and her speech was much better. She was still suffering from constipation and her temper was no

better. She sleeps well. No medicine was given. April 2nd, the report was that she had been better but now has a partial return of winking, stammering and constipation, and she is very sensitive to censure. She grieves and cries at the least harsh word; rolls her eyes in sleep, which is very restless. A dose of *Sanicula* was given each day for seven days and on the 12th day of April she was reported no better. *Lac Caninum* cm was given in a single dose and May 11th her mother said she had been much better. Her symptoms are returning somewhat and she has bleeding with the hard stools and cries out at the time in great pain. *Lac Can.* was again given, a dose every five days, and this was the last of her trouble until the next March when the symptoms appeared in a less degree, when I gave her *Sanicula* 50m one dose, since which there has been no return.

Kitty B. æt. thirty years, has astigmatism of the left eye requiring to correct it a.-67, cy., axis 90, glass. Menses always scanty, colorless, preceded or followed by pain in sacral region, vertex and occiput. Heat on the vertex. Cannot turn over in bed when the pain is in the sacrum. Dislikes heat. She has a pain in the dorsal region which is worse about 4 A. M., and is of a burning character with a heavy feeling. A mild, milky leucorrhœa is worse after the catamenia. There is a whirling vertigo from any excitement, and a want of breath when ascending stairs. She is constipated with bleeding and itching at the anus. There is a feeling as if a ball lay against the rectum. Her hands and feet sweat profusely, but the sweat is not offensive. There is a scaly condition of the palms of the hands. The remedy chosen was *Sepia* cm one powder. In one month she reported herself as cured and took to herself a husband.

Mrs. E. P. D., on November 7th, 1891, who was the mother of five children while but thirty-three years of age, of slight build and of short stature, a blonde, awakens in the morning with the head thrust backward into the pillow, with



a drawing, pressing feeling in the occiput, and a burning smarting the whole length of the spinal column. She is somewhat improved by moderate exercise. She has had a leucorrhœa ever since she first menstruated. Her feet are cold and sweaty and offensive, with a tendency to blistering on soles and between toes. If she hurries she feels as if everything in her head was in a whirl, one thing going over another, and her hands become icy cold. She has complete relief after taking one dose of Syphilinum <sup>1m</sup>.

#### REMINISCENCES OF CURES WITH HIGHLY POTENTIZED MEDICINES.

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##### WARTS.

*Case I.* Girl about ten years of age ; red hair, freckles.

Hands, on dorsums and palms, almost covered with rough looking warts. *Calcarea carb.* <sup>200</sup> one dose dry.

In about two weeks, the warts had decreased in size fully one-half. The dose was then repeated, and in two weeks more, the warts had completely disappeared, leaving nothing but faint marks.

*Calcarea carb.* produces, and is therefore capable of removing many small warts that appear on various parts of the body ; also warts which are round, present a soft base, are similar in color to the surrounding skin. The upper surface is hard, rough, whitish and horny. The *Calcarea wart* may appear, itch, bleed, and quietly disappear. Again it may inflame and sting ; or it may even go on to suppuration and break down into an ulcer.

"*Calcarea* will remove warts from the mouths of sheep, when present in large numbers."

*Case II.* Man aged thirty-four ; blue eyes ; brown hair ; of stout build ; sweats easily and soon gets chilly ; is subject to heartburn. Wart on nape of neck, the size of a large pea ; hangs loose, attached only by the skin.

It swells and becomes very sore, if chafed by the collar. To-day it is black and raw-looking. As this case was being treated by correspondence, I applied for more symptoms and on the 13th of May received the following :—

"My husband laughed at the idea of sending to San Francisco for medicine for a wart. He was using *carbolic acid* to try and kill it. The wart is still sore, like a little bit of raw flesh ; bleeds and matures. Nothing is now applied but sweet oil, to keep the rag from sticking."

##### ANALYSIS OF SYMPTOMS.

1. Warts bleeding ; *Cinnab.*, NITR. AC.
2. Warts suppurating ; *Ars.*, Bov., *Calc. c.*, CAUST., HEP., Sil., *Thu.*
3. Warts pedunculated ; *Dulc.*, *Lyc.*, Pho. ac., Staph., THUJ.
4. Warts inflamed ; *Amm. c.*, Bov., CALC. C., *Caust.*, Hep., *Lyc.*, *Nitr. ac.*, Rhus t., Sep., SIL., Staph., Sul.
5. Warts large ; *Caust.*, DULC., Nat. c., NITR. AC. Nitric acid<sup>cm</sup> (Swan) one dose, dry, to be taken at bedtime. Sent by mail to Santa Ana.

May 26th. Received the following : "the wart is smaller and has stopped bleeding, but is now surrounded by large pimples, which look almost like warts coming."

June 6th. The following was sent : "My husband thinks his wart will be all right now. It is almost gone ; looks like a little callous spot."

In the pathogenesis of *Nitric Acid* we read : "Warts ; sticking and pricking ; wart on upper lip smarts and bleeds on washing, painful to touch ; soft, with a thin epidermis, and moist ; large jagged, often pedunculated, exuding moisture and bleeding readily."

##### ABSCESS OF LABIUM.

*Case III.* In a young woman, of light complexion and slender build, one of the lips of the vulva became suddenly



affected with *intense pain, heat, redness and swelling*. A few doses of *Belladonna* <sup>200</sup>, and the occasional application of *hot water*, caused the swelling to suppurate, discharge and disappear in an incredibly short time.

*Suddenness of onset and intensity of pain* are very characteristic of *Belladonna*.

## GUM-BOIL.

*Case IV.* A young man, of dark complexion and brown eyes was affected with a *sudden and exceedingly painful* swelling of the gum, the pain being speedily relieved and the swelling quickly disappearing after one dose of *Belladonna* <sup>200</sup> dry.

*Case V.* A young man scratched the head off a small pimple above the knee. The vital force resented this interference with her work, and re-opened the safety-valve with a bang, in the form of an enormous *erysipelatous swelling of a bluish color*, with intense soreness, burning and great *uneasiness*.

Here was a perfect picture of our invaluable friend.

*Rhus toxicodendron*, which he received, at first, a *single dose of the 200th, dry*; followed, when the amelioration ceased, by *the same in solution every hour, for three doses, stopping if better or worse*. The case was virtually cured in forty-eight hours.

*Case VI*—Tumor of eye-lid. Small sebaceous tumor, for many years located on the margin of inner canthus of right eye, *disappeared within a week after the administration of a dose of Calc. c.* <sup>200</sup>.

*Case VII*—Tumors of eye-lids. Chinaman, aged about twenty-four; cook; very intelligent. Sebaceous tumor, *size of a small marble*, on left upper eye-lid, and on left lower eye-lid one the *size of a pea*; the former first noticed seven weeks ago, the latter three weeks.

*Heaviness* in left upper eye-lid, evening until bed-time; aggravated by gas light; slight aching in the tumors, with a

tired feeling in left eye, and the desire to shield it from the light.

*Calc. carb.* 200, one dose, dry.

In a week: No change in tumors. Morning, *nose-bleed, right side*; *yellow mucus* in inner canthus, occasionally.

*Puls.* 200, one dose dry.

A week later, reported as follows: Tumors look less red; *epistaxis of bright red blood* (right side) every morning but this morning, *while washing the face*.

1. Epistaxis while washing; *Amm. c.*, Dros.

2. — in the morning; *Amm. c.* and many others.

*Ammon. carb.* 200, a dose, dry, at bed-time.

After another week, tumor in upper lid became red, swollen and painful until yesterday afternoon, when a little blood escaped. Now: There is *no pain*; the *swelling is less*; *soft and suppurating*, pointing, with small *yellow crust*. The tumor on the lower lid is smaller.

He had *no more nose-bleed after taking the dose of Amm. c.*, although he had been subject to it for four or five years, but more in summer than in winter, and sometimes in the evening as well as morning.

Report at the end of third week:

Tumor on upper lid much smaller, while that on lower lid is nearly gone.

Some months later reported that *the tumors had completely disappeared*.

*Case VIII*—Sprained ankle joint.

A young laboring man "turned" his ankle, which became *extremely painful*, and, with the adjacent parts, soon became *much swollen, black and blue*.

For the greater part of a day a liniment was used, which had little or no effect in lessening the pain.

A dose of *Rhus tox.* <sup>200</sup> was given dry, and within forty-eight hours the patient was walking down the road without a limp, and positively asserted that he was perfectly