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“The physician that gives greatest aid to his patients is the man of culture, that sits alone and deeply meditates. You do not find him with the crowd of swaying humanity, except when he has a duty to perform. I love to think of him as a man of honor, like a judge that has freed himself of all malice, prejudice, smallness, preconceived ideas. He enters upon the case, knowing the laws of action and reaction, of cause and effect, and his reasoning, therefore, is from first to last and last to first. We must enter upon the case, taking the evidence of the witnesses, which testify through the symptoms. The judge passing judgment must weigh and carefully classify all the symptoms, placing them in the right relations, according to their rank.

You would not give the sailor the place of an admiral, nor would you give the soldier the place of a general. All are important in their respective places, making up the perfect whole. The artist would not place in the foreground that which belongs to the distance. The salient point of a picture converges all the high lights to that point. All the parts are lit up by the skillful artist from the high light of that salient point. So it is with a Master Homoeopath; he selects his most important general symptom, and he makes it his keystone to the arch, and then general after general he places in the arch, according to their value.

If I were the judge framing this case, and my witness said he was sick and tired of life, and intended ending it all, I would make that my keystone. When he tells me he intends to take his life, that is the will of that mind speaking; and what does a man give in exchange for his life, that is the very innermost of man? His likes and hates I should take next. Then, the understanding of a man’s mind is that which weighs and classifies, and his loves and hates come in this arch we are building.

All laws are born from the inner most, and move from the center to the circumference, and thus occupy a beautiful place - yes, a most important place. Should our flag be insulted tomorrow, Washington would feel this most, as it is the center of government, and from this center would go out word that an apology must come or war would be declared. From every state, county, village, hamlet, would go forth this feeling of resentment; starting, however, from the center of government.

Again, the generals must have very careful judgment passed on them when building a case. The architect before the plan, the plan before the structure, the ocean before the cloud, the cloud before the spring, the spring before the brook, the brook before the river, brings the circle of completeness back to the starting-point, the ocean, which contains all and is all, only in changed form. Each one has its value and place, and it is here, where the value you make of knowledge gives it its worth. If you must see the cloud appear in visible form before you believe it is in the sky, your mind reasons slowly; for, if you meditate even briefly, you know that vapor was there all the time. As we are dealing with simple substances, or vital forces finer than organs, which were before the organ, we must find in these cases the great generals

that lie closest to man himself, which some call ego, the love for life, the likes and dislikes, as, "I love fresh air," "I dislike action."

Have you thought of the Knower that stands even back of the ego? Suppose someone should say that we were not in this room; suppose that all the people in Chicago would say it; would that make Kent's students doubt that we are here?

I can only just touch here and there on case-taking. It would take hours to speak on this line, - and why should I, when we have dear Dr. Kent's book on Philosophy? However, I am like a spider. So dearly have I grown to love the laws that Dr. Kent tried to make plain to me that I have made it my life's work and joy. With the spider, his web is his life; so much so that it is his very own, and he delights to store it away and spread it out, to dwell in by day and night, and it is the field of his action through all the passing hours and days.

Should the hands of many strong men be placed on a giant tree of the forest, it would not even tremble nor quiver; but the wind, an unseen force, torments it into swaying aggravation. Amelioration comes after the fury of the storm, and it is stronger and better. So the remedy given to man makes him tremble with aggravation, but amelioration follows with a beautiful new strength and health. After you have given a remedy, watch, I say - yes, watch - lest you be found asleep on duty. So many things will come up and fade away.

Watch the direction symptoms are taking.

Be sure that the vital force is able to stand the force of the remedies in the plane used, and have your antidote in mind.

I beg you not to be thoughtless, as the storm may break, and you be weighed and found wanting.

Concentrate every power on the patient. If the wind blows only softly across the blue surface, you can not even see the silver sands on the bottom of the lake.

Be vigilant, earnest, honest to yourself, to the patient, your brother. Be faithful.

Then our beloved Master Kent will say, I enjoy what the days present, as did Socrates; but still we, his children, know that his greatest love is Materia Medica and Philosophy, as his heart yearns to help humanity. May we, his students, be torch-bearers of the light. May Kent, like Socrates, see his loyal students in their race, exchange torches without letting their lights go out.

Let us hold fast and hold forth these torches of the light of the Law of Cure. Hahnemann's torch was lighted by the Father of Lights.

In our time, Kent has fostered this true light; let us fan its flame; let us pass it on to the coming generations, until the effulgence of Hahnemann's Law of Cure, "SIMILIA SIMILIBUS CURANTUR," shall flood the nations with its benign light, when sickness and pain shall flee as night before the light of day."

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"CASE 1. - A girl of five or six years, with golden hair, blue eyes, long lashes. As other doctors had failed to help, the child was taken to an osteopath. In working with the submaxillary and parotid glands, he had fanned a tubercular diathesis into a mighty flame. The mother was distressed and the Osteopath confessed himself intensely alarmed, saying,

when speaking to me of the child, "For God's sake, do something." When the mother called me to the case, I found her with these symptoms:

Weak, mentally and physically.

Fear of dogs.

Croup, frequently, appeared to take cold with every breath.

Glands intensely swollen, hot and on the verge of bursting.

TUBERCULINUM 10m. 1 dose.

Relief was almost immediate, and in the four years since, a repetition of the remedy has not been necessary. She lost all tendency to croup, and only simple remedies, such as ACONITE, BELLADONNA, and BRYONIA, have since been used.

CASE 2. - A child which much resembled the child just described, except that she appeared well nourished. She did not have croup.

Catarrhal discharge of yellow color from nostril and from the womb.

Repeated "colds."

SULPHUR, CALCAREA CARB. and PULSATILLA failed to aid much, before.

TUBERCULINUM Cured. The discharge disappeared entirely.

CASE 3. - The mother of this second child had been cured of tuberculosis some years previously by AMBRA GRISEA, commencing with 10m potency, and use of two doses on each plane at very long intervals. I took her to the two-hundred-thousand potency, in several years' treatment. She has not had a "cold" for a year or more.

Mother and child are both gratified with the results. I have omitted the many pages of symptoms which the records contain, as you have not time nor desire to read them.

CASE 4. - A girl of eight years, with dark blue eyes and dark hair. Her father died in the hospital of tuberculosis, evidently developed through dissipation. He was exceedingly cross when intoxicated, and this frightened the child.

Her mother contracted tuberculosis after her husband.

The child's sister suffers retention of urine, so intense that the urine cannot be drawn off with a catheter because the parts are so swollen. PULSATILLA brings quick relief, each time.

Normal, apparently, until two years old, then

Had scarlet fever, measles and diphtheria, in succession. After recovery, she resembled a newborn babe, unable to speak. She appeared to comprehend what was spoken to her, but had to learn the art of speaking again. Walked as a one-year-old child.

Would not play with children, dolls or books; would tear the leaves out of books. Did not know how to play with children, and they did not care to play with her.

Timid. Realized that other children thought her queer, and if they made a motion or spoke crossly she fled as a deer.

Placed everything in rows; old sticks, cans, etc.

Insensible to coldness of weather. Would freeze if not brought into the house.

Loved old pieces of rags and cloths which she found and stuck in her pocket.

Large adenoids were twice removed by old-school surgeons.

TUBERCULINUM mm. at long intervals. Improved so she has been able to attend school and acquire her lessons, bringing joy to her mother and pleasure to her instructors.

CASE 5. - A woman in whom carcinoma of the breast had been diagnosed by several able physicians was given just one week to live if a radical operation were not performed, including complete extirpation. As this woman's husband had lost his first wife on the operating table, he would not listen to plans for an operation, nor did she desire it.

TUBERCULINUM held her for three years, then SULPHUR for two years, at six months' intervals, led her to TUBERCULINUM again.

TUBERCULINUM is a wonderful remedy when the totality of symptoms asks for it, but it is a nosode which has been many times wrongly used as a cure-all."

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