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“In 1926 the Associated Press reported six or eight deaths from a single town in California, caused by spider bite. All were traced to an infected area around a certain woodyard which was finally destroyed with no more fatalities.

From the *Houston Press* of August 27, 1927, I copied the following new item:

“Caldwell, Texas - Funeral services were held at the Catholic Church here Thursday for Henry Fleckenstein, 45, who died Wednesday as a result of having been bitten by a spider just 24 hours previously.”

In the issue of April 26, 1929, another fatal case of spider bite is recorded:

“Edinburg, Texas – Funeral services were held here Monday for Miss Omer Dreydry, 14 high school student, who died Saturday from a spider bite on the neck on Wednesday.”

A third fatality in Texas is copied from the *Houston Chronicle* in its issue of Tuesday, May 14, 1929:

“A spider bite, one week ago, resulted in the death of Mrs. L. L. Roberts at Wallar, Texas, on Monday.”

Considering the small amount of venom that it is possible for a small spider to possess, and even less inject, we are considering for study one of the most violent of all poisons, the product of the N. O. Araneiae, which vies with hydrocyanic acid in the intensity of its action.

Our materia medica already includes fragmentary provings, mostly by accidental bite, of the *Tarentulas* (*hispanica*, *lycosa*, *mygale cubensis* and *mygale lasiodora*) and the *Latrodecti* (*katipo*, *mactans* and *theridion*).

The astounding cure of an insane woman with *Tarentula hispanica* by Dr. James Tyler Kent, reported by Dr. A. W. McDonough, in the *Homoeopathician* for October, 1913, and partly recorded in Clarke's *Dictionary*, opens up a most wonderful and promising sphere of action for the spider poisons. It is a pity that some of the great endowments are not used to further homoeopathic provings including the spider venom. They would, no doubt, prove priceless to the human race; far more valuable than the mediocre results achieved in laboratory experiments on animals, often conducted so inhumanely.

Let me present to the Texas State Homoeopathic Medical Society the record of a most remarkable proving from the accidental bite of a spider, probably the *Latrodectus mactans*. I am not quite certain that it was this particular spider as a specimen, secured and sent to one of our universities was lost before it was classified, but from my description it was thought to be the one named. It was a small spider, about five-sixteenths of an inch in length of body including the head but not including the legs. It was hairy, rather dark, with a stripe down both sides of its back. There was either a red dot, or the stripe may have been red, I am not quite sure which, as I failed to make a written description on the record at the time.

Mr. Joe Trinkle, 55, was bitten on the glans penis about 6 a.m., July 12, 1927. He immediately felt so deathly faint that he could hardly get to his house. They at once arranged to take him to Houston for medical treatment, a distance of about fifteen miles. On the way he collapsed and was taken to a farm house along the way. Here he remained until evening when he was brought to Houston, but I did not see him until the following morning about 9 o'clock, when I elicited the following symptoms: No pain or swelling; no subsequent ulceration at point of bite; stinging sensation as though a wasp had stung him at the time of bite; within several hours the inguinal glands began to swell with much aching pain that extended up the back to the upper lumbar region. "It almost knocked me down", he said. This was followed by an awful aching of the hips, thighs and knees on both sides but worse on the left side. Finally the whole body ached. From the beginning to the end there was repeated nausea and vomiting. The vomited matter was green and watery, and there was much griping and colic like pain in the stomach and abdomen. The terrible pain in the stomach was relieved by the application of hot wet towels. The aching was particularly severe from 9 until 11 a.m. the morning of the bite, and again the following morning somewhat earlier. He could retain nothing in his stomach. There was no desire to eat, but there was considerable thirst for cold refreshing fruit drinks. He was averse to drinking water but did drink pineapple juice which was ejected immediately; there was no diarrhoea. There was pain in the region of the heart, and also in an arm which was once broken; repeated attacks of pain over the kidneys which he described as "striking down pain"; the left toes all felt as heavy as lead, much worse in the left great toe; the right foot was not affected. All his symptoms were violent, with much anxiety and restlessness, constant moving, every ten minutes or so, from bed to chair, and back to bed again, notwithstanding his great weakness. He was afraid he was going to die and constantly repeated as he rocked back and forth, "Oh, Lordy! Oh, Lordy! Have mercy, have mercy"! He described all his symptoms as terrible: Terrible burning inside, terrible aching of all his bones, terrible chill, terrible itching, terrible stinging of the legs. It was so violent he could not keep from "clawing it out". Copious, ice-cold perspiration poured from his knees to his ankles, accompanied by this awful itching stinging, with desire to claw at his legs. The arms were hot, the feet warm, but the legs, from knees to ankles, were cold and sweating. The feet were dry. From 12 to 2 p.m. he was burning up inside; pains in the stomach at 4 p.m. that "cut off his breath", relieved by hot wet towels applied to the abdomen; better at 7 p.m.

At 9 a.m., the day following the bite, I found him in a violent chill, shaking all over, even his facial muscles quivered, especially his upper and lower lips. This chill continued from 7 a.m. until he was given a remedy at 9 a.m. He complained of being cold but did not ask to be covered, and as the weather was warm no effort was made to cover him. The burning and stinging of the legs continued with general aching in all the bones. He was unable to sleep, during the entire night and continued vomiting greenish water, but not very copiously. "Oh, give me something to make me sleep", was his repeated cry. I did but it was not morphine. I have never found it necessary to give morphine, as the homoeopathic remedy in suitable potency will relieve and do it more quickly. I have proved this even in injuries and accidents with *Arnica* or *Hypericum*, or in eye injuries with *Symphytum*.

This man received a dose of *Arsenicum* 10M which was repeated in ten minutes, after which he became calm and dozed off to sleep. He returned to his work on an oil well rig in five days.

The remarkable likeness of these symptoms to those of *Arsenicum* suggests the interesting thought "whether the full range of curative medicines may exist in either of the three kingdoms, mineral, vegetable and animal."

In analyzing this proving we notice that the velocity is very rapid, and the pace intermittent. The physical symptoms were restlessness, with relief from motion and from hot applications. Hot drinks might have relieved his stomach symptoms had they been given, for we know, that, while he had a moderate thirst for cold drinks, there was no relief from them. There was

no particular dryness of the mouth. In the direction of symptoms there was a left sided tendency, and at first a tendency to extend upward. Perhaps nature later made an effort to throw off the symptoms which then took a downward and natural healing course of direction. The inguinal glands were affected but there was a decided preference for the cerebro-spinal nervous system. This remedy should prove efficacious in la grippe, malarial fevers, anginas, syphilis and zymotic diseases. Seldom we find a remedy that at once attacks with such violence the three planes of man, physical, mental and moral. I doubt whether the man would have lived 12 hours longer had he not received *Arsenicum*. I am of the opinion that without *Arsenicum* he would have died. Physiological medication, physical therapy, and expectant treatment I believe would have been useless, if not harmful. It would be interesting to know whether *Arsenicum* in the 30th potency, or arsenic in the form of cacodylate of soda, 606, or Fowler's solution would have cured the man. I believe any of the arsenical preparation would have saved him, but I am certain that none of the arsenical preparations could have relieved him any sooner, more permanently, or more gently than the 10M that was given.

It is generally thought that low potencies administered on the same plane of cause, are better antidotes for crude poisons. This may be the case with drugs of less velocity of action, but the spider venom at once attacked the inner man as well as his physical, so I gave him the 10M rather than the 30th potency.

This spider should be proven in the higher potencies to bring out the moral symptoms. There is much work for all of us. The masters spent much time and suffering preparing the way for us, giving us our start in banking, but how few of us ever think of that promissory note, past due, to do our bit. How many additional lives would it help the next generation of physicians to comfort and save?"

(William H. Schwartz, M.D., Houston, Texas, Spider Bite, The Homoeopathic Recorder vol. 45 (1930), p. 20-24. Read before the Texas Homoeopathic Society, October, 1929.)

1930 - Separating the Miasms

"A confused image of two or more miasms, brought about by a wrong prescription after order had been established by a first prescription, *can* again be brought to order. It may be done by the homoeopath even after repeated order and disorder. This also applies to cases spoiled by the more recent drugs, alkaloids, coal tar derivatives, and nosodes of serum therapy. As the same law and rule govern all spoiled, masked or centripetalized cases, we shall attempt to answer the question in a general way but with frequent references to particular miasms, and personal experiences.

The reestablishment of order in spoiled or masked cases depends on three main factors - time, vital or reactive power of the patient, and the homoeopathic remedy. (Taking for granted that the patient has received a potency of the remedy sufficiently attenuated to reach the plane of his disturbed vital force. Today we cure cases that Hahnemann could not cure for he lacked the essential higher and higher potencies necessary to permeate the higher and higher planes of vital disturbance).

As to the first element, *time*: Nature herself, unaided by medicine, often establishes order by centrifugalizing the disease, thus clarifying the internal and vital organs, throwing to their corresponding externals as ultimates, the disturbing humor. If this were not so few children would develop past infancy. In fact, all disease, both acute and chronic, is simply a *manifestation* of Nature in her effort to purge herself. Sometimes when she cannot purge herself of the miasm she adapts her house to the new tenant and fashions new structure, however prone it is to break down. Nevertheless it is *an effort of nature to save her life*. Given time Nature would fashion tumors and devils and monsters when she cannot purge herself of

the humor or miasm. Theoretically Nature would always restore order if given time enough and not checkmated. Just how many generations it would take Nature alone, unaided, to purge the race of disease would depend on environment, food, climate and social factors.

But just as that hygienic Utopia is as impossible as universal brotherhood without the advent of a Christ, so the physical sanctification of humanity can be made possible only through its saviour, homoeopathy. And it is quite possible that spiritual regeneration of the race will, in fact, ultimately depend on the moral results of the homoeopathic remedy *on the mind* by the universal use of homoeopathic medicines. As proof I ask you to witness the cure of the kill desire of the tubercular child by *Silica*; the liver ultimates of hate cured in childhood by such remedies as *Chamomilla*; the cardiac ultimates of selfishness cured by a host of remedies such as *Calcarea carbonica*, *Natrum muriaticum*, *Pulsatilla*, etc. You ask for proof. Why every good homoeopath has hundreds of children that he has purged of their inherited miasms so that they will never die from cancer, tuberculosis, diabetes, Bright's disease or any other chronic miasm. And such children have proven to be prettier than other children for health develops beauty. They excel in school for a healthy brain can function and they have been made healthy.

As to the second element, *vital force or reactive power of the patient*: Reestablishment of order in a spoiled case, and in all cases, depends on the vital reactive powers of the patient, as well as time, and the homoeopathic remedy. A devitalized seed may fail to germinate and grow, and sometimes it takes months and months to manifest itself. One must always wait and wait. Give Nature a chance to interfere. Even after the symptoms develop one must wait to see if they persist. (See *The Second Prescription* in Kent's *Lectures on Homoeopathic Philosophy*).

The reaction is sometimes a confusion of miasms. If the symptoms persist the prescription sometimes must include the totality of symptoms to find the remedy that will create order. Sometimes the last group of symptoms, if they persist, will guide one to the remedy. Then again a sort of sixth sense of accumulated subconscious knowledge or experience will guide one to the remedy. An experienced physician sees people as pictures of remedies. Such remedies will arouse reaction if there is sufficient vital force remaining in the patient. This can hardly be advised as a scientific homoeopathy, but perhaps it is a high form of knowledge of what might be called spiritual perception. At any rate, there are cases of apparent inertia without apparent symptoms that need a remedy. It seems as though the vital force was entirely lacking or had ceased to circulate. Perhaps an internal struggle is going on between the centripetal suppressive and centrifugal purgative forces, neither one of which has yet overwhelmed the other. There are no symptoms that the novice can see at all. It is then that a dose of the master's prescription, for it requires a master, will come to the aid of the centrifugal force and throw out the symptoms in an orderly fashion with relief to the patient.

This is what probably occurs when *Opium* arouses reaction in inertia due to shell-shock, and fright. And again in syphilitics, when inertia follows the curative use of repeated doses of *Mercury*, a dose of *Opium* will arouse the reaction as Hahnemann advised. Sometimes the action of *Kalmia* in spoiled cases of syphilis bring on an *Arsenical* group of symptoms, perhaps appearing as a severe coryza, or even as a bronchitis. *Kalmia* has a tubercular picture in syphilitic cardiac cases with expectoration of bloody purulent matter due to passive congestion of lungs. *Calcarea carbonica* has the same picture in suppressed psoric cardiac cases.

The inertia produced by the shock of typhoid inoculation, and even its centripetal activity, is met with *Tuberculinum*, showing the relation of typhoid as an acute manifestation of a tubercular diathesis, i.e. I have frequently seen spoiled typhoids go into a tubercular state. It is true that tubercular families have much typhoid and members of such families, when properly

treated by homoeopathy, become well and never get tuberculosis. In other words there is a relation between acute and chronic disease. The acute manifestations are simply Nature's effort to clarify itself of the chronic miasm. But sow the seed of acute disease by serum and vaccine therapy in fallow ground and you will reap a harvest of chronic ultimates.

I have saved a number of Gorgas' victims of typhoid inoculation with *Tuberculinum* 10M (Kent). I was living here at the time the sales campaign was manufactured at a Texas city when they put over the campaign. Just as they duplicated the same stunt when they put over toxin-anti-toxin for diphtheria at Dallas with such disaster - thirteen killed and scored injured for life. It was a great success - financially. So in dealing with the vital force homoeopaths must consider the miasmatic diseases of serum therapy.

Inherited sycotic cases of good vitality, confused by error of the physicians, will, if given time, (three to five months) develop an acute or sub-acute miasm calling for *Arsenicum*. Then in from four months to a year they may run into a state calling for *Thuja* or *Natrum sulph.*, etc. When *Thuja* is needed warts will become extremely sore. When *Nat. sulph.* is needed the patient will develop liver or bronchial affections.

Acute gonorrhoea is seldom cured with one medicine. I cured one case which finally came to me after a month of fright, (too scared to see a doctor), having had no treatment but cleanliness. It was cured in less than a week with one dose of *Pulsatilla* 10M. We frequently meet spoiled cases. But from the lack of clinical reports in our societies and medical journals I judge that the homoeopathic treatment of gonorrhoea has become a lost art.

Masked cases respond to the indicated remedy. Masked is a relative term when thus used. What may appear masked to one is an open countenance to another. Does a master ever have a masked case, or a case so spoiled that he cannot see the remedy? Yes, for man is fallible. In the case of suppressed gonorrhoea, patients do not always react alike. When rheumatism arises from its suppression it is generally cured with either *Medorrhinum* or *Thuja*. The *Medorrhinum* case will have inflammatory rheumatism, better from hot applications, with such swelling and inflammation of joints which cannot be touched, (*Lach.* and *Arnica*) and the skin sometimes becomes discolored with dappled brown spots. *Medorrhinum* will establish order in such a patient no matter how many previous mistakes were made. Old, apparently masked cases, if unmasked, will show a fat, old, robust sinner of years of debauching. I have seen several of them mystified by a dose of *Capsicum* that brought back a suppressed discharge with was then properly cured with *Clematis*. In acute gonorrhoea *Cannabis sativa* cases often run into *Cantharis*; *Thuja* into *Nitricum acidum*; *Arsenicum* into *Thuja*; *Gelsemium* into *Pulsatilla*. A symposium of homoeopathic experience in gonorrhoea would, I believe, be much appreciated by readers of the *Recorder*.

We have much to learn but, thanks to Hahnemann, we have not much to forget or unlearn. Homoeopathy grows by accretions not by change of fashion. In homoeopathy humanity has a refuge. The law is inviolate but subject to fallible doctor's abuse. Nature is merciful and patient. She will react to much abuse, even wrong prescriptions, coming back, as it were, for more punishment at the hands of man. She is as merciful as Divinity. To say that a confusing, second prescription would make a case incurable would be like saying the Master is unforgiving. It would suggest that homoeopathy is self-limited, which I am unwilling to admit. The patient may be found wanting in vital force sufficient to react, but that is no fault of *similia similibus curantur*. Then again, if I fail to find the remedy that will arouse reaction, I am not willing to admit the *self-limitation* to a weak point of our law especially when the blindness is due to ostrichlike behavior.

Our law is infallible. One exception would disprove the law. No one yet has found an exception. The trouble, to me, seems to lie in finding the master locksmith who is able to fashion a homoeopathic key for this intricate lock, and it is no school boy's job."

(William H. Schwartz, Separating the Miasms, The Homoeopathic Recorder vol. 45 (1930), p. 443-447. An answer to a question by E. W. Wright in Carriwichets 12, ibd. p. 303: "Is it true that, if two or more miasms combined have been dissociated by the proper remedy and a mistake in prescription causes them to recombine, they can never again be separated?")

1930 - Miracles with Homoeopathic Medicine

"I was led to write on the subject of this paper by a casual remark made by one of the ardent members of our Society. He stated that he "had never witnessed any of these miraculous 'one minute' cures reported by homoeopaths." That was a very frank statement. It certainly was an admission that he had never made such cures.

Without going into the psychology of such individuals, who are ardent homoeopaths and who have fought the legal battles of homoeopathy for years. but who, nevertheless, rage at miracles and high potencies, I will present a few cases from my own practice - personal testimony that would be accepted in any court, and I am sure no member will challenge my veracity when I attest to these facts that I am about to set forth.

But first let me remind you that our literature is filled with records of miraculous cures, some of them rivalling the master's cures. I will not burden you with a bibliography, for such a record would require more than a day's time to read. I will take time for only one quotation and that from my former teacher, the late James Tyler Kent, in his lecture on *Ipecac*, recorded in the second edition of his *Materia Medica*, page 576, as follows: "A single dose of any of these medicines (*Acon.*, *Bell.*, *Ipecac.*, *Phos.*, *Secale*, etc.) when indicated and placed on the tongue will check a haemorrhage... The haemorrhage will be checked so speedily that in your earlier experience you will be surprised. You will wonder if it is not possible that it stopped itself." That is pretty strong language.

I can testify from my own experience to that statement. A patient with uterine haemorrhage who has a sickening faintness with every gush of blood with perhaps a severe backache, will respond almost instantly to a high potency of *Ipecac* 30th, 200th, 500, 5M, 10M or 10MM. The 3x will act but not as quickly, because it is on the low, food plane.

I will digress for a moment to explain the fact. Man is a *trinity*; a *physical*, *mental* and *spiritual* concatenation. He is fed and nourished on the *physical plane* by all articles of diet, which are digested, prepared for entrance into the blood stream, and then distributed by the system of arteries, capillaries and veins. So too the *nervous system* is one of circulation but not of liquid, but a form of energy. That is why we require the potentization of medicines. They do not act so readily through the blood stream but, likewise electrical energy, through the nervous system. Even crude medicines have some of this dynamis. No other explanation could account for the instantaneous action of hydrocyanic acid, and the venom of the coral snake. A fraction of a drop of hydrocyanic acid placed on the tongue is fatal almost instantly. Perhaps that is why vitamins and hormones are so essential - they are necessary to feed the vital dynamis required of the nerve circulation. So too the *spirit man* needs food and is nourished not by blood nor by dynamic forces, but *by the Word*.

Getting back to miracles with homoeopathic medicine. I was called one evening to a patient in the country, with a ten-mile horseback ride before me through muddy black gumbo roads. Therefore it was late when I arrived, 11 p.m. The priest had already been there and departed, having given the unconscious man the last sacrament. A dead child lay on a pallet on the floor. Another child about twelve was still breathing - diphtheria. The mother sat on a chair in the corner dazed and helpless. It was the saddest picture in my experience - all living in a two-room prairie shack, a remnant of early days. They were Bohemians and I could not understand the language. I had no one to interpret for me. The man who came to my office asking me to go on this visit said, "In two days they all get sick and die". Symptoms were scarce. Sudden

rapid prostration - I made a guess of *Arsenicum*, giving both patients the 500 (B. & T.) in water, and by pointing to the clock made the mother understand to give a teaspoonful every fifteen minutes, leaving just enough for eight doses.

The next morning I returned to find quite a commotion. The neighbors were there from miles around, for the priest had been there again, and one of my patients, the husband, greeted him at the door. The good Father "threw up his hands", so I was told, and exploded, "A miracle, a miracle has been performed!" when they told him what had happened, that the "sugar doctor" was there the night before. Of course the neighbors all wanted to see the miracle.

The dead child had been given antitoxin. *If you know your materia medica* you will despise antitoxin. If you don't know your materia medica you *may* save your patient with antitoxin - that is, he *may* get well. It is also a fact that you may kill your patient with the so-called antitoxin; (it is not *anti* but toxin).

But let me assure you that when I am hunting big game I want a high power rifle and not a shotgun. And I also want to warn the hunter of dangerous game that if he is not a crack shot he had better stay out of the bush, at least until he has mastered the use of his weapon.

An emergency prescriber must be a "crack shot". He has not time to change weapons. Don't "shoot" until you are sure of your remedy when treating diphtheria. Better wait twenty-four or thirty-six hours until the symptoms are clear rather than spoil your case and lose your patient. If there is not vitality enough for the symptoms to be manifested there is not vitality enough to cure anyway and you have the consolation at least that you have not destroyed the last chance of curing by spoiling the case. The late Georg Thacher was up against that problem with his own and only child. But he waited and waited, until some of his people were "up in arms" to "do something" (even if it kills, but do something, is the cry). He answered them, "It is my boy and I alone bear the responsibility." It was thirty-six hours or longer before he finally saw the remedy unfold, and then it was only a matter of minutes until his boy showed rapid improvement and got well. The doctor told me he was sure the boy would have died had he not remained firm. We lost one of our best prescribers, friend and credit to our profession, when Georg Thacher was called.

I once asked Dr. Kent what results he had treating diphtheria, and he replied with a smile on his face, and how his countenance lighted up when anyone hungry was seeking information, "Why, Schwartz, I have not even seen a case in person for possibly twenty-five years. *I have prescribed for most of them over the telephone*, and I have not lost one although I have treated many". Is that not miraculous?

But to perform miracles with homoeopathic medicine one must know disease! Which means ITS NATURE; its onset, pace, velocity, periodicity and the trend in ultimates - its pathology. Then one must know his medicines; their nature; their pace, velocity, violence, periodicity and physiological correspondence to the patient and the organs involved; remittent, intermittent or continued; is it septic; what is its periodicity or cycle; what is the thermal state (is the patient chilly from uncovering, worse from hot or cold); what are the physical desires and dislikes; is he restless or quiet and why; do the pains ache, burn, sting, throb, stick, etc.; what is the color and odor of the discharge? If the symptoms are mental are they of the intellect or will? If you know the organs affected it may help you to find your remedy among the corresponding organ rubrics in the repertory. Symptoms are an orderly cross-indexed puzzle from which the remedy may be worked out from many angles of attack, and sometimes by short-cut key-notes, but the technique of Kent, working from the generals down through the particulars with their modalities is the sure method of procedure.

No one is fit to doctor unless he understands these basic principles of homoeopathy and is well grounded in them. That can scarcely be achieved without expert training. If he does not

doctor that way it is little wonder that he has never seen miracles nor one minute case. No wonder he must vaccinate and ease his conscience with antitoxin.

Who has not seen instantaneous cures?

The other evening while sitting at dinner we were alarmed by the terrible and repeated outcry of one who proved to be a Mexican laborer living in one of the outhouses to the rear of my residence. Someone was in pain. I was about to investigate when the wife of the patient came begging me to come at once as her husband was in great distress. I found him throwing himself all over the bed, in too great distress even to answer my questions. He was in a copious cold perspiration crying out with every contortion of his body. Having had a similar case the preceding day due to drinking copious draughts of ice water, and knowing the laborers were served with ice cold water, as the weather was extremely hot, I gave the man a dose of *Arsenicum* 10M (Kent). *Instantly* the man was relieved and did not utter another cry. He needed no second dose and received no more. Morphine could not have been prepared as quickly, nor would it have relieved so quickly as did the *Arsenicum*.

As a student I took care of an "old school" doctor's practice for two weeks during his vacation. He was a graduate of Yale and a neighbor of mine. When he asked me to help him out I told him I would have to rely on my "sugar powders" and he said, "I expect you to."

Among the patients was a young lad I judged to be about ten years of age who came in the drug store asking for something for pink eye, with classic symptoms calling for *Belladonna*, and I gave him a dose of the 50M (Skinner's potency, I believe it was), on his tongue, and several more doses in powder form to be taken half an hour apart. In less than an hour he was back again with the two remaining powders and said, "My mother said, 'What kind of a fool doctor are you giving medicine on your tongue for pink eye?'" He demanded that I should give him some medicine for his eye, not his tongue. I replied, "Son, do you remember that when your first came the light hurt your eyes and they were watering so that you would hold a handkerchief to them? In fact you could hardly see out of them, and now you come back and have been reading that magazine on the counter?" "Why, yes," he said laughing, "they feel much better". Then I explained that the medicine was for his eyes and that it worked through the blood, an incorrect statement, but even doctors can't understand how medicines work through the channel of nerves, much less the laity, so I sometimes use their language and just say "through the blood". It raises no issue and saves talk.

My daughter was suffering from a cold; finally after more than a day of sneezing and fluent discharge of the nose she said, "Daddy, why don't you give me something for my cold?" "Because we have no medicine for colds, but if you have any symptoms tell me and then perhaps I can give you the remedy." "Well, my throat is terribly dry and the teeth on my left side ache." I gave her one dose of my favorite potency of *Lachesis* (200 B. & T.). The next morning she exclaimed in rapture, "Daddy, my cold is entirely gone; why did you not give me that medicine two days ago?" I answered, "Why did you not give me your symptoms two days ago?" For two years she had been under the influence of *Natrum mur.*, twice going through the series from 200 to CM. This was her first call for an acute remedy, and *Lachesis* was indicated. Will you pardon me for saying that she is a B. A. graduate from Rice Institute with honors in history at 19, selected as one of the prettiest five girls in college - another miracle of homoeopathy: health, beauty, brawn and brain. Health makes for beauty. And a healthy brain functions.

For three successive nights one of my children suffered from a nagging toothache. I first gave him *Aconite* 200 without much relief, but the child finally dozed off to sleep. Next night the pain returned. I then gave him *Cham.* 1M as he was rather cross and irritable, and for the second time he again dozed off to sleep after an hour of the grumbling tooth. "Daddy, you must take this child to the dentist tomorrow." "But he saw the dentist just two weeks ago", I

replied. The third night he was worse than ever. Lower left bicuspid, better from warmth; worse early part of the night. Why, *Mercurius iodatus ruber*, of course; and in five minutes he was asleep with an end to his ache.

Mrs. E. called me to her residence where I found her in great distress and humility. "Doctor, I have been suffering now for three days and I can stand it no longer, so I sent for you. Can you give me some morphine to put me to sleep?" "Perhaps you won't need morphine. Tell me your troubles", I said, "I have a large abscess that feels as large as an egg" (on what I noted as the left labia majora). "And oh! How it pains! It even hurts my left thigh and left arm." She received a dose of *Lachesis* 200 and in perhaps a minute she said, "Dr Schwartz, do you think your medicine could work this quickly?" "Why, what makes you ask?" I replied. "My arm and leg are easy and I don't suffer any more." It was amusing to see her bewildered expression. So I left her, saying that she would need no more medicine, but that if the abscess did not break by morning I would lance it. She told me the following day that the abscess broke within an hour. With that experience with *Lachesis* for abscess I was ready for another *Lachesis* patient suffering from abscess of the lower part of the left breast that was terribly sensitive, blue and accompanied with severe lumbar backache which gave her no peace for nearly a week of suffering. So they brought her to Houston, a distance of sixty miles, for treatment. I gave her *Lachesis* 200, one dose, with instructions to call me if she got worse. I received no call the night but the next morning she came to my office all smiles - and no more backache. The abscess broke about two hours after the *Lachesis* was administered. I am glad that I have another lance besides *Silica*.

I do not agree that "a miracle is a violation of all the laws of Nature". I agree with the dictionary view that a miracle is "something wonderful; anything which excites wonder, surprise, astonishment; a marvel". Food performs miracles. Homoeopathic medicines work miracles; and I believe (after much research through Swedenborg; psychology; Hindoo philosophy first hand through the medium of highly developed Yogi teachers; and the science of the emotions by Bhagavan Das; and the Holy Bible) and I am satisfied that Christ was right when He said that "even greater things than these shall ye do". How? By treatment on the *spirit plane* of man's trinity. That does not include hypnotism and hysteria. It does not mean Christian Science nor Unity, but by a special science of occult development, *i.e.*, development by scientific procedure of the hidden, latent forces inherent in all of us. The centre is, of course, in the brain, but it has its correspondence in the endocrine glands. The Holy Bible is a scientific textbook on the physical, mental and moral regeneration of the whole race. I am of the opinion there is enough literature extant to outline a course of study and training to enable the doctor to so build up and develop himself that he can within himself generate healing powers as Christ said he could. This truth has, almost, made a Christian out of me - with a few falls, and some hurdles yet to take.

As yet, not all sickness can be cured by homoeopathy instantly. The time required to cure depends on the duration of illness. Chronic cases usually take from two to five years, if curable. That depends on heredity, environment, vitality and degree of tissue change. To cure I mean taking the chronic case backward through its present life history; bringing back the old symptoms in orderly form, the original symptoms being the last ones to again come into view, and therefore the last ones to respond to the remedy. For you cannot get the spoiled potatoes out of the bottom of the barrel until you take off the top first layer, then the second layer, and then the third layer; and so on down to the bottom layer of the barrel.

There are many diseases that cannot be cured instantly. Symptoms that come on suddenly can be cured suddenly. Cramp conditions, spasms, sudden pains, vaso-motor disturbances, all respond instantly to the *simillimum*. Typhoid can usually be aborted in ten days; intermittents in from twelve to twenty-four or forty-eight hours; diphtheria within twenty-four hours, etc. That does not imply that it takes that long for relief. Relief is a matter of minutes usually in all

sickness, providing the right remedy has been administered and in suitable potency; but it is not so much a matter of potency as the proper remedy. However, the potency must be sufficiently attenuated to reach the plane of disease. Sugar or salt must first dissolve before it will be diffused in liquid.

I have many times wired to the late Dr. Kent for consultation in my earlier days of practice in desperate cases; and if we had the time it would be profitably spent in listening to some of these experiences - miraculous results by a master who understood disease and understood the nature of his medicines, and the results were often uncanny, savouring of Divine guidance. I can't recall a single failure in cases both acute and chronic; so-called surgical cases when surgeons refused to operate, so you know they were bad cases; typhoid, diphtheria; impacted gall bladder; gall stones; kidney stones; abscesses of vital organs; chills and fever; every case consulted *recovered!* Dr. Kent would see the remedy from my telegram when I could not see the remedy with the patient before me. Can you deny that such results are miraculous? It is beyond human belief to those who have not seen for themselves.

I will rest my case with you, my professional colleagues, with one more personal experience that is of such import that I feel it should be placed on record as it is official.

Scene: Washington, D. C. The week of presidential election in 1916. Case: United States Postal Department vs. the Ensign Remedy Company, Battle Creek, Mich. Dr. Ensign was cited to appear before the postal department to show reason why a fraud order should not be issued against him barring him from using the mails on two charges. 1st, that homoeopathic medicine, or rather his medicines, contained no medicine; and secondly, that no medicine can cure. (The Ensign literature, some of which circulated through the mails, claimed that his homoeopathic medicines cured sick folks, to which the government took issue maintaining that no medicine ever cured. That being the position of alloepathy).

The trial of the case took five days of very bitter fighting. Indeed, a biased government attorney was so incensed during the trial one day that he had a very severe attack of acute indigestion on his return to court after eating dinner in that angry state of mind. They were about to adjourn court, when, having my pocket case of 60x (B. & T.) with me, I offered to prescribe, which assistance the lawyer very graciously accepted while the dozen or more government physicians and other physicians called to testify from Washington and elsewhere, looked on in amazement. For several days I had been of the opinion that this lawyer needed a dose of *Nux vomica* for his disposition and now I knew he needed it, so I gave it to him on his tongue, and so certain was I of the result that I stated aloud so that everyone could hear that that one powder would relieve him within five minutes. One of our defense witnesses (an ex-president of the American Institute of Homoeopathy), arose from his seat and exploded, "Dr. Schwartz, I would not say that". "Why not?" I asked in reply. "It cannot always be done", he answered, "Oh yes", said I, "when you give the right medicine."

I had hardly more than reached my seat when the government prosecuting attorney called across the court room, "Dr. Schwartz, I am entirely relieved." It is needless to say that homoeopathy itself won her own case although the statutes still forbid the word "cure" on bottles of medicine or advertising matter sent through the mail. And the government chemist from the Department of Agriculture is still wondering why he could not find any medicine in Ensign's homoeopathic sugar. "Believe it or not", it is a matter of record."

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