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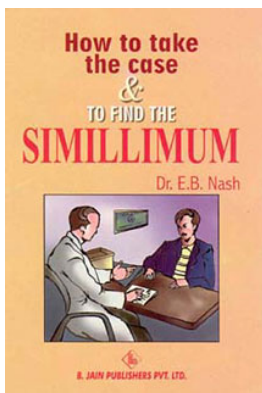
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HOW TO TAKE THE CASE AND TO FIND THE SIMILLIMUM

Many failures to select the right remedy for the sick are due to a failure to select the line of properly taking the case. We might as well under take to recognise a person by looking at his hand, or hand and foot, as to cover the case with the appropriate remedy from a few symptoms when there are many to come into the complete picture.

Oftentimes in a case half reported the very symptoms that are most important, so far as the selection of remedy is concerned, are left out. This is specially true with the homoeopathic method of prescribing. It is so natural for a patient to think that if he tells us that he has a cold, or indigestion, or rheumatism, that we ought to be able to prescribe for him forthwith, and strange to say, I have met more than one physician who seemed to have no better conception of Homoeopathy than this ; and evidenced it by asking such questions as, "Doctor, what is your best remedy for diphtheria", or rheumatism, etc.

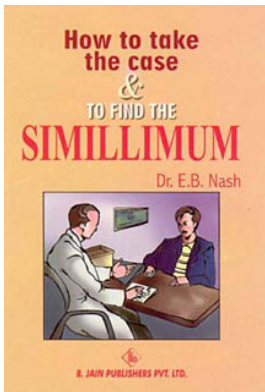
There is, of course, only one proper answer to such a question, from a homoeopathic standpoint, *viz.*, the indicated one,

ingnored, and their diseases often present symptoms that find their similar in a certain class of drugs. Dr. T.L Brown, one of the bestprescribers I ever knew, used to say, that if he met a pure *Pulsatilla* temperament he would almost always find the symptoms and conditions to correspond. This is putting it strong, and it might be found that *Nux vomica* would be indicated in a *Pulsatilla* subject. These are the exceptions that prove the rule.

Sulphur will rarely be called for in a *Calcarea ostrearum* temperament, and vice versa.

Iodine, *Lycopodium* and *Nitric acid* are three of the remedies that often find their indications in brunettes, of spare habit, and so we find them the remedies oftenest adopted to the sanguine, nervous, and bilious subjects. Not only is this true in regard to the choice of remedies, but the rule holds good in the proving of drugs. The subject most responsive to the curative action of certain remedies will also be the most susceptible to their pathogenetic effects. Some undoubtedly place too much stress upon this feature in taking the case, and thus run into routinism, while others underestimate it. There is a point where extremes meet and form the completed circle.

Constitution and temperament must certainly come into the *totality* of the case.



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