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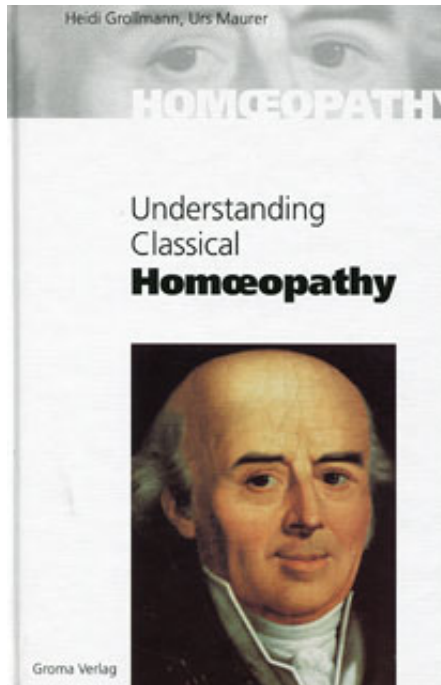
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The Law of Similars

Similia similibus curentur

The basis of homoeopathy is the "law of similars". "Similia similibus curentur". "Similars are to be healed with similars", i. e., an illness can only be healed with that homoeopathic remedy, which produces similar symptoms in a healthy person.

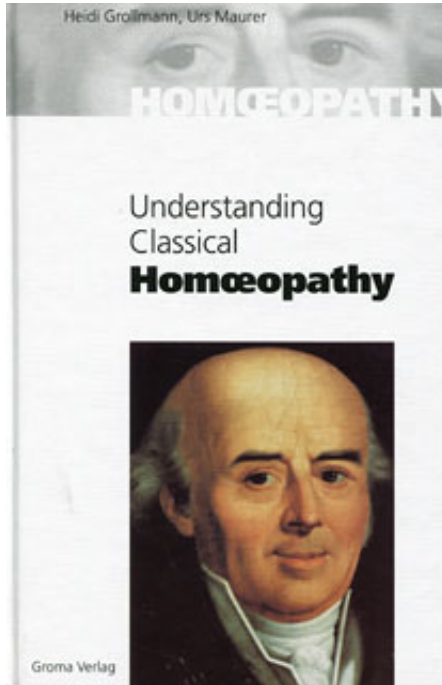
What should be understood by that? You have a cold, complain of tears in your eyes, itching or burning eyes, tickling in the nose, attacks of sneezing and have developed a watery, acrid, sore producing nasal secretion. Only the homoeopathic remedy that is capable of producing these symptoms in someone healthy can help you.

This symptom picture occurs when you are cutting onions. Within a short while the above-mentioned symptoms of burning eyes, acrid nasal secretions etc. appear. Should you now develop the same or similar symptoms as with the previously mentioned cold, the remedy *Allium cepa*, made from the common onion, would cure this cold.

To clarify the Law of Similars, a second example: you certainly recognise the condition of excess consumption of coffee. Depending on individual sensitivity, many people develop complaints such as nervousness, shaking, palpitations, sleeplessness etc. The homoeopathic remedy *Coffea* (coffee) would often be prescribed for the above-mentioned symptoms.

That like can heal like is already mentioned in the ancient writings of the Greek doctor Hippocrates (460 to 377 BC). Paracelsus (1493 to 1541) hinted at this principle in his works.

However, Hahnemann was the first to pursue this knowledge with thoroughness and persistence and develop it into a well-founded method of healing.



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