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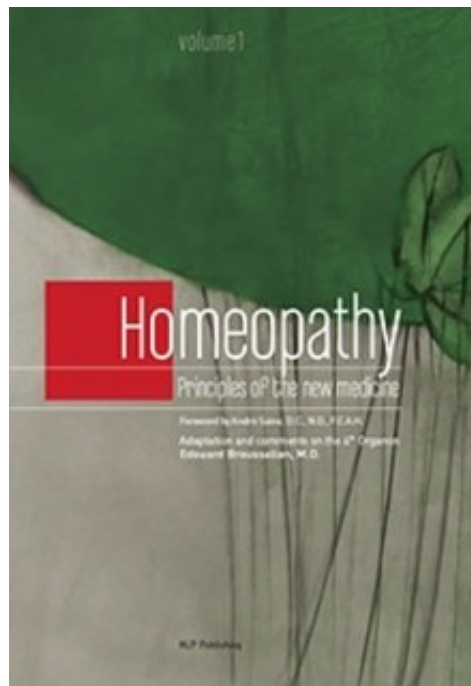
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HOMEOPATHY, A DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED METHOD

61.

— Had physicians been capable of reflecting on the sad results of the antagonistic employment of medicines, they would have long since discovered the grand truth.

That the true radical healing art must be found in the exact opposite of such an antipathic treatment of the symptoms of disease;

They would have become convinced, that as a medicinal action antagonistic to the symptoms of the disease (an antipathically employed medicine) is followed by only transient relief, and after that is passed, by invariable aggravation, the converse of that procedure, the *homoeopathic employment of medicines* according to similarity of symptoms, must effect a permanent and perfect cure, if at the same time the opposite of their large doses, the most minute doses, are given.

But neither the obvious aggravation that ensued from their antipathic treatment, nor the fact that no physician ever effected a permanent cure of disease of considerable or of long standing unless some homoeopathic medicinal agent was accidentally a chief ingredient in his prescription, nor yet the circumstances that all the rapid and perfect cures that nature ever performed (§46), were always effected by the supervention upon the old disease of one of a similar character, ever taught them, during such a long series of centuries, this truth, the knowledge of which can alone conduce to the benefit of the sick.

62.

— The origin of this pernicious result of the palliative, antipathic treatment and the curativeness of the reverse, the homoeopathic treatment, is explained by the following facts, deduced from manifold observations, which no one before me perceived, though they are so very palpable and so very evident, and are of such infinite importance to the healing art.

DENIAL AND LACK OF THOUGHT

It is hard not to choke with emotion while reading through these aphorisms which speak for so much human suffering, one that lingers to this day because of the denial and heedlessness of the vast majority of the medical profession.

"Had physicians been capable of reflecting," we would not be here; yet here we are, most of them are just happy with what they have been taught in medical schools. Of course, we can blame the shortcomings of the educational system as a whole from kindergarten onward, because of its ongoing production of unthinking masses like that of Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*. Personally, I do not think that it is entirely the fault of an intellectual failure. The real cause of this unchallenging acquiescence lies on the emotional level. Take for example a run-of-the-mill doctor who, emboldened by his knowledge, takes his pen to sharply criticize homeopathy about which he has never read a single line; it is beyond mere stupidity and ego-inflation; There is indeed a *lack of affect*, because this is not an argument about the structure of neutron stars or the density of helium at the surface of Pluto, it is a question of human suffering.

Imagine you were a mechanic who heard of a way to change tires in 5 minutes instead of 15, you would undoubtedly look into the matter. Imagine you were a winemaker and they offered you a way to increase your harvest by 25 to 30% without the need for chemical spraying, you would certainly first study the offer before deciding to eventually reject it.

A physician hears about a way to cure the sick and is not slightly curious to know what it is all about. All it takes is a little sympathy toward patients who are incessantly flooding our waiting rooms to note the bitter failure of medicine. Any man gifted with reason cannot help but see this lamentable state of affairs. But no, he dares not question what he has been taught for a change, and disdainfully shuns to learn about this new discovery!

And so he goes on, business as usual, hypertensive patients are given their antihypertensives, the depressed their antidepressants, etc. I recently saw a girl of 17, under Paxil since the age of 13, and that seems to be upsetting no one except her parents. An ENT physician is capable, with no qualms whatsoever, to make the 11th paracentesis on the same child within the interval of 4 months, and leave it to parents to ask questions and worry! I could go on and on; this unfortunately is the lot of all patients followed by the supporters of the old medicine. Note in passing that this medicine, supposedly scientific, with its display of white-washed images of white-coated doctors, computers and microscopes, in the end, spawns a miserable prescription closely contingent on the fashion of the day and on laboratories marketing. The same laboratories that spend 20,000 euros per year per physician for their propaganda. These laboratories embody a criminal industry that distributes substances with full knowledge of their potential harm, confident that it would anyway get away with it with impunity.

But no, our dear doctor is self-satisfied; *it is how it is*, Amen! This proves one essential fact: the poor lad never had a medical vocation to start with.

**The physician's highest and only mission
is to restore the sick to health, to cure, as it
is termed.**

Moved by his ego, he straddles his white horse and sweeps away the heresy that may threaten his advantageous position, be it social or economic. The physiological comparison between this reflex and the urgent need of someone constipated would be interesting but outside the scope of this work.

Anyway, just like at the time of Galileo, they put forth dogmatic arguments against our rational and scientific approach. Just like that time, the debate veers from strict observation of phenomena to a quasi-religious grievance judging by the fanaticism of our opponents.

In summary, *honest and intelligent allopathic physicians are* homeopaths at heart; they were just kept out of the truths of the Organon. Unfortunately, this is also true of most homeopaths half-learned in our Art: there is not a single school to my knowledge where teaching is based exclusively on the study of the Organon.

As to *intelligent allopaths* who are attacking homeopathy, they are just making a public display of their dishonesty, and playing patients who continue to suffer needlessly. It is a criminal attitude.

The rest are *honest allopaths*, following to the letter what they have learned. By joining the system without flinching, they are in the 90% of the Gaussian bell curve. What could one do about them, other than feel sorry for them and hope that one of these days they run into some spectacular cure effected by homeopathy and finally give it some attention and thus improve their ways.

THE LAW OF ACTION AND REACTION¹⁴³

[See §112 primary and secondary effects.]

63.

— Every agent that acts upon the vitality, every medicine, deranges more or less the life-force, and causes a certain alteration in the health of the individual for a longer or a shorter period. This is termed *primary action*.

Although a product of the medicinal and vital powers conjointly, it is principally due to the former power. To its action our life-force endeavors to oppose its own energy. This resistant action is a property, is indeed an automatic action of our life-preserving power, which goes by the name of *secondary action* or *counteraction*.

143 See also § 112 - § 115 where Hahnemann discusses the primary and secondary effects

THIRD LAW OF NEWTON

What we call **primary and secondary effects** are nothing more than the biological formulation of Newton's third principle. Volumes were written about whether to prescribe on the primary symptoms of a medicine and not take into account the secondary effects provoked in reaction by the life-force. In practice, no need to complicate matters, the overall action of a medicine is the sum total of its primary and secondary effects. Never put yourself out to determine whether the symptoms of your patient pertain to the primary or secondary effects of a substance to be able to prescribe it. Kent has long ago enlightened me on this point, I quote him again:

The symptoms that arise are the symptoms that arise from the remedy, and they often seem to oppose each other. In the earlier stages we have sometimes sleeplessness; in the last stages, sleepiness, and one state is sometimes more prominent than the other. For instance in Opium, some provers had sleeplessness first and sleepiness afterwards, from the smaller doses of Opium. It is known that Opium has both sleeplessness and sleepiness, and if the other symptoms agree it does not matter which one of the two is present. If Opium is indicated by the general state of the patient it will cure either of these conditions, and you need not stop to see if it produces one state in one place and the opposite in another.

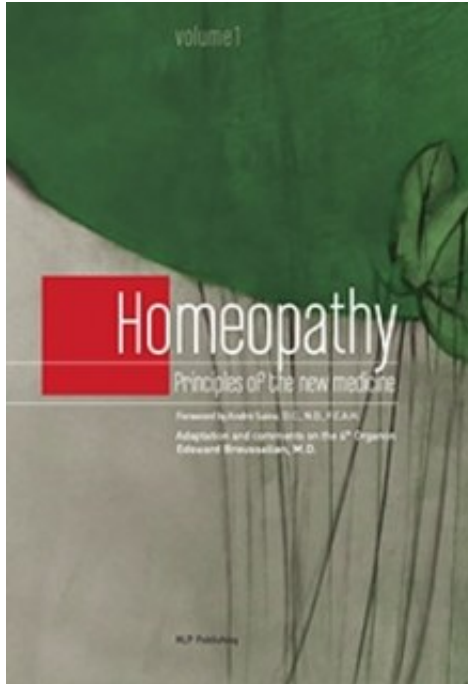
To complement this, Kent observes that while most experimenters suffer severe constipation with Opium, there are others, less likely however, that experience a nice diarrhea as a primary effect. He said that, in his case, he was sure to have diarrhea within six hours of taking it, which is then followed by six weeks of constipation.

ONE THING AND ITS OPPOSITE MEAN THE SAME THING

Look around you for a moment and notice the effects of alcohol on people. "I am a happy drunk", "she is a sad drunk;" here are two completely contrasting primary effects on people. Some fall asleep at the first sip of alcohol, while others become excitable and violent.

Constitution plays a fundamental role in explaining these varying effects. One easily notes how a phlegmatic person could never react to a drug in the same way a sanguine person would for example.

These opposing effects are of paramount importance in the understanding of the materia medica, which gets so confusing when one finds in it both a symptom and its opposite. In the language of nature, remember that what counts is



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