

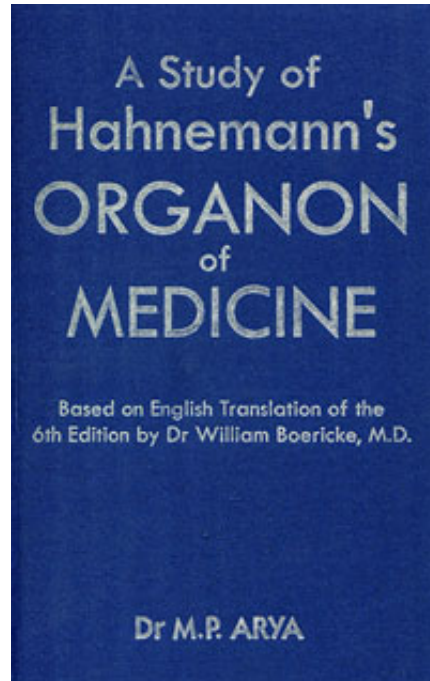
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§78.

The true natural *chronic* diseases are those that arise from a chronic miasm, which when left to themselves, and unchecked by the employment of those remedies that are specific for them, always go on increasing and growing worse, notwithstanding the best mental and corporeal regimen, and torment the patient to the end of his life with ever aggravated sufferings. These, excepting those produced by medical malpractice (§ 74), are the most numerous and greatest scourges of the human race; for the most robust constitution, the best regulated mode of living and the most vigorous energy of the vital force are insufficient for their eradication.⁷⁷

Comments on the Aphorism

Chronic diseases proper: They all arise from chronic miasms.

- The true chronic diseases are those that trouble a person
- throughout his life with
- ever increasing strength and bring misery to the sufferer, inspite of his
- leading a good physical and
- mental life style, if these are left to themselves and
- not arrested with suitable specific medicines for each of these sufferings.
- These true chronic diseases
- are many and
- greatest tormentor of human race, beside of course, those man-made diseases which have been discussed in the aphorism § 74. Because,
- inspite of
- good physical, and
- mental strength,

- regular and
- healthy living and the most vigorous life principle, these diseases
- cannot be eradicated.

Hahnemannian Classification of Diseases

Hahnemann broadly classified the diseases that the human beings are liable to into two categories namely:

• Acute Diseases

Rapidly developing abnormal bodily functions due to the deranged vital principle, which have a tendency to run more or less a rapid course and have a limited span.

• Chronic Diseases

Abnormal bodily functions, having very insidious and imperceptible beginning, they progress slowly and steadily, and on their own. Each one of them deranges the living being in its own peculiar manner, progressively deteriorating from the original state of health, due to the disturbed vital principle. The vital principle, which was ordained to sustain the health and maintain homoeostasis, opposes them only in the initial phases. It also puts up resistance during their progress but it is an imperfect, unsuitable and useless resistance. It fails to curb the progress of abnormal functioning on its own. The vital principle thus allows them to spread, involving more and more important organ-systems, and gets more and more destabilized in the process to such an extent, that in the end the patient dies. These are termed as chronic diseases.

These chronic diseases result from the presence of a load in the system called chronic miasm — (*causa morbi chronicum* — *psora, sycosis and syphilis*) fundamental cause of all chronic diseases, namely psora, sycosis and syphilis.

True chronic diseases, if left to themselves and not arrested with suitable specific medicines for each of these patients individually, trouble a person throughout his life with ever increasing strength and bring misery to the sufferer. This occurs inspite of these patients leading a reasonably good physical and mental lifestyle. And inspite of good physical, and mental strength, regular and healthy living and the most vigorous life principle, these diseases cannot be eradicated on their own.

These true chronic diseases are many and are the greatest tormentors of human race, like those man-made diseases, which are falsely labeled as chronic diseases and that have been discussed in the aphorism § 74 earlier.

Personal Notes:

§79-

Hitherto syphilis alone has been to some extent known as such a chronic miasmatic disease, which when uncured ceases only with the termination of life. Sycosis (the condylomatous disease), equally ineradicable by the vital force without proper medicinal treatment, was not recognized as a chronic miasmatic disease of a peculiar character, which it nevertheless undoubtedly is, and physicians imagined they had cured it when they had destroyed the growths upon the skin, but the persisting dyscrasia occasioned by it, escaped their observation.

Comments on the Aphorism

Syphilis and Sycosis: Chronic miasmatic diseases

- Uptill now
- only the syphilis was recognized to some extent,
- as a chronic miasmatic disease
- which, if left uncured will cease only after
- death of the sufferer.
- Sycosis (the condylomatous disease) however was not realized to be a chronic miasmatic disease, in its own right. Because physicians of his time, thought that they have cured the person after they have removed
- the condylomatous growth but
- the ill health that resulted thereafter
- remained unnoticed by them. Like syphilis,
- the gonorrhoeal disease is
- also a chronic miasmatic disease.

In Hahnemann's time only syphilis was recognized to some extent, as a chronic miasmatic disease, which, if left uncured, ceases only after the death of the sufferer.

Sycosis (the condylomatous disease) however, was not recognised as a chronic miasmatic disease in its own right. This was so because, physicians of Dr. Hahnemann's time thought that they have cured the person after they have removed the condylomatous growth (its primary manifestation), but the ill health that resulted thereafter remained unnoticed by them.

§2.03.

Every external treatment of such local symptoms, the object of which is to remove them from the surface of the body, whilst the internal miasmatic disease is left uncured, as, for instance, driving off the skin the psoric eruption by all sorts of ointments, burning away the chancre by caustics and destroying the condylomata on their seat by the knife, the ligature or the actual cautery; this pernicious external mode of treatment, hitherto so universally practiced, has been the most prolific source of all the innumerable named or unnamed chronic maladies under which mankind groans; it is one of the most criminal procedures the medical world can be guilty of, and yet it has hitherto been the one generally adopted, and taught from the professional chairs as the only one.¹¹⁹

119. For any medicines that might at the same time be given internally served but to aggravate the malady, as these remedies possessed no specific power of curing the whole disease, but assailed the organism, weakened it and inflicted on it, in addition, other chronic medicinal diseases.

Comments on the Aphorism

Treatment of diseases with local symptoms; their external treatment is always injurious.

- Every
- external treatment,
- to remove local symptoms
- from the surface of the body,
- leaving the internal
- miasmatic disease uncured,
- for instance —
- psoric eruptions
- by all sorts of ointments;
- syphilitic chancre
- by caustics;
- sycotic condylomata
- by knife,
- ligature, or
- burning, etc.
- All such pernicious external treatment, until now,
- so widely practiced,
- have become
- the common source of
- the innumerable chronic disorders,

- with or
- without names, under which
- mankind suffers.
- It is one of the greatest crimes,
- the medical fraternity
- could commit and
- is guilty of. And yet, up till now, it has been
- the generally established procedure and
- is taught, as such,
- from the teaching chairs (in the universities).

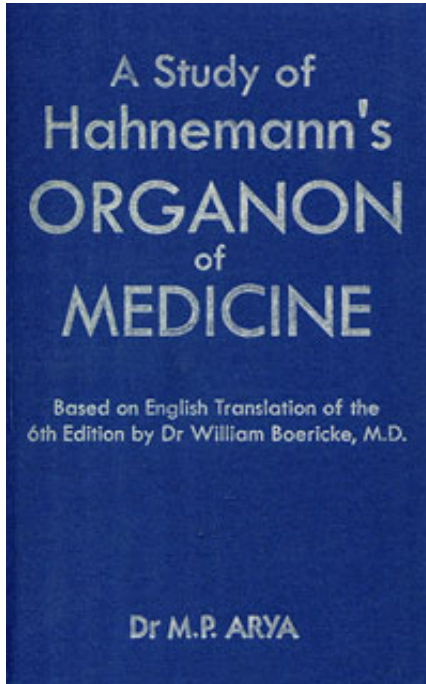
Every external treatment to remove local symptoms from the surface of the body, leaving the internal miasmatic disease uncured were until then (Dr. Hahnemann's time) so widely practiced, for instance —

1. Psoric eruptions by all sorts of ointments.
2. Syphilitic chancre by caustics.
3. Sycotic codylomata by knife, ligature, burning, etc.

These pernicious external treatments have become a common source of innumerable chronic disorders, with or without names, under which mankind suffers. It is one of the greatest crimes the medical fraternity could commit and is guilty of. And yet, upto now it has been the generally established procedure and is taught, as such, from the teaching chairs in the universities.

Hahnemann adds a caution here, that any (external) medicine that might at the same time be given internally, served to aggravate the malady, as these remedies possessed no specific power of curing the whole disease. Infact, these medicines attacked the organism, weakened it and inflicted on it, in addition, other chronic medicinal diseases.

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