

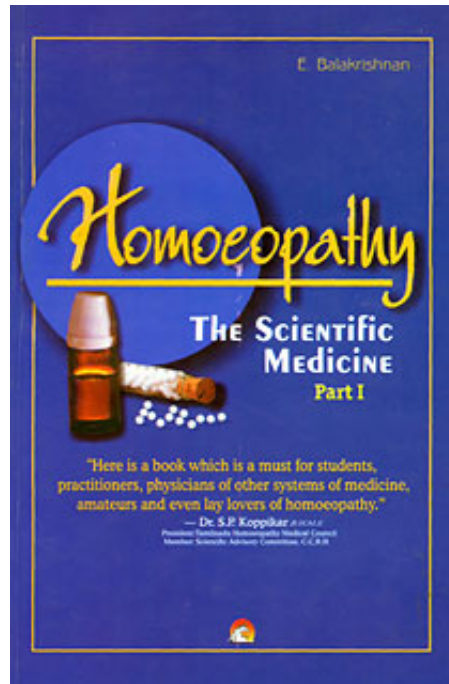
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PATHOLOGICAL PRESCRIPTIONS

Pathology can be 'structural changes' and 'functional changes' which are found during an illness.

When we take only those symptoms of functional changes (which are the only guide-lines to the disease according to the Organon) the prescription is NOT called a pathological prescription. But if we base our prescription on structural changes or 'abnormalities in the discharge or constituents of the various tissues' this becomes a pathological prescription.

'Pathological similimum' is the remedy whose pathogenetic symptoms are similar to the morbid (pathologic) symptoms of the sick. Dr. H. A. Robert's definition of the "chief symptom" (in the Principles and Art of cure) is worth close study. Two of the chief symptoms mentioned by him are -

1. Symptoms for which there is clear pathological foundation, and
2. Which indicate the seat and nature of the morbid process.

This approach requires a knowledge of pathology without which we cannot compare the pathological condition with the pathogenetic effects produced by remedies during provings.

There are many drugs in our Materia Medica which would work out marvellous cures, if only we know the proper use of such remedies. A few of the remedies coming under this category for use under pathological conditions are given below:-

1. Crataegus. O. in heart diseases. Arteriosclerosis; said to have solvent power upon crustaceous and calcerous deposits in arteries.
2. Crotalus Horridus. Haemorrhagic Diathesis; helpful even in serious diseases like Haemophilia.
3. Chionanthus in jaundice and enlarged spleen. A prominent Liver remedy.
4. Cholesterinum in obstinate hepatic engorgements and even cancer of liver.
5. Chelidonium in enlarged liver (downward enlargement). A prominent Liver remedy.
6. Carduus mar in enlarged liver (sidewise enlargement). Helpful even in Cirrhosis of Liver.
7. Eel Serum in diseases of kidney - A renal emergency remedy. Indicated in intoxication with albumin or blood, ischuria, uraemia leading to renal failure.

8. Hekla-lava in Bone necrosis; osteitis, periostitis, osteosarcoma.
9. Kali-Chlor in kidney diseases - Acts very destructively upon the kidneys, producing croupous nephritis, haemoglobinuria.
10. Thlaspi Bursa Pastoris - Anti-haemorrhagic and anti-uric-acid remedy; useful in Dysuria and retention of urine.
11. Thiosinaminum - for dissolving scar tissue, tumours, enlarged glands. Helpful in treatment of Keloids.
12. "Dr. Kent and others swear by Naja and Spongia and Calc-fluor to help build up the heart valves."

Physicians have, at times being unable to fit "the totality", chosen the remedy that suits characteristics upon which the entire disease seems to depend. In this manner we have learnt to employ *Chenapodium* for many diseases when a congestion of the lower bowels with piles is obtained. Employing such characteristics as piles bleeding ... sticks in the rectum, uterine affections, irritable heart etc. have yielded to the drug just as though they depended for their existence upon pelvic stasis.

So also *Berberis* relieves a host of ailments when selected for its radiating renal pains, "Pains go into the hips; urine with yellow foamy sediment".

Ceanothus has removed *Leucorrhoea* when in addition there was sharp pain in the splenic region.

Arum Triphyllum, which causes rawness of the corners of the mouth, was successfully employed by Dr. B. F. Betts for a similar condition of the OS Uteri.

Tumor of the size of a tangerine orange at the root of the left ovary, with new growths affecting the sacral bone. The surgeon who opened her, stitched it up, and advised her a long course of X-ray treatment. Dr. J. H. Clarke treated her with *Hydrastis Q.* Patient improved and started attending to her large business. (Therapeutics of Cancer - J. H. Clarke.)

We have to identify the nature of the morbid processes of each remedy by studying *Materia Medica* in depth, as many remedies as possible and see how the morbid processes which pervade the whole organism lead to or manifest themselves in various disorders which cause such suffering. In this effort we should not neglect to identify the causative or aggravating factors wherever possible, as well as the characteristic peculiarities which govern the disorders. This effort will enable us to identify the Pathologic similimum for each individual ailment.

It is worth recalling that functional changes precede pathological/structural/tissue changes in the human organism. If we do not tackle the problem when it is still in the stage of functional disorder (when the requisite characteristic symptoms are available), we will one day be faced with the structural (pathological) disorders, when individualizing, characteristic symptoms would not be recollected by the patient or prominently noticed by the physician. For many such complaints e.g. - ulcer, gangrene, nephrotic syndrome, uterine fibroids, Heart disease, cancer, etc. the patients will go to an Allopath or a surgeon, without knowing that even at this stage Homoeopathy can offer them help. Even if not cure at least marked relief from

suffering and painless prolongation of the life span, free from suffering is possible. It is at this stage, at least, that the pathological, or pathogenetic approach (combined with some peculiar or concomitant symptom which may still be elicited) could be successfully used.

Herein-below are two cases of miraculous cure of Dr. J. H. Clarke, the curative remedy being based on the pathological similimum:-

1. Was asked to see a lady suffering from a very evident attack of influenza. Under treatment the acute symptom subsided within a short time. But there remained a condition of fever with very little else in the way of symptoms and all my efforts to help failed towards real improvement. At last one day, the patient complained of a little pain in the right foot; she had not thought it worth mentioning. On looking at the foot I found it red, swollen, shiny and very tender. The mystery was solved! I was dealing with a case of gout and did not know it - until it "kicked" me in the eye. Yet I might have guessed it before. The patient was an extremely gouty lady and the Influenza had stirred the gout into action. Given *Urtica-Urens* (Dr. Burnett's pathologic similimum of acute gout) and the foot was nearly normal in twenty four hours. (Dr. J. H. Clarke on "The value of accurate diagnosis"). Clarke adds: "When the nosological diagnosis enables you to hit your pathologic similimum, do it by all means and you will score every time".
2. Dr. Clarke writes: Mr. D. had two years earlier, a bad attack of Influenza. The melancholic state which followed and lasted for two months, passed off. The following year (August) he got wet through in pouring rain. Before the wetting he had felt pain in the right foot, which was felt more and more after the wetting. It kept him awake at night; at last it became so bad as to cripple. Of the three well-known consultants, one opined it was neuritis and the other two felt that it was tumor of the spinal cord. In spite of the negative X-ray and spinal puncture, the lumbo-dorsal spine was unroofed and the canal thoroughly explored, and the tumor was missing still. The patient was sent home as nothing more could be done for the "wasting of the spinal marrow". At this stage, Dr. Clarke was approached through letter with the history; a healthy man previously; had typhoid at 15; twice vaccinated. Mother died of tumor in the throat and father in an accident. Patient liable to bronchial colds in cold weather. The patient suffered from shooting pain right through the soles of the feet up to the knees. Feet swollen and discolored. Locomotor power of both feet was lost. Pain was worse after sitting up awhile; was better in hot weather. Damp had no effect. During intense pain the urine was reddish.

How to solve this puzzle? On which line of similarity to open the attack? The trauma of the operation, or the classical symptom similarity, or the proximate cause of wetting; but the pain started before the wetting! I traced the essential cause to the attack of Influenza which had made such profound impression on Mr. D. - some 18 months before. Now in the course of my *Materia Medica* labors I was struck with the similarity of the Pathogenesis of *Tuberculinum Kochi* to the late effects of Influenza, as I had observed them in practice. I had also seen the bad effects of Influenza on phthisical patients. I therefore concluded

BACKWARD & RETARDED CHILDREN- BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS OF CHILDREN

"There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all argument, and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance - that principle is contempt prior to investigation." Herbert Spencer

"Each child possesses a potential asset".

We have seen that homoeopathic medicine is "scientific medicine" and so far dealt with its varied unique features as compared to other systems of medicine.

Now we deal with a special feature of Homoeopathic medicine where it excels all other medical systems, by which we are in a position to fight even genetic problems marvellously well and by which we homoeopaths are able to give new lease of life - peaceful, fruitful and purposeful - to millions of ailing backward / retarded children.

We owe a duty to the nation in transforming the backward and retarded children into bright, healthy and intelligent children, who are to be the citizens of tomorrow. Problem children or sickly children of today will inevitably grow up into problem or sickly adults - unless they are given proper curative treatment which is possible only under homoeopathic system, which is unequalled in its ability to bring in radical cure of sicknesses, acquired or congenital (barring physical defects) at source and improve the health of the children both physically and mentally, helping them to shoulder the responsibilities of the nation, as its proud citizens.

We have seen one of the unique features in the proving of drugs and the homoeopathic Materia Medica comprises of such proved drugs which are competent to produce alterations in the health of human beings, in the mental, physical and emotional levels in a peculiar, determinate manner and this type of intensive study of remedy reaction, no other school of medicine has ever carried on.

There is no dearth of such proven drugs in our Materia Medica; it is only the expert craftsmanship that is required of the physician to utilise the remedies as situation demands to eradicate sickness and in moulding the character and personality of the retarded children.

"Preventive" and "constitutional" medicine forms the very core of homoeopathic treatment. Early detection of developmental abnormalities will help correction before

they become difficult. The Homoeopath redresses abnormalities, checks excesses, corrects deviation and gives mental and physical balance to the growing child. The Homoeopath alone knows the apparent or hidden hereditary taints"

(K. S. Srinivasan)

The following preventive eugenic treatment to the mother during pregnancy is suggested to ensure a healthy infant: -

1st Month	Tub. 200
2nd Month	Leut. 200
3rd Month	Care. 200
4th Month	Sul. 200
5th Month	Calc-C. 200
6th Month	Calc-Ph. 200
7th Month	Calc-Fl. 6 in repeated doses.

The daily morning press brings to us the horrors, the moral bankruptcy of our youngsters evidenced in the shape of shootings, murders, rapes and what not! Most often we see the hands of youngsters at the back of these horrid murders and gang rapes. Juvenile delinquency is seen at it's worst these days.

This moral depravity of these youngsters could as well be negated if only proper care is shown in the upbringing of children with proper homoeopathic treatment.

"Children are born into this world not of their choice. It is therefore the duty of the parents and the society to develop them into healthy citizens mentally, morally and physically. A healthy child develops into a healthy adult and becomes an asset to the society; a sick adult is a liability. Hahnemann has stated that proper pre-natal care and anti-miasmatic treatment can shape the health and character of the children and giving homoeopathic pre-natal care can even ensure the child to be free from the inherited ills - the 'miasms' as we homoeopaths call them."

In the treatment of 'problem children' as well, homoeopathic treatment ensures magical cures. Hopeless cases of physical, physiological as well as mental disorders and conditions respond quickly to homoeopathic treatment.

Treatment of the 'problem children' is on three lines: one is on the lines of Dr. Margaret Tyler, treating the hidden "Miasm", acute or chronic, by proper "Similimum" or "Nosodes", on an etiological basis; second is by observing the children and finding curative remedies (like Tarentula (cunning, quick, destructiveness), Anac (cruelty and want of moral sense), Hyos, Bar-C, Aur; (intense shyness, hiding), Puls, Bismuth, Borax (hanging on to the mother); Bell (biting) and quite a few other leaders)".

The third is parent counselling and treatment." (Dr. S. P. Koppikar)

Dr. J. C. Burnett observes:-

"If we set about really curing the delicate and the diseased while quite young, and then let them finish their growth, we shall in the end get sound adults fit for the work of the world, and for all the duties of the state and of the family.

"The point which I would especially lay stress upon is this: cure the constitutional wrong as soon as possible, as the growth comes after the cure, and their natural

growth may result in complete normality. For, when in the case of arrested or retarded development the hindrance is medicinally removed before growth is over, we get results veritably marvellous". (Dr. J. C. Burnett)

For the excessively obstinate child a few weekly doses of Tuberculinum in 200th is most often indicated. —D. M. Foubister

When obstinacy and inclination to grow fat are found together Calc-Carb, is most likely to help, while an obstinate child given to violence or destructiveness, who calms down by soothing music, will be reformed by Tarentula-H.

Lying and stealing: Opium is a drug, in homoeopathic potency, to be thought of for those abnormal children whose moral sense has never been developed, who lie and steal and are heading for a mental institution —M. L. Tyler.

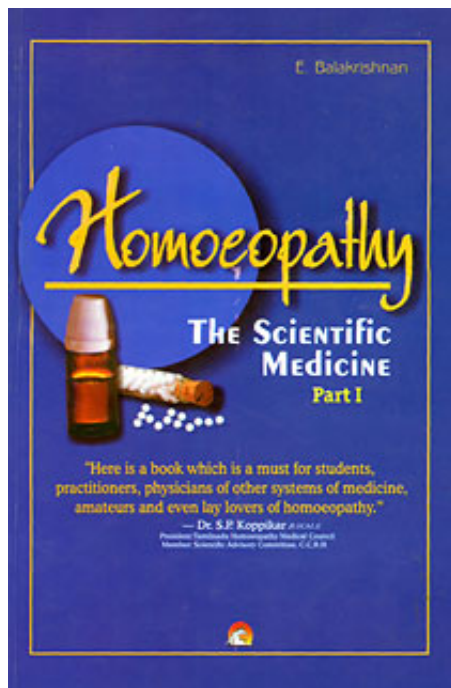
Criminal tendencies: For juvenile delinquents and a lot of other things we see these days, Nat-mur would probably be the most possible asset —A. H. Grimmer.

There is a type of child which, one fears, would develop in later years into the unemployable or the criminal adult, under the action of Bar-Carb, Nat-mur or one or the other of the kindred drugs, in a very short time, these children become perfectly normal. —D. M. Borland.

Homoeopaths are better psychologists than the psychologists themselves ... Hahnemann, our founder, taught his disciples to pay attention to the mental, as he calls it, symptoms, which correspond to the modern-time psychological reactions ... Thus, we have collected pages and pages of psychological symptoms ... Hence, a difficult child does not present such a 'problem' to the true followers of Hahnemann as to the psychologist. (Dorothy Shepherd).

A few of the important rubrics observed in the case of problem children with the mentals and curative remedies as taken from Kent are given below: (only 2 and 3 mark remedies are given.)

Obstinate, quarrelsome (16)	Alum(3), Anac(3), Arg-n(3), Arn(2), Cocc(2), Hep(2), Kali-Q2), Merc(2), Nit-ac(2), Puls(2), Sul(2), Tarent(3), Thuja(2).
Cruelty (17)	Anac(3), Plat(2).
Hatred, malicious (51)	Agar(2), Anac(3), Aur(2), Calc(2), Lac-c(2), Lach(2), Led(2), Nat-m{2).
Destructiveness (36)	Bell(2), Cupr(2), Hyos(2), Stram(2), Tarent(2), Tub(2), Verat(2).
Dictatorial (36)	Lyc(2), Merc(2).
Fire - wants to set things on (48)	Hep(2).
Hatred - malicious (51)	Agar(2), Anac(3), Aur(2), Calc(2), Lac-c(2), Lach(2), Nat-m(2).
Idiocy (53)	Bar-c(2), Bar-m(2), Calc-p(2), Hell(2), Phos(2), Tub(2).
Imbecility (53)	Amb(3), Anac(3), Bar-c(3), Bar-m(3), Bell(3), Bufo(3), Bufo-s(3), Carb-s(3), Con(3), Hyos(3),



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