

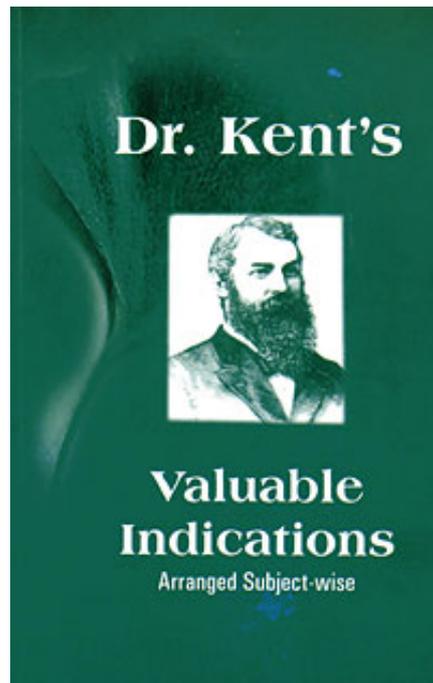
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### **SIMILAR-SIMILIMUM**

There is one point worthy of consideration; we are trying to make a distinction between the *similar* and the *similimum*, with which I do not agree. I have not any doubt, from experience, that two medicines may be similar enough to the totality of symptoms, and either may be the *similimum*, each would be similar enough to cure it; and how can you say both of these are, or either of them, is, the *similimum*. If you go into degrees you may consider it in this way: The medicine may be so dissimilar, that in dynamic power it would have little or no effect upon the disease; it then approaches it in a degree of similarity by becoming more and more similar. As it approaches in similarity, it sustains an inability to change the symptoms that exist. It may be sufficiently similar to spoil it, to change and not effect a cure, until you have not improved the patient, but only changed the symptoms.<sup>270</sup>

Take it for granted that there is a minus state that we call susceptibility. If we apply the drug power we shall see that much of the drug makes sick, a small amount of the drug still makes sick; so small an amount that people ordinarily are not disturbed, yet this sensitive one is made sick; extreme reduction of the quantity still makes sick until a plane is reached similar in quality to that of the dynamis of the sick-making cause, then it is, that the two minus states or conditions are fulfilled and sickness does not follow and the susceptibility has been unconsciously removed. This has been observed in seeking cure by change of atmosphere, and cures have been known to be cures when consumptives have fattened in malarial

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swamps.

When the curative power of the corrective agent is observed, it may be said that two negatives have met and a positive is the result, or health or cure. Similars have sustained the great law.<sup>271</sup>

Power, then, is due to degrees in similitude. It is true that as it is more similar the remedy is more powerful and *vice versa*. Nature never cures except by similars. Year by year you will gain respect for this similar.<sup>272</sup>

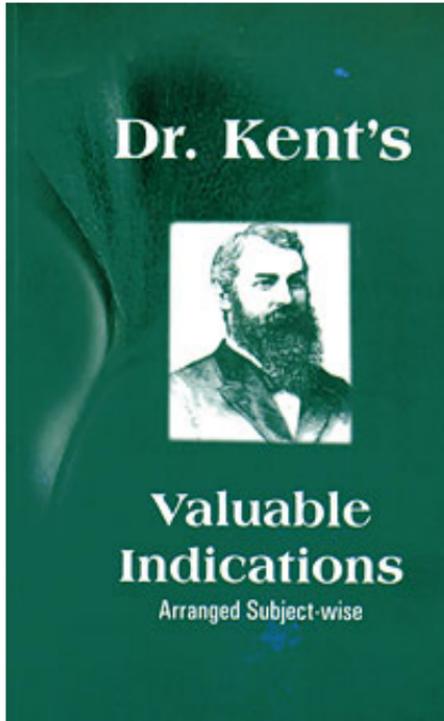
Only a few drugs will be similar enough to cure, and there will be only *one* similimum.<sup>273</sup>

### **SUICIDE**

The Capsicum mind is almost overwhelmed by persistent thoughts of suicide. He does not want to kill himself, he resists the thoughts and yet they persist, and he is tormented by these thoughts. There are persistent thoughts in many remedies, and it is necessary to distinguish between impulses and desires. If he desires to have a rope or a knife to commit suicide, that is altogether different from an impulse to commit suicide. An impulse is sometimes overwhelming and overbalances the mind, and he commits suicide. You should always find out from a patient whether he loathes life and wants to die, or if he has impulses which he wishes to put aside. Some persons lie awake at night and long for death, and there is no reason for it. That is a state of the will, insanity of the will. In another patient the thoughts jump into his mind and he cannot put them aside, and the thoughts are tormenting. The distinguishing feature of the remedy is often found by differentiating between the two. Desires are of the will; impulses come into the thoughts.<sup>274</sup>

### **SUPPRESSION**

If a remedy whose superficial symptoms agree with the superficial symptoms of a disease, but whose nature is different be given, it will cause a suppression if it acts at all.<sup>275</sup>



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