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The plan of this little book is intended to be precisely such as the author conceived to be wanted by the public. Such a manual as this has long been wanted, and the stirring interest of the theme, leaving out of view its importance, should recommend it as likely to prove a welcome and animating addition to the study of veterinary practice. And yet, to remove long standing prejudices, the author is well aware is a difficult task; still he ventures to hope that a careful perusal of these few pages will excite in some degree the feelings of humanity, in respect to the many sufferings to which the generous animal is frequently liable from unmerited cruelty and injudicious treatment, and that mankind may be induced to view his sufferings with an eye of sympathy and tenderness, and have recourse to a humane mode of treatment when accident or disease may require it.

As an eminent writer has truly said. "The world owes much to homœopathy—more, probably, than has ever been told, or will ever be

known. It is something to be emancipated from drugs, from lancets, leeches, blisters and poisons; but it is more, to be relieved from the fear of them, and to be restored and preserved by forces mild as love, and gentle as the dews of heaven—forces unknown and unrevealed, until elicited by the genius of this system.

But these benefits are not confined to the human species. Animals may enjoy them as well; and Heaven knows how much they need them. For to them the day of sickness is not merely the day of doom, but of suffering and of torture as well. Ignorance and cruelty seem to have controlled this branch of medicine—not that men are of necessity careless in regard to the lives of their animals, or designedly cruel as to the measures used to restore them when sick; but so little real knowledge prevails concerning their diseases, and so much error as to the proper method of cure, that fatality and the most absurd and cruel measures almost of necessity prevail. Some judicious stock owners, taught by experience the fatality of the common methods of treatment, notwithstanding the torture and expense, have more humanely, if not more wisely, abandoned all treatment, preferring to let nature contend with disease alone, rather than with disease and drugs united. But, thanks to Homœopathy, there is a better way.

For many years past, Homœopathy has been applied to the diseases of all domestic animals in

Europe, with the most brilliant success. In America and the British Isles, within the past few years, not only have individual practitioners applied its remedies with equal success, but some large veterinary institutions, and most of our principal equestrian troops and menageries, employ it exclusively in all diseases of their horses, experience having shown them its great value and curative power, and its immense superiority over every other method. But the inherent intricacies of the system rendered its general introduction for the cure of animals impossible; and though, in the hands of some practitioners and veterinary surgeons, it worked wonders enough to show its astonishing capacities, yet to the masses it has remained a sealed book.

The collection of materials for this work, by obtaining practical and authentic information for the friends of Homceopathy who have sought and found relief for their suffering animals that have been afflicted with disease, has involved the labor of some years. The benefit derived from this mode of treatment is known to many, and to those who look into it with an unprejudiced eye, it grows upon the attention like the increasing attraction of a marvelous tale; and the affects are, in fact, as strange and as full of wonders as the fabulous gardens in the "Arabian Nights Entertainments;" but if one half, or one fiftieth, or one hundredth part of the statements in its favor

be true, (and there is not the slightest reason to question any of them), measures ought to be taken to have it generally introduced among us with as little delay as possible. The medical and general public would then see, that there is "something new under heaven, and that there may be more things betwixt it and earth than are dreamed of in our philosophy. Simple remedies do not suit this luxurious generation, that longs for what is elaborate and costly. What is homoeopathy? May be the question asked after reading the title. The answer is, a system of curing all curable diseases incident to the human or animal frame by the agency of small doses of medicine, that when taken in bulk, will produce symptoms similar to disease. Such an allegation is startling enough, and was received at first with much distrust, living, as we do, in an age so fertile of imposture, pretensions and mysticism. Those who have taken pains to look into this system of practice, would deem themselves negligent in their duty did they not invite public attention to the subject. The faculty, of course, have treated this discovery with derision, but when the world shall throw away all prejudice and all jealousy, they will find the principle to be founded on a rock. It may be convenient to quench a power that cannot be controlled by clear, cool, impartial discussion.

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HOMŒOPATHY.

Samuel Hahnemann, the discoverer of this system of medicine, was born at Meissen, in Saxony; and like Harvey, Jenner, and many other celebrated benefactors of their age who have introduced invaluable discoveries, and conferred invaluable benefits to mankind, was persecuted to the utmost degree. He conceived that medicine, although apparently highly scientific in its theories, was in practice little more than an empirical and routine application of remedial measures, of which we know neither the certain effects, nor the laws which determine their choice. In 1790, whilst engaged in translating the *Materia Medica* of Dr. Cullen, his attention was called to the properties that physicians attributed to *bark*, and he was induced to try the effects of that substance upon himself. He was in good health at the time, and to his astonishment, found that repeated large doses of that drug produced on him febrile symptoms, bearing great resemblance to those of ague. As bark had long been known as a specific for the cure of ague, his penetrating mind suspected that something more than accident had caused that medicine to produce symptoms so nearly resembling those of the disease which it cures; and from this artificial febrile attack may be dated the origin of Homœopathy. *He consulted all authors

*British Journal of Homœopathy.