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PREFACE.

THE treatment of intermittent fever is a subject in which I have long been interested and to which I have given much attention, and for two reasons: because I have had many cases under my professional care during the past thirteen years; and since it has so often been asserted by physicians and laymen that homœopathic treatment is totally unable to suppress the paroxysms, to remove the pathological conditions and symptoms incident to them—to cure. It may be asserted with absolute certainty, that these things can be done without any exception, and that to succeed, it is only necessary to administer a remedy of proper potency selected in accordance with the law of similia, having in its choice a regard for the totality of symptoms.

The selection of the drug is often a very easy thing to accomplish, especially so if, as is often the case, we find cases of a season like each other even in detail. Under these circumstances, the careful consideration of a few cases serves to good and lasting purpose. Sometimes, however, the choice of the remedy demands more labor.

This repertory was not written with a view to its publication, but as an aid to myself in studying up intermittents. The Homœopathic Therapeutics of Intermittent Fever, by Dr. H. C. Allen, Lippe's Repertory, Bönninghausen's Therapeutics, Gross on Comparative Materia Medica, have been the books

most frequently referred to, and I have added such symptoms as have come to my notice in the treatment of these cases. The result has been a monograph which has been of great value to me. Several of my professional friends have known of and looked over the work, and that they and the profession at large may share it with me, I have been led to its publication.

The only suggestions I can offer as to its use are, that the physician obtain as many symptoms from the patient as possible, writing them down at the bedside; then taking the repertory, that he look up the symptoms, see what remedies are indicated by each of them, and select that drug which is most frequently mentioned. An illustration, taken from my note-book, may serve as a guide:

Miss A——— B———, May 12th, 1882.

Type.

Tertian : See page 33.

Before Chill.

Pains in the limbs : Carbo v. *Eupat. perf.* Nux.
Ntr. m. Rhus.

Yawning : Ant. tart. Arn. *Ars.* Elat. *Eupat. perf.*
Ign. Ipec. Nicc. Ntr. m. Nux. Rhus.

Chill.

11 A.M. : *Cact.* Carbo v. Cham. Chin. s. Hyos.
Ipec. Lob. Ntr. m. Nux. Op. Polyp. Puls. *Sep.*
Sil. Sulph.

Shaking : Acon. Agar. Amm. c. Anac. Ant. *Ant.*
tart. *Ars.* Bell. Berb. *Bry.* Calc. *Camph.* Canth.
Caps. Cast. Caust. *Chelid.* Chin. Chin. s. Cocc.

- Cup. Dulc. *Elaps. Eupat. purp.* Gels. Graph. *Gum. gt. Hep. Ign. Ipec. Kali iod. Kreos. Laur. Lob. Led. Lyc. Mang. Meny. Mgn. c. Merc. Mur. ac. Ntr. m. Ntr. s. Nux. Op. Petr. Phell. Phosp. Phosp. ac. Pod. Puls. Rhus. Sabad. Samb. Sec. c. Sep. Sil. Staph. Stram. Sulph. Thuja. Verat.*
- Anticipating: *Ars. Bry. Chin. Chin. s. Ign. Ntr. m. Nux.*
- Pain in the limbs: *Acon. Ars. Bell. Bry. Cinnab. Dulc. Elat. Eupat. perf. Eupat. purp. Graph. Hell. Lach. Led. Lyc. Mercurial. Mez. Nitr. Ntr. in. Nux. Op. Puls. Rhus. Sabad. Sep. Sulph.*
- Nails blue: *Ars. Asaf. Apis. Arn. Ars. Carbo v. Chin. s. Cocc. Con. Dros. Eupat. perf. Ipec. Mez. Ntr. m. Nux. Petr. Phosp. ac. Sulph. Thuja.*
- Skin blue and mottled: *Nux.*
- Covered, desire to be: *Arn. Camph. Eupat. perf. Phosp. Ntr. m. Nux. Stram.*
- Vomiting after drinking: *Arn. Ars. Eupat. perf. Nux.*
- Headache: See page 40.
- Chill aggravated by drinking: *Alum. Ars. Asar. Cann. Caps. Chin. Cocc. Elaps. Eupat. perf. Lob. Lyc. Mez. Nux. Rhus. Sil. Tar. Verat.*
- Sleep: *Ant. Ant. tart. Apis. Cim. Gels. Kali iod. Lyc. Merc. Mez. Ntr. m. Nux m. Nux. Op. Pod. Psor. Sil.*
- Chill followed by sleep: *Apis. Ars. Camph. Lyc. Mez. Nux m. Nux. Sabin.*

Heat.

- Headache: See page 65.
- Thirst: See page 70.
- Face alternately red and pale: *Acon. Bell. Bov. Caps. Croc. Ipec. Nux. Op. Phosp. Puls.*

Shiverings from motion : Apis. Arn. Nux. Pod.
Stram.

Cheeks red and hot : Carbo an. Chelid. Cina.
Cocc. Dig. Eupat. perf. Ferr. Kali c. Lach. Lyc.
Mony. Merc. Nux. Rhus. Rob. Verat.

Limbs, pains in : Ars. Bry. Calc. Caps. Carbo v.
Chin. Eupat. perf. Eupat. purp. Lact. Lyc. Puls.
Rhus. Sec. c. Sep. Sulph.

Sweat.

Profuse : See page 79.

Pains relieved : Arn. Bell. Calad. Chelid. Lach.
Ntr. m. Nux. Sec. c.

Apyrexia.

Face yellow : Arn. Ars. Caps. Chin. Eupat. perf.
Ferr. Ntr. m. Nux. Petr. Rhus. Sep.

Total number of symptoms 24. The remedies most frequently mentioned, together with the number of times each occurs, may be tabulated as follows:

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| Nux, | 23 |
| Eupat. perf., | 14 |
| Ntr. m., | 16 |
| Chin., | 10 |
| Ars., | 14 |

Nux cc. was given every two hours until after the time the next paroxysm was expected. No more chills to date. Before coming under my care they had been suppressed by quinine several times, but always came back again soon after the medicine was stopped. The face is now clear and the girl says she is perfectly cured.

The "key-note" system will often save looking up a case in this way.

As to potency, I have cured cases with the tinctures and with the hundred-thousandths, but were I asked what I considered the most successful and best adapted potencies, I should unhesitatingly reply: from the two hundredth upwards.

The best time to begin to administer the remedy is after the height of the paroxysm has been passed. This is particularly true of Ntr. m. The efficacy of the single dose I do not at all doubt, at least in many cases, but I have never conformed to the practice, having usually done as in the case referred to, though in some cases, I have continued the medicine for several days after the paroxysm has ceased.

With these suggestions the repertory is offered to the consideration of my professional brethren. It has saved me much time and given me many successes. I am well aware that many errors must have found their way into it, or rather into that part of it which originated with me. No one can be more anxious to correct them than myself, and I should be most happy to know of them, that I may do so.

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