

# SULPHUR

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LEADERS IN

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"A small farm well tilled is better than a large one slighted.' — Haymakers.

One remedy well studied is better than several not half understood. One of the best methods of gaining a practical acquaintance with our *Materia Medica* is to master one remedy at a time; both in itself, and its relation to, and correspondence with, other remedies.

Dr. Adolph Lippe said in substance: "The man who has mastered *Lycopodium*, and its relations, is well on his way to a practical knowledge of our *Materia Medica*. How many of us have done it? How many have made the attempt? Along this line I began the study of *Sulphur*, taking the well-known and verified symptoms and conditions of the remedy, hoping thereby not only to fix in my memory, its own range, but to understand better how to use it in conjunction with other remedies as an antipsoric, complementary, etc., and I hope, old as it is, to make its study both pleasant and profitable.

I am sure, much as we know already of this substance, that many of us can find out new things if we will; but the object of this study is more to so fasten upon our minds

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its wonderful power of curing, that we shall not be likely to pass it by in any case where it is the remedy.

**PERSONAL OR CONSTITUTIONAL TEMPERAMENT**

To the practical observer, the form, or build, or face of the patient (or person, if not a patient) will attract attention.

The *Sulphur* subject is generally "spare stoop-shouldered walks or sits bent. The face is often delicate, with long, thin eyelashes, veins bluish, brilliant eyes; red vermilion lips, eyelids, nostrils and meati of ears."

Such a subject may have a dirty, filthy appearance of the skin, is prone to eruptions; hates bathing, feels generally worse after it —the great unwashed and unwashable. Observing further, you will notice that such a subject is uneasy, looks around for a seat, never wants to stand long.

Standing is the worst position for the *Sulphur* subject; must sit or lie down. Never stands still, but continually changes from one foot to the other, or walks around if he cannot find a seat. It tires him so to stand.

They are generally of light complexion, light or red hair, blue or light-coloured eyes.

Children emaciated, old-looking face, big-bellied, dry flabby skin.

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This is a fair picture of the *Sulphur* subject, and the symptoms in general in such will often point to this remedy. We will, as we proceed in our study, notice other remedies that correspond or differ.

*Psorinum*. — This comes the nearest to Sulphur of any remedy. The *Psorinum* subject is also prone to eruptions. The skin looks dirty, dry, like parchment, or is sweaty and of foul odour. The foul odour is characteristic all through. *Psorinum* looks dejected, hopeless, picture of despair, thinks he can never get well. He is always chilly or cold, wants a fur cap on in the summer. This last is one great mark of distinction between this remedy and Sulphur, which is predominantly hot and burning, especially in localities or sections of the body. *Psorinum* is indicated in chronic diseases when the seemingly indicated remedy fails. While on this subject of "Personal" we might notice some other similar remedies.

*Bryonia* — Is spare, dark hair and complexion (*Sulphur* opposite), choleric, bilious tendency, firm fleshy fibre, and when we remember the decided action each has upon the serous membranes, suppressed or retrocedent eruptions (*Bryonia*, acute ; *Sulphur*, acute and chronic), we might as well class *Sulphur* the chronic of *Bryonia*, as *Calcarea ost.* is the chronic of *Belladonna*, and certain it is that no two remedies work better together as complementaries.

*Causticum*. — Is also predominantly spare, dark-haired, with rigid fibre, and especially adapted to delicate, feeble children, who learn late to walk, stub their toes easily and

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tumble down. In semi paralytic affections arising from suppressed eruption of long ago no remedy will perhaps oftener dispute with Sulphur than *Causticum*. One general diagnostic between them is that the burning, so characteristic of *Sulphur*, is attended with itching, and that of *Causticum* with soreness or rawness. This is especially true of mucous orifices and on the skin.

*Lachesis* —Is generally thin, emaciated, melancholy, and is especially adapted to troubles at the climacteric. At this time both have flushings. The Sulphur is the better remedy in decidedly psoric constitutions.

*Iodium* — Is dark-haired, eyed and complexioned the typical brunette. Thin, hungry, emaciated, scrofulous. About the only resemblance between it and Sulphur is its spareness, and here it surpasses Sulphur. Lycopodium and Nitric acid come nearer to Iodium than Sulphur.

*Ignatia* and *Nux vomica*. — Are both spare; active: nervous; choleric. The former is better adapted to the hysterical affections of females; the latter to the complaints of men who are of spiteful, jealous, mentally active, and physically inactive turn. *Nux vomica* is often well followed or interpolated by Sulphur.

*Lycopodium*..., .Is dark complexioned, spare, especially in the upper part of the body, while the lower may be semi-dropsical. The intellect is keen, while the muscular system is feebly developed. It has strong points of resemblance to both *Nux vom* and Sulphur, and complements them

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both, of course, when indicated, which is often the case. There is no doubt that it is a remedy of wide range and deep, long-lasting action and is not well understood, or much used by the majority of physicians.

*Nitric acid.* Is lean: of rigid fibre, dark, swarthy complexion, with dark hair and eyes; decided brunette. It is especially adapted to chronic diseases, with people who take cold easily and tend to diarrhoea. (Constipation is the exception.) Old people; syphilitics, sycotics and those who have suffered from the abuse of Mercury are especially benefited by it.

*Phosphorus.* Tall persons, sanguine, fair skin, blonde, or red hair, quick, sensitive, flat-chested, disposed to stoop, nervous, moves all the time when awake : haemorrhagic diathesis, phthisical tendency. If it had equally the psoric element it would, at sight, seem a counterpart of *Sulphur*, so close that one could not tell them apart. In the incipient stage of phthisis pulmonalis, no two remedies are oftener found indicated, and it requires nice discrimination sometimes to choose between them. If the case has a decided presence (evident or historic) of psora in it Sulphur must be preferred: but these two remedies may complement each other, giving each separately, and letting it act as long as it will before changing. Many cases of this disease may be cured this way. Neither should, according to my observation, be given lower than the two hundredth potency, and may be given much higher with remarkable results in many cases.

*Tuberculinum.* Is fast coming to the front to claim its share of attention with these two remedies. When fully understood they will be a great trio.

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*Sepia*. Dark hairs, rigid fibre, mild, easy, indifferent disposition, sallow or yellowish complexion, moth-patched, pot-bellied, subject to pelvic congestion, cannot stand much better than the Sulphur subject. Everything dragging down, greatly relaxed. It is as much adapted to women of this description as is *Chamomilla*, *Ignatia* and *Pulsatilla* to their particular temperament and mind.

*Silicea*....Is large headed, with open sutures, sweaty headed, large bellied, but otherwise imperfectly nourished, not from want of food taken, but imperfect assimilation ; weakly, fine skin, mild disposition (in this respect the chronic of *Pulsatilla*), light complexion, lax muscles. All these remedies and a number of others are of the spare, or, at least, not fleshy build, which resemble Sulphur, in part or whole, in constitution and temperament.

Now it may not be uninteresting to notice some of the so-called fat or phlegmatic remedies by way of impressing upon our minds the importance of constitution and temperament. To be sure this is not all there is of it. If it were so homoeopathic prescribing would become as routine as that of tonics, anti-periodics, sudorifics, anodynes, etc. of the old school.

It will occasionally occur that the totality of symptoms or, in other words, the rest of the case may so cover the constitutional leadings as to rule it out in individual cases. But, as a rule (which is proven by rare exceptions), the symptoms will correspond in a great degree with the temperament. Thus, a *Pulsatilla* temperament will develop

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symptoms calling for *Pulsatilla*. So with *Calcarea ost. Sulphur, Lycopodium*, etc. *Calcarea ostrearum*. Leads the list of fat remedies. "Fair, fat and flabby," or as H. N. Guernsey put it in one word, *Leucophlegmatic*. This remedy is the "Bell-wether" of the flock of fat remedies. Following closely in its train are *Graphites*, the *Kalis, Pulsatilla, Capsicum*, etc.

We must not stop here to work them out. That belongs to another lecture. We are here supposed to be doing "specially" work on *Sulphur* and we'd "be fired by the union" if we get off our speciality (Dooley).

Let us now notice the leading Sensation of *Sulphur*.

"One of the chief characteristics of this remedy is found under the head or rubric of sensation, viz., that of Burning. Burning on vertex (outer and inner head) , burning in eyes, painful smarting ; burning water from nose ; burning in face without redness ; burning pain in tongue ; burning vesicles in mouth ; sore throat with great burning and dryness, first right then left : burning in stomach ; burning and pressure in rectum ; burning and itching in haemorrhoids ; burning in anus ; burning in urethra ; burning in vagina, scarcely able to keep still ; nipples burn like fire ; burning in chest, rising to face ; burning between scapulae (*Phos* and *Lycop*) ; burning of hands ; burning of feet, puts them out of bed to cool them ; hot flushes and burning all over ; burning skin of whole body ; itching eruptions burn after scratching.

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After reading such a list of burning in the cured and characteristic symptoms of Sulphur one does not wonder that hell is represented as being heated by this substance, for it seems by its pathogenesis as though it were eternally burning. *Arsenicum album*, *Phosphorus* and *Sulphur* lead the list in our *Materia Medica* for burners. These burning sensations are found in both acute and chronic diseases. Of course there are several other remedies that have this symptom in an intense degree, and must be chosen if the other symptoms come in to complete the picture of similarity. Among these of first importance may be named *Aconite*, *Agaricus*, *Apis*, *Belladonna*, *Cantharis*, *Capsicum*, *Carbo animalis* and *Phosphoric acid*. I think *Arsenicum* leads all in acute diseases, while *Sulphur* leads in chronic affections. We as homoeopaths do not yet fully appreciate the value of sensations.

We will now consider the remedies we have mentioned as having in a marked degree this sensation.

*Arsenicum* —This burning with *Arsenicum* is generally markedly present in all inflammations of the acute kind, Suppose we enumerate : In erysipelas in the head : in ulcers on cornea, on eyelids, at nostrils, in nose (coryza) ; in ulcers in alae nasi, in upper lip, in cancerous ulcers on the face ; pimples and vesicles in the face, in gums, on tongue, in mouth (stomatitis), in throat (ulcers or diphtheria), in epigastrium, in stomach, in abdomen, in region of pylorus (cancers), in region of liver, in intestines, in haemorrhoids, in bladder, in penis, in ovaries, in uterus, in genitals, in

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mammae (cancer), in larynx and trachea, in chest, about the heart, in ulcers, in veins, in skin (eruptions), in inflammatory swelling, scirrhus and anthrax. In short, in almost any affection, acute or chronic, the burning of *Arsenicum* may be present. The burnings of *Arsenicum* are almost invariably relieved by heat, either warm applications or the heat of a warm stove or room. Again especially in acute diseases, where there is a strong manifestation of" this sensation, there is with it marked prostration and excessive restlessness, ail aggravated at 1 to 3 P.M.

The burning of *Arsenicum* in degree is more intense than that of *Sulphur* or *Phosphorus*, and is more invariably present in acute affections, and is often found especially efficacious after *Aconite*, which resembles it in its extreme restlessness. But its greatest sphere is found in those desperate cases of typhoid or low fevers, and in low grade inflammations, such as ulcers, carbuncles, and malignant or cancerous diseases.

*Phosphorus*. The other remedy of our great trio has the same sensation as universally as the others, and I will only mention especially the burning and heat in the brain (burning pain), oesophagus, stomach, rectum, between the scapulae, at anus, in spots along the spine, small of the back (flashes of heat running upward), in palms (*Sulphur* soles), and in skin.

*Sulphur* and *Phosphorus* come nearer each other in the degree of intensity than does *Arsenicum* to either. But these three remedies are so strong in this sensation that neither of them should be overlooked in a case where it is

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markedly present. They all affect nearly every tissue in the body. *Sulphur* and *Arsenicum* stand out especially in skin eruptions and the results of their suppression, while *Sulphur* and *Phosphorus* may oftener, with *Tuberculinum*, be the best for those with phthisical tendencies. Of course, these are only generalizations. The peculiar and characteristic symptoms must decide between them.

*Aconite*. Of all the other remedies mentioned as of first importance, *Aconite* has burning in internal parts in acute inflammatory affections in their first stage, with the characteristic fear and restlessness.

*Apis mellifica*. Has redness and swelling, oedematous in character, with burning and stinging (like beestings) in meninges, eyes, eyelids, ears, face, lips, tongue, throat, mammae, ovaries, testicles, anus, and especially in erysipelas and other exanthemata ; but unlike *Arsenicum* is aggravated by heat, especially radiate heat, and ameliorated by cold.

*Agaricus*....Burning, itching and redness of various parts, as ears, nose, face, upper and lower limbs, like frostbites or chilblains.

*Belladonna*— In the acute stage of any phlegmonous swelling or inflammation, but especially of lips, mouth and fauces (which are very dry), and in the skin in exanthemata.

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Skin is so red and hot that it seems to fairly radiate heat, and imparts a burning sensation *to the hand that touches it*.

*Cantharis* Burns particularly in throat; stomach; intestinal tract; in anus: both kidneys, and especially in urinary tract on urinating. In erysipelas it forms large blebs or blisters. The burning on urination accompanies many complaints, and always reminds of that remedy.

*Capsicum*. Burns in almost the same parts as *Cantharis*. The character of it is if cayenne pepper were sprinkled on the parts. It smarts. It does not blister on the skin as does *Cantharis* and does not act so deeply upon the mucous membranes.

*Causticum*... With its sore rawness with the burning we have already noticed. *Anthraxinum* and *Tarantula cubensis* have excessive burning in anthrax carbuncle, and swellings in general ; but *Tarantula* has characteristically blueness of the swollen parts equal to *Lachesis*, but is not like *Arsenicum* (which also has dark colored swelling), ameliorated by heat.

*Carbolic acid*. Is also a great burner, but its sphere is not so definitely outlined as the preceding remedies. As a local application for burns in the proportion of one drachm of the acid to two ounces each of Sulphuric ether, and olive oil, it is excellent. Other remedies might be added to this list, but these are very positive in the possession

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of this sensation and so are mentioned in connection with Sulphur. Again, Sulphur still holds its place as the King of *Antipsorics*—and the symptom *Itching* stands next to that of burning as a *sensation*.

"I do not in this place feel it incumbent upon me to enter into a defense of Hahnemann's psora theory against those who discard it because they do not understand it. With those who do understand and profit by it there is no need of such defense. The truth stands confirmed (with those who have put to the test Hahnemann's rules for the use of Sulphur), that it has power to meet and overcome certain obstacles to the usual action of drugs when indicated by the symptoms, or at least seemingly so. That is the reason why the indication as laid down in the books reads; 'When seemingly indicated drugs do not cure, use Sulphur,' because psora is the obstacle to be overcome. If you now ask me, what is psora? I answer in true Yankee style, what is scrofula? Perhaps psora is scrofula, or scrofula is psora. Call it either or neither. Yet it is present, a something named or unnamed which must be recognized and complicates so-called acute diseases. Now there is nothing so very remarkable about this. Syphilis does the same. Once contracted or inherited, no matter what ordinary acute disease appears, we are at times obliged to turn aside from its treatment to give a quietus to the old enemy before we can overcome the acute affection. So it is with *Sulphur* and psora. The orizing and philosophizing, no matter how wise they sound, must 30 down when facts oppose them."

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"Now upon this symptom — 'When carefully selected remedies fail to act favorably, etc.,' as we said when writing of a certain group under *Nux vomica*— this is putting it in too wholesale a fashion. Let no one understand that *Sulphur* is the only remedy capable of removing psoric complications, but simply that *Sulphur* will be likely to be oftener indicated here, because it oftener covers the usual manifestations of psora in its pathogenesis than any other remedy. There are antipsorics, like *Psorinum*, *Causticum*, *Graphites*, etc. which may have to be used instead of *Sulphur*. And we know which one by the same law which guides us in the selection of the right remedy any time. Another thing must not be forgotten. All the antipsoric remedies have their own individual sphere of action outside their anti-psoric powers; and often a close study of the case in hand, where other remedies have failed, as we had supposed, on account of psora, will reveal that the anti-psoric remedy was the true similimum from the start, independent of any psoric element."— Leaders.

Not all the remedies having anti-psoric properties, or powers, are in Hahnemann's work on "Chronic Diseases." Instances are—*Apis*, *Aloes*, *Bryonia*, *Croton tiglium*, *Psorinum* and undoubtedly others.

When "psora" works outward, it is well; when inward, dangerous. So ail local applications which can suppress each outward manifestation should be sedulously avoided.

Appearances upon the skin, either recent or remote, are valuable leaders to the choice of the remedy, and this is

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especially true of all affections of long-standing or so-called chronic diseases.

We should never omit in the examination of such a case to inquire for a history of such manifestations on the skin, and as to what became of them, how they were treated, if treated at all, or what were the; circumstances of their disappearance and the phenomena following. One of the ablest papers written on the subject of "The Relation of Skin to Internal Troubles" was by Father Lilienthal in the Hahnemannian Monthly. Vol, V, Page 257, year 1878. This was in reply to high authority who had questioned such relationship. To me it seemed an unanswerable article, and after an experience and observation of over forty years, I am thoroughly convinced of its truth. Among the remedies besides *Sulphur* which have power to influence or control psoric manifestations are notably —

*Arsenicum album*.—First: I have seen a chronic recurrent case of most intense gastralgia cured with the reappearance of an eczema (suppressed by an ointment), which was restored by this remedy. The symptom leading to its prescription was the burning pain ameliorated by heat and aggravated at midnight. I had no knowledge of the suppressed eruption when I prescribed, but prescribed on the three symptoms above named. Second: I have seen marked relief and cure of a case of pneumonia from retrocedent measles, *Arsenicum* symptoms leading to the remedy. Third; I have seen a chronic gastritis of years' standing connected with eczema on and around the ears getting worse as the eruption

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disappeared and better as it re-appeared, promptly relieved eczema and all, by the same remedy. These are three cases referred to from memory. In these cases the sixth potency was used in Nos. 1 and 2, and in the last case the 27m, made on a fluxion potency machine, probably not so accurate as a handmade potency, but surely a very high one.

*Causticum*.-First: I have seen a case of lung trouble caused (or at least the exciting cause) by a scald, by the inhalation of hot steam, greatly ameliorated by *Causticum*. In this case there was an eczema upon the lower leg, which appeared or disappeared as the lung trouble was better or worse. This patient had also marked anal symptoms that were at the same time covered and relieved by the same remedy. Second: A case of obstinate neuralgia of the face (tic douloureux) could not be cured until *Causticum* was given, which was quickly followed by relief and also by the re-appearance of an eczema which had disappeared before the pain came on. Anodynes of several kinds had been worn out. In both these cases the 200th, B. & T., was used.

*Graphites*.-First; A case of eczema of the lower legs of twenty years' standing was cured by a dose of *Sulphur* followed by this remedy in the cm. (Fincke) potency. Second; A case of cholera infantum or entero-colitis which long baffled the best efforts of two regulars was promptly cured by *Graphites*. 6m. (Jenichen), an obstinate and long-lasting eczema capitis being restored and cured at the same time. Third; A terrible case of meningitis occurring in the

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Women's Hospital in Philadelphia was cured by Dr. Kent with the cm. (Fincke) of this remedy. A suppressed eczema was restored and cured at the same time.

*Mezereum.* — A chronic case of long standing which had resisted treatment was cured by this remedy after the fact appeared that year before the patient had suffered from an eczema capitis which was suppressed. The description of the remote trouble corresponded to this remedy, and its exhibition in the 200th restored the eruption. This was a case cured by Carrol Dunham.

I might add similar experiences with *Lycopodium*, *Psorinum*, *Oleander*, *Staphisagria*, *Sepia*, *Natrum mur*, *Hepar sulph*, *Petroleum* and others, but fear I would weary your patience. Let me mention some characteristic symptoms of some of the remedies above named.

*Arsenicum.* — Bran-like, dry scaly eruptions, with itching and burning ameliorated by heat.

*Graphites.* — Eruptions in various parts, which exude a watery, transparent or sticky, glutinous fluid, especially in obese people.

*Hepar Sulphur.* — Eruptions, either dry or humid, which are exceedingly sensitive to touch and inclined to suppurate.

*Psorinum.* — Has various kinds of eruptions. They are like *Mercurius*, greatly aggravated in the warmth of the bed. Or the skin may have a dry or parchment-like appearance. Never forget *Psorinum* when *Sulphur*, fails.

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*Petroleum*.—In all eczemas that crack and bleed and are aggravated in winter (Psor.).

*Natrum mur.* - May be dry or moist, often occurs in bends of limbs (*Sepia*) and edges of the hair.

*Sepia*. — Itching changes to burning after scratching (*Sulphur*). Soreness of the skin, humid places in bends of limbs (*Nat. m.*), brown or claret colored or tetter-like spots (moth patches), ringworms.

*Carbolic acid* 30th. —Eruption on skin all over the body, itching intensely (cured).

We call attention to these seven remedies to impress the fact that even in different remedies having decided action upon the same organ or tissues each one acts differently from all the others, and these differences, whether they be marked, or ever so light, cannot be ignored if good prescribing is to be done, and they are generally psoric in character.

*Sulphur* has some strong and some peculiar.

**MIND SYMPTOMS**

It has weak memory, particularly for names, or no memory for what transpired lately ; wants to introduce a couple but is embarrassed by not being able to recall the names ; or while he remembers with remarkable perfection the events of long ago, forgets things of yesterday or even of a few hours ago.

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In comparison on defective memory we call to mind such remedies as:

Anacardium.-Which is particularly useful in old people of broken constitution, etc.

Lycopodium. - Forgets the meaning of letters, uses wrong words for correct ideas or wrong syllables and letters makes mistakes in writing, spells words wrong or omits parts of words. It is also adapted to senile cases, though it may often help in the prime of life.

Nux Moschata.-Weakness or loss of memory, with great dulness of intellect and sleepiness; forgets what he is reading about and falls asleep.

Phosphoric acid. -Loss of ideas, weakness of memory, listless, apathetic, indifferent, don't want to speak, generally weak, with depressed sensorium; especially useful in young people who grow too fast and tall, or are suffering from self-abuse or both.

There are several other remedies that might be named in this connection, but these are very prominent ones, and other things being equal are very efficacious in practice. Again, Sulphur has this set of symptoms:

First: "Seems stupid, senseless, confused, avoids conversation."

Second: "Dulness, difficult, misplaces or cannot find proper words when talking or writing."

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Third: "Indisposed to everything; work; pleasure; talking or motion; indolence of mind and body."

Fourth: "Too lazy to rouse himself and too unhappy to liver."

Fifth: "Hypochondriacal mood through the day, merry in the evening."

Sixth: "Hypochondriasis after suppressed eruptions."

Seventh: "Melancholy mood, dwelling on religious, or philosophical speculations; anxious about his soul's salvation; 'ragged philosophers; dirty, scaly looking, lazy acting; always inclined to brood and speculate or think, but not to work."

Such mind symptoms, when prominent, are great leaders to the right remedy. For instance.

The suicidal tendency of *Aurum*.

The haughtiness and pride of *Platina*.

Tearfulness of *Pulsatilla*.

The loquacity of *Stramonium*.

Taking these symptoms of *Sulphur* and massing them indicates a condition of mind, which, summed up in one word, would spell hypochondriasis.

Now let us see what remedies have been found particularly useful in this mental disease.

Turning to Knerr's Repertory, we have double-barred: *Aurum*, which is suicidal.

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Cactus, with heart disease.

Natrum mur, with different complaints, but, notably in old malarial subjects who have been abused by Quinine.

Nux vomica and Anacardium, with gastric, liver and haemorrhoidal troubles.

Pulsatilla, with nervousness, tearfulness and menstrual irregularities.

Conium, with sexual excess or abstemiousness.

Staphisagria, self-abuse and mind dwelling too much on sexual subjects.

These are only leaders to a more thorough study for the complete picture in any case where the similitum is to be chosen. And these are only a few of the remedies that might be studied, but very important ones.

For instance, the Aurum mood might be found in connection with liver or uterine disease, and here the combination of gold and salt, Aurum muriaticum natronatum, is well worthy of our attention. I have seen remarkably good results from it, and Cactus is not the only remedy having marked lowness of spirits with heart disease; but Sulphur must be especially remembered in connection with each and all of these remedies as the great anti-psoric. For it may, along that line, itself, cure- the case alone, or help out the other seemingly indicated remedy. This is not only so in mind diseases, but in all others

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Nearly forty years ago I cured a chronic case of gastritis of fourteen year's standing. Many remedies, good, bad, and indifferent, had been tried. I was the tenth physician in the case. My first preceptor, Sir George Roberts, of Greene, N. Y., who was the last before me, had so far relieved her that she could take and retain graham bread and milk to keep her from actual starvation. There had been a lime that she could only retain a few drops of milk, except as she was sustained by rectal alimentation. *Sulphur* 200th restored an eczema behind her ears and upon the nape of the neck, which had been suppressed with an ointment, and was followed by the stomach trouble.

*Sulphur* has another frame of mind quite characteristic, as expressed in the words:

"Foolish happiness and pride; thinks himself in possession of beautiful things; even rags seem beautiful."

"Fantastic illusions; monomania, fancies."

We might go through a long list of remedies, having illusions of various kinds. Here are a few of them:

*Baptisia*. — "Thinks he is scattered about, cannot get the pieces together."

*Petroleum*. — "Thinks he is double, or that some one is in the bed with him or that one limb is double."

*Lachesis*. — "Thinks he is dead and wants to be buried."

*Calcarea ost.* — "Thinks she is, or will become insane, and that other people will observe her and think her insane."

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Has horrid visions every time he closes his eyes.

*Platina* - "Thinks she is a queen or some superior person. Looks down upon others; even objects seem small to her."

*Hyoscyamus*.- "Men appear as boys" (that is not always an illusion).

*Cannabis Indica*.- "A few rods seem an immense distance."

*Lac caninum*.- "Thinks all she says is a lie" (it may be in some cases).

*Natrum mur*, — "Delusion of robbers in the house, hard to convince her to the contrary, awakens with such delusion."

*Anacardium*. — "As if he had two wills, one commanding what the other forbids."

Here are twelve delusions belonging to as many different remedies, and they have all been verified by cures. There are many more and Hahnemann made no mistake when he estimated mind symptoms of first importance.

We must now leave this part of our subject and proceed to an examination and comparison of the leading or characteristic symptoms of *Sulphur* under the different rubrics of the schema adopted by the master, and so we come to the.

**HEAD**

"Heat on top of head, flushes in the face, feet cold."

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This is only one instance of the power of this remedy to cause and cure local congestions, and a chronic tendency thereto. In other words, it seems to have the power to equalize the circulation in persons subject to such local congestions or inflammations. These either acute or chronic congestions may manifest themselves in boils, swellings, felons, abdominal or portal congestions, and inflammations (and here it is especially indicated if caused by suppressed haemorrhoids). Congestions of the head may result from the same cause ; the chest may become congested when there is great difficulty of breathing, feels so oppressed that he wants doors and windows open ; this rush of blood seems to fill the whole chest and the heart feels as it too full, palpitates and labors as if trying to rid itself of a burden ; the orifices of the body are red, as if pressed full of blood ; the lips are red as vermilion ; ears very red ; eyelids red ; anus red ; urethra red ; all these are manifest indications for Sulphur. , Especially is this true if these symptoms are consequent upon the suppression or retrocession of some eruption of the skin. Now, what other remedies may be compared as having especial power over congestions prone to localize. Notably—

*Ferrum.* — Especially in anaemic persons who flush easily and intensely in the face and are subject to sudden and severe congestions to lungs, head, or other organs, and especially if strongly disposed to haemorrhages. This is especially true of *Ferrum Phos.*, both the elements of this remedy have the congestive and haemorrhagic power; the lips and other mucous surfaces, unlike *Sulphur*, are generally pale and

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bloodless. Aside from the congestions, which come in spells, *Belladonna* seems intent on pumping everything movable into the head, with its purple red face, blood-shot eyes, and throbbing carotids, and, notwithstanding, *Belladonna* congests the pelvis, lungs, and other organs as well as local inflammations, as boils and inflammatory swellings of all kinds, even rheumatic, yet the symptoms of the head above enumerated must be present to strongly indicate the remedy especially in acute affection.

*Melilotus*. — Comes very near to *Belladonna* so far as head symptoms are concerned, and has very strongly the modality, amelioration from nosebleed. This remedy when better understood, will cover a wide range of usefulness.

*Glonoïn*. — Was well known to us in its action on the circulation in head and heart long before the allopaths had dreamed, of it. Now they are abusing it, as they do all remedies of which they know anything, because they ignore our law to guide them in its use.

*Aconite*. — Congests the chest, heart and respiratory organs as positively as do *Belladonna*, *Melilotus* and *Glonoïn* the head, and has positive symptoms to diagnose it from other remedies.

*Cactus grand*. — With its constricting sensations it is also a remedy causing and curing local congestions, especially when connected with heart troubles.

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*Sepia*. — In chronic affections comes nearer *Sulphur*, perhaps, than any other remedy, but notwithstanding its frequent flushings, so like those of *Sulphur*, centralizes its action in female pelvic organs in a way that makes it a boon to both the women that suffer that way and the physician who is trying to relieve or cure them.

The next head symptom of *Sulphur* to which we call attention is:

"Pressing Pain in vertex as from a weight on top of the brain,"

This kind of pain is found under *Cactus*, and is again found in persons suffering with heart troubles, cerebral congestions, profuse epistaxis, haemorrhages from anus, haemoptysis or haematemesis.

In any haemorrhages in connection with heart (especially organic) troubles think of *Cactus*. The presence of this vertex pain is additional indication for its use.

*Lachesis* — Weight and pressure on vertex, also heat. This occurs frequently at the climacteric, for which this is so excellent a remedy.

*Naja*. — Weight and pressure on vertex, with cold feet and flushes in face. This may come with weak heart, whether as sequelae of diphtheria or otherwise.

*Crotalus*.—Pressure and heavy pain on top of head from 6 A.M. till evening

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Here are three serpent poisons, all of them having a well-known depression of the action of the heart, and also the vertex pain and pressure.

*Lycopodium*. - Has pressing headache on vertex aggravated from 4 to 8 P.M., from stooping, lying down and exerting the mind, followed by great weakness.

*Lachesis* and *Lycopodium* complement or follow each other well.

*Gelsemium*.—Pressure on vertex so great as to extend into shoulders, head feels heavy. Now look at the action of *Gelsemium* on the heart: "Heart's action slow and feeble, beats cannot be felt." "A peculiar action of the heart, as though it attempted its beat, which it failed fully to accomplish, the pulse intermitting each time; aggravated especially when lying on left side." "Fears that unless constantly on the move her heart will cease beating, with fear of death."

It will be noticed that all these remedies, producing in a great degree that vertex pain or pressure, corroborate the statement made under *Cactus*, viz., that it is frequently-found in connection with heart troubles, and is confirmed by curing such conditions.

*"Brain affections of children, who do not like to be washed, have pimples, boils and other eruptions on the head, face and everywhere, pick at the nose, have red lips, crave sour things, feel faint in the forenoon, may have diarrhoea early in*

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*the morning, sleep restless, start when falling asleep (Bell.) cry out during sleep (Cina), or murmur, moan, whine or snore ; feet cold in the morning and hot in the evening ; they run about, but do not like to stand; sit hunched and walk stooping".*  
— Guiding Symptoms.

Why this group of well-known characteristics should have been thus massed and double-barred by Hering is not easy to understand, unless it is a fact that sometimes they may be found in such a combination in children suffering from brain affections. Indeed, I have seen some cases that manifested several of them where *Sulphur* accomplished much. However, it must not be supposed that it is necessary for all these symptoms to be present to make a good case for *Sulphur*. There may be only one or two of them present in a case and other symptoms of the remedy, not here mentioned, come in to make a very good case. If we could only make our cases "to order," what a beautiful time we would have in "spotting" the similimum. But we cannot. The cases come to us God given, like our relatives, and we can't help it. But while only few cases come that we can cover in *every* symptom with any one remedy, yet they do come in such form that many times they will present several symptoms that are peculiar to both disease and drug so that a choice is possible, and the result justifies it. Mathematical precision is not possible in the art of prescribing, but with our law of cure to guide us we may come much nearer to it than those who have no law.

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In studying the eye of Sulphur we are overwhelmed at first sight with the array of symptoms recorded. Alien"? "Encyclopaedia of Pure Materia Medica" uses over six pages of closely printed matter in the record of eye symptoms alone. Hering's "Guiding symptoms," seven. In Alien's over forty symptoms are dignified with the dress of black-faced type, while many more are starred or italicized. This would provoke an incredulous smile on the face of one who did not understand our system.

Let us examine a little closer. In over one-quarter of the leading symptoms the characteristic *burning* of *Sulphur*, upon which we placed so much stress in the beginning of this study, is present. This action on the eyes goes to prove the genuineness of this almost universal sensation. The other great subjective symptom, viz., itching, is also found present almost as many times, proving its right to be termed the King of Antipsorics, The sensation of dryness of the mucous surfaces of the ball and lids, as if the parts rubbed against each other, or of sand or grit in the eye, is also a marked symptom, The dimness of vision of different shades and intensity is also to be marked. Redness of the eyes, and especially of the eyelids, corresponding to the redness of all the orifices, already noticed, is here markedly present. In the light of such study the incredulous smile fades away, and the conviction of truth forcing itself upon the honest investigator, changes the expression into one of thoughtfulness. But here we must not forget that although the eye

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symptoms in themselves are very important the choice of the remedy rests not in them alone, but the whole patient in his totality must be considered in making the homoeopathic prescription. Indeed, notwithstanding all these symptoms of the eye, both caused and cured by *Sulphur*, I am quite sure we are oftener led to its use in eyes as well as other local manifestations by psoric, constitutional and other general indications than by the local symptoms. This, being true, goes to illustrate the genius of our system of therapeutics, which treats patients instead of so-called disease.

We will now, for a few moments, compare some of the remedies having similar action on the eyes. First those that covers the sensation of burning.

*Allium cepa*.—"Burning, biting and smarting of the eyes as if from smoke, wants to rub them."

We all know that this is generally in connection with acute coryza, where there is also much lachrymation, sneezing and watery discharge, for which this remedy is so useful.

*Apis mellifica*. —"Burning, stinging, shooting pains." This combination is found in conjunctivitis, keratitis, etc., and especially when conjoined with erysipelas or oedematous swelling of the lids. We need not dwell long upon this. Every physician, general as well as special, knows the virtues of *Apis* here.

*Arsenicum album*. — Is not surpassed by any remedy for this sensation, either local or general, but there is one thing

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that marks it here, as else-where, viz., the burning is ameliorated by heat, and is aggravated at night, especially at 1 to 3 A.M. *Apis* and *Pulsatilla*, on the other hand, are ameliorated by cold.

*Belladonna*.-Has burning in the eyes and as a marked accompaniment a sensation of dryness similar to that in the throat, so characteristic of this remedy. The pains, like those of the head, are aggravated by lying down. It is oftener found useful in acute affections.

*Pulsatilla*. - Has *burning*, itching in the eyes, aggravated in the evening, ameliorated in the open air and by cold applications.

*Euphrasia*.-Has much burning in the eyes, with acrid, and frequently, profuse lachrymation, it is in other ways a great eye remedy when indicated.

*Alumina*, *Carbo veg.*, *Conium*, *Natrum mur.*, *Causticum*, *Ruta* and *Zincum* might be added without giving special indications.

To give all the remedies in the repertories that have this symptom in lesser degree would be more confusing than helpful.

Remedies comparing with the of *Sulphur* are.

*Pulsatilla*.-Again, which has "Itching and burning aggravated in the evening, ameliorated in the open air."

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This itching and burning of *Pulsatilla* is in both the eyes and lids and the discharges, if any, are not, as a rule, excoriating like those of *Arsenicum* and *Euphrasia*. There is also a tendency to styes with this remedy.

*Alumina*—Is a remedy that certainly ought not to be omitted, especially as it has all three of the subjective symptoms so strongly pronounced under. *Sulphur*, viz., itching, dryness and burning; not only this, but the eyelids thicken, become granular, and sometimes agglutinate at night (*Puls.*).

This condition of the eyes and lids, especially in chlorotic or anaemic subjects, is a strong indication for the remedy.

*Argentum metal.*—Has violent itching in the corners of the eyes in blepharitis.

*Mangan acet.*—With which in the 200th I greatly benefited a chronic case, where the sense *dryness* was very persistent and distressing, is also to be remembered.

**DIMNESS OF VISION**

as expressed in the words, "*as of smoke, a veil, fog,*" etc., we have among others, markedly.

*Causticum.*—"As of a fog or veil."

*Cina.* - "As if looking through gauze, ameliorated by wiping the eyes."

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*Santonine*, — Is said in several cases to have caused cataract.

*Cyclamen*. — Smoke, fog, veil, colors, flickering especially on waking in the morning and with headache. It is especially to be remembered in anaemic women, who have *Pulsatilla* symptoms, but are ameliorated in warm air instead of cold.

*Gelsemium*. - Dimness, with vertigo, drooping of the eyelids, after diphtheria (paralysis of accommodation.).

*Lycopodium*.—"Vision dim, sees only left half of objects."

*Pulsatilla*. — "Like a veil, ameliorated by rubbing the eyes or wiping them, aggravated in evening."

Of course, the pathological condition, whether of cataract, retinitis, albuminuria, paralysis, etc., must be considered, both for prescribing, and especially for diagnosis and prognosis. This goes without saying with all scientific physicians.

**EARS**

*Sulphur* has "Roaring in the ears for several days. Roaring in the ears in the evening in bed, with rush of blood to the head."

Other remedies having, prominently, roaring, or noises in the ears are—

*Causticum*.—Which has "persistent roaring in the ears; words and steps re-echo in the head," I think it

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is more frequently found in rheumatic subjects than elsewhere, though it may be purely nervous.

*China.*-We all know of the noises, from roaring to fine ringing, in the ears of this drug. It may occur in connection with profuse haemorrhage especially flooding, or in subjects so depleted; acute or chronic effects, or as a consequence of the abuse of its alkaloid. It is often an accompaniment of hard hearing from the same cause.

*Graphites.* - Has humming or roaring in the ears; hearing is better in a noise, like riding in a carriage or the hum of machinery.

*Phosphoric acid.* Deafness and roaring in the ears, in nervous debility or in onanists.

*Petroleum.* Pain in the Eustachian tubes, with roaring ringing or cracking. Both *Petroleum* and *Graphites* are prone to eruptions or eczemas in and around the ears.

*Kali phos...* Roaring in the ears from nervous exhaustion.

*Salicylic acid* or *Salicylate of Sodium* have great roaring in the ears, but for lack of proving their exact place is not yet known.

**DEAFNESS**  
(*Sulphur*)

"Deafness, especially for the voice, from repeated catarrhs."

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This is, of course, the natural consequence of imperfect recovery from the attacks, and if the *Sulphur* was oftener given in the role of its capacity of an absorbent, or, as old Father Hering used to call it, "a finisher" of the case, there would be fewer intractable or incurable cases of this kind. We shall say more of this property of *Sulphur* when we come to "tissues."

Other remedies called to mind for deafness are, in those cases caused by repeated attacks of catarrhs or colds: *Pulsatilla*, if at the same time there is the characteristic nasal or bronchial catarrh of this remedy; *Mercury*, especially *Merc, dulc*, if the Eustachian tube is involved; also *Kali muriaticum* and *Graphites*. Of course, other indications will decide between them.

For deafness remaining as sequelae of measles we often have to choose from such remedies as *Pulsatilla*, *Carbo vegetabilis* or *Mercurius sol.* Scarlatina: *Belladonna*, *Hepar sulph*, *Lycopodium* or *Nitric acid*. Always in prescribing for such a case a history of the original disease will help to the choice of the remedy. Was it of the old Sydenhamian type, with red, smooth skin, etc.? Then *Belladonna* will most likely be the remedy. If it was of the vesicular variety with typhoid symptoms, *Rhus tox*.

For congestive hardness of hearing, *Belladonna*, *Sulphur*, *Silicea* and *Nux vomica*. Especially after the suppression of ulcers or discharges, *Arsenicum*, *Sulphur*, *Causticum*, with hypertrophy of the tonsils, *Baryta*, *Mercury* and *Nitric acid*.

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Many other things might be mentioned as causing, or complicating deafness; or some peculiar symptom, such as the hardness of hearing, especially of the human voice of *Phosphorus*, or the hearing better in a noise of *Graphites*. But we notice that in the repertories in all these phases, *Sulphur* is apt to be seen, and it is true that it will oftener be found useful than any other one remedy. There are two reasons for this, viz., badly treated or unfinished cases of acute disease and psoric complications.

**OTTITIS**  
(Sulphur)

"Especially where other remedies fail in psoric cases" with general *Sulphur* symptoms. Also Otorrhoea.

*Again, "in psoric patients with tendency to skin eruption coryza, and cerebral congestion from a furuncle in meatus ; in children who suddenly cry out with pain while they appear listless and unobservant; and, where it seems doubtful, whether the irritation is in the brain or intestinal canal; in meningitis or eruptive fever ; extending to head and throat ; lancinating, stinging and tearing in ear aggravated by disturbance, musical sounds, and all noises, and human voice is heard imperfectly ; chronic with a purulent discharge."*

Here is another of Hering's groupings doubled-barred. In reading these in the "Guiding Symptoms," it is to be remembered that the colon or semicolon takes the place of the word that leads at the beginning of the group.

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This saves space and shows that each paragraph between these punctuation marks is to be read separately. I take occasion to explain this for the benefit of those who may not understand, or be led into the error of supposing that all must be found in a case to make *Sulphur* the similimum. Taking the indication—"in psoric subjects, etc;" we have tried to insist upon the importance of the word indicated antipsoric, according to the general manifestation of psora in the preceding pages.

Taking the next indication, "in children who suddenly cry out with pain," etc., we will first call attention by comparison to *Apis mellifica*, which cannot be overestimated in any stage of meningeal irritation or inflammation, and our records of so many cures by this remedy. *Cina* has the sudden crying out, and it is not always easy to tell where the pain is, especially in young children, but other *Cina* or *Apis* symptoms will often appear to help us to make the choice. In ear troubles the little patients will often throw their hands to the ear. This is not always so, and otitis has been mistaken for brain trouble. Of course, if in conjunction with meningitis or exanthemata, no one would forget *Sulphur*, and there are few, if any, such troubles where it will not help the other remedies.

Every homoeopathist of experience knows of the other remedies for inflammation of the external or internal ear, such as *Aconite* when it is the result of exposure to cold, dry winds, with the characteristic fever, restlessness, anxiety and lancinating pains ; or *Belladonna* when the throbbing

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carotids, delirium, semi-stupor with twitching, and the paroxysmal character of the pains, coming and going suddenly, etc., are present; *Mercurius* with creeping chilliness, indicating the formation of pus, and the characteristic mouth symptoms, and sweat without relief; *Hepar sulphur*, if suppuration is imminent or impossible to prevent, the person or part is very sensitive, to touch, and weakness or fainting with the pain.

"*Ears very red (with or without swelling and burning)*".

Not only the meatus, in common with redness of all the orifices, but redness of the whole ear in keeping with local congestion generally.

*Causticum*. — Comes nearest to *Sulphur* in this general external redness of the ears. The ears are what we might call habitually red, unnaturally so, and they burn as with *Sulphur*.

*Agaricus*. - Has redness, burning and itching of the ears, as if they had been frozen, like chilblains.

*Apis mellifica*....The ears are swollen, red, sting and burn. The redness and swelling is decidedly oedematous; of an erysipelatous character.

*China off.*—Tearing pains in the ears aggravated upon least touch or lying on it. Ear red.

*Pulsatilla*. —In otitis externa, when the external ear is very red and swollen.

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"*Smells of old catarrh*," -"Frequent sneezing," "Redness and swelling" are symptoms that appear under this remedy, but are not set down as characteristic, so that the leading symptoms for *Sulphur* in a case would have to be found elsewhere than in the nose.

**FACE**  
(Sulphur)

"*Comedones*, black pores of the skin particularly in the face."

"Bright, vermilion redness of lips, particularly children; the lips seem as if pressed full of blood."

These are strong indications for *Sulphur*, the other general symptoms corresponding.

*Graphites*. — May be better in *Graphites* subjects, especially where there is the moist, glutinous eruption in other parts of the body.

The redness of the lips of *Sulphur* is not equaled by any other remedy.

*Arum triphyllum*.—The lips are very red, raw, cracked and bleeding, but it is not so much a constitutional condition as it is an accompaniment of acute diseases like scarlatina, typhoid, etc.

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**MOUTH AND THROAT**  
(Sulphur)

1. "Tongue white with red tip and edges."

Arsenicum has red edges of tongue, taking imprint of the teeth.

Chelidonium also, but with this remedy there is generally yellow coating instead of white.

2. Stomachache and aphthae.

The aphthae or stomachache is nothing very peculiar but if other remedies like Mercurius, Borax, Hydrastis, etc., fail, there is reason to suspect psoric complication, which Sulphur may remedy, either curing the patient or assisting the other remedies.

3. Sore throat with great burning and dryness, first, right, and then left side.

This sore throat is often of the recurrent type, and if the burning is markedly present, may decide between Sulphur and Lycopodium, the latter also a well-known right-sided sore throat remedy.

**APPETITE AND STOMACH**  
(Sulphur)

Faintness or great hunger and weak, gone feeling at stomach at 11 a.m.

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This is very characteristic and is distinguished from other remedies having the same or similar sensation by the exact time of occurrence, 11 A.M.

Other remedies having strongly a similar sensation are

*Iodine*. — And the patient is ameliorated by eating, especially while eating. Wants to eat all the time and still emaciates all the time. It is especially useful in brunettes.

*China offic.*—Is hungry and satisfied alternately.

*Lycopodium*. — Y&-hungry, but the first few mouthfuls fill him up; the alternate satiety is also *Lycopodium*.

*Cina*. - Also wants everything in sight one day and nothing the next (nursing children).

*Ignatia*.—The weak, empty gone feeling is not connected with any vagaries of appetite or digestion, but is a purely nervous or hysterical manifestation (hence eating does not relieve it). Both it and *Sepia* are in connection with uterine troubles ; the former with what might be termed hysteralgia, or irritable condition of the womb and general nervous system ; the latter with a generally relaxed or prostrated state, as ' shown ' by the bearing down, prolapsus and generally weakened state.

*Phosphorus*.—Has this weak, gone or empty feeling very markedly and the sensation extends throughout the whole abdomen aggravated by night; must get up and eat something.

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*Hydrastis*. -Has the goneness very strongly and in various affections even carcinoma. I believe if given early and not too high it may prevent cancerous ulcerations or degeneration of gastric affections into the malignant form.

The second symptom:

2. "Drinks much, eats little" might be criticized, for there are many remedies that have thirst without appetite, especially in acute inflammatory diseases, but with *Sulphur* the thirst, as compared with the appetite, is a chronic state so positive as to be very important. It is especially so in marasmic states and it may be the diagnostic between it and *Natrum muriaticum*, which has *both* thirst and appetite in excess, for with *Natrum mur.* "He emaciates even while living well."

The third symptom:

3. "*Desires sweets and candies,*" is surpassed by *Argentum nitricum*, which is irresistible in the desire for sugar. *China officinalis* and *Lycopodium* also have it strongly.

In regard to the desire for alcoholics (No. 4) Galivardin claims to have cured many apparently hopeless cases of drunkenness with *Sulphur* 1m., and why shouldn't it, for the sinking, empty, or all-gone sensation is a common symptom in the dyspepsia of drunkards. *Sulphuric acid*, *Asarum europoeum* and *Medorrhinum* may also be remembered in this connection.

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*Nux vomica* is useful for the effects of brandy drinking: *Kali bichromicum* for beer drinking; Sulph and Sul. ac. for whiskey drinking; of course the symptoms indicating, which is apt to be the case, being present.

**ABDOMEN**  
(Sulphur)

"Inflammation of the abdomen with wind; rumbling and gurgling in bowels."

"Emission of flatus, especially in the evening and night; having the odour of bad eggs."

"Rumbling and gurgling in the bowels; painless diarrhoea, driving the patient out of bed at 5 a.m."

"Big belly and emaciated limbs; children who dislike to be washed."

"Portal stasis, haemorrhoidal congestion, constipation," etc.

This list of symptoms is selected not to represent that it by any means exhausts the abdominal symptoms of this great remedy, but to bring out one important feature in its action, viz.: That in a general way *Sulphur* is to be classed high, as one of our leading flatulent remedies. It ranks with *Carbo vegetabilis*, *Chamomilla*, *Cinchona*, *Lycopodium*, *Magnesia carbonica*, *Natrum sulphuricum* and *Nux vomica* and *Asafoetida*.

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To know that all these are preeminently flatulent remedies goes but a little way toward enabling us to use them to advantage in curing the sick. This is only one feature in which they resemble each other. It still remains to differentiate between them. Let us try.

*Carbo vegetabilis*. — The flatulence collects more in the upper part of the abdomen and in the stomach, causing gastralgia, the wind mainly all pressing upwards (*Asafoetida*, hysterical cases). It is often associated with acidity, or pyrosis. It is a dyspeptic remedy. The stomach is easily disordered by various things and this flatulent condition is the consequence. It is especially useful for disorders arising after fat foods, pastries, etc, which *Pulsatilla* fails to, relieves and follows well after it.

*Chamomilla*... Called by Hempel "the catnip of Homoeopathy," finds-its place oftenest in the flatulence of children. "Wind colic," abdomen distended like a drum, wind passing in small quantities without relief, ameliorated by warm clothes. This is very often found in the entero-colitis of children ; when there are with the very painful colic, green watery, corroding stools, like chopped eggs ; hot, smelling like rotten eggs, etc. The mad, ugly disposition is generally present in *Chamomilla* colic, whether it occurs in connection with diarrhoea of children, in bilious colic, menstrual, or in labour pains. In fact, the mental condition is its strongest diagnostic.

*Cinchona officinalis*...-No remedy is more flatulent. It seems as if the abdomen was "packed full" and eructations afford no relief.

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With *Carbo veg.* and *Asafoetida* the pressure is upward, with *Lycopodium* and *Nux vomica* downward, but with the *Cinchona* the pressure is both ways. Splenic and liver engorgement or hypertrophy is often present to complicate and aggravate. Fermentation, slow digestion, dyspepsia is commonly present and periodicity is frequently a marked element in the case. The patient is aggravated every other day, oftener than with any of the other remedies. This state will often be associated with weakened vitality consequent upon haemorrhages or other losses of vital fluids.

Teas, fruit, milk, particularly cause, or aggravate.

*Lycopodium.* This remedy, classed in the trio of flatulent remedies in "Leaders in Horn. Therapeutics" is not one "whit" behind the others. The pressure 'is downward toward the rectum, and only exceptionally upward. The flatulence is generally accompanied with constipation with ineffectual urging to stool, like *Nux vomica*, but the stool is prevented by spasmodic constriction of the anus. This constriction may also follow an evacuation and is sometimes very painful. Urinary or liver complications are as common with this remedy as are splenic and hepatic with China. Lithiasis in greater or less degree is almost always present with this remedy. The 4 P.M. aggravation is almost positive indication for its use.

*Magnesia carbonica*....Stands nearest to *Chamomilla* in flatulent colic, green stools, and in children; but the

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stools are more of the mucous variety, like green scum on a frog pond, and the pains are ameliorated by the stool, like *Nux vomica*. Again the stools or eructations may be sour, like *Calcarea ost.* and *Rheum*, or like the latter remedy the whole child smells sour.

*Natrum sulphuricum*...."Guiding symptoms" puts it : "Abdominal flatulence ; much rolling and rumbling, incarcerated especially in the right side ; collects at night, causing great pain; grumbling and rolling with sudden pinches, as after a purgative; then diarrhoea; loud rumbling followed by very foetid flatus; after confinement; cutting pains with congestion of liver; tearing pains around the umbilicus; aggravated before breakfast." As I have said before, each paragraph between the semicolons must be read with "Abdominal flatulence" preceding it.

The diarrhoeic tendency is as strong or even stronger with *Natrum sulphuricum* than with any other in this list of flatulent remedies. With this remedy, instead of driving out of bed at 5 A.M., like *Sulphur*, the diarrhoea, while worse in the morning, comes only when the patient begins to move around. *Nux vomica*, closing our list, is particularly adapted to persons of the well known habits and temperament of that remedy. The flatulent conditions are mostly associated with constipation, with the frequent ineffectual desire for stool. The flatulent colic is as if the bowels, bladder and rectum were pressed upon. The aggravations are after eating and drinking and in the morning.

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As regards symptom for "big belly," etc., it means chronic cases in children generally termed scrofulous. Hering has linked to this pathological condition — "in those who dislike to be washed or bathed," and it is a valuable diagnostic, but the symptoms—"drinks much, eats little, red lips and orifices, flashes of fever, skin eruptions," etc., are just as much so, and all together complete the picture of the *Sulphur* case. Other remedies having the "large belly" in such subjects are

*Baryta carb.*, *Calcarea ost.*, *Sepia* and *Silicea*. *Baryta* — the children are dwarfish? Mind and body weak, marasmic, swollen glands especially mesenteric, inclined to tonsillitis, taking cold easily, etc. *Calc. ost.*, while having many of the symptoms of *Baryta*, differs entirely from the others in its Leucophlegmatic temperament, "Fair, Fat and Flabby," is *Calcarea* and irregular bone development is phenomenal. Sweaty head, open fontanelles, etc. We cannot do better here than, to quote from "Leaders" as follows:

"Mal-nutrition is one of the disorders calling for the exhibition of this remedy."

"Tardy development of the bony tissues with lymphatic enlargements."

"Curvature of the bones; especially spine and long bones."

"Extremities deformed, crooked,"

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"Softening of the bones; fontanelles remain open too long and skull very large."

These symptoms are quoted from "Hering's Guiding Symptoms," and show the lack of, or imperfect, nutrition of bones. They are nourished irregularly, or unevenly. One part of a bone, the vertebrae for instance, is nourished, while the other is starved. While all this irregular bone development is going on the soft parts are suffering from over-nutrition. Thus we have recorded in the pathogenesis: "Tendency to obesity, especially in children and young people."

"Nutrition impaired, with tendency to glandular enlargements."

"Granular vegetations; polypus (in nose, ear, bladder, uterus, etc.)."

This is a fair picture of the general or constitutional use of *Calcarea ost.*, and it remains to give some of the characteristic or peculiar symptoms guiding to its selection.

When writing of *Sulphur* we called particular attention to the sensation of burning under that remedy. *Calcarea* has characteristically the opposite, viz., Coldness.

"Cold, damp feet."

"Sensation in feet and legs as if she had on cold, damp stockings."

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"Coldness of legs with night sweats,"

"Internal and external sensation of coldness of various parts of head as if a piece of ice were lying against it ; with pale puffed face."

"She feels a sort of inward coldness."

"Aversion to open air, the least cold air goes right through her."

All this is so directly opposite to *Sulphur* that any confusion between them seems impossible.

This is, of course, not all that may come into the *Calcarea* case, but it would be a very poor prescriber that would be at loss between *Sulphur* and *Calcarea ost.*

*Silicea* is just as positive in its general make up, for it, "*Silicea*," is another of our invaluable constitutional remedies, and also one which is of little or no use except as developed by Hahnemann's process of potentization. Like *Calcarea*, it is especially useful in sweaty headed children with defective assimilation. It is not in the fat, torpid, obestic patients; over-nourished in one part and insufficiently so in another, like *Calcarea*, that *Silicea* is indicated, but the over-sensitive, imperfectly nourished (generally), not from want of food but from imperfect assimilation. The *Silicea* child is not larger ' anywhere than natural except in its "big belly," which is due to diseased mesentery. Its limbs are

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shrunken, its eyes sunken and its face pinched and old looking. It does not increase in size or strength, learns to walk late ; in short, if not actually sick in bed, everything seems to have come to a standstill so far as growth or development is concerned. Now if this state of things continues the bowels become very constipated, and a peculiar constipation it is too. The little fellow strains and strains the stool partly protruding and then slipping back, as though the general weakness of the patient affected the expulsive power of the rectum, or else the bowels become very persistently loose, especially during dentition or the hot weather of summer. The stools are changeable, but *Pulsatilla* does no good, almost every kind and color of loose stool appearing. The child takes nourishment enough but, whether vomited or retained, goes on emaciating and growing weaker and weaker until it dies of inanition, unless *Silicea* checks this process. Many such cases have I saved with this remedy and made them healthy children. I have always used the 30th and upwards, hence cannot speak of the lower preparation." (Leaders).

*Sepia* - Is one of the "pot bellied" remedies, but it is found oftener indicated in adult women than elsewhere though there are children who may need it, for they are pale, yellow faced, and even in exceptional cases, moth-patched. Though they are not far enough along to present the portal stasis that goes with the uterine symptoms, of the *Sepia* woman. One of the characteristic symptoms for its use in children is the enterocolitis which is intolerant of milk.

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Portal stasis (No. 5) is merely a leader to a pathological condition that may be found under many remedies, and even the "with indigestion, constipation etc." does not better it much for purposes of prescribing. For portal stasis with indigestion is found just as strongly under such remedies as *China*, *Nux vomica*, *Pulsatilla* and *Lycopodium* and several other remedies, and with constipation we might add to these such as *Bryonia*, *Antimony*, *Natrum mur.*, and others. We might also have put into this group of portal stasis complaints, those that are connected with uterine troubles where *Aloe*, *Sepia*, etc., would claim recognition. We must not stop to differentiate here, as the same diagnostics, and mode of differentiation, and many of the same symptoms would be rehearsed as was done under the head of the flatulent remedies and those of "big belly," for flatulence, distention and indigestion all go more or less with porta. We will now go on to.

**ANUS AND STOOL**

*Sulphur* is here a very important remedy, not only in its specific action, but as a "helper" to the curative powers of many other remedies. The first.

"Symptom we will take up is; "Diarrhoea after midnight, painless, driving out of bed in the morning (5 A.M) as if the bowels were too weak to retain their contents."

The other remedies having characteristically morning diarrhoea are.

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*Bryonia, Natrum sulph, Phosphorus, Podophyllum* and *Rumex*. *Bryonia* true to its general modality, "aggravated on motion," is here the same, and it is also aggravated in hot weather.

*Natrum sulph.* is also aggravated as soon as the patient begins to move in the morning, and it is generally accompanied with much flatulence.

*Phosphorus* is more apt to be chronic and in persons of phthisical tendencies.

*Podophyllum* hangs out longer into the forenoon, and is apt to be in conjunction with liver troubles; prolapsus ani is a frequent accompaniment.

*Rumex* has dark or brown watery stools in the morning and is also liable to be associated with the dry tickling cough to characteristic of this remedy.

Second - Now the kinds and conditions of stool that may occur under *Sulphur*.

"Stools soft and very thin, frequent, pasty (*Bapt, Gambog, Lept, Nat. sul, Pic. ac.*): semi-liquid, brown (*Arn, Graph, Psor. Scill.*); watery, fecal, green mucous (*Arg. nit., Calc ph, Cham, Ipec, Mag. Carb, Merc. v.*); bloody mucous (*Ars.t Caps., Coloc, Colch, Merc. cor., Merc. v., Nux vom.*); undigested (*China, Oleander, Ferrum*); frothy (*Ipec, Mag. c*); sour (*Calc ost., Mag. carb, Rheum*);

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changeable (*Puls*); fetid or putrid (*Asaf, Bapt, Carb. Veg, Podo, Psorin, Graph.*); leaving green stain on diaper (*Arg. nit*); corrosive (*Ars alb, Merc. v.*); sometimes painless [*China, Ferr, Podo.*]; driving out of bed in the morning (*Aloe, Psor, Rumex*) as if the bowels were too weak to retain their contents (*Aloe*). Now we might mention other phases of anus and stool that are liable to occur under *Sulphur*, but these are leading ones and show not only how widely useful this remedy may be in and of itself, but also how often it may seem to help other remedies having the same or similar symptoms. In these latter cases it will often be found that a general psoric condition lies at the root of the evil, hindering the action of the seemingly indicated remedy.

Third: The accompaniments occurring before, during and after stool are important.

**BEFORE STOOL**

*Sulphur* has sudden and violent urging (driving out bed in the morning, without pain).

The similar remedies are notably *Aloes*, perhaps as like *Sulphur* any remedy, for it has not only the violent and quick and also the 5 o'clock time characteristic, but the feeling of fulness and weight in the pelvis, as if the rectum were full of fluid, which feels heavy as if it would drop out; and the feeling of weakness and loss of power of sphincter ani; or sense of insecurity in the rectum, as if the stool would escape when passing flatus is more prominent in *Aloes* than in *Sulphur*, or any other remedy.

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*Cistus Can.* has irresistible urging before stool, also *Coloc*, but here the cutting or cramping colic is often present.

*Gamboge* has it with hot pinching through abdomen.

Of course the *Mercuries*, *cor.*, *viv.* and *sol.*, has it, and are almost always present in dysentery.

*Nux vom.* also has it, but the urging is ineffectual, whether in light or loose bowels.

*Rheum* has both the urging and colic. This latter remedy with *Colocynth* and *Falapa* form a trio well worth comparing.

Sulphur also has cutting colic before stool, like *Coloc*, *Gamb.*, *Falapa*, and *Mag. carb.* and *Mag phos.*

**DURING STOOL**

*Sulphur* has prolapsus ani.

Other remedies having this markedly are *Ignatia*. This and the faint or gone feeling at the stomach are about the only resemblances between the two remedies and that of *Sulphur* occurs at 11 A.M. while that of *Ignat.* occurs any time, is not ameliorated by eating, and generally in nervous hysterical persons.

*Podophyllum* has it markedly; and in cases of diarrhoea in the A.M, as well as cramps in the calves, it resembles Sulphur.

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It is sometimes difficult to choose between them and they complement each other well.

*Thrombid.* may have it but it is more apt occur after the stool with the tenesmus.

**AFTER STOOL**

*Sulphur* has tenesmus especially in dysentery. Several remedies have this. Such as  
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*Merc. viv.*, with its "never get done feeling."

*Merc. cor.*, before, during and after.

*Colch.*, with its nausea at smell of cooking food.

*Nux.*, with its ineffectual urging

*Coloc*, *Gamboge*, *Nux vom.* and *Rhus tox.*, all have amelioration of the colic, tenesmus and urging after a stool.

Excoriation about the anus is marked under *Sulphur*. This is in keeping with the redness of all the orifices and is more on that account than of the acidity of the stool itself.

The prolapsus ani which occurred during the stool lasts after.

One other and very characteristic symptom occurring under *Sulphur* is - the child falls asleep as soon as the tenesmus ceases.

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*Colchicum* is exactly similar and *Nux moschata* is remarkable not only for drowsiness after stools, but generally.

Now we come to notice –

Sensations in the rectum and anus. *Sulphur* has markedly.

1. Burning (*AEsc*, *Ars.*, *Aloes*, *Berb*, *Caps.*, *Carb. v.*, *Graph.*, *Iris.*, *Nit. ac*, *Nux v.*, *Sil.*).
2. Itching (*Ars.*, *Aloes*, *Carb. v.*, *Caust.*, *Fluor ac*, *Graph.*, *Lycop.*, *Nit ac*, *Nux v.*, *Puls.*).
3. Pressing (even to bearing down). *AEsc.*, *Caust.*, *Ign.*, *Lil tig.*, *Pod.* (Lack., not from stool).
4. Stitching, sometimes shooting upward (*Ignat.*), (aggravated evening, lying or sitting), *AEsc*, *Ars.* *Caust.*, *Ign.*, *Kal. c*, *Each.*, *Sep.*, *Sil*, *Nux v.* (aggravated after eating).
5. Crawling (*AEsc*, *Ignat.*, *Sabad.*, *Teuc.*).

We notice that of all these five sensations occurring markedly under *Sulphur* only one of these remedies named has them all, viz., *AEsculus*; but *AEsculus* has also more markedly than *Sulphur*, or any other remedy, two other symptoms - severe pain in the lumbar region aggravated by walking or stooping, and a sensation of FULLNESS in the rectum as if full of sticks, or foreign bodies. So there is not often any excuse for confounding these two pile or anal remedies, and less still for alternating them. There might be more difficulty in choosing between *Aloes* and *Sulphur*

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for burning and itching inasmuch as both have both symptoms prominently, and also A.M. diarrhoea, but the *Aloes* haemorrhoids are very large, prominent and tender and are especially ameliorated by cold applications.

*Arsenicum* has the burning and stitching, which latter is sometimes compared to red hot needles, but instead of being like *Aloes* ameliorated by cold, they are ameliorated by warmth, or warm applications. There is also the characteristic restlessness in *Arsenic* cases.

*Nux vomica* has four of the five sensations, and all but the crawling, but the *Nux* case is almost always suffering from the characteristic frequent, ineffectual desire for stool, and is generally aggravated after eating and in the A.M.

*Causticum* has three of the five and is one of our greatest anal remedies. It also has a sensation of SORENESS or RAWNESS which is not surpassed by any remedy. This is why the *Causticum* anus is so intolerably aggravated from WALKING. This soreness or rawness is a general characteristic of *Causticum*. It is found in throat, larynx, trachea, lungs, urethra and every other mucous membrane as well as in the anus.

*Graphites* has the burning and itching and is generally eczemic, having the moist glutinous discharge characteristic of the remedy everywhere,

*Nitric acid* has added to its burning and itching the cracks and rhagades common in the mucous outlets and the great and long lasting pain after, even a soft, stool.

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And so we might go through the whole list we have named, as having one or more characteristics in common with *Sulphur*.

For instance

*Capsicum*.—Burning in anus and urethra both, especially in dysentery.

*Carb. veg.* and *Flour acid*, with their varices which burn like fire.

*Ignatia*, with its sharp "shooting upward pains" given us by Carrol Dunham.

*Iris*, with its "twenty-five feet of intestinal burning" (Deschere).

*Kali carb.*, stitching, in keeping with its stitching everywhere and we have not yet mentioned the whole list of anal remedies, but these are noticed because having prominently more or less resemblance in this one rubric to our great psoric polychrest.

While we have already written of *Sulphur* in its relation to diarrhoeic troubles, it also like many other remedies has its uses in the opposite condition, viz. constipation. It is generally of the chronic kind, coming in haemorrhoidal and hypochondriac person, in pregnant women and new born children, and often alternates with diarrhoea and skin troubles.

This is much like *Nux vomica*, and the two remedies are complementary and helpful to each other in such cases.

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*Sulphur* sometimes has the frequent unsuccessful attempt or desire for stool like *Nux vom.* Stools knotty, hard, dry as if, burnt like *Bryon.* (and here is another remedy which works well with *Sulphur*). The shooting, burning, itching sore pains are found here also.

Now we have said much about the wonderful action of this remedy on the abdomen, intestines, rectum and anus and for fear undue prominence may be given to the remedy for local troubles, we must enter our solemn protest against such prescribing. The constitutional, psoric, concomitant, and symptoms remote from these localities, as well as perhaps above all, the modalities, must receive due consideration or many miserable failures and disappointments will be the sure result. A suppressed eruption on the skin, acute or chronic, or the abuse of some local application to haemorrhoids may be the leading indication for our remedy.

Upon the

**URINARY ORGANS**

We have very much the same phenomena as upon those over which we have just passed.

*Redness, burning and itching of the urethra, especially of the orifice,* as of all other mucous outlets so characteristic of *Sulphur.* So our drug comes to be a very valuable one in all inflammations of the urinary tract, and especially in chronic ones, or those complicated with psora. If *Cannabis sat., Cantharis, Merc. sol.* or *corrosivus,* etc., do not promptly and

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satisfactorily act in your case of gonorrhoea look out for *Sulphur*. Of course, I have not pretended to mention all the remedies that might be indicated in this so common and sometimes intractable affection, but whatever the seemingly indicated remedy, if it does not act, presumptively, psora is the obstacle and an examination of the patient in all his case will confirm it. Hering gives: "*Both flow of urine and discharge of faeces are painful to the part over which they pass.*"

This, we repeat, is generally on account of the red, raw, or sore condition of the parts rather than the quality of the discharges.

So far as the urine itself is concerned, we do not find our indications for *Sulphur* there, so much as elsewhere.

Many cases of enuresis in *Sulphur* subjects have been cured by it. It has succeeded with me as often as any one remedy. On the

**MALE ORGANS**

It is particularly useful in a state of weakness, as evidenced by "*Involuntary discharge of semen, testicles relaxed and hanging down and sweating of the scrotum and between scrotum and thighs.*"

For this condition other remedies are *Lycopodium*, *Selenium*, *Sepia*, *Staph*, and *Thuja*. We will not take the space here to individualize them.

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They are all excellent and *Sulph.* may help each one.

Again as a general proposition in any affection, whether gonorrhoea], syphilitic or psoric, if the chancre, urethra, or glans penis is excessively red with the burning, soreness and itching of *Sulphur* present, it will be very strong indication for other remedies that will enable us to do without it. *Sulphur* upon the

**FEMALE ORGANS**

In regard to the menstrual function it may be indicated in amenorrhoea, dysmenorrhoea, menorrhagia or metrorrhagia, and the indications will generally be found outside the local manifestations. This shows again how little names of diseases have to do with the selection of the remedy for patients.

I want to call attention particularly to its great usefulness at the climacteric.

"Guiding symptoms" has it this way - Hot flushes at climacteric period," with hot head, hands and feet, and great goneness in stomach.

Now *Sepia* has the flushes and goneness at the pit of the stomach as prominently as Sulphur, but not the hot head, hands and feet in so marked degree. There are many other points of resemblance between these two remedies for

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this period, but the points of difference here are even more distinct. Of course, if the hemorrhagic tendency, with the fulness of the pelvic organs, and distress from any compression of the abdomen, aggravated after sleep and all temporarily ameliorated by the flow, should appear in such a patient, *Lachesis* would outweigh either of the two preceding remedies.

Again the choice might fall upon *Glonoine*, *Sanguinaria*, *Amyl nit.*, *Sulac*, etc., all having hot flushings at the climacteric, but there are few cases of this kind where Sulphur will not at some stage of the game be of great value.

"*Burning in the vagina, scarcely able to keep still*", is a valuable indication and may come in connection with different pathological states. No remedy has it so strongly. Of course cancerous affections might demand such remedies as *Arsenicum*, *Kreosot.*, or *Phosphorus*, but even here the burning could not surpass that of Sulphur. The rest of the affections of the genitalia are so covered up with the general indications of the remedy that it will be better to wait until we come to other rubrics to give them, and we will pass on to —

**RESPIRATORY ORGANS**

Here there is no remedy more generally useful, or in a wider range of pathological states. It is of course oftener found indicated in the second stage of inflammatory affections of these organs and in lingering convalescence and

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chronic diseases, the outgrowth of such acute affections, badly treated or obstructed by psora. Laryngitis, bronchitis, pneumonia, pleurisy, incipient or even well advanced phthisis; all find in *Sulphur* a powerful remedy. In pneumonia it is, when used directly after *Aconite* or *Bryonia* have controlled the congestive or active inflammatory symptoms, able to cut short the whole process, preventing hepatization and promoting absorption of what little of the products of inflammation are present. This I know from abundant experience and observation. Unfortunately we are not often called in early enough to give our patients the abortive treatment and as a consequence the case has to list of remedies run through its stages, modified by the still very efficacious we have, but even here, after *Aconite*, *Ferr. phos.*, *Bryon*, *Phos*, *Rhus tox.* and other remedies have performed according to indications their part of the cure, *Sulphur* comes in beautifully to put on the "finishing touch" to clear up the case and prevent chronic disease. It may even during the course of treatment of the above remedies be interpolated with great advantage if the "seemingly indicated remedy does not act satisfactorily." This is often found necessary where there is a history of psora or psoric manifestations appear. But aside from psoric complications, or in confirmation with it, this remedy is especially useful after the stage of effusion has set in, or even later, when this stage is passed and the results of the inflammatory process is to be gotten rid of, like exudations into the serous sacs everywhere, or in the joints, etc. Many cases, and indeed most cases of phthisis, may be prevented by a timely and skillful use of *Sulphur* at the end of inflammatory diseases of the respiratory organs.

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Now I have written this in a general way without giving special indications for the use of the remedy, because there are many symptoms liable to be found in such cases that come within the range of *Sulphur*, and many of the most important ones will lie entirely outside of the special chest or respiratory symptoms. I will give, however, some of the "leading" symptoms in these organs such as "Oppression in The chest with a sense of heaviness." "Feels suffocated, wants doors and windows open, particularly at night;" "Sense of weakness in chest when talking" (*Stann.*); "Stitches or shooting through left chest (upper) towards hack or into left scapula (*Myrtus com.*, *Pix liq.*, *Therid.*, *Anise*) aggravated by lying on back, motion, or breathing deeply;" "Burning in chest rising to face;" "Great orgasm of blood as of congestion to the chest, with burning in hands." These are a few of its chest symptoms that are characteristic, but in the treatment of *Sulphur* cases the fitful flushings of heat, the white coated tongue with red edges, the burning feet and hands, the psoric constitution, and tendency to relapse, are fully as important and as often if not often if not oftener found than the local characteristics, and here I am led to remark that no man is imbued with the spirit of Homoeopathy who is not on the alert to profit by the so-called concomitants, aggravations and ameliorations in general that appear in the course of any so-called disease. Having thus in a very general way spoken of the action of *Sulphur* on the respiratory organs we come to notice some of the characteristic symptoms of

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1. "Pain in the small of the back, could not walk erect, was obliged to walk bent over; especially on rising from a seat."
2. "Finds himself in the night lying on the back (*Puls.*, with arms over the head).
3. "Perspiration in the armpits offensive."
4. "Tremulous sensation in hands when writing, cold trembling hands;" or
5. "Burning hands."
6. Stiffness in knees and cracking, (*Caust.*, *Petrol.*).
7. Cramps in calves, particularly at night; looseness of the bowels.
8. "Burning in feet, wants to find a cool place for them, sticks them out of bed to cool them off"

These eight symptoms are all "leaders", and especially the last one, which will appear in many complaints.

The elder Lippe related a case to me showing how valuable is this indication. He was called to a case of cardiac dropsy, where no less an authority than "Da Costa." of Philadelphia, had in consultation pronounced the case hopeless. The doctor (Lippe) was called in as a last resort and noticed that the patient had his enormously swollen feet and legs uncovered on his foot rest.

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He asked the reason, and was told that the patient could not bear them covered on account of the burning. He found, in addition, that the patient had the characteristic flushings of heat all over the body. Of course, there were other symptoms, but mainly covered by the remedy and especially these two. *Sulphur* c.m., was prescribed, and in a short time the dropsy all disappeared. Then Dr. Lippe sent the patient around to Da Costa to be examined for heart disease. He diagnosed no heart disease, and when the man told him who he was and of his unfavorable prognosis a short time before Da Costa asked him what cured him. The man answered Dr. Lippe. Humph 1 said Da Costa. Mistaken diagnosis. "Having eyes they see not and having ears they hear not" the things that pertain to the only scientific art of medicine. In regard to Sulphur for these states, which might be attributed to an abnormal condition of the

**NERVES**

We find *Sulphur* adapted to what would be called, or what used to be, "nervous debility" as pictured in these symptoms:

1. "Great debility and trembling; talking fatigues."
2. "Unsteady gait; tremor of the hands."
3. "Weak faint spells during the day especially at 11 a.m."
4. "Easily fatigued."

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5. "Sits bent forward."
6. "Walks bent."
7. "Standing is the worst position," etc,

We have mentioned in different ways most of the symptoms before, but they stand together in a picture as general condition which may exist alone as a form of nervous prostration or debility, or in connection with many other complaints. There is one thing that may be noticed in this connection, viz.: With this debility there is great sensitiveness to cold air or cold bathing; and takes cold easily.

But you say under respiratory organs you gave wants *doors and windows open*. So I did, but it was because she felt suffocated. She would take cold just the same if the windows were opened if she was not properly protected. But about, the flashes of heat and the burning feet? These are the local congestions for which the remedy is famous, and the body must be covered even if the feet do burn. The sensations of coldness or susceptibility to cold and cold bathing alternate with the opposite burnings so characteristic of the remedy and must not be lost sight of in order to get at the true genius of the remedy.

This remedy has very strong influence over -

**SLEEP**

Many cases of chronic sleeplessness will be greatly relieved by Sulphur.

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"*The night is full of unrest, tossing, nervous excitement and orgasm of blood,*" but the characteristic symptom is burning, especially of the feet, which she must stick out of bed or she can not sleep. The "*child kicks off the clothes or sticks out its feet,*" even involuntary. Like *Nux vomica*, she "*wakes up at 3 o'clock*" or thereabout and cannot sleep again. "Finds himself lying on his back," has nightmare and all sorts of bad dreams. If he does sleep it is heavy and unrefreshing, sometimes with sighs and groans and half-open eyes. *Sulphur 200th* will often correct this and the patients will accuse you of giving them an anodyne, only they don't feel as they do *after* taking an anodyne. The cause of the sleeplessness seems to be uneven circulation of the blood, which the *Sulphur* corrects.

The

**FEVER**

symptoms of *Sulphur* and the same disturbed circulation obtain here, as elsewhere, as evidenced by these leading symptoms,

"*Great orgasm and violent burning in the hands.*" *Flushes of heat in the face with febrile shivering on the body.*" "*Heat in the head prevents falling asleep.*" "*Burning heat of the palms of the hands.*" "*Heat of the feet, with a burning sensation in the evening in bed, so that she was obliged to uncover them for several hours, followed by uneasiness, itching and crawling in them, was obliged to rub them.*" "*Hot flushes with spells of faintness, or passing off with a little moisture, faintness or debility.*"

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All these symptoms have been produced in proving and cured many times. All except the last, which has been clinically corroborated, until it becomes a "keynote," the

**CHILLS AND CHILLINESS**

is more variable and therefore not so well defined. One thing is, however, to be noticed. In accord with its power to cause local congestions, if one part becomes hot and burning other parts become correspondingly cold; for instance, if the head and face are hot and burning the feet or hands, or both, will be cold. Although *Sulphur* has many forms of chilliness in different localities, it is predominantly as hot as *Calcarea carb.* is cold. I know of no rubric under which the characteristics of remedies are more pronounced and may be more profitably studied and committed to memory than those found under that of Chill, Fever and Sweat. This is, perhaps, because there is hardly any complaint, acute or chronic, where they are not found in some degree.

The

**SWEATS**

are mostly local or partial, though they may become general. One kind that seems characteristic is that "he sweats after waking in the morning." This is peculiar and *Sulphur* promptly ameliorates it. So far as the partial sweats are concerned it is not hard to choose between *Sulphur* and *Calcarea*, because of very different temperaments of the

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two remedies; and, again, with the former heat symptoms predominate the case, and with the later cold. *Sulph.*, hot, dry, burning feet, *Calc*, cold, damp feet, with sensation of damp stockings, even up the calves. The wide range of usefulness of *Sulphur*, *Calcarea ost.* and *Lycopodium* would, probably, never have been known but for the system of provings adopted by Hahnemann and his colaborers, and the only law of application for cure taught by him.

### TISSUES

There is no tissue from the ends of the hair, which is dry and falling off, to the fingers and toes, with hand nails, chilblains and corns that does not come under the power of this remedy. Emaciation, atrophy and marasmus is common. Even *the odor of the body is offensive*, especially to the patient himself (*Psorinum* to everyone), despite frequent washings, to which he is averse. Serous exudations occur in every locality: also, glandular swellings: also, pimples, swellings, abscesses and ulcers, with raised, swollen edges, discharging fetid pus.

Scrofulous chronic diseases resulting from suppressed eruptions.

Discharges in every outlet excoriate the parts with which they come in contact. Even the urine and faeces are painful to the parts over which they pass.

*Congestions to single parts. Head, eyes, nose, ears, chest, abdomen, anus, arms and legs, hands and feet.* This may be repetition, but if repetition will serve to fasten on

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the mind such important conditions it is well worth the time and space.

Upon the

**SKIN**

no remedy has more positive action, and with or without eruption, itching and burning are, as elsewhere, the characteristic sensations. "So strong is this affinity of *Sulphur* for the skin that it seems bent on pushing everything internal out on the surface."

I have in the forepart of this work described the anti-psoric powers of this and other remedies deserving to rank with it. If I were to indicate any particular skin symptoms as being peculiar to the remedy I would put it down—

Itching of the skin everywhere.

Burning of the skin everywhere.

Formication of the skin everywhere.

"Voluptuous itching; scratching relieves; after it burning, sometimes little vesicles,"

"After violent scratching, aching, numbness of skin, swelling or even ulceration."

"Skin rough, scaly, scabby"

Soreness in the folds of the skin."

"Rhagades aggravated after washing."

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"Comedones black pores of skin particularly in face."

These are all of the chronic nature, but the existence of them, either outward or suppressed, may complicate any acute affection and especially the exanthemata, in such a way as to make the use of Sulphur imperative.

Now, to recapitulate.

If I were to placard upon the memory, never to efface the leading symptoms of Sulphur I would place:

1. *Lean, sloop-shouldered persons, who walk and sit stooped; standing, is the most uncomfortable position.*
2. *Dirty, filthy people, prone to skin affections.*
3. *Children (and adults, too) who do not like to be washed or bathed ; emaciated, big-bellied; restless, hot, kicks off clothes at night.*
4. *Persons of scrofulous diathesis, subject to venous, especially portal congestions.*
5. *Melancholy dwells on religious or philosophic subjects or speculations, anxiety about Saul's salvation (Ragged philosopher type).*
6. *Heat on crown of head, cold feet, frequent flushing.*
7. *Burning heat in eyes? Painful smarting.*
8. *Ears very red and burning.*
9. *Red nose, swelling, heat and inflammation.*

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10. *Bright redness of the lips (red as vermilion).*
11. *Tongue white with red lip and edges.*
12. *Sore throat, great burning and dryness, first right side, then left.*
13. *Drinks much, eat little.*
14. *Desires sweets • bad effects following.*
15. *Faint, gone or empty feeling at the pit of the stomach aggravated at 11 a.m.*
16. *Rumbling and gurgling in bowels; diarrhoea, driving out of bed, painless.*
17. *Diarrhoea after midnight ; painless, driving out of bed at 5 a.m.*
18. *Dysentery with tenesmus; child falls asleep after stool.*
19. *Urine and faeces are painful as they pass over the parts.*
20. *Testicles relaxed, hang down; offensive sweat on genitals.*
21. *Hot flushes at climacteric.*
22. *Burning in vagina; can't keep still.*
23. *Feels suffocated; wants doors and windows open.*
24. *Great weakness of chest when talking.*
25. *Burning in chest, rising to face.*

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26. *Pain through upper left chest to back.*
27. *Fullness of chest; sense as if heart were enlarged.*
28. *Pain in small of back, walks bent, aggravated on rising from a seat.*
29. *Cramps in calves and soles; aggravated at night looseness of the bowels.*
30. *Burning of the feet, must stick them out of bed; to cool them.*
31. *Weak, faint spells, frequently during the day.*
32. *Wakefulness at night; drowsy during the day; child kicks the clothes off.*
33. *Finds himself lying on the back.*
34. *Hot flushes with spells of faintness, or passing off' with a little moisture, faintness and debility.*
35. *Complaints continually relapsing.*
36. **BURNING** *everywhere, vertex, palms, eyes, nose, face, throat, stomach, abdomen, urethra, anus, haemorrhoids, feet, soles, skin, etc.*
37. *Offensive odor of the body despite frequent washing.*
38. *Redness and burning of all the orifices.*
39. *Congestion to single parts, with burning.*
40. *Voluptuous itching, scratching relieves, but burning afterwards, or numbness, swelling, even ulceration.*

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Now, I am very well aware that these forty leaders do not yet compass all the sphere of this polychrest and anti-psoric. Yet it shows to what a wide range of usefulness a drug may be developed which in the dominant school is comparatively little used.

If I were to select three remedies for the purpose of convincing those who were open to conviction of the curative power of remedies carried by our process of potentization far beyond the demonstrable divisibility of drug matter I would, perhaps, choose *Sulphur*, *Natrum muriaticum* and *Lycopodium*.

It seems to me, beginning as I did with low preparations, having the strongest prejudices against the high, that no scientific observer could witness and experience in his own person the benefits of potencies as high as the two-hundredth, with each and all of these substances, and give a reasonable excuse for unbelief.

It is noticeable that those who stickle for demonstrable drug matter, as proof of drug presence or power, seem to have no desire or even willingness to admit the testimony of the finest of all tests —the physiological.

This is neither scientific nor fair and there is no use of discussion or argument with anyone' no matter what their claims to science; who will only admit a part of the testimony.

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They are materialists pure and simple and are bound to deny power in anything that they cannot weigh in their scales, chemically analyze or microscopically discern.

With exhibitions of power in the imponderables, heat, light, electricity and magnetism, in evidence all round them; they still demand material in drugs.

Though I take more *Sulphur* in every egg I eat without medicinal effect and am cured of many ailments with the 200th potency it is of no account with them. Though I eat daily material quantities of salt without any apparent effect on the intermittent fever, with which I am shaken every day at 10 A.M., and am cured with *Natrum mur.*, 200th or higher, as has been done hundreds of times, that also is ruled out. Though *Lycopodium* performs marvels of healing (being a comparatively inert substance in its crude form) in many more cases, in the same potency, it is not testimony either. Why? The microscope cannot detect matter.

There is no use trying to convince such men, they are not open to conviction.

*Sulphur* is efficacious as a remedy from the 6th to the cm. or mm. potencies.

I have produced in my own person the characteristic burning and itching of *Sulphur* repeatedly with Fincke's

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55m. I have cured many times ailments with the same or higher.

So we leave the doubters to their doubts and go on our way rejoicing in the privilege of availing ourselves of the benefits of the whole range of potencies, from the lowest to the highest, and especially of this-one of the monuments to the genius of Hahnemann—*Sulphur*.

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