

## THERAPEUTICS.

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**Tuberculinum.**—Should not be given lower than the 30th, preferably in higher potencies, and in infrequent doses. According to Dr. Nebel it is contra-indicated in the aged, in arterio-sclerosis, in nephritis unless preceded by other remedies, and in children with dry, harsh skin.

**Antimonium Crudum.**—Is an excellent remedy for the vocal cords. When, after laryngitis or fatigue of the voice, a singer has a harsh and badly pitched voice, this remedy will certainly give suppleness to the vocal cords [Cartier]. Cough worse coming into a warm room, with burning and itching of the chest. Loss of voice from becoming overheated.

**Ipecacuanha.**—Dr. Cartier says that this is the remedy for hoarseness more or less complete in inflammatory laryngitis. It rapidly dissipates hoarseness at the end of a cold. Nearly no cough, but complete aphonia. I have happened to give Ipecac 30 several times every half hour, resting the voice several hours. When the voice returns and the cough increases, we must stop Ipecac. Its place is in inflammatory aphonia.

**Carbonicum Sulphuratum.**—Is to be remembered in peripheral neuritis. Gradual failure of muscular power, showing itself chiefly in the extensor muscles of the extremities, with formication and rheumatic pains, numbness and icy coldness of the extremities. Remember it also in sciatica.

**Secale.**—Is the only drug that presents lesions akin to those observed in locomotor ataxia, a slow degeneration of the posterior columns of the spinal cord; impossibility of standing with the eyes closed, girdle pains, absence of the knee jerk; formication, anaesthesia and severe pains.

**Thallium.**—Relieves the violent pains of locomotor ataxia more markedly, however, lancinating pains, like electric shocks, Paraplegia. Pain in stomach and bowels, like electric shocks.

**Lactic Acid.**—Diabetes, with rheumatic symptoms. Constant nausea, better by eating. Specially suited to anaemic, pale women. Locally, in tuberculous ulceration of vocal cords.

**Abr. lanum.** In metastasis of rheu-

matism to the heart, shown by sharp and severe pain in region of heart, weak small pulse and a troublesome cough, this is the remedy.

The **Abrotanum** patient has piles, with a burning pain when touched and when pressing. These get worse as his rheumatic pains abate, the rheumatism in turn comes on as the diarrhoea is checked. Haemorrhoidal colic, with the pain in sacrum, ebullitions with general heat and distended veins in forehead and hands. Evil results of checked diarrhoea or suppressed piles or ulcers.

**Lenna Minor.**—Asthma from nasal obstruction, worse in wet weather. Nasal polypi. Atrophic rhinitis when crusts and mucous-purulent discharge is abundant. Foul smell from nose and foul taste. Worse in heavy rains.

**Lobelia Cerulea.**—Gives a perfect picture of sneezing influenza, involving the posterior nares, palate and fauces. Dull aching pain over root of nose. Eustachian catarrh.—Med. Century.

## LARGEST FEES ON RECORD.

One of the largest fees on record is that received by Dr. Dimsdale, an ancestor of the ex-Lord Mayor, for inoculating Catherine the Second, Empress of Russia, against smallpox, in 1752. The fee itself was \$50,000, but, in addition, the fortunate physician got \$10,000 for travelling expenses, with a life pension of \$2,500, the title of baron, the rank of a councillor of state, and the office of physician-in-ordinary to the empress, who further graciously gave him her portrait.

In 1792, an English physician, Dr. Francis Willis, went to Lisbon to undertake the treatment of the Queen of Portugal on the following terms: Five thousand dollars per month as salary, the expenses of his journey, a table for himself and suite and \$100,000 if he were successful.

The largest medical fee of which we can find record is that said to have been given to the blind physician, Dr. Gale, of Bristol, who received \$250,000 from a wealthy patient, whose knee he had cured by electric treatment.



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