

AN OLD FRIEND.

What Homœopathic physician of experience has not become really attached to the old remedies that time and again have come to his aid, like faithful friends, in the time of need? When all else has seemed to fail, and a careful study points unerringly to a certain remedy which works a certain cure, one becomes attached to that remedy.

Time and again does every homœopathic physician have such experience with aconite, belladonna, bryonia, chamomilla, colocynth, ipecac, sulphur, and most of the other polychrests. But of all these much-used remedies no one comes to the rescue in time of need oftener than bryonia. Its action on serous membranes and the viscera they contain, makes it a most valuable remedy in rheumatisms, gouts, pleurisies, dropsies and pulmonary and liver troubles; and its lesser action on the mucous membranes makes it a frequently indicated remedy in a variety of diseases of the alimentary tract.

A man aged forty had a chronic pain in the right hypochondrium. This was not the sharp stitching pain, but was of a more steady and aching nature. It was, however, always worse on motion. Bryonia 3^x relieved in twenty-four hours, and in four days the pain was so thoroughly cured that it has not returned in eight weeks. This pain was of long standing, and had resisted the efforts of several physicians to cure it.

The exact pathology was not apparent. There was neither constipation nor jaundice, and the patient was not weakened or prostrated. But the pain presented a prime characteristic of bryonia, worse upon motion, and the cure was prompt and complete.

A woman aged 36, a recent convert to the Christian Science cult, had an attack of rheumatism about a year ago which lasted

six weeks. From this she never fully recovered, and notwithstanding her faith in Christian Science, she sought relief at my hands. Her hands were so swollen she was unable to close them, and her feet were so swollen and sore that she could not walk without limping. She was in good flesh and in other respects felt well. Years before she had suffered from periodical headaches which apparently came from a catarrh of the bile ducts. This condition was always relieved with iris 2^x.

I gave her bryonia 3^x and in a week she was relieved in every way. The first time for many weeks she could walk without pain, and the swelling in her limbs had all disappeared. She was greatly rejoiced over the complete relief she had received, and was profuse in her praises of homœopathy.

These two complete cures made my attachment for an old therapeutic friend all the closer, and more than ever before am I very careful to see that my bryonia case vial is well filled as I go out on my daily round to visit patients.

—The Critique.

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