

about four minutes, scraping up that part which covers the bottom of the porcelain mortar, and also that which adheres to the pestle; then you triturate again with great force for six minutes, without, however, adding anything new. This mass you scrape up again, for four minutes, add another thirty-three grains of sugar of milk, stir the new compound for a moment with the spatula, then triturate it for six minutes with the pestle, scrape it up for four minutes, triturate again with great force for six minutes, scrape the mass up again for four minutes, then add the last thirty-three grains of sugar of milk, and with this last added portion proceed as with the two former. This powder you enclose in a well-corked glass, and mark it with the name of the substance, and the figure 1 to show that this is the first attenuation of the substance.*

Upon considering this statement, it will be seen that all the fluid required for the preparation of the 30th dilution is $99 \times 30 = 2970$. just two thousand nine hundred and seventy drops which, upon the whole, would not *quite* form a globe the size of the sun.

I am not here discussing the question of the action of the infinitesimals, but describing the mode of preparing them, and at some future time I purpose contributing an article "On small doses," in which the matter will be impartially discussed. From what I have said it will be seen that homeopaths can prepare their infinitesimals.

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THE London *Lancet*, has for years led the van of attack upon Homeopathic physicians, which has been characterized

* Hahneman's Chronic Diseases, Vol. I.

by the most bitter invectives, opprobrious epithets and gross anathemas. Hahnemann he simply calls a *knave, fool, and madman*, while Homeopathic Physicians are politely termed *liars, cheats, and vagabonds*. This is the kind of warfare the *Lancet* has carried on for years; these are the principal arguments, that old school has used against their vigorous young rival. At least we should suppose so, for they rarely employ any other terms in discussing the merits of a rival system than those in use among the fraternity for aspersing each others character. But apparently finding that its attacks on practitioners is of no avail, it, like a skilful maneuverer, changes his tactics, and assails what he hopes may prove a more vulnerable point, viz: the patrons of Homeopathist. Here is one of his most choice and refined missiles, from the *Lancet*, of February 2nd, 1856, "When William the third was induced, on one single occasion, to lay his hand on a poor wretch wishing to be cured of the King's evil by the royal touch, he said, may God give you better health and more sense. We must confess that our wishes for patients of Homeopathic Physicians, are not so seemingly merciful, and that we are prone to utter such imprecations on them as would make the shade of Bonoluphus walk disturbed.—*May your vigor of mind and body fail, your bones decay, your limbs be eaten by disease, your joints stiffen, and be everlastingly immovable.*" The people have been alternately coaxed, and threatened, because they will not yield themselves "a willing sacrifice" to the rack and tortures of "old physic;" and this failing to retain the patrons and votaries to the "unroofed temple, uncovered at the top, and cracked in the foundation," (Dr. Rush)