

VETERINARY HOMŒOPATHY IN NEW YORK.

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The homœopathic treatment of animals is at a low ebb in the city of New York—the foremost horse centre of the universe. I do not know of a single veterinarian who practices according to its doctrines. There are some feeble attempts made at its use in what is termed the simpler ills, but its general employment is limited indeed.

Not long ago I tried to find a homœopathist, but the search was made in vain. Few even understand the term. More had an inspired prejudice against its use, and most of those with whom I spoke had heard of Homœopathy and its successes, but feared to brave the ridicule of those arrayed against its use. Long ago I was ostracised by practitioners and societies on account of homœopathic tendencies, but I have experienced no inconvenience from the weird decrees. For a number of years I employed homœopathic treatment for animal ills, with the most encouraging results, and in the face of the most pronounced opposition.

Whatever progress Homœopathy has made in this city has been a forced one. It has been employed against the advice of the prominent, but not the most successful veterinarians, and progressed under the most trying circumstances. It has had but few advocates and many opponents, yet it has succeeded in withstanding the united opposition of prejudiced and ignorant antagonists.

When the various surface roads here were drawn by horse power, Homœopathy was the treatment the sick animals received, and the results were satisfactory to owners of the stock. The large stage lines used it and were enthusiastic in its praise. The big menageries were within its care, and in every instance it fulfilled every requirement against the united opposition of the veterinary profession generally.

Some concessions have recently been made to the virtues of Homœopathy. It is admitted in a half-hearted manner that Homœopathy is at times successful, but by the employment of remedies used in the older school of practice. Homœopathy is successful with Aconite, with Phosphorus, with Arsenicum, with Belladonna,

with Nux vomica because they are homœopathic to the ills they cure, and their employment is a recognition of the law upon which the practice of Homœopathy is founded.

Not long ago a young man came to me about the use of Homœopathy. He said that while he was a believer in the virtues of the practice, he was averse to putting the word Homœopathic on his sign and card. He feared that few would know what it meant.

I advised the young man to put in bold type Homœopathic wherever he put his name. "Write the two in a single term, and say to those who ask what it means, here you can find a man far more advanced than others whom you meet." To those who are unfamiliar with the term, tell them it means success. Tell them that wherever they see the word Homœopathic there can be found a man who cures when others fail—a man with whom incurable diseases are the rarest that are met, and for them to bear in mind that when disease withstands all other efforts, when epidemics flourish unabated, when prayer fails, when faith accomplishes but little good, when everything is dark and all is gloom, when appeals are made in vain, tell them that is the time to seek the man who has Homœopathy on his sign—tell them better to come late than not at all and their reward will be returning health from sickness and disease, convalescence from draining ills and happy restoration from desperation and despair.

Tell them that with Homœopathy suffering will be abated, pain will be assuaged, life will be prolonged, and in that way Homœopathy will become established upon a pedestal of everlasting fame, to remain until the world passes from the present state of warmth and life into the future state of cold and lifeless desolation for which it is destined.—Homœo Recorder.

When you come to think it over "stamping out disease" is a very peculiar expression and involves some very peculiar predicates.

Don't be in too great a hurry to accept Koch's theories as the scientific gospel—ee's only a bloomin' human being after all.