

3rd, **Dilution** or the copious internal use of water, acts therapeutically, by rendering the liquids of the body less exciting and by promoting secretion.

4th, **ELIMINATION**. In the course of various diseases noxious matters accumulate in the blood, from various causes, and become sources of great disturbances and danger to the system; some remedies, especially those which stimulate the various secreting and excreting organs, have an eliminating power, and thus act therapeutically. These eliminating or evacuating agents have been long recognised as important, and in using them the indications pointed out by nature, are in many instances followed. In health, these noxious matters are never allowed to accumulate, but are silently eliminated by organs specially constructed for the purpose.

5th, **RESTORATION**. Some Medicines act therapeutically by restoring to the system something that is wanting.

6th, **STIMULATION**. According to the Brunonian theory, all medicines are stimulants to a greater or less extent, but while few now will adopt such views, none can doubt that it is often desirable for the purpose of promoting the cure of disease to exalt some or all of the vital functions above the state in which they happen to be at the time stimulating remedies are resorted to, and that on the other hand.

7th, **SEDATION** or Diminution of action is often loudly called for.

8th, **REVULSION**, Counter Irritation or Derrivation. This principle of action is of extensive applicability in the cure of disease; nature frequently indicates it. Metastasis often demand it.

9th, **ALTERATION**. In a large majority of cases, the causes of disease have ceased to act, or if still acting, are not cognisable; or if so are not of a material nature—in such cases medicines are administered to alter diseased action. The employment of the term alterative, can however scarcely be looked upon in any other sense than as a convenient mode of classifying certain unintelligible results, which depend altogether for their acceptance upon observation.

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