

CALCAREA CARBONICA.

HINTS.

Frank Kraft, droll, epigrammatic and audacious, has pictured the Calcarea patient in *The Medical Century*, and we like his vivid portrait, yet cannot understand why he should say "I have tried for some time to picture to myself a grown-up man to be a Calcarea carbonica patient. But I have failed." We cannot believe that it is mainly women and children who fall within the special scope and influence of this remedy. How about the "rheumatisms" and "gastric disorders" in men, which we so often find indicate Calcarea, and not Rhus "nor Nux" nor Puls, after all. Dr. Kraft says: "The Calcarea carb. patient is a chronic sufferer; he is one of that unfortunate class who are endowed with a heritage of sin and corruption. There are but few of the most commonly known ailments dipping into heredity, like consumption, like cancer, scrofula, and the like, that do not, at some point along the line of degeneracy, find their similar in Calcarea. As children they are cold and clammy; illy nourished, usually bottle babies, and most frequently condensed milk bottle babies. They are slow in everything; slow in teething, in walking, in talking. They may be mamma's big, bouncing, fat and chubby girl, weighing thus and ever so much, but the blight of limelessness is over it all. Although fat and fluffy and unwieldy, it lacks life; its cheeks are never red; its eyes are dull and fishy, and often sore; it is prone to snuffles, to sore ears, to bowel troubles; in short, to all the effects of malnutrition. It is a poor feeder; that is, it eats ravenously at times, but its stomach lacks assimilative power. The little or the large abdomen is turned up like the bottom of a saucer, and filled with gases. It is not a crying baby, but rather a peevish, fretful child. When its teeth do come, they early show signs of decay and deformity. There is much sweat about the head and feet. This child has large eyes, large nose, large ears, large hands and feet, large fingers and large joints. Its skin is the color of pie crust. It is the direct opposite of the Phosphorus child, which is fine and refined, delicate, and as smooth as silk. The grown-up woman Calcarea patient has that cellary dank, damp basement-like odor about the hair that is very noticeable.

In connection with this resume of the Calcarea patient, the author narrates a most interesting case of a scrofulous child, which rather tends to prove how much homoeopathy can sometimes do towards removing the handicap placed by heredity upon those infantile wrecks.—O. S. Haines, M.D.

"The great power of sulphur in curing appropriate chronic diseases and the great variety of cases to which it is applicable are facts well known to practitioners of the homoeopathic art; not so well known is the fact that a single impression upon the system—a single dose may be, and often is, sufficient to effect as complete a cure in chronic disease, unaided by any extraneous hygienic means whatsoever."—King.

Conium 3 has cured "lumps in the female breasts."

If you are troubled with "uric acid" Lycopodium may be your remedy. Use the 30th potency.

Flatulence, constipation, cold extremities. Lycopodium.

Thirst before and during chill, but more during fever, is an indication for Natrum mur.

Gangrene and blood poisoning, Lachesis.

Fat people, full of phlegm, may find relief in Kali bichromicum.—Hom. Envoy.

THE OLD, OLD STORY.—"The delight with which tetanus antitoxin was welcomed has given way to bitter disappointment, for the reports now coming in are decidedly detrimental to the use of the serum. The mortality rate is proving as high or higher under its use than under the old methods of treatment."—Medical Summary.

I heard a story of an Irishman who visited an undertaker with the request that he get the coffin ready for Sullivan:

"Blessed glory!" exclaimed O'Rourke, the undertaker. "Ts poor Sullivan dead?"

"Not yet," replied Pat, "but the doctor says he will die to-night, and I think he knows what he gave him."



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