

## SPOTTED FEVER.

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In your article in the June number of your valuable paper on spotted fever, my experience differs from your description, or what perhaps is more correct to say, that the disease has different forms or types in different sections of the country. It is now nearly twenty-five years since we had the last visit of the fever, though I have seen a few sporadic cases since then. And I remember in every case the first symptom noticed was the sudden loss of strength, so sudden in many cases that the sufferer fell in a heap to the ground. Then the vomiting of black or black green in some cases, like black ink of a watery character, not greasy or rosy or bilious. If this was not arrested in a few hours, the death damp would gather and a complete collapse of all the vital power would occur. In some the dark purple spots would make their appearance with the vomiting, but in many these spots would not come out until after death. And I have seen them spread rapidly even while the funeral service was going on, and have felt the horrid stench of putrefaction, and yet in no case did I ever see a second case in the same house, neither did I experience any effects from contact with this fever; I never lost a single case. I believe spotted fever to be a two-fold disease, a typhoid fever and cerebro or spinal meningitis inflammation, in many cases both the meninges of the brain and spinal chord are affected, and in some cases the spinal chord itself is affected more often than the brain. My first remedy was *Baptisia* tincture, this removed the vomiting and controlled the fever and restlessness, but did not remove the pain in the head entirely, though it did give some relief, but *Gelsemium* tincture, or the first decimal dilution relieved the pain speedily and also the weakness. I then began and used these in alternation every half hour until I saw improvement, then at longer intervals. Improvement was seen in the purple spots growing paler and the vomiting or gastric condition being cured. These two remedies cured my case in 10 to 15 days. I was then living in Mount Vision, Otsego county. The old school doctors lost every case; had some 30 or 40 cases in a ride of thirty

miles. I used the word visitation, for it could not be called properly an epidemic, though it passed through or across the country. For though the people were very much alarmed by the suddenness of those attacked, and speedy deaths of all who were treated by the allopathic, yet no one took the disease, and the farmers and their wives volunteered to sit up and in every way were at the side helping the sick. Of course this great success of mine made the homœopathic system very popular, and made me to be in great demand. I had a few cases when practicing at Coxsackie, Green county, N. Y., and the same medicine made the cure then, and one case since of purple rash followed by diphtheria was cured by these medicines.

This may be of use to some, and you have full liberty to do what you may deem wise.

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 IODINE IN THE NIGHT SWEATS OF CONSUMPTION.

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Though *Iodine* may be indicated in a large number of diseases, in none is it more often indicated than in phthisis, and here its most marked action has been on the night sweats.

Those who have had friends in the second or third stage of tuberculosis know how this symptom annoyed them and will be glad to learn of a remedy on which they may depend.

During the last three years I have had ample opportunity to test it in all stages of the disease, and it has rarely disappointed me. I could report upwards of fifty cases where *Iodine* has played some part in the cure, but tubercular case No. 74 illustrates fully.

Dr. A., of Baltimore, came under my care for a well developed condition of phthisis in the spring of '98. He had lost weight, was very weak, had a poor appetite with weak digestion, coughed and raised from a cavity fast forming in his right lung. He had suffered much with night sweats, to which he laid much of his weakness, and he was more than anxious to have them relieved.

I gave him *Iodine* four times a day for ten days, at which time he had not only