

## SULPHUR.

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A good old Presbyterian sister, speaking of her pastor's sermons and his ability to meet and overcome every objection to his arguments, said: "He just drives everything before him. Usually he can do it with English, but once in a while, when it seems best, he uses Greek, Latin, or Hebrew as seems most suitable."

So with *Sulphur*, it is a remedy that "drives everything before it." Give *Sulphur* 30th, 200th or higher, if you please, to an individual who is afflicted with that cachexia called by the various names—psora, scrofulosis, or tuberculososis, and observe not only what will go "before it" but also what will remain after it has passed. For the purpose of comparison I will state what I have observed. I have given *Sulphur* for a dirty, dry skin in a child who screamed every time he saw the nurse coming towards him with soap and water, and have seen the skin become moist and the little fellow cry with delight in his bath-tub of water. I have given it for comedones and seen a clear complexion as the result. A man came to me once and said: "Doctor, you must do something for me or I must go out to the barn to eat and sleep. For several months my body stinks so that every member of my family avoids me. The more I bathe the worse the odor." A few doses of *Sulphur*™ drove this odor before it, never to return. Again and again have I seen a delayed eruption hasten to the surface before *Sulphur*. As repeatedly have I seen a suddenly suppressed exanthematous or eczematous eruption find its way back to the surface, thereby preventing convulsions, coma and death. All forms of skin eruption have disappeared before *Sulphur*, providing *burning* was the most marked sensation. There is itching, to be sure, but that changes to burning after scratching. The burning is aggravated by bathing as are also the dryness and itching. I have seen boils so numerous as to be on all parts of the body, disappear one after the other and leave a clear healthy skin after giving *Sulphur*™. Passing now from the outer to the inner skin we note the same effect.

How often do we find redness of the mucous membrane of the eyes, nose, mouth, anus, vagina or urethra. Not only is the membrane red, but dry, and the *burning* is intense. There is a little mucus secreted but it soon dries and increases the *burning*. When I find the above group of symptoms and the patient tells me that they have been present "since the measles or scarlet fever or some other eruption suddenly went in" I give *Sulphur* and assure my patient, with the utmost confidence, that every symptom will be eradicated.

Next to the skin and mucous membranes *Sulphur* acts most prominently on the circulation. Local congestion is produced at those points when you have the *burning*, heat and uneasiness. I have given *Sulphur* for  $\rho$  a in the vertex < stooping, pressure in forehead, fullness of the head as if filled with blood, heaviness and confusion, and as a result a suppressed hæmorrhoidal or leucorrhœal flow was re-established and all the head symptoms banished. On several occasions the hæmorrhoids also disappeared after a short course of *Sulphur*. I have given *Sulphur* to girls just before the first menstrual flow, girls who had been chubby, fair babies, who had enjoyed a good complexion until within the previous six or nine months, when the skin became dry and dirty, the sleep restless, the appetite capricious and unnatural, the bowels constipated, the breath foul, the mucous membranes red, a dry hacking cough appeared accompanied by several foci in the lung and a slight afternoon fever. I have given *Sulphur* in such cases, hastened the menstrual misus, equalized the circulation and seen the patient develop into a strong healthy woman, not withstanding the fact that some of her aunts and older sisters began to decline at that same age and in a few years died of tuberculososis.

I have given *Sulphur* to a pneumonic patient whose lung was solid, when the afternoon fever was increasing, when the skin was becoming dry and more inelastic, when the feet and hands were hot and burning, in short, a case in which resolution should have taken place several days before and in which an abscess seemed inevitable. For this condition I have given *Sulphur*™. Had resolution taking place so rapidly that tartar emetic was needed within twelve hours. I have also given *Sulphur* in pneumonia when *Phosphorus* seemed the remedy in bringing about resolution, but failed to do so until a dose or two of *Sulphur* was given after which *Phosphorus*