

### THERAPEUTICS OF WHOOPING COUGH.

The remedies for this disease are not many in the majority of cases, and have the advantage of being mostly old friends.

Hahnemann claimed great things for *Drosera*. He said that the thirtieth potency sufficed to cure nearly every case. The low potencies have been of more service to me. In the second dilution the remedy works wonders. The patient has frequent paroxysms and seems unable to catch his breath.

*Corallium rubrum* is of great service during the earlier stages; it suits nervous children who have frequent attacks of short, sharp cough.

*Cuprum metallicum* reminds one of spasms, and in this disease it covers many cases in which there are convulsions or where the cough takes a spasmodic form, being very violent and threatening suffocation; much rattling of mucus; the face and lips bluish and relief is obtained from a swallow of water. One symptom in this drug which was told me by Dr. J. B. G. Custis, of Washington City, I have verified over and over in all sorts of convulsions, is that the patient will not only clench the hands but the thumb will be turned into the palm of the hand underneath the fingers. When you see that peculiar fist you will have a symptom to prescribe upon that will never fail. I have seldom seen a case which *Cuprum* relieved that did not have this symptom, and most patients will hold the hands in this position even between attacks. Another good symptom is a green diarrhea looking like corroded copper. If these two symptoms are present in any sort of convulsions copper is the remedy. Nash says that the spasms of this drug begin by twitching of the hands and feet.

*Hyoscyamus* is a splendid remedy in the later stage of whooping cough, when there is a nervous hack; the child sees bugs when the light is taken away at night, when he keeps reaching as if trying to catch something, or continually picks at the bed clothes.

*Antimonium tartaricum* is indicated where the child is cross; does not want to be touched or looked at; much loose rattling mucus in the chest; he coughs and gags and finally brings up a part of the mucus.

*Causticum*, feels that he has not the power to raise phlegm; the child strikes his toes when walking; the urine spurts during the cough.

*Kali bichromicum* has a hoarse cough, with a little dry spot in the throat; the mucus flies from the mouth in aropy mass during the cough.

*Ipecac* has pronounced nausea; the patient coughs until he vomits.

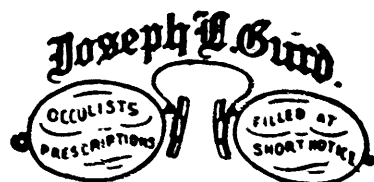
*Naphthaline* is highly recommended, works nicely in some cases. There are no indications for the drug.

Many other drugs are recommended for this disease, but I have seldom to use more remedies than those named; still we must hunt until we find the indicated remedy, and although the little patient may cough out the allotted six weeks, if the physician will take the trouble to study out the homeopathic remedy the cough will not be troublesome and he may surprise himself by cutting short the attack.—*Med. Century*.

### A PECULIAR SYMPTOM IN TYPHOID FEVER.

W. C. Doane calls attention to a symptom which he has found to indicate great danger, and, as a rule, to presage death. It is unilateral deafness. But when, on the contrary, both ears are deaf, the prognosis is generally favorable. This idea was advanced by Trousseau over twenty-five years ago, and Doane is unable to give any explanation of it, but claims to have verified its accuracy in his own personal experience.—*Record*.

A curious exposition of callousness and greed was recently made in a civil suit brought against a Colorado surgeon. He became interested in the case of a cripple whom he had found begging on the street and by an operation requiring great skill, removed his disability. The relatives of the cripple promptly brought suit against the physician for removing their means of support, claiming that as a cripple the youth had brought them in an average of \$5 daily, while now they were compelled to support him until he could gain means of earning his living. The judge promptly dismissed the case on hearing the presentation of the prosecution.—*Am. Jour.*



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