

in numerous instances, one of these instances is happily the case of a physician, who hitherto has been unable to heal himself; as this gentleman is deriving great benefit from the treatment above-named, we trust that *he at least* will extend the like treatment to others.

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### CHRONIC DYSPEPSIA.

A young lady from Louisiana had been suffering from this distressing disorder for six years: the professed skill of the lady's neighbourhood had been excised in vain; she then repaired to Chicago with no better result; ultimately she found her way to Toronto, and the physician she consulted concluded that a plant (of the same nature as the Californian yeast-plant) had formed in her stomach; as plants necessarily thrive by what they feed on, the physician aimed at removing the supply; he therefore prescribed for diet, simple dried bread, and gradually, other articles of food containing, or yielding as little saccharine matter as possible; he prohibited the use of liquids at meal times, in order, so far as possible, to frustrate fermentation in the stomach; improvement began to manifest itself in the case forthwith; before leaving Toronto for her southern home, this young lady was sufficiently recovered to enjoy a sleigh-drive of twenty-eight miles when the thermometer registered eight degrees below zero.


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### AGUE.

We may be said to have in some degree anticipated the homœopathic mode of treating ague, when in No. 9, of the first series of these sheets, we incidentally gave an account of Hahneman's discovery of the action of cinchona in relation to it. Our readers may however bear to be reminded how this great man related that he produced the characteristic symptoms of ague in his own person, by administering to himself four *quenzen* of cinchona twice a day, for several days; his feet and the tips of his fingers first became cold; he felt tired and sleepy; his head began to beat, his pulse became hard and quick; he experienced an insufferable feeling of uneasiness, a trembling (but without chill), a weariness in all his limbs, then a beating in his head, redness of the cheeks, thirst, obtuseness of the senses, stiffness in the limbs, and a disagreeable feeling which seemed to have its seat in the periosteum of all the bones in the body; with all these symptoms he had been familiar when attending his patients; his self-produced paroxysm lasted each time two or three hours, and came afresh whenever he repeated the dose, but not otherwise; he ceased to take cinchona (quinine) and became well.

This simple story illustrates the principle and the practice styled homœopathy—a word composed of two Greek words, which convey the idea to those who understand the derivation of the word, that the means which will produce the symptoms of any given disorder in a healthy person, are used as remedies for that same disorder, in a sick person. This is the principle, by the adoption of which, Hahneman cured his thousands, and his successors in this mode of practice, have cured their hundreds of thousands. In regard to the treatment of ague, the *practice* would doubtless be modified according to the peculiar character of the disorder, although the general *principle*, on which it would be treated, would in all cases be maintained.

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