

ent was the disease that every member of one family of four children died. In another family there were seven children and six died, and the whole epidemic was characterized by the same virulence. Almost all the cases in the epidemic were under allopathic treatment, so that no comparison of results would be just, for while there was only one death under homœopathic treatment there was a comparatively small number treated that way. But the death rate in this disease is very much lower under homœopathic treatment than with the old school. Also there are fewer bad after effects.

Smallpox can hardly be classified among the "little things" although a great many of our best physicians do not consider it as serious a disease as scarlet fever, and I think that the public safety requires isolation hospitals for scarlet fever just as much as it does for smallpox. Homœopathy has won many laurels in the treatment of smallpox, where our physicians have had an opportunity to treat the cases.

There is a general idea in the public mind that nothing can be done for whooping cough. The old school admit that they are powerless, to either shorten the disease, or mitigate its severity. The statement, has gone forth among the laity that whooping cough is six weeks coming and six weeks going, and it was simply necessary for the patient to "cough it out." Nothing could be further from the truth. Homœopathy will relieve the spasms and cut short the disease to half the time stated above.

Resulting from the foregoing diseases, especially measles and scarlet fever, we often see discharging ears. Ear-ache at any time in a child's life is liable to leave a chronic discharge. This usually indicates that there has been an abscess inside the drum, and that abscess has not healed properly. There is a little hole through the drum of the ear and this chronic discharge is liable to make the patient deaf. Every mother should understand this, as the care of her child's ears is very essential to his or her future usefulness as years go by. Now in many cases a

few doses of silica will correct this condition,—stop the discharge and allow the drum to heal. If it does not she had better see a doctor at once. It is not alone in the chronic forms of ear discharge that homœopathy is useful. It is very efficacious in the acute attacks. In this condition, too, the mother, who has a few remedies, can accomplish a great deal, for the simple reason that she is right on the ground, to take the case in hand in the beginning. In a very large number of ear-aches, it means as soon as pain is felt that an abscess is about to form. A dose or two of belladonna, at once, may, abort the whole trouble, while usually if you wait till the doctor arrives, pus has formed and in that case the abscess has got to break before the little sufferer will get relief. In that case homœopathy has remedies which will hurry the abscess on to maturity. There are other cases of ear-ache where abscesses do not form, but which frequently recur and are a great source of trouble to the child as well as a menace to its hearing. Pulsatilla will not only usually cure these cases for the time being but it will prevent their recurrence.

As the child comes along in years, it is very common to find developing a constitutional condition at or before puberty which always gives the watchful mother much concern. The child, whether boy or girl, often will suddenly take a start and grow up very tall, quite rapidly. Intellect is keen, but the body has grown so rapidly that it is poorly developed. Chest is hollow, shoulders stooped, and many other things noticeable, which clearly indicate to the experienced eye that the boy or girl would fall an easy prey to pulmonary consumption. In no other disease is the old maxim more true than in this one. An ounce of prevention is worth a ton of cure. The proper way is, to prevent the disease long before it begins. This is too important a subject to attempt to deal with it in a paper like this. I simply wish to draw your attention to the fact that homœopathy has several remedies which may be called "constitution builders" which, with the proper hygienic assistance of suitable exercise, fresh air, good food and regular habits will do wonders in assisting frail children through this critical age. But do not trust yourself in this matter, see your physician, and follow his instructions religiously.

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