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#### NEW DISCOVERIES.

In the March number of McClure's Magazine is a very interesting article on the researches of Dr. Loeb of the University of Chicago. If the claims made are even partially true, and there is no reason for doubt on this score, one scarcely realizes what these discoveries mean to chemistry, physiology and medicine. It will cause such a scientific revolution that when peace has again been proclaimed hardly a vestige of the old time physiology and chemistry will remain to us; even the venerable bulwark of the school of traditional medicine, the Materia Medica, will have disappeared, shattered beyond recognition by the forces of the rational pharmacology.

Some of the paragraphs in the article are of peculiar interest to homoeopaths, for instance:

"This was for half a century one of the deepest problems of chemical philos ophy. It remained so until the dis tinguished Swedish physicist Arrhenius brought forward evidence to show that the molecules of the salts and acids are torn apart when they are dissolved, and apparently with tremendous force. We are but on the threshold of a knowledge of the actions which take place in the molecular world; in some instances, as in the case here under view, it seems as if these forces are so great that we have scarce any means of coping with them."

"It should," he said, "afford the basis for a national pharmacology. By means of the ionic theory the effect of drugs should be computable with a mathematical accuracy. So, too, in the field of psychology, its application should be wide."

The first paragraph borders dangerously close to the ground contended for by the unscientific (?) homoeopathic, who has for the past century been a firm believer in the development of power (medical and curative) of drugs by what he terms potentization or the breaking up of them into the most minutely divided particles. In other words, the more minutely the drug molecules were broken up the more potent became its medicinal effect, and also the more far-reaching its action.

Hahnemann, in his Organon published in 1810, comes very near foretelling this

marvellous discovery of the twentieth century. In his foot note to paragraph 280, he says, "Added to this, the homocopathic medicines acquire at each division or dilution a new degree of power by the rubbing or shaking they undergo, a means of developing the inherent virtues of medicines that was unknown till my time; and which is so energetic that latterly I have been forced by experience to reduce the number of shakes to Two, of which I formerly prescribed Tex to each dilution."

Verily, "there is nothing new under the sun," is being brought to our notice more forcibly as time rends apart the molecules of gray matter our brains are composed of and enables us to perceive the germ of truth struggling for existence in the chaotic darkness of traditional medicine.

The fact of these new (?) theories savoring of homoeopathy will for a time militate against their recognition and adoption by the dominant school, but claimed, and used they will be, as have been many of our theories and remedies when necessity compels it, and we wonder if the school of regular and scientific medicine will have the grace to give the credit where it is due. We think not, as the time is not yet ripe, judging from the wonderful discoveries of century-old proven homoeopathic remedies which are constantly being made in their medical journals. We may be only on the threshold of a great knowledge, but we were certainly led to the doorstep over a century ago. Substantial progress is slow, but with truth as a starting point, is sure, and as truth usually prevails, we may hope to have the day approach when Hahnemann and his beneficient system of medicine will have been re-discovered in their entirety.

#### HINTS ON TREATING DEAFNESS

One of the most frequent causes of deafness in children can be attributed to the habit of introducing into the ear the screwed up corners of a towel and twisting it in the canal. This procedure forces down the wax upon the tympanum, irritates the passage, often terminating in painful inflammations and deafness. In bathing a child's head, the washings should be confined to the outer ear only and never extend into the canal.

Another pernicious habit is that of boxing children's ears. The blow not infrequently results in a rupture of the tympanum, which, while perfect union may soon follow, often has a tendency to impair the sense of hearing. When these cases or any other of partial or complete deafness present, do not offer them a cure until you have made a careful examination. In a great many of them the introduction of Mullein Oil will be found to be the only remedy necessary. This is the most efficient remedy which has been brought to professional notice in recent years, and one which can be relied upon for positive relief. Introduce a few drops of the genuine oil twice daily, and cover with a pledget of cotton. Syringing the ear with borated warm water every few days often will hasten the cure. You will be gratified at the rapid restoration of hearing by the course of this treatment. One case I call to mind at present was that of a boy nine years old who had been deaf since his third year. Could trace it to no traumatic cause. Examination revealed an impacted mass of wax on the membrane. Mullein ()il was introduced, which soon softened it up, and relieved the chronic congestion induced thereby. In a very short time he could hear perfectly.

Agitation in the world of homoeopathic medicine has been the very soul of progress, as in politics and religion—the difficulties of opinion and the individualities of men have been parent to the disagreements by which the standard of these bodies have been elevated.

#### BOOKS TO READ.

Persons of an enquiring turn of mind and those who earnestly desire to learn something of the whys and wherefores of homoeopathy, cannot do better than begin their reading by a close perusal of Hahnemann's Organon, which contains the sum and substance of the healing art in a readable form.

Though written nearly 100 years ago, it is abreast of the so-called most modern work on medicine in so far as curing disease is concerned. No book on the subject has stood the test of time as the Organon has, written by a master mind who evidently had in view the needs of future generations. As often happens, when we become restless, and tend to stray in what we conceive to be new paths, we are amazed to find after all our weary struggles, that we have simply made a great detour to arrive at the point Hahnemann did in his old book.

To those who wish to know the great mystery of why homoeopathy cures, no better or simpler guide can be given, and while the astute reader may cavil at the apparent simplicity of language and argument, he will be forced to admit the logic used, and will eventually be lost in wonder at the breadth and depth of the mind that could produce such a lasting and all-comprehensive picture.

Another book which should be read by all desiring information is Sharp's "Tracts on Homoeopathy," a collection of irrefutable arguments in all that appertains to the system. Forcibly written, clear cut reasons, put in easy style, that holds the reader better than any modern novel, it is sure to repay perusal.

Jones' "Grounds of a Homoeopath's Faith" is the book most likely to awaken a lively interest in the subject, which in the fair-minded reader will not be allowed to drop, simply because homoeopathy is

not universally adopted. In fact any of Dr. Jones' writings on the subject will well repay the time spent by the earnest seeker after truth.

Burnett's "Fifty Reasons for being a Homoeopath," is a beak that all should read, written by a man who was so disgusted with the allopathic practice of medicine and with signing death certificates in a large London hospital, that he determined to quit practice and turn his attention to some other means of making an honest living. On looking into homoeopathy, in order to refute it, he became convinced that it was either all truth or all lies, and set about to find out which. Read it and learn his reasons, and see if they do not stand the test tothe unbiased mind. The book is highly instructive, inasmuch as it is packed full. of illustrative cases taken from a largepractice.

Bradford's "Logic of Figures" can scarcely be called a readable book, but presents very forcibly and tersely the advantages of homoeopathic treatment.

One of the best, if not the very best of modern books on homoeopathy is Nash's "Leaders in Homoeopathic Therapeutics." Although written for doctors and students, it presents in a most readable form a very telling argument in favor of homoeopathy, gathered from an experience of thirty years' practice by a man who was eminently material and practical (?) at the beginning and only forced to see the error of his ways by sheer necessity or desperation.

Of the smaller works and pamphlets whose name is legion, one of the most noted is Holcombe's "How I Became a Homoeopath," of which it is said "has convinced more people of the truth of homoeopathy than any other pamphlet published." Another of Holcombe's is "What is Homoeopathy," and you will

know after you have read it. Among other leaflets, "Who are the Regulars?" by Chapman, and the "Homoeopathic Pamphlet Series," published by F. M. Adams, Seaverns Ave., Boston, and Biddles's "Answers to Questions Concerning Homoeopathy" will shed light on many seeming dark points as well as give evidence and reason of the truth and superiority of the law of similars.

We have herein given a slight outline of a reading course for those who desire information, as well as those who require a reason for their faith, and need only add that we have but touched on the border line of the literature, and mayhap have overlooked many of the important headlands; knowing full well that they who read all or any of the above mentioned books will have no cause for regret mentally, physically or financially.

All or any of the publications can be obtained through booksellers or druggists dealing in homoeopathic remedies, and with two or three exceptions the price is less than one dollar; pamphlets, five cents.

## HOW TO SWEEP AN INVALID'S ROOM.

We all know how untidy a sick room becomes, and how annoying the dust of the sweeping is to the patient. "To remedy this," said a trained and capable nurse recently. "I put a little ammonia in a pail of warm water, and with my mop wrung dry as possible, go all over the carpet first. This takes up all the dust, and much of the loose dirt. A broom will take what is too large to adhere to the mop, and raised no dust. With my dust cloth well sprinkled I go over the furniture, and the room is fairly clean."—Doctor's Magazine.

#### HINTS

Alternate diarrhoea and constipation and very white tongue calls for Antimonium crud.

When patient sweats much and the pains are made worse by warmth of bed, give Mercurius.

China 15th, a dose a day for a month, will, it was said by the old homoeopathists, prevent the formation of gall-stones and the recurring of attacks of gall-stone colic.

For the cough, night sweats and fever of consumption, give one dose a week of Bacillinum 30th. It gives ease to the patient and does not interfere with the other remedies.

When all other heart remedies fail, try Crategus ox. in drop doses of the tincture or tincture tablets. It often gives marvellous relief to sufferers from heart diseases.

For itching of the anus, Ratanhia.

A correspondent who says that Thuja will not cure fig-warts on the neck wants to know another remedy. Perhaps Nitric acid (pellets) may relieve, but perhaps constitutional treatment by a homoeopathic physician would be preferable.

Fat children who are slow in learning to walk may be benefited by Calcarea carb.

Simple giddiness requires Gelsemium. Vertigo from biliousness, Bryonia. Caused by looking up, Calcarea carb. With nausea, Cocculus Ind. While lying down, Conium.

Soreness of the scalp, China.

When bruises are of light character, instead of having recourse to applications of Arnica, Camphor, and strong compression of the swelling, preference should be given to Olive oil. Apply freely to the contused parts, with friction, and then cover with a compress saturated with the oil. This treatment gives immediate relief, and thereby the formation of a bloody protuberance is often prevented, while exceriations and superficial wounds heal very rapidly — Auger. — Homcoo. Envoy.

#### BEEF TEA AS MADE BY A TRAINED NURSE.

It is the suggestion of a trained nurse, whose beef tea was most acceptable to a patient to whom in any previous illness it had been repellent, that the beef should be broiled before the juice is extracted. A thick, lean, juicy steak from the round is broiled over a clear fire perhaps two minutes on each side, after which it is cut up into small squares, put into a saucepan, covered with cold water, and set on the back of the stone, where it should steep, not boil, for fully two hours. Remember not to add the salt until the dish is taken from the fire, and serve it hot, unless, of course, it is to be offered as cold or iced beef tea.—Hospital Tidings.

#### ONE ON THE DOCTOR.

A noted surgeon of London, who was called to attend the Queen just at his lecture hour at one of the large colleges, had written upon the bulletin board, "Dr. - will not lecture to-day. Gone to attend the Queen." Some miscreant wrote underneath the meassage "God" save the Queen."-Medical Dial.

#### PECUNIARY RESPONSIBILITY.

When a man calls on a doctor to attend a third party, without stating that he comes as an agent or messenger, the person so calling the physician is legally liably for the bill.-Alkaloidal Clinic.

#### PHILLIPS TRAINING SCHOOL NOTES.

Examinations take place about the middle of April.

Five nurses, Misses Spence, French, Warriner, Salisbury and Bartholomew, take their final examinations this spring,

Examination papers this year to consist of five questions in each subject, with a total marking of 100, of which 75 per cent. is required to pass.

Miss McLagan, "99," who has been so seriously ill with typhoid, has had a relapse and is still in a critical condition.

Miss French, "02," filled the position of acting Supt. with great credit during Miss Lorenz' absence.

No sickness among the nurses in training during the past month.

The closing lectures of the training school session 1901-1902 are being delivered this month by Drs. H. M. Patton and A. R. Griffith, on surgery and diseases of children.

With all the private rooms occupied, as well as public patients, and a session's course of lectures to review and learn, the nurses are having a pretty busy time at present.

It is said that there is still standing in the island of Cos a tree under whose spreading bows, tradition says, Hippocrates taught the art of healing nearly 2,500 years ago. It is a plane tree; its leaves come out every spring, but the two largest branches have been shored up by pillars of brick.

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THE BOARD ROOM has been enriched by the presentation of a very fine portrait of the former Association President; anold time homosopath of sixty years standing.

REMEMBER the quarterly meeting of the Governors on Thursday, March 27th. Some amendments to the by-laws will be offered, and important reports are to be read; a full attendance is expected.

A PORTRAIT of the hospital's first president and very generous benefactor should now adorn our walls.

DR. A. R. GRIFFITH, Medical Superintendent, intends taking a two months post graduate course in New York, beginning this month.

FOR THE FIRST TIME in a year, the maternity wards were unoccupied for a period of two weeks.

THE MONTHLY meeting of the committee of management was held on Feb. 24th, attendance small, routine business only; next meeting will be Monday, March 24th.

LAST MONTH'S subscription list is an improvement on that of the previous month, yet it falls short of what it should be, by about 75 per cent.

THERE IS NO limit to the number of offers the hospital is ready to receive anent the debt raising proposition.

WE ARE TOO poor to buy apples by the barrel and we use too many to buy them by the peck; what have you to say about it.

AS SPRING draws near, house cleaning seems to be in order and here is where boxes of soap come in.

LLOYD POLLOCK, our genial house officer, was confined to his room for a few days, with influenza.

REMEMBER the proposition, that the hospital collects an amount equal to that which you give towards its debt clearing crusade.

ONE EFFECT of the small subscription list will be noticed in the hospital report: in the number of public patients c ared for.

MISS E. R. LORENZ, Lady Superintendent, has been re engaged for another year, by the committee of management.

THE DISPENSARY is open every week day from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the free advice and treatment of the deserving poor, a fee of 10 cents for medicine being charged those who can pay. If you know of any poor people in need of medical services tell them about our outdoor department.

THE QUESTION of paying off the old maintenance debt is still largely with us and the necessity for determined effort to rid us of this incubus becomes more apparent daily, when we see the hindrance it is to the preformance of thoroughly satisfactory work in the hospital's appointed mission.

#### HOW TO READ THE TONGUE.

The perfect tongue is clean, moist, lies loosely in the mouth, is round at the edge, and has no prominent papillae. The tongue may be furred from local cause or from sympathy with the stomach, intestines or liver. The dry tongue occurs most frequently in fever, and indicates a nervous prostration or depression. White tongue is diagnostic simply of the feverish condition, with perhaps a sour stom-When it is moist and yellowish brown, it shows disordered digestion. Dry and brown indicates a low state of the system, possibly typhoid. When the tongue is dry and red and smooth, look out for inflammation, gastric or intestinal. Sharp-pointed red tongue will hint of brain irritation or inflammation, and a yellow coating indicates liver derange-When so much can be gained from an examination of the tongue, how important it is that the youngest child should be taught to put it out so that it can be visible to the uttermost point in the throat---Jour. Med. and Surgery.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Medicine," said the little girl, "is something that makes you be careful not to catch cold again."

Instead of having recourse to applications of tincture of arnica, spirits of camphor, and to strong compression of the swelling, in the treatment of light bruises, Dr. G. Auger prefers the use of olive oil, both in children and in adults. He applies the oil freely to the contused parts and rubs the latter lightly with a rag, absorbent cotton or with the fingers, and then covers the bruise with a compress saturated with olive oil. The author claims that this treatment gives immediate relief to the patient, and the formation of a bloody protuberance is often prevented: while excoriations and superficial wounds, which may be present, heal very rapidly.—Health.

Happiness is the result of GOOD HEALTH AND THE NORMAL ACTIVITIES OF THE BODY AND MIND. When the body is suffering or when there is enforced inactivity of either mind or body then comes unrest, and unrest is unhappiness. I pray you, my readers, my friends, let us, so far as possible, live naturally, healthfully. If this is done happiness will be our lot, whether we think of it or not.—Jennie Chandler.

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