

THE CASE STUDY OF NERVE DEAFNESS*

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Miss KTY aged 22 years consulted this author for total nerve deafness in one ear and partial nerve deafness in the other ear on 20-03-2000. She was a student of final year engineering. She was anxious about her predicament and handicap! In addition she had severe dysmenorrhoea since her menarchy. She had not used any medicines for fear of side effects. She was tall to her age according to Indian standards, and was slim and slender. She had Tubercular facies. Her subjective and objective symptoms tallied with Sulphur and Tuberculinum.

There was no history of injury but in her childhood she had purulent Otorrhoea with eardrum puncture. Her father died of lung cancer and paternal grandfather died of mental chronic aberration.

In the family history the pointer and characteristic symptoms were lung and mind symptoms that led to the selection of Tuberculinum as an indicated miasmatic drug. Although Tuberculinum is an anti-psoric remedy, some classical authors in Homeopathy subdivided Psoric miasm into Tubercular miasm for the therapeutic benefit of young Hahnemannians. Of course the selection of Sulphur is the choicest, symptom reportorial analysis, similimum prescription.

In the selection of the miasmatic prescription if one or two important symptoms indicated the anti-miasmatic drug it is enough. But in some chronic cases the miasmatic remedies do have a few more characteristic symptoms.

Dr E W Hubbard, the doyen of American Homeopathy mentioned in her "Brief Study Course in Homeopathy", that is enough that a miasmatic remedy is selected to the patient from one or two rubrics from the reportorial analysis. Even Kent according to the book "Minor Writing of Kent", by K H Gysper followed this method of evaluation.

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RESUME OF THE TREATMENT

- 20-3-2000 Sulphur 0/3 one dose followed by placebo
- 15-6-2000 No relief. Tuberculinum 0/3 one dose followed by placebo
- 12-9-2000 Patient could hear loud voices from total deaf ear and loud human voices from partially deaf ear.
Tuberculinum 0/3 in water daily one teaspoonful successing and adding water and further successing the solution before using next day
- 20-12-2000 There is no further progress. Tuberculinum 0/10 one dose
- 10-3-2001 No further progress. Tuberculinum 0/10 in water for daily use
- 15-6-2001 No further progress in hearing. Sulphur CM one dose
- 3-7-2001 She developed Otorrohoea which was an old suppressed symptom. Treatment - placebo
- 4-8-2001 She developed scaly like eruptions on whole body with voluptuous itching. Treatment – placebo. No Otorrhoea. Normal skin condition restored. She could hear the sermons in the Church! She enjoys normal hearing and the 'audiometry test' testified normal in hearing.

DISCUSSION

The posology in Homeopathy according to the 5th and 6th editions of Organon is very important aspect of both individualization of patient and the selection of the potency and repetition of dose.

Dr Dunham the great British Homeopath mentions a similar case in his monumental Homeopathic Materia Medica and successfully treated under Mezerium. Although Kent is not exposed to 5th Edition of Organon, he successfully treated several patients with Centesimal and Decimal potencies.

It is a sweeping statement to say that any potency works if suitable drug is selected to the patient. Individualization of the potency is sine qua non in Homeopathy like selection of drug to the patient, and also the patient for the indicated drug.