

A COMPLICATED CASE OF HEPATIC TROUBLE

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10th April 1966 . Mrs. Karim, 22, wife of an S.D.O., C. & B. of Cox's Bazar. The husband himself called me into his quarters at 9-30 p.m. It was really pathetic what I saw there. The patient is writhing in pain. She lies for a time and sits and wallows in the next moment. At times she gave out loud strikes. She has been carrying for the last five months. Over and above, she is in this great trouble. Every body in the family apprehends abortion.

Constitution :

Fair, lean and thin, and slender. Hair thin, nose high, chest flat, nails healthy, tongue deep yellow-white. Temperature 99.4 0 F. Eyes yellowish, body is also so, appearance pale and anaemic.

Present Troubles :

(a) No motion for the last five days. She was under treatment of the Medical Officer of the Cox's Bazar Hospital and local M.B.B.S. Besides, she had been under treatment of a renowned doctor of the Chittagong Medical College Hospital for the last two months. The present physicians prescribed new and recent medicines following the prescription of the Doctor of Chittagong Hospital. There was no clearance of bowels. No alleviation of the symptoms except aggravation.

(b) Flatulence in the stomach like an empty drum. Lower part stiff. Aching of the stomach spreads upwards beginning from the region of the liver. Rise and fall oscillate when the ache is acute, taking of a small quantity of tepid water brings in temporary relief, but it tends to aggravate from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

(c) Fever for the last six days without remission. It rises up to 101 0 F and comes down to 99 0 F irregularly.

Though I should have known more symptoms, yet it was not possible for me to procure them under such circumstances. At 10.30 p.m. I prescribed Lycopodium – LM/1, one course. In a bottle of four oz. vial, twelve drops alcohol mixed with three and half oz. of distilled water – a single No.10 globule of the remedy, six doses, one dose is to be used every alternate hour. After eight successions one dose is to be mixed with a cup of water and stirred and then one teaspoonful of it is to be taken. The rest is to be rejected. The five doses in this way during the whole night and one dose in the morning. But if the patient falls asleep, she should not be awakened for administering medicine.

Diet :

Drink prepared of sugar-candy.

At 1 a.m. the peon of the C. & B. Office awoke me. On my query, he said that his officer told him that the patient was running high fever. I assured him that there was no cause of worrying. The fever will subside by itself. I might be informed in the morning.

They did not wait for the sun-rise. At 5 a.m. early in the morning they appeared before my door on a car and asked me to attend the patient immediately. I rushed there without doing the routine morning duties and wanted to know the present condition of the patient. Her husband replied, "Please see her and say for the last time whether she will be cured. Let us take her to Chittagong and try our fate for the last time. We are ready with bag and baggage. The local M.B.B.S. doctor will accompany us."

"What is the effect of my medicine?" I asked. "She passed stools thrice within the night after the use of your medicine." The Allopathic mixture and the antibiotic tablets came out during the first time. Watery stool during the second time and during the third time few hard pellets and loose odorous stools. But at 12.30 a.m. fever rises upto 104 ° and subsides after 1.30 a.m. During fever she was very weak and could not speak. Now temperature is 98 ° - her husband replied. "So much progress is within 8 hours only, why are you so impatient?" I asked, "Please see, she is carrying lest something untoward should happen." "There is no cause for anxiety, she will get round fully from our treatment. There is no danger of abortion. Let us take another doctor on our way." He agreed and we reached the bungalow of the S.D.O. at 7 a.m. with Dr. Fauzal Kabir, one of the prominent physicians of Cox's Bazar.

We found the patient sitting on a sofa quietly and comfortably. Her diet is being prepared. The medicines have cooled seriousness of yesterday within a few hours. A sign of physical and mental coolness is in the face of the patient. She was given forth with a diet of sago with sugar-candy and we get the following picture in her own words:

"No temperature. No flatulence, no pain in the region of the liver, a little pain on the right side of the abdomen. No biting pain. I feel mentally well. I hope I shall be free. The allopathic medicines did not work well. The famous doctors also could do me no good."

"Then why do you want to go to Chittagong?" I asked.

"No, I do not wish to go, they (the members of the family) have been struck with fear. They intended to take me to town."

"There is burning in the soles. The palms and the head are hot. I have leucorrhoea, pain in hip and a bit griping pain in the muscles."

Mind:

"It seemed to me now and then that I would die. I shall not be free from the disease. Of course, today my worries are much less."

"I possess good merit and power of memory. I am fond of music. I am not disgusted in travels. I like company. I prefer neatness and cleanliness and a sense of adoptiveness and decorativeness."

Stool:

"I passed stools four times last night and once in the morning. Stools are offensive."

Urine:

"Yellowish-Less in quantity."

Thirst:

"Normal but I like to drink hot water."

Sweat:

"Less in quantity. No bad smell in it."

Sleep :

"I could not sleep for the last five nights and I have become much fatigued due to sleeplessness."

Hunger :



" No hunger for many days. I take food willfully, foods must be fresh and hot. I cannot tolerate milk. I can't eat sour things and dal. I cannot tolerate bread also. Salt and pungent foods are natural to me. I do not like bitter things."

Past Ailments :

" I suffered from jaundice once in childhood . Once from griping stomach pain like this. Taken vaccine many times. Once there was burning sensation in urinating. Suffered from scabies and itches in childhood."

Climate and Temperature :

" I like open and free air. Doors and windows must be kept open. I bathe in cold water always. I like covering in my body. Winter and spring are preferable."

Family History :

" Mother suffered from leucorrhea and puerperal fever. Father was suffering from gout. Husband has warts. There is now a nodule in the testicle. The first infant, aged one year and ten months, has been suffering from stomach disorders. There is no history of anybody in my husband's or paternal sides suffering from destructive disease."

Treatment :

11 April 1966 .

Chelidonium majus – M/1, One course, eight marks (doses), prepared according to the previous process, to be used four marks daily, after succession for eight times, before every use one mark is to be mixed with four ounces of pure water and then stirred well, out of which two spoonfuls are to be taken and the rest to be discarded.

13 April 1966 .

Much burning sensation in the feet. Feels feverish always. Motion once yesterday, yellowish, offensive. Griping pain in the legs last night. There is slight pain in the liver.

Medorrhinum – LM/1 , One course, eight marks, three marks daily after eight succussions each time.

15 April 1966 .

Leg burning is less. No fever, no pain in the leg, a little pain in the liver, motion once daily.

Medorrhinum – LM/2 , Six marks, twice daily. All round improvement. Weakness a little.

20 April 1966 .

There is no mental trouble. No sign of yellow color in the body.

Medorrhinum – LM/3 , One course, eight marks, once daily.

29 April 1966 .

No further troubles, no weakness.

Medorrhinum – LM/4 , One course, eight marks, once daily.

7 May 1966.



Patient is well. She feels pain sometimes in the hip and legs.

Medorrhinum – LM/5 , One dose daily.

25 May 1966.

No trouble.

Psorinum – LM/1 . One course, one mark daily.

4 June 1966 .

Quite well.

Psorinum – LM/2 , One mark daily.

After this she has to go to her village. It has been known from her husband that she has given birth to a male child at proper time. Both the mother and the baby are keeping well.

Remarks :

This patient being unsuccessful in Allopathy takes shelter of our Homoeopathy. Her serious and almost fatal condition subsided only within seven hours.

Long acting medicine like *Lycopodium* has been used at short intervals in the new potency and the patient was on the road to cure without medicinal aggravation. The *Chelidonium* was used temporarily followed by *Medorrhinum* , that also thrice daily. A complicated and chronic patient came round in less than two months' time. Because of its being new potency, a deep and long acting medicines could be used at short intervals without any medicinal aggravation. No antidotes were necessary. Over and above, the patient came round in less time than she would generally have taken under potencies prepared according to decimal or centesimal scales. So it is no exaggeration to say that the great Hahnemann had to invent the new scale of potency for the relief of the suffering humanity, to make the incomplete medical science complete, as far as possible, by giving practical shape to all the conditions of the ideal of cure according to the second aphorism of the Organon.