

and 677), excited by motion and exertion (670, 671, 672), producing pain in the *epigastric zone* (683), and accompanied by a desire to eat (my own observation).

It has also a well-marked dyspnoea.

The correspondence was so close that I had no hesitation in giving *Nux vomica*.

December 9th four powders of the two hundredth were given, to be taken every night, and the patient to report in ten days.

December 21st, the report was brought to me that the child had no more wheezing nor dyspnoea; had been free from cough for five days; can play long and vigorously without inconvenience; is regular in his bowels; complains no longer of pain or tenderness in the hypochondrium—in fact, seems to be perfectly well.

He deranged the digestion by eating candy at Christmas and had a slight return of pain in the hypochondrium, which a dose of Sulphur relieved. He has ever since been entirely free from dyspnoea and laryngeal spasm and is in the enjoyment of robust and perfect health.

If such a mode of practice as this be (as is charged) *unscientific*—if it ignore the sciences of pathology and diagnosis as bases of treatment—thus much at least may be said in its favor, that it far surpasses every other method in the facilities it affords for the fulfillment of one not unimportant object of the physician—the *cure of the patient*.

THREE FRAGMENTARY PROVINGS OF LAC CANINUM.

Mr. N., *æt.* twenty-two.—Three years ago contracted syphilis, and had a hard chancre on glans penis. Was cured (?) by external applications and the mercurial preparations internally. Since this "cure," has suffered from excessive mental depression, and has at no time since he had syphilis felt any of the buoyancy of youth. There is a want of ability to concentrate his mind upon his studies. He has an enlargement of lymphatics, principally of the neck and submaxillary regions; these are indolent and painless, and are sufficiently large to keep him in mind that the original disease is not yet cured. Since the proving, his mental condition is much changed for the better and his general condition much improved.

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PROVINGS OF LAC CANINUM.

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Took first dose of thirty-first potency on night of November 25th, 1878, before retiring. Felt slightly better next morning and repeated dose at 9 A. M., continuing it every four hours.

November 26th, 8 P. M.—Considerable itching and burning near glans penis, where the chancre formerly was, lasting ten minutes.

November 27th.—Slight throat irritation, left side; urging of head, principally in morning. In afternoon much confusion of head, making thought irksome. No appetite for supper. About this time feeling of uneasiness in umbilical region, an agitation, or moving, as it were, in the colon about this part. Sleep at night full of sensuous dreams, with conscious emission.

November 28th.—Slight hoarseness, with, now and then, a changing of voice after waking, but soon passing away. A noon rheumatic-like pains in upper, outer part of left thigh. At night took last dose. Sensuous dreams again, but no emission.

November 29th.—In forenoon feeling cheerful, but with little appetite for breakfast; at noon pains in upper chest, lasting for remainder of day; in evening some dizziness when walking. Appetite still growing less. At night awoke at 2:30 A. M. with intense pains in abdomen and desire for stool, which could hardly be suppressed. The discharge (diarrhetic), after repairing to water-closet, was voided entire at one effort and case immediately secured.

November 30th.—General feeling of illness all day, but with no return of diarrhoea.

December 1st.—Complete loss of appetite, with much heaviness in top of head. Feeling now, very weak and depressed; sexual desire quite marked. At this time urine dark and heavily loaded with thick reddish sediment, that adhered in different colored circles to bottom and sides of vessel. Went to bed at 8 P. M. from fatigue and indisposition, sleeping well till 9 A. M.

December 2d.—Felt much better. In evening remained up till 11.30 P. M. Head much clearer.

December 3d.—Still further feeling of relief, and, in evening, better than for some time.

December 4th.—Very cheerful; no head symptoms; appetite regaining. At 10 P. M. more itching and burning in former spot, lasting, this time, much longer.

December 5th.—Slight enlargement of already enlarged lymphatics in side of neck. Feeling very unwell. Stupid condition of head. Occasional slight probing pains in lower left throat.

December 6th.—Awoke late, with tired feeling and inclined to lie in bed longer. Better after dressing. Remainder of day tolerably comfortable.

December 7th.—Forenoon, return of burning and itching; part red and feverish. Indisposed all day. Appetite poor.

December 8th.—Better; more itching and redness. Two warts on middle finger noticed to be leaving.

December 9th.—Feeling good.

December 10th.—Right spermatic cord, low down, sore to touch.

December 11th.—Awoke earlier than usual. Felt well till 2 P. M.; unwell rest of day. At 9 P. M. more itching, accompanied with boring, throbbing pains.

December 12th.—During afternoon uneasy pains in left groin.

C. LARRE.

A homeopathic chemist gave *Lac can.*, third decimal, to a woman suffering from diphtheria. It much relieved the symptoms, and after the improvement had set in a new symptom appeared, drinks returning by the nose. This symptom has hitherto been only clinical.

(1.) Miss G. (the patient whose former experiences with this medicine are given in THE HOMEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN, Vol. IV, page 103) wrote again August 30th, 1883: "My throat troubles me much if I read aloud or talk more than usual; it seems almost as if it were stopping up, and I get very hoarse, but have no soreness; there is a feeling of fullness and a sense of choking." I sent her *Lac caninum*™ (Fincke), a dose three times a day for fourteen days.

On October 7th she wrote: "The medicine has nearly cured my throat; I can read aloud now for an hour at a time, which was a thing impossible. The first few doses caused an oppression at the chest, almost a soreness. There was also irritation in both ears to the throat, besides a disposition to sneeze and other symptoms of cold in the head."

(2.) Mrs. B., August 23d, 1883.—"The day after weaning baby right breast became full and painful. She took *Dellad.* with temporary relief, but now writes to say that the breast is fuller and more painful, especially hard and painful on the inner side;

cannot bear her stays to press upon it. It would feel very heavy if she had no stays on. *Lac caninum*™ (Fincke) every four hours.

September 10th, reports that the medicine "acted beautifully, could feel the improvement after every dose." She finished the powders in twelve doses. Some hardness and pain remained on inner side, but it has gradually got back to its normal condition. The improvement was felt immediately after second dose.

(3.) Mr. L. S., ret. twenty-two. January 18th, 1884.—Five or six months ago had two teeth extracted at different times under the gas, and after the second operation did not feel so well. About two months ago he consulted a mongrel, who gave him some pink pills to take after dinner, and a powder twice a day; this treatment only relieved him temporarily. For about a month has felt very strange sensation in head (such as he felt when going off under the influence of the gas); sometimes he imagines that the heart or the breathing were going to stop or otherwise frightens himself, and this makes the heart beat violently; occasionally very depressed, and fancies he is going out of his mind. *Lac caninum*™ (Fincke), twice a day for fourteen days.

February 1st.—Reports no return of symptoms since commencing the medicine. The cure has remained permanent.

E. W. BERRIDGE.

I gave *Lac caninum* 10 M (Swan), four doses daily for three or four weeks, to a lady twenty-five years of age, in excellent health, except that she had never menstruated.

October 19.—Dizzy, nausea, as after rich food; worse after standing, must sit down; feels as if she would fall if she closed her eyes.

October 26.—The same nausea. In stomach feeling as if something were pushing up.

November 6.—Acute pain across over eyes and bridge of nose. Cannot clear the head, nose stuffed. Soreness from nose through into throat. Feeling of a lump in throat, which goes down when swallowing, but returns; throat worse right side, worse on swallowing saliva. Tired, totters when walking.

From November 8th until January 5th she suffered from the following. They were so evident to her that she came into my