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A book that was wanted again. It was wanted again because it gives the practitioner all the information he needs on Venereal Diseases without unnecessary verbiage and at a price which is within the means of all.

The 'GONOBRHOEA' portion of the book has been thoroughly revised and enlarged with many a new remedy, which were absent from the previous edition, being added.

The 'SYPHILIS' portion of the book has been composed taking into consideration the modern method of treatment. It contains amongst others the History, the Pathology and the Symptomatic manifestations of the disease; the after effects of the Syphilitic infection where the disease has not been radically cured; the confirmed efficacy of the remedies; the verification of the superiority of the Homœopathic treatment over all other systems in vogue; the Diagnosis, the Prophylaxis and the Hygeinic treatment of the disease; the treatment followed by our best authorities to date down from Master Hahnemann; and a Therapeutic Glossary of appropriate remedies for both the Acquired and Congenital stages and to pick the remedies up at a glance.

Our attempts will be amply rewarded if the treatise proves helpful to those for whose benefit it has been published and be accepted as a reference-book among Homeopathic physicians.

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CHAPTER II.

GONORRHOEA IN THE FEMALE

CLINICAL HISTORY .- The disease which has but one cause, namely contact with a discharge containing the specific germs, the gonococci of Neisser, makes its appearance usually four or five days after an impure coition. In some cases, it may manifest itself a few hours after a coitus. Owing to the peculiar conformation of the female genital organs, this disorder is much less distressing in women than in men. In women, the urethra may or may not be involved and even if it be invaded, the disease, owing to shortness and dilatability of the canal, is not capable of producing such painful symptoms as in the other sex. Many cases pass on so insidiously that the patient is unaware of the grave affection behind and ascribe the specific discharge to Leucorrhœa. In most cases, the vagina and the urethra are involved. When the urethra is invaded, the patient experiences tingling and itching in the urethral canal and there is urging to urinate with scalding pain during urination. The orifice of the urethra swells up and there is discharge of pus from the same, associated with sympathetic inflammation of the ragina and the external parts. Even when the urethra is not involved, sensation of burning

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and smarting is experienced in making water, owing to urine flowing over the mucous membrane eroded as a result of intense inflammation. Very often there is inflammation of the vagina, characterised by heat, swelling, fulness and itching. Mucus and pus are discharged profusely. Small superficial ulcers form on the mucous membrane which looks redder than its usual colour. When the disease extends to the bladder. there is frequent urging to urinate and in severe cases, discharge of small quantities of blood or emission of bloody urine. In most of the cases, inflammation rarely remains localized in the site of infection but has a tendency to extend to different parts of the sexual organs, such as labia, vagina, neck of uterus and in severe cases the uterus itself, the Fallopian tubes and the ovaries. When the inflammation extends to the uterus, the disorder proves very serious and unmanageable. In such a case, there may be uterine hæmorrhage. The inflammatory stage of the disease may be attended with febrile symptoms. As inflammation and swelling run high, particularly when the vulvo-vaginal glands are involved, walking becomes very difficult, sometimes almost impossible.

TREAMENT—In treating this disease, rest in bed and light and non-stimulating diet must be enjoined. The external parts should be kept clean by frequent bathing and the vaginal canal several times irrigated

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with the help of a syringe, with a lotion of *Calendula* mother tincture (1 dr. of the tincture diluted with say 6 oz. of water). Dr. Carleton says that vaginal douches of *Chlorate of Potash* two drams to two quarts of warm water act very satisfactorily.

In selecting medicines for different stages of the disease, the readers should also study the symptoms of the same, noted in the previous chapter devoted to acute Gonorrhœa of the male and also the chapter on Gleet which follows.

In the beginning of the INFLAMMATORY STAGE, Aconite 3x four doses per day often greatly mitigates the symptoms. After Aconite, remedies like Cannabis sativa. Cantharis and Merc. sol. are called for. Dr. Jahr lays special stress on the first of these three medicines. He says that in most cases Cannabis sativa will effect a cure in two or three weeks provided its use is persisted in and the patient observes strictness in the matter of diet and regimen. We however cannot fully agree with him. No matter what the remedy or the disorder may be, if the medicinal agent employed fails to show sign of improvement in due time, it is evident that the medicine is not appropriate and persistence in the use of such a remedy can never atone for its inappropriateness. On the "other hand if such a remedy is kept on, it is prone to produce bad effects. In the acute stage of the disease, if Cannabis sativa, say 3x, administered three or four doses per day

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does not bring about any improvement in two to four days, the medicine is to be regarded as inappropriate.

Let us now give the leading indications of the principal remedies for the treatment of Gonorrhoea in the female in its ACUTE STAGE, that is, prior to its passing on to the chronic stage, Gleet. The indications will be found scanty here, as elsewhere, and should be replenished, where necessary, with other indications from the Materia Medica while studying any particular case.

Aconite—In the first stage of inflammation, this remedy almost always responds, particularly when attended with febrile symptoms. Vagina dry, hot and sensitive. Inflammatory symptoms with heat, swelling and redness of external parts, frequent urging to urinate.

Arsenic—With the discharge, sensation of burning, relieved by warm water; discharge excoriating. The discharge of this remedy is very offensive.

Argentum nitricum—Inflammation, violent burning while urinating; profuse and bloody discharge. Great soreness of parts which may ulcerate and bleed.

Aurum met.—Discharge profuse and light yellow and it excoriates the perinæum and inner parts of thighs. Burning and intolerable itching of the pudenda. Induration of the inguinal glands. Vesicular eruption on the parts.

Belladonna-Heat and dryness of vagina. Inflammation of vulva. Discharge of white mucus from vagina,