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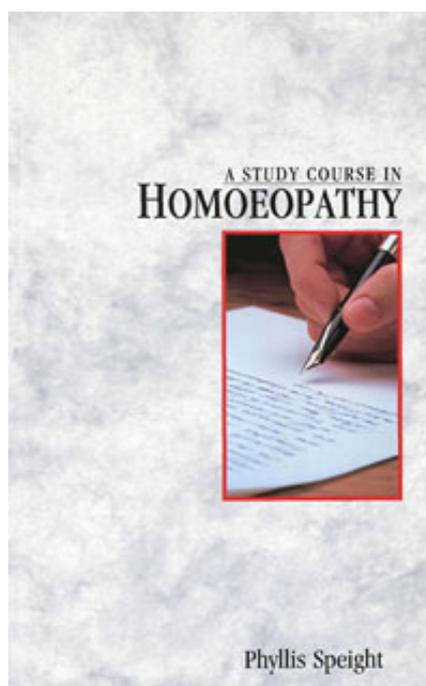
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Lesson 6

THE SYPHILITIC MIASM

Syphilis is a comparatively modern disease, but is the basis of many constitutional troubles. Let us first consider the contraction of the disease and its effects on the body. In Hahnemann's words — 'In impure coition the specific infection probably takes place instantaneously at the point of contact and friction.

'When the infection has taken hold, the whole living body is overcome with it. Directly after the moment of infection the formation of venereal disease begins in the whole of the interior . . . It is only after this penetration of the evil received into all the organs, only when the transformation of the whole man into a venereal subject . . . is complete . . . that the morbid state tries to ease and to palliate the internal evil by producing a local symptom (called a chancre) which first appears as a blister and then breaks out into a painful sore.'

We are not concerned in the primary contraction of syphilis. But we *are* concerned with the *effects* of the disease which have filtered down through generations affecting the constitutions of the children.

What are these effects? Syphilis is a deadly poison once driven internally, eating into the system, destroying certain constituent elements in tissues and altering the structure of bones and ligaments. In the first generation the off-spring of parents suffering from the disease show deep constitutional faults such as deformities and malformations, chronic catarrhal conditions, ulcers etc. The primary symptoms of the disease are not so apparent in the off-spring, the internal organs of the parents having already been contaminated by the disease.

In the second, and succeeding generations, these various manifestations gradually lose their major proportions and a tendency towards normality is observed. That this corrective process is a natural law can be demonstrated in other forms of life. For instance, artificially produced strains of flowers always

tend to 'throw-back' to their natural form, and it is a comforting thought that even the deadliest of man's diseases will tend to die out over the course of time, providing no other miasm has been introduced. It should be realised that rarely is one miasm alone active in a person, each of us inheriting the constitutional faults of both paternal and maternal ancestors.

In order to obtain a composite picture of the effects of syphilis, let us study some of the manifestations.

The chief characteristics are:

1. Deformed or altered construction
2. Indurations and ulcerations, and
3. A nightly aggravation of all complaints.

<i>Mind:</i>	The person is slow of comprehension, sullen, stupid, easily angered, suspicious. Dread of the night. Obstinacy. Keeps his troubles to himself. Gets fixed ideas which no amount of reasoning will remove. Mental troubles relieved by the breaking out of an ulcer, haemorrhage. Extreme types — criminals, sadists.
<i>Head:</i>	Dull and heavy headaches, usually commencing at the base of the head. These are sometimes one-sided, always worse at night, and getting better as morning approaches. Large heads, with profuse perspiration, giving off an unpleasant odour. Moist eruptions with yellow pus. Hair falls out in handfuls leaving bare spots, commencing at the vertex. Matted hair, smelling badly.
<i>Eyes:</i>	Malformation of eyeball. Ulcerations and inflammations. Dread of artificial light.
<i>Ears:</i>	Abscesses. Discharges from the ear. Meningeal troubles.
<i>Nose:</i>	Snuffles. Ulceration. Dark, greenish, black or brown crusts. Destruction of nasal bones.
<i>Face:</i>	Greyish, greasy appearance. Deep fissures in the lips. Children look old puckered, dried up, like old men.
<i>Mouth:</i>	Ulcers. Deformed teeth, decaying early. Upper and lower jaw out of alignment.
<i>Stomach:</i>	Aversion to meat. Desires cold food and drink.

	Many disturbances caused by too rich a diet.
<i>Chest:</i>	Changes in the structure of the chest.
<i>Abdomen:</i>	Sudden and severe diarrhoeas.
<i>Skin:</i>	Eruptions about joints, flexures of the body, and arranged in circular groupings. Copper coloured or raw-ham colour. Thick and heavy scales. Varicose ulcers are the last destructive manifestations on the skin. Ecchymoses and haemorrhagic conditions.
<i>Generals:</i>	Destruction of tissue. The periosteum and long bones especially attacked. Growing pains in children. All complaints worse at night and at the approach of storms.

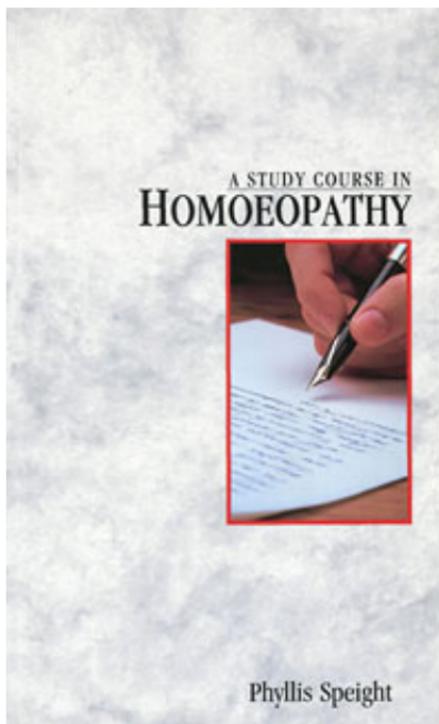
Hahnemann gave one remedy as being absolutely curative of uncomplicated Syphilis — Mercury. He emphasized that it should be 'the smallest dose of the best mercurial preparation.' Such symptoms as we shall observe, however, will be altered in character as we are endeavouring to recognise the *inherited* taint only. Many remedies may therefore be indicated according to the constitutional background of each individual, but these remedies will fall into the group of deep-acting remedies as Gale, fluor., Aurum., Acid fluor., Kali bich., etc.

Read and study Chapters 26, 27 and 28 of Roberts' *The Principles and Art of Cure by Homoeopathy*

The Sycotic Miasm

Sycosis, the 'fig-wart' disease, is the after effects of suppressed gonorrhoeal poison. When gonorrhoea has been naturally treated and thoroughly and completely cured, sycosis rarely develops. When, however, gonorrhoea has been suppressed and its poisons driven back into the system, the full destructive nature of the disease becomes apparent.

The first symptoms after suppression usually appear in anaemia and inflammatory conditions of any part of the body. Later symptoms take on many forms, but sycotic manifestations generally tend to infiltration and over-growth of tissue — warts and warty growths, deposits in the joints and tissues leading to rheumatic complaints, thickening of the skin and nails. The pelvic and sexual organs especially are attacked by this miasm.



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