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"Homeopathy"

It is difficult to comment with due gravity upon a subject so perfectly ridiculous and absurd. But the disciples of Hahnemann look upon it as the greatest and most scientific of all the methods of physic, and cling to it with an affection and ardor, worthy of a better cause. I declare in the beginning that it is only the nonsense in connection with the subject, that induces me to attack the system under consideration, and to raise my voice against such a humbug and the charlatans who fight under its black banner. I ask the whole civilized world such pretensions as the followers of this creed set up do
not reach the climax of toastful Charlatany and mendacious delusion. And it would be proper to state here that the poorer classes and the untutored are not the only ones that have been duped—but some of that class which claims intelligence—the upper tens have given into the Syren Song which was first sung by Hahnemann and now by his disciples and will continue to be sung until the legitimate Practitioners of Medicine rise up as one man and expose it in all of its distorted proportions. Condemn it not only in their practice but proclaim to the world the dangerous fallacies on which it is founded. Any man who was
not a dyspeptic, might swallow with perfect impunity many millions daily of the homoeopathic globules medicated with any drug or poison whatever in the middle or higher potencies of homoeopathic practitioners. Alone the globules made with sugar of milk or common sugar, would not suffice for the full maintenance and nourishment of the body. For physiological experiments have fully shown that sugar alone but the addition of starch or of nitrogenized good to the sugar would render it nutritious and suitable for the preservation and maintenance of life. If the globules were made as they are now sometimes recommended to be made
In the history of the human mind
few things are more interesting or
instructive than from time to time
to turn back and view the far
distant past, and see what strange
delusions characterized our forefathers in regard to the so-called science of their day and time, which have failed to stand the test of time, have been absorbed in the past, and others have been springing upon us, the most ridiculous of which is Homœopathy.
which too like its predecessors must
die "unwept,
unhonored
and unsung."
Of all the delusions of the past-
witchcraft—certainly is at the head
and is oftentimes referred to by modern
authors as a strange and well-known
example showing the incredible credul-
ity of our Ancestors. Indeed the
history of witchcraft is constantly
alluded to as showing conclusively
to what extent the human mind
may be gullied and what strange
thoughts take possession of the soul.
It is certainly astounding that our
Ancestors should, accorded credence
to the alleged workings and 

word
of witchcraft—yet we know too
painfully from the pages of history
that witchcraft "numbered its victims by tens of thousands and its victims by millions" — But we can always see the faults and follies of others more clearly than we can see our own. While we can appreciate the true character of past delusion, yet frequently are we blind to those which actually surround us.

Many of the disciples of Homœopathy would no doubt deem it quite derogatory to be classed with or as being less scientific than the legitimate practitioners. They no doubt would call it—insult—and would boil with rage and be fiend with indignation toward any man that would make the accusation
They would certainly show fight if they were to be accused of being no more rational in their creed than the now despised disciples of witchcraft—of former days—

"We are told that the witch business of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries believed that witchcraft had the power of bestowing animal transformation upon its votaries, that those possessed of its regenerating influence had the power of turning themselves into cats, dogs &c.

But Modern Homoeopathy hath taught transformation far more wonderful and marvelous. It has taught or attempted to teach that the itch insect or (Acarus Scabiei) or its
miasm, may appear both in the human mind and body under the shape of attributes and forms of many, very many diseases, as Mumps Mania Hypochondriasis Hysteria Cramps Dyspepsy bleeding at the nose and many others might be mentioned and also that these insects are the indirect or direct cause of Mormonism Atheism Bigotry & including a thousand other crimes and sins. Compare with the above the prevalent idea of the old witchfinders, detecting by certain signs, "the marking of Satan" was in fact not a whit more ridiculous and absurd than the modern idea of "Hahnemann detecting in various chronic affections"
the infallible sign of the itch insect
The Legitimate Practitioner is often severely censured for not bestowing upon every grade of Chastity, that may chance to arise more thought and consideration. This would be an endless and useless task; for the Legitimate Practitioner to lay down his works to pick up those of others would certainly be Nonsense. And no doubt would lead him into errors from which he might never rid himself. As well might the Preacher leave his religion to search and dive into others, as well might he throw aside his Bible and ecclesiastical duties to investigate the various creeds and false revelations which
swarm over our Country like the
locusts of old Egypt.
Hahnemann in different portions
of his "Organon" very assiduously
attempts to show that the law of
"Homoopathy" "Similia Similibus
Curantur" is the universal law by
which Nature attempts the cure
of disease. Thus he would say that
the eye, when it had gazed on some
bright object until vision was
completely gone, all that had to be
done would be to turn and gaze
at the Sun for relief.
That remedies differ in result
according to the dose administered
is an established fact with the
Legitimate Practitioners. Thus according
to the dose exhibited Ipecacuanha Antimony &c. May be made to act—
either as an emetic or nauseant—or
as diaphoretic. Suppository of
Potash & turpentine may be
made to act—as a diuresis or as
purgatives, but these effects must
depend upon the quantity given.
Opium too may be given so as
to act either as a sedative or as
a stimulant. But the creed that
we are opposing deny all this
and which every Man woman and
Child know to be the fact—just
facts that were established by the
Fathers of Medicine, propagated by
them and through them have
descended to us as an heritage.
No Man can practice Medicine with honor to himself or to the profession without a knowledge of the effects of medicines when given in different proportions. And No Man should be permitted to do so who would deny that medicines produce effects according to the quantity administered.

Again: Homoeopathists say and aver that they do not wish to bring a new practice into a solitary branch. But we know better—we know that they have used every exertion and have left no stone unturned in their endeavors to overthrow and sink into utter oblivion the system of Medicine...
which has withstood the storms and tempests in past times—and is still shining as the brightest star in the Medical firmament—and will still continue to shine in all its brightness and glory in all coming time as a beacon to those tempest-tossed on the billows of disease.”—It demands for the field of its reformation the whole territory of practical medicine joins issue with Homoeopathy in every inch of its possessions and will beat it eventually from its fastnesses in the morasses of false experience of vain hypotheses and delusive theory.”—Then was a time in the history of our Country
when these charlatans were few and far between. But their ingenuity has established several colleges for the purpose of licensing practitioners of Homoeopathy. And in England they have established an almighty oath which has to be taken with all the solemnity imaginable, before the candidate can become eligible for the position. And of course "swear eternal enmity to the Roman". The oath is too ridiculous to repeat. It is certainly the most illiberal and ungentlemanly undertaking ever gotten up by man ---

The legitimate Practitioners have no secrets to cover by an oath and the Lecturers come upon the
Stand in the language of Dr. Meigs with their hearts in their hands, a man is a poor one indeed in the practice of physic if he cannot do his duty without taking an oath to support this or that system. This of itself is enough to condemn the Homoeopathists. Yes, enough to brand them with eternal infamy and sink them lower than oblivion itself—The time in our humble opinion is not far distant when Homoeopathy will not even be remembered in song. It will be buried in a dark corner of some benighted land, and around its grave will collect its followers to sing the last song of praise, its last requiem. And with downcast—
and lengththy faces will they roam all up and down the whole creation and nothing can console them for 'homoeopathy they will exclaim is dead and we know not what to do— They will be like the dinner in the last day. They will call on the rocks and mountains to fall upon them and hide them from the face of the legitimate practitioners.