

Summary Samuel Hahnemann, **Organon of the Art of Healing, 6th edition**

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Organon § 1 to 10

The doctor's primary and only goal is to heal sick people by making them well. Unlike many doctors to date, he should not lose himself in theoretical systems or incomprehensible explanations about the inner nature of illnesses. Instead, he should act by quickly, gently and sustainably restoring health or eliminating the disease in the safest possible way.

To be a true healer, the physician must clearly recognize the disease and the remedies and adjust them accordingly to ensure recovery. In addition, the doctor should also act as a health maintainer by removing the causes of health disorders.

The symptoms and signs of the disease help the doctor to determine the right treatment and to understand the disease.

An unbiased observer focuses on the externally recognizable changes in the body and mind of the sick person, as these symptoms represent the disease. Furthermore, the text emphasizes that once these symptoms are removed, nothing but health remains.

Traditional medicine, which focused on combating symptoms, is criticized because it did not lead to a cure but often made the disease worse. Instead, it is emphasized that the symptoms are the main criterion for selecting the treatment to cure the disease and restore health.

In addition, the importance of the life force, which animates the organism in a healthy and diseased state, is emphasized. Without this life force, the material body is lifeless and incapable of self-regulation.

Overall, it is emphasized that the doctor's main goal is to understand and treat the symptoms in order to cure the disease and restore health, rather than getting lost in theoretical concepts.

§§ 11 to 20

The text refers to the idea that diseases are not caused by material influences alone, but also by a kind of invisible force called the "life force" or "life principle". This life force is described as spiritual and dynamic, and the effects of diseases and remedies are seen as dynamic and invisible influences on this life principle.

The connection between medicines and their effect on the organism is not seen as purely material or mechanical, but as a kind of spiritual, dynamic influence that affects the life principle. The idea is that medicines have an effect on the body not only because of their material composition, but also because of their dynamic forces.

The text also refers to the idea that symptoms of illness are an expression of changes in this spiritual life force and that healing aims to eliminate these imbalances in order to restore health.

§§ 21 to 30

Homeopathy is based on the idea that remedies produce symptoms in healthy people that are similar to the symptoms of the disease they are intended to cure. It is argued that healing occurs through the production of similar symptoms. In conventional approaches, such as the allopathic method, remedies are used that are not directly related to the symptoms of the disease.

The homeopathic method, on the other hand, aims to treat the totality of symptoms of a disease by seeking a remedy that produces similar symptoms in healthy people. The homeopathic remedies are intended to eliminate the natural symptoms of the disease by triggering a stronger, similar artificial disease reaction, which then overcomes the disease state.

The healing power of homeopathic remedies is based on the principle that a weaker artificial disease affection can permanently eradicate the natural disease in the organism if it is similar to it. This method has proven itself in experience, whereby remedies that closely resemble the symptoms of similar diseases can successfully treat the disease.

Homeopathy explains diseases as dynamic imbalances of the vital force and relies on the homeopathic remedies to eliminate these imbalances by creating a stronger, similar affection. The process involves the creation of an artificial state of illness that surpasses the natural state of illness and thus activates the self-healing powers.

It is emphasized that this explanation is based on **pure experience** and less on scientific models. Homeopathy aims to overcome the natural symptoms of disease by using remedies that produce similar symptoms and to steer the organism towards health.

§§ 31 to 40

The author explains that hostile potencies in a person's life, whether psychological or physical, which are referred to as pathological harmfulnesses, do not necessarily have the power to influence the human condition pathologically. He emphasizes that illnesses should rather be seen as a spiritual, dynamic disorder of life that only leads to illness when the organism is susceptible and ready to be attacked by the cause of the illness.

In contrast, artificial disease potencies, i.e. medicines, affect every living person at all times and produce specific symptoms. This is in contrast to natural diseases, which do not affect everyone at all times.

The text points out that the greater power of medicines lies in curing diseases, provided that they are similar to the disease to be cured. It is argued that dissimilar diseases cannot cure each other, but at most suppress or complicate each other, while still persisting.

Conventional medicine, according to the author, treats chronic diseases with drugs that are not similar enough to cure the disease, but only temporarily suppress it. However, this does not cure the actual disease, but may cause it to recur over time or even develop into a more complex disease.

Overall, the text argues that similarity between the artificially created disease and the natural disease is necessary to achieve healing, and that conventional medicine is often unable to fulfill this principle by addressing diseases with dissimilar treatments.

§§ 41 to 50

The text describes that inappropriate medical treatments often lead to complications and new, protracted illnesses that develop alongside the original disease. This happens when dissimilar diseases develop through repeated administration of inappropriate medication. Such complications are difficult to cure and often render patients incurable or even fatal. In contrast, similar diseases that meet can cancel each other out and heal homeopathically, as happens in the natural course of healing. Examples are given of how similar diseases, such as human smallpox, have been successfully cured. It is emphasized that homeopathy is based on treating and curing similar diseases. It is also pointed out that nature offers homeopathic cures, as with the diseases scabies, measles and smallpox. Nevertheless, the use of these diseases as remedies can be difficult and dangerous. Although they exist in nature, they are not ideal remedies as their administration is complicated and the dosage is not always easy to adjust. However, it should be noted that homeopathic cures are possible when similar diseases come together and can cancel each other out.

§§ 51 to 60

The text criticizes allopathic medicine, which is based on symptomatic treatment and often uses palliative measures. It is claimed that allopathic treatment often leads to short-term improvements, followed by a worsening of symptoms or the disease. This is described as ineffective and even harmful.

Furthermore, the criticism of Broussais' physiological system is emphasized, which aims to deprive the patient of blood and exhaust his vitality. It is claimed that this leads to

leads to temporary relief of symptoms, but ultimately worsens the condition and may lead to death.

§ 61 to 70

The text explains that every remedy that acts on the body has an **initial effect and an after-effect**. Homeopathic remedies may initially produce symptoms similar to the disease itself, but these symptoms quickly disappear, whereas with antipathic treatment, the symptoms are initially suppressed but later return in greater intensity.

§ 71 to 80

Hahnemann argues that human diseases consist of groups of certain symptoms and that similar pathological symptoms can be artificially produced by medicines and then used for healing. He formulates three important points for the healing business:

- I. How the doctor researches what he needs to know about the disease in order to cure it.
- II. How the doctor researches tools to cure natural diseases.
- III. How the doctor best uses these artificial disease potencies (remedies) for healing.

Hahnemann describes two types of diseases: acute and chronic. Acute diseases occur quickly and can be caused by various influences such as overexertion, cold or excitement. Chronic diseases, on the other hand, develop gradually and can be caused by a chronic infection (miasm).

He criticized allopathic medicine, which was common at the time and whose treatment methods often caused chronic diseases that were incurable for homeopathy. He emphasizes that homeopathy is only effective against natural diseases, but not against the damage caused by incorrect medical treatments.

Hahnemann calls the chronic miasm psora, which he sees as the cause of numerous forms of disease. He describes psora as a fundamental cause of many diseases that appear under various names such as nervous weakness, gout, deafness, cancer, etc.

§§ 81 to 90

It discusses how diseases develop over time and can occur in different forms. Particular reference is made to the variety of causes and circumstances that can contribute to a wide range of chronic diseases. It

It is criticized that many diseases are wrongly regarded and treated as independent, fixed diseases, although they often only have similar symptoms.

It also emphasizes the need to consider and treat each disease individually. It is pointed out that the conventional names for diseases are often inaccurate and misleading, as they do not take into account the diversity of individual disease symptoms.

The text also discusses homeopathic treatment and explains the importance of accurately identifying the specific symptoms and characteristics of a disease to ensure appropriate treatment. It is recommended that a detailed and comprehensive examination of each case of illness is carried out to enable an accurate diagnosis to be made.

§§ 91 to 100

Hahnemann emphasizes that the pure symptoms and complaints before the use of the remedy or after several days of exposure to remedies represent the authentic picture of the original disease. The physician should therefore record and observe these symptoms carefully. In a protracted disease, it may be beneficial to leave the patient without medicines for a few days to clearly record the unmixed symptoms of the old ailment.

For **acute diseases** that progress rapidly, physicians must be satisfied with the altered state of the disease caused by the remedies if the symptoms observed before the use of the remedy are no longer detectable. They should concentrate on the current form of the disease, which includes both the original disease and the disease caused by the medicines.

The physician should question the patient or their family regarding the cause of the illness, especially if it relates to dishonorable circumstances that the patient may not wish to disclose. These may include intoxication, suicidal thoughts, sexual activity, excessive alcohol or drug use, emotional distress and traumatic events.

Particular attention should be paid to **chronic diseases**, where the doctor should consider the specific circumstances of the patient's life in order to identify factors that could trigger or maintain the disease.

The detailed investigation of disease symptoms, especially in chronic diseases, is crucial, as patients are often accustomed to their complaints for a long time and ignore minor but characteristic symptoms that could be important for healing.

Patients have different personalities: Some may exaggerate their complaints, while others may withhold or vaguely describe complaints for shame or other reasons.

It is recommended to believe the patients' statements about their symptoms, as the reports of family members or caregivers can often be distorted. Nevertheless, the comprehensive investigation of diseases, especially chronic ones, requires special care and patience on the part of the doctor.

In the case of acute illnesses, patients and their relatives can describe the current symptoms more easily, as these are still fresh in their minds. Nevertheless, it is important to research all information carefully.

In the study of **epidemics** and sporadic diseases, the novelty or specificity of an epidemic is irrelevant. The physician must research the pure picture of each prevalent disease from the ground up, as each epidemic can be different, even if it is similarly named.

Hahnemann emphasized the need to carry out an accurate, individual and comprehensive examination of each disease to ensure appropriate treatment, especially in homeopathy.

§§ 101 to 110

Hahnemann discusses the observation and recording of epidemics and chronic diseases. He emphasizes that the complete picture of an epidemic or a chronic disease is not only revealed by observing a single patient, but only by **studying several cases**. Even if the doctor comes close to finding the right cure for the epidemic in the first or second case, the picture of the disease becomes more complete and characteristic by recording the symptoms of several cases.

Particularly in the case of chronic diseases, such as psora, each patient only has some of the symptoms. In order to obtain a complete description, many cases of chronically ill patients must be analyzed. This is the only way to find specific, homeopathically effective remedies.

Hahnemann speaks out against traditional allopathic treatment, in which doctors often do not grasp all the details of a patient's illness and administer prescribed remedies based on little information. He emphasizes the need for thorough research into the clinical picture of each individual patient and a specific cure based on this.

For homeopathy, he emphasizes the importance of understanding the unique effects of individual remedies on the human condition. He argues that these effects can only be clearly perceived by testing the remedies on healthy people in moderate doses. Hahnemann himself was the first to take this path in order to understand the specific clinical pictures and thus make homeopathic healing possible.

He also criticized the traditional practices of medicine, which did not focus on in-depth research into the diseases and individual symptoms of patients, and emphasized the importance of the homeopathic method as the only true cure for non-surgical diseases. Hahnemann's belief in homeopathy as the only way to cure disease was based on his many years of research and practical application of this method.

§§ 111 to 120

Epidemic diseases: The doctor might not immediately recognize a complete picture of the disease when an epidemic first occurs. Only by observing several cases can he collect the symptoms and signs to develop a comprehensive picture of the disease. Nevertheless, the doctor may already be close enough to the true condition in the first or second patient to find a suitable, homeopathically appropriate remedy.

Writing down the symptoms: By recording the symptoms of several cases, the clinical picture becomes more complete and characteristic. This helps to better understand the specific features of a disease and to choose a suitable homeopathic remedy.

Chronic diseases such as Psora: Similar to epidemic diseases, chronic diseases must also be understood by combining symptoms from different patients in order to find the appropriate homeopathic remedy.

Doctor-patient interaction: In contrast to conventional approaches, where doctors often ask superficial questions about symptoms and prescribe treatments, homeopathy relies on a detailed examination of each individual patient to provide specific treatment.

Drug selection and effects: The choice of remedies is based on precise knowledge of the effects of the disease. Homeopathy emphasizes the need to understand the disease effects of remedies through systematic experimentation on healthy individuals in order to select the best remedies.

Research into the effects of medicines: The pure effects of medicines on the human organism must be recorded in order to find suitable remedies for diseases.

Fundamentals of homeopathy: Homeopathy states that the effects of remedies on illnesses can provide indications of their healing effect on similar illnesses. It emphasizes that observing the changes in the state of health that remedies cause in healthy bodies is crucial to understanding their healing power.

§§ 121 to 130

When **testing medicinal products** for their effects in the healthy body, various factors must be taken into account:

Even small amounts of strong substances can cause changes in well-being, even in robust individuals.

Mild-acting substances require larger quantities for such tests, while the weakest should only be tested in sensitive individuals without illnesses.

Only remedies that are precisely known and convincing in terms of purity, authenticity and potency must be used for these trials.

The remedies should be taken in a simple form, either as fresh juice for native plants or as a powder for foreign plants, in order to preserve their full effectiveness.

During the test period, the diet should be simple, without spicy or irritating foods.

The test person must be trustworthy, conscientious and able to describe their feelings clearly. In addition, a moderate lifestyle and attention to one's own well-being are required.

The effects of the drugs should be tested on both men and women in order to record gender-specific changes.

It has been found that the full effect of medicinal substances is often better achieved in highly diluted forms, which is potentiated by rubbing and shaking the substances.

If the reaction to a single dose is weak, further doses can be gradually increased, as the strength of the effect varies from person to person.

It is advisable to start with a small dose and gradually increase the dosage in order to observe the subject's reactions appropriately.

A comparison of several trials is necessary to determine the duration of the medicinal effect and to document the exact sequence of symptoms that occur.

These careful tests serve to provide certainty and understanding of the effect of medicines and have an impact on the entire art of healing and the well-being of future generations.

§§ 131 to 140

Repeated administration and observation of symptoms: In order to observe the reactions to a drug, repeated doses must be given in increasing doses over several days. This may result in different symptoms, but the sequence of symptoms may be blurred as one dose may alleviate or exacerbate the symptoms caused by a previous dose.

Increased doses for weak medicines: For weak medicines, it is better to administer increased doses daily to show their effect, especially in sensitive people.

Observation and recording of symptoms: To accurately determine symptoms, it is important to take different positions and observe how symptoms change under different conditions such as exercise, eating, drinking or at different times of the day.

Diverse observations for a comprehensive insight: In order to understand the full spectrum of disease elements that a drug can produce, observations on different people of different sexes and different physical and mental conditions are required.

Homeopathic principles: Medicines have the property of producing similar symptoms in healthy persons as those to be treated in sick persons. The tendency of the remedy to produce certain symptoms exists in every person according to the homeopathic principle.

Suitable dosage for clear observations: The dosage of a remedy for trials should be moderate so that the initial effects can be clearly observed without side effects or counter-reactions of the organism interfering with the observations.

Need for accurate documentation: All complaints and changes in well-being occurring during the drug effect must be considered symptoms of the drug and accurately recorded, regardless of whether the person has experienced similar symptoms before.

Recording and questioning the test person: If the remedy is tested on another person, this person should clearly write down his or her sensations, complaints and changes in well-being or report them to the doctor on a daily basis.

In summary, these sections deal with how drug trials should be conducted in order to accurately observe and evaluate their effects on the human organism.

document. The methods aim to record the symptoms and reactions to medicines in healthy individuals in order to understand and optimize their use in diseases.

§ 141 to 150

Self-tests and drug trials: A physician should test remedies on himself to understand their effects on the human condition and artificial disease states. This is considered one of the best methods to understand the true healing power of medicines. Through self-experimentation, the physician gains a deeper understanding of his own sensations and becomes a better observer.

Materia Medica: These self-experiments and tests result in a Materia Medica, a collection of medicines and their specific effects on the human condition. This serves as the basis for homeopathy in order to find suitable remedies for illnesses.

Homeopathic cure: Homeopathic treatment is based on the rule of similars, where a medicine that causes similar symptoms in a healthy person is used to cure similar symptoms in a sick person.

Chronic diseases: Chronic diseases require more time to recover. They often arise as a result of inappropriate allopathic treatments which, instead of curing the natural disease, can make it worse.

Remedy selection: The selection of the correct homeopathic remedy requires careful observation and a precise knowledge of the Materia Medica. The wrong choice of remedy can impair recovery or even make it impossible.

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§§ 161 to 170

Homeopathic aggravation: In acute illnesses, homeopathic medicines can initially intensify symptoms of the illness. This occurs in the first few hours of treatment. Such aggravations should not occur with long-acting remedies to combat old or long-standing diseases. The correct remedy in small, gradually increased doses can prevent such aggravations.

Repeated administration of remedies: Repeated doses of small, modified doses of long-acting remedies can also be used in chronic diseases without the exacerbations of the original symptoms. Such exacerbations usually only occur when healing is almost complete.

Partial correspondence of the remedy symptoms: Sometimes a selected remedy corresponds to only a part of the symptoms of the disease to be cured. This can lead to secondary symptoms, but a considerable part of the disease is cured without significant discomfort.

Few homeopathic symptoms in the remedy: Few but characteristic symptoms of the selected remedy cannot interfere with the cure as long as these symptoms particularly characterize the disease.

Absence of similar symptoms between the disease and the remedy: If there is no exact correspondence between the characteristic symptoms of the disease and the selected remedy, the homeopath cannot expect immediate results.

Change of remedies: If a remedy causes secondary symptoms, the altered disease state is reassessed and a new, more suitable homeopathic remedy is chosen. This process continues until the patient's health is restored.

Choice between two suitable remedies: If two remedies are competing to match the symptoms of the illness, the choice should not blindly fall on the second best remedy. Instead, the remedy that best matches the current symptoms should be chosen.

§§ 171 to 180

Main point 1:

In chronic diseases arising out of a basic disorder called Psora, a successive application of several antipsoric remedies is often required. Each subsequent remedy should be selected homeopathically based on the remaining symptoms after the effect of the previous remedy.

Main point 2:

The difficulty of healing sometimes lies in the small number of symptoms of the disease. By increasing the knowledge of homeopathic medicines, this difficulty could be overcome.

Main point 3:

One-sided diseases, which are characterized by a few main symptoms, make diagnosis and treatment more difficult. These can occur either as internal ailments (e.g. chronic headaches, prolonged diarrhea) or external ailments (local diseases).

Main point 4:

Sometimes it is due to the doctor's inattention if not all symptoms of a unilateral disease are recorded. In rare cases, only a few strong symptoms may be present, while others are less obvious.

Main point 5:

In such rare cases, doctors must first use the few symptoms present to select a homeopathic remedy. However, this remedy cannot always treat all the symptoms of the disease accurately.

Main point 6:

The selected medicine may be partially suitable, but due to the limited number of symptoms, secondary symptoms may occur. These could cause or intensify previously unnoticed or only rarely noticed symptoms of the disease.

§§ 181 to 190

The text describes that the choice of homeopathic remedy may be imperfect due to possible deficiencies in the number of symptoms. This imperfection could lead to the remedy only partially treating similar symptoms of the disease and possibly causing side effects. Nevertheless, the new symptoms originate from the disease itself and were merely caused by the remedy.

It is emphasized that the symptoms experienced should be considered as part of the current disease state and treated accordingly. If the first remedy no longer brings about any improvement, it is important to reassess the current state of the disease and select a new, more suitable homeopathic remedy. This process is repeated until recovery occurs.

Furthermore, it is pointed out that so-called local complaints on external parts of the body often have internal causes and must therefore be treated with internal remedies in order to cure the general ailment.

The sections emphasize the inadequacies in the traditional treatment of such complaints and argue for a more holistic approach to homeopathy in order to treat the underlying causes of the condition and achieve a comprehensive cure.

§§ 191 to 200

Hahnemann confirms the experience that a homeopathically selected remedy brings about significant changes in the body. This remedy not only acts locally, but has a healing effect on the entire organism. In order to choose the right homeopathic remedy, all symptoms and the entire clinical picture must be recorded precisely.

The homeopathic remedy administered internally can cure the entire disease state together with a local ailment, which shows that the local ailment is a part of a larger

clinical picture. Hahnemann emphasizes that it is not advisable to use external remedies for acute or long-lasting local ailments. Even in acute local complaints that are not caused by external damage, they normally give way to internal homeopathic remedies alone.

For chronic local ailments that are not obviously caused by an infection, internal treatment is preferable. The exclusive external application of homeopathic remedies to local symptoms of chronic diseases is not recommended, as the main symptom may disappear while the actual disease persists in the body.

Hahnemann warns that the sole external application of curative remedies could cause the main symptom to disappear before the internal disease is completely cured. This could make it difficult or even impossible to assess the disease as a whole.

If the homeopathic remedy is not found in time and the external symptom has already been removed by corrosive agents or surgery, the choice of the appropriate remedy for internal healing becomes more difficult.

The external removal of the main symptom can hinder the cure of the overall disease by removing the necessary clues for the selection of the homeopathic remedy. When the right homeopathic remedy is found for the overall disease and the internal application leads to the cure of the local ailment, it shows the success of the treatment and the eradication of the disease to the root. This method allows for a more complete and effective cure.

Overall, Hahnemann emphasized the importance of using homeopathic remedies not only locally but also internally in order to treat the entirety of the disease and promote healing down to the root.

§§ 201 to 210

Origin of local nausea: Hahnemann describes that when the vital force is unable to overcome a chronic disease, it sometimes decides to form an external symptom to compensate for the internal suffering. This external symptom serves as a substitute, but does not alleviate the underlying disease.

External treatments of local symptoms: Conventional medical treatment aims to remove these external symptoms without curing the underlying disease. Hahnemann criticized this approach as harmful and the cause of countless chronic ailments.

Chronic miasms and their treatment: Hahnemann distinguishes three main causes of chronic diseases: internal syphilis, internal sycosis and, above all, internal psora. He argues that these miasms are present long before their external symptoms appear. Curing these miasms requires thorough homeopathic treatment.

Homeopathic treatment: A homeopathic doctor not only treats the external symptoms but aims to cure the underlying miasm. This is done by selecting a remedy that matches the patient's symptoms in order to combat the disease.

Diagnosis and individual treatment: Before the actual treatment, the doctor conducts detailed discussions with the patient in order to create a complete clinical picture. He takes into account not only the physical symptoms, but also the patient's mental state, living environment and lifestyle.

Diseases of the mind and spirit: Hahnemann emphasizes that mental illnesses are part of the overall picture of disease and that a patient's state of mind is an important aspect of symptoms that must be considered in treatment.

In summary, Hahnemann emphasizes the importance of a thorough, individual examination and a homeopathic treatment that is not only aimed at the external symptoms, but at curing the underlying disease.

§§ 211 to 220

It is also mentioned that many so-called **mental and emotional diseases** are actually physical diseases where the symptoms of the mental and emotional disorder increase while the physical symptoms decrease. It is emphasized that homeopathy aims to find a disease potency that shows similar symptoms to the present disease in the patient's body and mind.

The text passages also describe how physical illnesses, which can be life-threatening, can become mental and emotional illnesses. The symptoms of the physical illness can improve, while the mental and emotional disorders become more dominant and a one-sided illness develops.

It is emphasized that researching the overall symptoms, both the body symptoms and the specific mental and emotional state, is of great importance in order to choose a homeopathic remedy that is similar in its effect to the patient's present symptoms.

Finally, it is mentioned that a comprehensive description of the previous physical illness before it became a mental and emotional illness, as well as a close observation of the patient's current mental and emotional state, are necessary to obtain the complete clinical picture for successful homeopathic treatment.

§§ 221 to 230

The text goes on to explain that **mental illnesses** arising from physical ailments should be treated with homeopathic remedies specific to the internal disease miasm. It is also pointed out that the support of the relatives and the physician plays an important role in the mental care of the patient, with certain behaviors being indicated according to the nature of the mental manifestations.

Furthermore, the text emphasizes that certain mental illnesses arising from emotional distress can be improved by psychological remedies such as confidence, rational conversation and understanding. Nevertheless, it is pointed out that even in these cases there is an underlying miasmatic background that needs to be addressed through comprehensive homeopathic treatment to prevent relapse.

§§ 231 to 240

The text talks about different types of alternating diseases. There are diseases that return at certain times, such as intermittent fever, as well as those in which different disease states alternate at unspecified times.

There are diseases in which two or even three conditions can alternate with each other. This could be pain in the feet that occurs when an eye inflammation subsides and then reappears when the pain in the limbs subsides. It can also alternate between twitching/convulsions and other bodily ailments. Sometimes periods of increased health with increased mental and physical strength, followed by gloomy mood and moodiness can occur in triple alternating states. Often the alternating states are very contradictory, such as melancholy and cheerful madness.

These diseases mostly belong to the chronic diseases and are mainly the result of psora (skin disease). Sometimes they can also be rarely associated with a syphilitic miasm.

There are typical intermittent illnesses in which a pathological condition returns at certain intervals and then subsides again. This applies to both feverless conditions and febrile intermittent fevers.

The treatment of these diseases requires homeopathic remedies that take into account the patient's condition during the fever-free period. The remedy is best administered after the attack has subsided in order to support the natural changes in the organism towards health.

There are various types of alternating fevers, which differ in their alternating states. The choice of homeopathic remedies depends on the specific symptoms and the nature of the individual cases.

Ideally, the homeopathic remedy should be administered after each attack, and in some cases a single dose can alleviate several attacks or even restore health.

If the specific remedy for a particular epidemic of alternating fevers does not cure completely, the underlying cause may be the psoric miasm and antipsoric remedies are then required for complete cure.

§§ 241 to 250

The author emphasizes that epidemics of alternating fevers, which occur in areas where they are not normally endemic, are of the nature of chronic diseases composed of isolated acute attacks. Each epidemic has a unique character that points to a specific homeopathic remedy that can help the afflicted individuals, provided they have not previously had a developed chronic disease.

If the first attacks of an epidemic remain untreated or the patients have been weakened by allopathic treatment, psora, a chronic disease, can develop and take on the type of alternating fever. In such cases, the originally helpful remedy will no longer be suitable.

Alternating fevers affecting individuals outside swampy areas require homeopathic remedies initially, but these may not be sufficient if recovery is delayed. In such cases, a pending psora indicates that antipsoric remedies are needed.

People in swamp areas can remain healthy as long as they maintain a healthy lifestyle. Swamp endemic intermittent fever can be treated with high potency quinine preparations, provided the lifestyle is in order.

The author discusses homeopathic treatment and emphasizes the importance of correct remedy selection, potentization and repeated administration according to the patient's reaction. He mentions that repeated administration of a remedy in the same potency is impracticable as the patient's vital principle no longer responds to it. Instead, he suggests varying the potency to maintain the response of the vital principle.

The correct dilution of the remedy is discussed and the author gives instructions on how to prepare the medicinal solution for ingestion. The repeated administration of highly potentized remedies is mentioned as long as it is appropriate for the disease and does not cause any undesirable symptoms.

Finally, the author emphasizes that any remedy that produces new symptoms during its action that are not peculiar to the disease and are troublesome should not be considered homeopathically selected. It must either be partially neutralized by an antidote or replaced by a more suitable homeopathic remedy.

§§ 251 to 260

Some remedies have a modifying effect on people's condition, which mainly consists of interactions that can sometimes cause opposing symptoms.

If a strictly homeopathically selected remedy does not bring about an improvement, a new, more subtle administration of the same remedy can achieve the desired effect in many cases.

In chronic diseases, the lack of improvement despite the homeopathically chosen remedy indicates that a cause that maintains the disease persists and originates from the patient's life order or environment and needs to be eliminated.

The patient's mood and behavior are important signs of improvement or aggravation, especially in acute illnesses.

When using homeopathic remedies, the dosage is crucial: too large doses can initially have too strong an effect and hinder improvement.

The healer must carefully observe even minor signs of improvement or aggravation in order to draw conclusions about the effect of the remedy.

It is important not to place premature trust in wrongly chosen remedies or to select remedies based on personal preference rather than their homeopathic nature.

In order not to impair the effect of the homeopathic doses, all other potentially medicinal influences must be removed from the patient's diet and lifestyle.

For the chronically ill, a close examination of such obstacles is crucial for healing, as their illness has often been exacerbated by invisible errors in their lifestyle.

A variety of foods, drinks, lifestyles and environmental factors can interfere with the effect of homeopathic treatment and should therefore be avoided to enable successful healing.

§§ 261 to 270

In these sections, Hahnemann talks about various aspects of homeopathic treatment, including lifestyle in chronic and acute illnesses, the preparation and potentization of remedies, and the importance of homeopathy to the art of healing.

In general, he emphasizes the importance of an appropriate lifestyle to remove obstacles to healing and to choose the right remedies for recovery. He also talks about the way to prepare homeopathic remedies through potentization and dilution to develop their healing power.

Hahnemann emphasizes the importance of having the most complete and genuine remedies available and that the true healer should be able to rely on their healing power. He describes the potentization of medicines by rubbing and shaking as a means of developing the inner, spirit-like medicinal powers of the substances in order to influence the patient's life principle and state of health.

§§ 271 to 280

Production of homeopathic remedies: Hahnemann argued that doctors should prepare homeopathic remedies **themselves** until the state took over and made them available to qualified homeopathic doctors free of charge.

Preparation and administration: The remedies are administered in a highly diluted form in order to increase their effectiveness. The trituration of substances into tiny globules or their dissolution in water are described as common practices.

Single administration of remedies: It is emphasized that only a single, individual medicinal substance should be used at a time. Homeopathy prohibits the simultaneous use of different remedies.

Dosage: The dosage is crucial, as even homeopathically selected remedies in excessive quantities can be harmful. The ideal dosage is small and homeopathically balanced to enable gentle healing.

Increasing the dosage: The dosage is gradually increased until the patient shows an improvement. This indicates an approach to healing and shows that the homeopathic remedy is working.

Caution with overdoses: Excessive doses or repeated doses of a homeopathic remedy can lead to a more severe medicinal condition that can be difficult to cure.

Individual dosage: The optimal dosage of a homeopathic remedy depends on various factors and requires careful observation and adaptation to the patient's individual condition.

§§ 281 to 290

§ 282 emphasizes the importance of correct dosing and dynamization of homeopathic remedies, especially for chronic diseases. The treatment of obvious skin diseases such as scabies or genital warts requires specific remedies in higher degrees of dynamization and larger quantities.

§ 283 points out that the homeopathic physician should be extremely careful when choosing the remedy in order to avoid a possible aggravation of the symptoms.

§ Section 284 emphasizes the importance of administering homeopathic medicines in small doses to minimize possible adverse effects if the wrong medicine is administered.

§ Section 285 describes the possibility of applying the homeopathic remedy externally to promote healing, especially in the treatment of old diseases.

§ 286 talks about how electricity, galvanism and magnetism can also have an effect on the life principle and possibly help to cure diseases, especially sensory and irritation disorders.

§ 287 and § 288 deal with the use of magnets for healing and describe various techniques for treating the sick and balancing their life force.

§ 289 and § 290 describe positive and negative mesmerism as well as massaging as possible techniques for curing diseases by acting on the body's life force.

§§ 291

Pure water baths have both palliative and homeopathic properties. They can help with acute complaints and the recovery of the chronically ill, taking into account the patient's condition, the temperature of the water and the duration and frequency of the baths. Although they can bring about positive physical changes in the body, they are not medicines in themselves.

Lukewarm water baths in the range of 25 to 27 degrees Celsius can restore the irritability of the fibers, which is impaired in persons with suspended animation (frostbite, drowning, suffocation). Together with coffee and rubbing, they can be effective, especially in cases of unevenly distributed irritability and certain conditions such as hysterical convulsions and infantile seizures.

Ice-cold water baths in the range of 10 to 6 degrees Celsius can serve as homeopathic support for the recovery of people with chronic illnesses and low body heat. These baths are intended to restore the tone of the slackened fibers by repeating them several times over a longer period of time at increasingly lower temperatures. This palliative measure has a purely physical effect and is not associated with the potentially detrimental dynamic medicinal measures.