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INTRODUCTION

Homoeopathic Treatment of Coma. The author is dr Maganlal b. Desai a physician with long experience, focuses on practical aspects, case illustrations, and a unique homoeopathic topic of coma and its homoeopathic treatment. It discusses coma comprehensively, covering its causes, pathology, and clinical manifestations, with a specific focus on treatment approaches in homoeopathy.

The author emphasizes understanding the "background" or underlying hereditary or acquired factors that create a predisposition for coma. The differentiates coma arising late in disease versus sudden onset coma. It discusses systemic infections, CNS , infections, cerebral tumors, autointoxication, and other causes leading to coma. The text emphasizes three main "miasmatic backgrounds" as the foundation for illness, which must be addressed in treatment:

1. **Syphilitic Background:** Characterized by severe effects when present.

Medicines Mentioned: Syphilinum, Aurum met., Merc sol., Zinc met., Opium.

Treatment: While treating a coma on this background, the background should be cleared *first*.

2. Sycotic Background Conditions Mentioned: History of rheumatism, gout, warts, neuralgias, vaccination, small pox, sinusitis, acute pains.

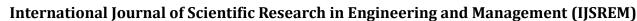
Medicine Mentioned: *Thuja*

3. **Psora Background :** While not detailed as a heading, *Opium* is listed under the Syphilitic background, but its action is often against the effects of various acute and chronic diseases, which may involve a Psora element.

The case histories validate this approach, showing success in complex situations:

- **Typhoid Coma:** Successfully treated with *Zinc sulph.*, *Helleborus*, and *Carbo veg.* based on changing symptoms, proving that coma from systemic infection can be managed without permanent brain damage.
- Coma in Eruptive Fevers: Cases show that suppression of fevers/eruptions like Measles drives the condition to the nervous system, but deep-acting remedies like **Zinc sulph.** and **Syphilinum** can reverse the damage and restore normal development.
- Background Clearance is Final Cure: Cases often require an acute remedy (like *Opium* or *Helleborus*) followed by a constitutional/background remedy to prevent relapse and achieve full recovery.

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Several detailed case studies illustrate homeopathic treatment successes in various coma conditions, including typhoid-induced coma, pneumonia-induced coma, post-epileptic coma, traumatic brain injury coma, and others. The author outlines specific homeopathic remedies used in coma cases such as Zincum, Mercurius solubilis, Aurum met, Opium, Helleborus, Thuja, and others, emphasizing individualized treatment based on patient background and symptoms. The book also addresses post-coma sequelae and the importance of supporting the patient's vital force through repetitive dosing of remedies at high potencies.

Coma is seen as a development that often follows the suppression of the original disease/background condition by crude medications, which drives the pathology to deeper, more vital planes.

The primary goal is to identify and treat this background with deep-acting remedies, allowing Nature to mobilize its resistance and reverse the disease course. The provided case demonstrate the need for:

- Careful Symptom Observation: The success of treatment relies on matching the remedy to peculiar symptoms.
- Change of Prescription: It may be necessary to change the prescription from an initially indicated remedy (like *Bryonia*) to a deeper one (like *Carbo veg*) to complete the cure.
- Importance of Background Clearance: In cases like Typhoid, the use of a medicine like **Zinc met.** or **Aurum** to clear the background was crucial for full recovery and to prevent relapse, even after the fever subsided.
- Conclusion:
- This author underscores that Homoeopathy treats coma by looking beyond the immediate diagnosis (ex: Meningitis, Typhoid) to find the toxicological cause and the miasmatic background that weakened the system, prescribing constitutional remedies to ensure a complete, long-lasting cure.

It is a thorough academic and practical guide to coma treatment from a homeopathic perspective, including etiological insights, case examples, and therapeutic strategies grounded in experience and observation.

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