# What is Homeopathy?

PART III. It has also been found that the really curative action of a drug is developed only by the process of attenuation or dilution. When Hahnemann first discovered the Law of Similars (1790), he used the ordinary dose. He found, however, that the first effect was an exacerbation (getting worse) of the symptoms, after which followed the reaction and cure. It occurred to him to reduce the dose, and in so doing found that the cure followed the more rapidly. Thus he gradually arrived at the system of attenuation called Potentization, which is as follows: One part of the drug with 99 parts of alcohol is the first potency; one part of the first potency with 99 parts of alcohol is the second potency, &c. The first potency contains one-hundredth of the drug, the second contains one hun-Idredth of one-hundredth = one ten-

thousanth. This process has been

carried as high as the 30th potency,

and some physicians use as high as

the 200th and even 1,000,000th. This

is called the centesimal scale. Amer-

ican physicians use mostly the deci-

mal, taking always one-tenth.

At first sight this looks absurd, but this does not make it so. A priori reasoning can decide absolutely nothing in regard to his; experience alone can decide. A Homeopath does not use an infinitesimal dose because he has a natural preference for it, but simply and solely because he finds it works better. Far from being naturally inclined to infinitesimals, every Homeopath has come to use the higher potencies only with great reluctance and doubt, which was only gradually removed by the continuous and marvelous effects witnessed from them. Just as we are all by nature sinners, so we are by nature believers in brute force and vulgar bigness, as compared with dynamic force. A little child prefers the silver quarter to the gold dollar, because bigger. It is childish, ignorant and vulgar to ridicule the infinitesimal dose. No sane man can test the small dose, without being perfectly astonished, if administered strictly according to the Law of Similars. Bye and bye I will give a few examples from my own observation. I will suggest two reasons why small doses, if administered in strict barmony with the Homeopathic law, are efficient, First, because they are exactly suited to the exalted susceptibility of the diseased part; and secondly, because they act directly on the part which requires to be influenced, and not on other parts. Their force i

In order to know what the effect (pathogenetic) of any drug may be, it must be tried on a healthy person Habnemann himself proved fifty remedies on himself. Others fol lowed him, until at present the

How does a Homeopath then pro- well one year, and some other kind cure in a few days. ceed in a case of sickness? His first may make up for the loss. As we Business is, to get as complete a never know beforehand which part "picture" as possible of the disease, of our work a kind Providence will some call them-seem now to have not only of the most glaring symp- bless, I deem it best to divide my bardly any awe of the Bible at all, toms, but of all the finer shades, not attention to several branches of hus- and they freely question its truth; forgetting the mental phenomena. bandry. Others may do better by and many of the most successful, en-He has really nothing to do with the concentrating their minds, strength, ergetic, and ingenious of our artizan name of the disease-nature knows efforts upon one thing, and as they class, who are steady and wise, are no names. Names of diseases are generally attain to more proficiency found either of themselves rejecting only arbitrary conveniences, and in that one branch that way may be the Bible altogether, or following very often mislead. After getting the best for them. We all like the teachers who tell them frankly that into his memory, or on paper, a Journal in general, and are some- it is an exploded superstition .-- M complete picture of the affection, he what uncommonly interested in the Arnold. proceeds to select that drug from his friendly controversy of "Dot." Materia Medica, which corresponds "Farmer" and "Breeder." most perfectly to the disease, i. e., which has the most similar symptoms. When he finds that, he gives it in infinitesimal dose, so as to get the reactionary effect, which is the opposite of the symptoms recorded and also the opposite of the symp- been made by E. A. Cowper, the toms in the patient. This will core most beautifully. (To be continued.)

The Other Side Again. MR. EDITOR: When I took up my pen to present some features of "the other side" of the question of sheep husbandry I did not expect to call such giants (of writers) as "Farmer" and "Dot" into the field to fight me. but I am not so easily scared after all. "Farmer" don't seem to see the fun in the \$9.99; perhaps he did not have his "specs" at hand when he read it. He thinks if I was "thinking so poorly of sheep as I professed I would part with them speedily at market rates, that those whom he ooks upon as infatuated might have chance to buy their experience

Now, friend "Farmer," that wo'd scratched,

A Few Useful Rules.

never do. I consider you too honest

a man to sell to your neighbors any-

thing that you yourself think poorly

of, even below market price, but

rather hold it so high that your

neighbor must say: "Hands off!

Can't reach it." Thus you will save

your neighbor the trouble, less and

annovance of buying his experience

Ah! Mr. "Dot" and "Farmer" that

experience is with some men a

pretty costly one. Last year your

writer was informed that in a rain-

storm a Mr. Brown somewhere near

Stearns' Prairie lost a great number

of sheep and lambs, some of them

being drewned in a slough, some

having been shot by some bad men,

and your writer also lost a number

of heads in that storm, and he lost

by wolves, by dogs, by sickness, in

lambing, etc. Friends, "Farmer'

and "Dot," both seem to think that

Nebraska is the special Eldorado for

sheep men, but Nebraska has, for

instance, one great drawback in its

man, woman, boy or girl can keep as

many dogs as he or she pleases, pro-

vided he or she pays a tax of \$1 for

a male or \$2 for a female. And

where does this money go? to the

school fund. A good object, no one

can deny, but In this case undoubt-

edly wrongly benefited. Dogs are

surely not "Dot's" or such warm

friends of sheep as my friend "Dot,"

but they are their enemies, destroy-

ing annually millions' worth of

against some of the mighty objec-

tions to sheep raising, and, friend

That Sheep Controversy.

or he may have been provoked by

those most "troublesome of all do-

Yours respectfully,

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A. HENRICH.

BREEDER.

ruths were stated by

dog law. Now, Mr. Editor, any

It is easy, of course, to keep your husband's love. In the first place, never agree with him. When at home, keep yourself in a "blue' state. Take from him all the money he can spare, and even more. Flirt with every man you meet, if hethe man-gives you a chance. At the same time, be frantically jealous of him. Snub him and tyrranize over him in the presence of his bachelor friends before whom he is solicitous of appearing as the most enviable man in existence, and to whom he is particularly anxious to rehearse the delights of Benedicdom. The mortification he will feel at the frustration of his laudable desire will most assuredly produce a reaction in your favor. Should all other means seem likely to fail, become violently attached to your dear parents, and if they reside in a can with them, making life dismal while you are at home with moans because you can't see your dear parents every day. Should your husband manifest any dissatisfaction with this, open a private deluge at once and tell him that you never your object will soon be accom-

### The Christian Life.

sheep, and their owners are the The religion of the moralist is of loosers. We know that farmers, especially in a new country where the world, and so differs from that wolves, foxes, skunks and other of the Pharisee. It is also in the "varmint" abound, need a good dog, world, and so differs from that of it was thought that apple orchards and we have no fault to find with the monk. The Pharisee says, the tax collected from their owners, will hold the two lives entirely sepbut we think that some other states arate." The monk says, "I will have acted more wisely and justly perform the duties of the religious their orchards and their first plantby providing that the dog tax is ap- life alone." The moralist says, "I ings failed, but they persevered and plied to indemnify sheep owners will perform those of the daily life the result has been a complete sucfor losses sustained by the depreda- alone." The Christian says, "While tions of dogs upon sheep. But here the religious life and the worldly we are. Anybody's and everybody's life do not exclude each other, the and nobody's dogs can come and most important is the religious life; destroy my whole flock of sheep and and it is only rightly conducted my dog tax goes to educate the boys when it elevates the conduct of the and girls of Tom, Dick and Harry, daily life; when with the apostle it pears, one of plums, and one of who each having about twenty elev- can say, "The life that I now live in grapes, and was awarded the first en children, pride themselves that the flesh I live by the faith of the premium for the best collection of they benefit the whole country by Son of God." He whose life is thus fruit among all the States. The "Dot" and friend "Farmer," look former. His faith determines his at this! Mr. Heinrich's big lambs, daily walk. His Christianity for-Mr. Editor, your writer has seen, nishes both the purpose and conduct but heavy as they are, they don't of his whole course of action. - John weigh enough to turn the scales De Witt, D. D.

# Croup.

"Farmer" himself, tall and clear-As this is a very dangerous and headed as I suppose him to be, canrapid disease the best medical aid not deny that some wholesome should be procured as soon as practicable. In the mean-time the most strenuous efforts should be made to arrest the progress of the disease Bathe the feet in hot water, and put draughts on the feet, with mustard EDITOR JOURNAL: It seems strange that my innocent little lambs should on them. Simmer onion with lard have helped to cause such a flourish and apply to the throat. A piece of quills, but since "the pen is of linen or cotton soaked in lard or mightier than the sword," and since sweet oil, sprinkled over with in this war, thus far, nobody has Scotch snuff and applied where the been hurt, I am glad to see facts distress is greatest, will often afford brought to light that may be profit- relief. Turpentine mixed with hot the kitchen stove.—Boston Post. able to some of us. "Dot" and water, a flannel cloth dipped in it "Farmer" are both down on "Breed- and applied to the throat, and the er," who, it would seem, wrote more | hands and feet rubbed with it, is a for fun than for anything else, or good remedy for this distressing perhaps his object was to provoke a complaint. Hive syrup, taken inlittle controversy and thus have ternally, or a syrup made of sliced Medica. Everything is noticed-the light thrown on the question, or onions and white sugar, will often perhaps he did not feel well at the be found effectual in arresting the STATE time of writing, as "Dot" suggests, progress of the disease.

> If your cows' teats are sore from mestic animals." As for me, I will, any cause, wash them clean with trudge on with our sheep a little ine while they are moist. Two or CASH CAPITAL, . \$50,000 longer, without however, depending three applications will cure the entirely and exclusively on them. worst cases and render the teats

> > The masses—the lapsed masses

An Iowa man, whose well had caved in, contrived to make the authorities suspect that he had murdered a man and put his body at the bottom of the well, and he took things easy at the jail while they dug his well out for him, and furthermore talks of suing the town for false imprisonment.

Nature has placed mankind under the government of two sovereign masters-pain and pleasure. It is for them alone to point out what we ought to do. On the one hand the standard of right and wrong; on the other the chain of causes and effects are fastened to their throne .- Ben-

Teaching men morals is as though The pen at receiving point has all I had a clock that would not go, and the appearance of being guided by a I turned round one of the cogspirit-hand. A fac simile of the wheels. But faith takes the key writing produced by this telegraph- and winds up the mainspring, and the whole thing runs on readily.

There were "blind leaders of the blind" in Judes eighteen hundred No matter how much a candidate | years ago, and there are blind leaditches for office, he never likes to be ers of the blind in our time .- C. H.

Another evidence of the richness of the soil of Nebraska is found in the fact of the number and great growth of the native grasses, which afford the very best pasturage from early spring until the month of November. Those who have investigated the subject of the native grasses claim no fewer than one hundred and fifty species. Among other varieties the blue-joint grows everywhere in the State except on the low bottom lands. In ordinary seasons, and under favorable conditions its growth is from two and a half to four feet, and often on cultivated grounds it will grow to the height of seven and ten feet. On the up-lands, blue-joint grows in great abundance and is greatly relished by cattle. Buffalo grass now in the greatest quantity is found in the western half of the State. This, it is claimed, disappears before cultivadifferent from that in which you tion, but it is nature's provision of live spend all the time you possibly food for grain-eating animals during winter, when the animals are compelled to remain on the prairie, as it retains its nutriment all the year round. Among feed grasses that grow abundantly in the State are several varieties of bunch grass; and in the low lands a native blue-grass, knew before that you had married a and what is known as the spanglebrute. By using all these means, top, which makes an excellent quality of hay.

Nebraska.

It was a question among the first settlers of Nebraska whether fruit could be successfully grown in the State or not, but finding the wild fruits, such as plums, grapes, and gooseberries growing in abundance, "I might be cultivated with success. So reasoning, the earlier settlers in the eastern part of the State planted cess. Nebraska fruits now compare favorably with the best produced in other states. In 1871 Nebraska had on exhibition at Richmond, Va., one hundred and forty-six varieties of apples, fitteen of peaches, thirteen of conducted lives his daily life by his fruits of Nebraska have been exhibreligious life. The latter guides the ited at Boston, Chicago and at the Corner 11th and Olive Sts. International Exhibition in 1876, the judges awarding prizes for eight varieties of pears, large, smooth and well colored, and for two hundred and sixty-three varieties of apples, the latter prize being for the unusually large number of finely grown varieties. Instead of orchards flourshing only in the eastern part of the State and near the Missouri river, they do well away out on the prairie wherever nature's conditions of growing fruit are observed.

The broken-hearted but vengeful woman who detects her faithless husband in hugging the pretty servant-girl, now takes pains to fill the A. oil-can with a cheap article of kerosene, and then, before going to bed, wets down the kindlings and leaves the can standing right beside

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