

CHOLERA CURES

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CHAPTER XXIV. EPIDEMIC CHOLERA. — ASIATIC CHOLERA.

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The immediate or exciting cause. — The general exciting cause of cholera, as it prevailed in Philadelphia in 1832 and '49, was undigested food in the stomach. The enfeebled condition of the digestive powers, rendered the stomach extremely liable to become oppressed, and even paralyzed, by improper articles of diet. In most instances, where the attack was sudden and violent, it was after food had been taken that proved indigestible, operating as a violent poison to the vital functions. The straining efforts to vomit, attending the disease, were the struggles of Nature to rid the stomach of the offending cause; but frequently these efforts were ineffectual, when not assisted by appropriate remedies.

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Fatality. — Epidemic cholera has proved an alarmingly fatal disease, under the various methods of treatment adopted by the medical profession generally. The results, however, that have attended a prompt and energetic course of Thomsonian treatment in this disease, have been such as to warrant the assertion, that even epidemic cholera is readily cured.

Treatment. — To warm the system, empty the stomach, cleanse the mucous membrane of the stomach and bowels of morbid secretions, and sustain the circulation, are the grand objects to be kept in view in the treatment of all cases of cholera. The means requisite to obtain these desired results, are the hot air bath, or steam bath, stimulating lobelia emetics (*a medicine or other substance which causes vomiting*), vegetable astringents, active stimulants, and external warmth.

When cholera comes on suddenly, and the temperature of the body is not reduced much below the healthy standard, an emetic should be given at once, and the dose repeated until the stomach is thoroughly evacuated. External warmth must always be applied, by means of bottles of hot water, or hot bricks wrapped up in cloths, placed at the feet and around the patient.

When the attack is more gradual, the circulation feeble, the surface and extremities cold, the hot air or steam bath must be administered promptly, to warm the blood, restore capillary circulation, and relieve internal congestions; and immediately after the bath give the emetic in full doses.

The Emetic. — The most efficient emetic for cholera is lobelia, combined with stimulants and an astringent. Either of the following preparations may be employed. The doses to be repeated two or three times, or oftener, if necessary, at intervals of from ten to twenty minutes.

Take of the third preparation of lobelia, two large teaspoonsful; mix it with a gill or more of bayberry tea, made by steeping an ounce of the bayberry in a pint of boiling water. Sweeten well, and give at once.

Or, — To the above add one teaspoonful of the green lobelia powder.

Or, — Take of green lobelia powder one large teaspoonful, .cayenne half a teaspoonful, No. 6 two teaspoonsful, sugar a large teaspoonful. Rub these well together, and then add bayberry tea, prepared as above directed.

The above emetic doses are adapted to the treatment of violent cases of cholera. In cases where the disease is of a milder character, the doses will not be required to be so large.

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Tuberculosis / Consumption Cures

from *Ladies' Manual of Practical Hydropathy* (first published in 1861, by Caroline Smedley, p. 125)

CHRONIC PULMONARY CONSUMPTION.— When this has taken place, the body of the lungs are suppurating, or tubercles forming, we us simply the half-chest spongio [sic] and spinal compress . . .soaping the body over every morning with warm soap and water, and then giving a tepid wash down, standing in warm water. But if the disease is advanced, then, without rising out of bed, the upper half of the body is wiped over with a towel perfectly wrung out of tepid water; then, covering the upper part, have the same application to the lower part . . . We have had some apparently hopeless cases of consumption which have entirely recovered, and in all cases our treatment will give relief and prolong life.

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From *The Nashville Globe newspaper*, November 22, 1912

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ARE YOU A VICTIM of the DREADED PLAGUE

TUBERCULOSIS?

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LUNG-VITA Has Restored Many Sufferers to Health---It Will Do the Same for You

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Tuber-
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Mr. J. C. Johnson, Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Sir--I have been taking your "Lung-Vita" for about three months and have been getting some stronger, but still expectorate as much as usual. Use two sputum cups a day, and for the past week have been having high fever early in the morning and the afternoons, which, of course, is very weakening.

The last bottle I got was from Birmingham and is a great deal thicker than the other one and nauseates me so much I can't take it all during the day, so I take it at bedtime.


My lungs seem to be in the same condition as to soreness, etc.

Please advise by return mail if there is something I can take for the fever.

Do not drink milk in any form and have not since the first few doses of medicine. Have very good appetite.

The back of my lungs are in so much worse condition and have been wearing "Orüway's Plasters," which have helped me a great deal, I think. Have been keeping very late hours. Please advise the correct hours for me to sleep, etc.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I am,
Yours truly,
 GRACE WREN.



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Lung-Vita
Has Cure Many

E. M. AVULI--Cured by Lung-Vita
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Numbers its victims by the

From *The Daily National Whig* newspaper, February 27, 1849

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During the autumn I took a bad cold, accompanied by a severe cough, and no medicine I could procure would relieve me. I could not sleep nights or work days, until, by the advice of a friend, I procured a bottle of your Cherry Pectoral, which immediately helped, and in a few days cured me.

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Respectfully yours,
MARY ANN LOVEJOY,
Washington Street.
Boston, 12th Sept., 1847.

IN CONSUMPTION

This is one of the numerous cures of
ASTHMA
which have been accredited to Cherry Pectoral:
ALBANY, N. Y., April 17, 1848.
Dr. Ayer, Lowell: Dear Sir,—A sense of gratitude compels me to acknowledge the obligations I am under to you for the restoration of my health. I have for years been afflicted with Asthma in the worst form; so that I have been obliged to sleep in my chair for a larger part of the time, being unable to breathe on my bed. I had tried a great many medicines, to no purpose, until my physician prescribed, as an experiment, your Cherry Pectoral.

At first it seemed to make me worse, but in less than a week I began to experience the most gratifying relief from its use; and now, in four weeks, the disease is entirely removed. I can sleep on my bed with comfort, and enjoy a state of health which I had never expected to enjoy.

GEORGE S. FARANT.
CHICOPEE FALLS, Mass. }
February 2d, 1847. }

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Truly yours,
D. M. BRYANT,
Druggist and Postmaster.

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