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### An example from Constantin Hering's homeopathic practice

A practical example that exemplifies Hering's scientific approach and his attitude toward seriously ill patients, after decades of practice at the age of 79:

“ One evening in the summer of 1879, while resident physician in the hospital, I called on Dr. Hering.

“Come in, come in and sit down. Well, what is new at the hospital?” I replied, “Nothing startling, Doctor, a poor fellow came in, a charity patient [today one would say: without health insurance; author's note] who has been at the University Hospital and at the Pennsylvania Hospital, and both Da Costa and Pepper have diagnosed his disease ‘Locomotor Ataxia’ and beyond help.” “So Da Costa and Pepper can do nothing? Bring him over to me.” I replied, “He is beyond relief and only a poor weaver and has no money to pay a doctor.” He replied, “Oh, damn the money; bring him over here tomorrow at five. I must see him,” he said with the fire of youth in his dark eyes and the stroke of his fist on his desk.

And so I did. With notebook in hand, he began asking symptoms and modalities, beginning with the patient’s ancestors; – and such a history as he took! He examined him thoroughly from top to toe in every possible manner. In the meantime Dr. Hering’s reception room was filling with patients and Dr. Knerr motioned me to step into the hall, where he said, “Try and get that patient out, as Dr. Hering still has much important work to do.” After an hour’s examination. Dr. Hering said, closing his book, “Bring him over again tomorrow.” The next day Dr. Hering spent another hour with the poor weaver and then said, “Bring him over again tomorrow.”

After continuing the examination for another hour, closing his book. Dr. Hering said to me, “You come alone tomorrow.” I said, “What remedy shall I give him?” He answered, “I cannot tell until I have studied it more.” The next day I returned and he had a sort of condensed summing up of the case written in German, and after

more conversation he went to his prescription room and brought me an envelope, with the remark, "That is Rhus, 65 m, give it to him and report in a week."

The poor fellow had to be taken to Hering in a wheel chair and could only take a few steps with the assistance of two canes. His condition was very distressing. To make a long story short. Dr. Hering treated him for about four months, when the poor weaver walked out of the hospital without canes, seemingly on the road to complete recovery. "

(Eastman, 1917, with comments from Methner, 2018)

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