

warmth of bed agg.: Cham. [I]
wind, before a heavy: Verb. [I]

Note

1 Kent's rubric 'suddenly, come and go' oddly enough has Kali-br. A search of Allen, Graf, Hering, Jahr, Krosz, NN, Noack and Piper (see publications details above) did not yield confirmation of this. It may be assumed that this is an error and 'Kali-br.' should read Kali-bi. Kali-bi is certainly substantiated by Hering, 1888, p. 340: *Scientica*: pains come on quickly and subside soon.'

Zschr Klass Homöop 1990; **34**: 25-27.

Carcinosinum

JONATHAN SHORE presents 'An overview, with case studies'. His purpose is 'to draw together the extensive literature on *Carcinosinum* and to arrange it in the context of personal experience.' He quotes three patients whose responses were somewhat complicated.

TITUS SMITS presents analyses of 17 cured cases, without the case histories but with six long lists of symptoms and signs.

GUIDO MORTELMANS submits a list of 23 symptoms which he advises should be added to Kent's *Repertory* and 37 other symptoms which need confirmation before being added.

Journal of the American Institute of Homæopathy 1989; **82**: 125-34

Medicinal plants of India

M. S. DAWRE *et al.*

The booklet gives a check list of about 250 plants that grow in various parts of India, with details of the locations and the many references to them in homœopathic textbooks. About 70 of these plants are well known to Europeans. Quite apart from the homœopathic significance, this makes interesting reading from the purely botanical point of view.

A Check List of Homæopathic Medicinal Plants of India. New Delhi: Central Council for Research in Homœopathy. 38 pages.

The Hippocratic Oath and ethics

CHARLES KENNEDY

Dr Kennedy has written a letter on the occasion of his election to President of the LMHI, including his welcome to the new Executive Committee and the Vice-Presidents. He mentions that his medical training was based on the Hippocratic ethics and a good knowledge of the medical and allied sciences. He emphasizes that

homœopathic physicians are at all times in the public eye and that our every action must be above reproach.

Journal of the LMHI; **2**: 6: 3-4

Pædiatrics

Five papers by five authors on different diseases of children, of which the fifth is on the homœopathic treatment of mongolism, by the late Dr Donald Foubister, who mentions his use of vitamins A and E in potency. This is a reprint of the paper, which first appeared in the same journal in 1967; it seems to be a subject suitable for debate.

Indian Journal of Homœopathic Medicine; **24**: 288-320.

The nosodes

30 pages of papers by 15 different authors considering the nosodes from different points of view. Some of the information is well known and widely accepted and some is deserving of thought. One can learn a lot by reading such papers, noting the information which may be of special value in one's own practice.

Indian Journal of Homœopathic Medicine; **23**: 117-47.

Oscillococcinum

PETER FISHER

Dr Fisher wrote a letter to the Editor of the RCCM, concerning the popularity of this nosode in France, where it has been shown to speed recovery from influenza to a significant degree when given in the 200c potency; 487 patients took part in the clinical trial. *Oscillococcinum* is prepared from a group of influenza viruses carried by wild ducks in their livers and hearts.

[This nosode is worth remembering if *influenzinum*, prepared from viruses carried by humans, does not have the expected good results, whether used during the illness or during slow convalescence, or for prophylaxis. Reviewer.]

Complementary Medical Research; **4**: 41.

Nosodes and immunization

J. E. PONCET

Homœopathic doctors have a reputation for being against all types of vaccination and this leads some of them to prescribe homœopathic preparations instead of vaccines. For example, in some homœopathic pædiatric texts *D.T.P.* 15CH is recommended. The only recent study