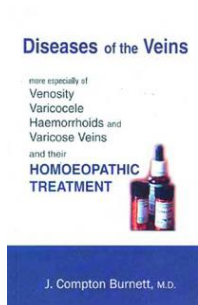


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The Medicinal Treatment of Diseases of the Veins.

GENERAL SURVEY OF VARICOSIS AND VARICOSE VEINS-

VARICOSE veins may owe their dilated state either to (1), a blood disease ; (2), to weak vein walls or valves ; (3), to a mechanical obstruction to the flow of the blood heartwards ; (4), heart disease ; or (5), it may be part and parcel of what might be called the "*ptotic*" constitution.

2 *The Medicinal Treatment*

Where the origin is merely due to (3) topic obstruction, the best plan is to find out the obstruction and remove it, and then the veins return, more or less, to their proper size ; and there then only remains a loss of tone in the vein walls ; here such remedies as *Arnica*, *Bellis*, *Ferrum*, *Pulsatilla*, and *Hamamelis* will suffice to finish the cure. Where the obstruction cannot be found, or having been found cannot be removed, *Fluoric acid* has most frequently helped me.

But the obstruction can very frequently be found and remedied radically, and then a very beautiful cure is the end result of the treatment.

podophyllomania has raged in this country, and almost all patients with anything wrong between liver and rectum have taken it on their own account. This regrettable abuse of a potent remedy must not deter us from bearing it in mind in suitable cases. Hale says : "*Hoemorrhoidal affections* are admirably under the control of Podophyllum. The specific affinity which this drug has for the liver, portal system, and rectum,, as shown in the pathogenesis,, enables it to cause haemorrhoids from portal congestion, chronic-hepatic affections, and primary irritation, congestion and even inflammation of the veins, and mucous membrane of the rectum. **It will be found useful in external piles, for-**

stool, with pressing in the rectum, as if everything would come out. Worse at night, from cold, pressure, or rest.

SILICEA.—HAEMORRHOIDS INTENSELY PAINFUL, boring cramping sensation from the anus up the rectum and towards the testicles ; protrude during stool ; become incarcerated, and suppurate ; piles protrude with the stool, and discharge bloody mucus ; can only be returned with difficulty ; fistula at anus, with chest symptoms, aching, beating, throbbing, in lumbo-sacral region : anus is constantly damp.

SULPHUR.—Haemorrhoids blind or bleeding, blood dark, with violent bearing-down from small of back towards the anus : lancinating pain