

# Dudgeons view on miasms

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- Before Hahnemann, Fred Hoffman and Autenrieth flourished
  - Fred Hoffman dwells on the circumstance of internal diseases being cured on occurrence of psoric or scabious eruption.

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- He refers frequently to production of serious internal diseases by suppression of external eruptions, spasmodic asthma, inflammation of joints, gout and many other diseases have been removed on appearance of itch

- Autenrieths notion upon the connection of itch with chronic diseases, resemblance to Hahnemanns views, observations published in 1808.
- Believes great many examples Itch- hydrocephalus; Itch – phthisis; Itch – chlorosis; Itch- paralysis is derived from itch.

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- He says it is foolish to attempt to cure itch by internal remedies , be cured by external means alone.
  - He considers it useful to apply derivatives to the skin in order to bring back the itch.

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- Dr. K. Wenzel seems to have Preceded [ before] Hahnemann in idea of itch being source of many chronic diseases
  - The title true itch with special regard its improper treatment as a source of of innumerable and frightful secondary diseases.



It is commonly stated that Hahnemann 1<sup>ST</sup>  
Conceived his doctrine of chronic diseases  
about in year 1827.

In his writings that for many years  
previously indeed certain passages , that  
on venereal disease published in 1789,  
shown that even before his discovery of  
the homoeopathic law

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- His mind had a certain tendency towards the theory formally promulgated seemed to come so upon his disciples.

- Notion being that the external sore sign of universal infection of the organism ; whilst it existed the disease expended all its energy upon this morbid process.
- If the external affection were removed, disease by no means destroyed by such an act, being deprived of an external seat preyed upon some internal organs ; gave rise to series of phenomena.

- Itch says; disease belongs to the chronic exanthematous disease ; and in its nature also produces itch- vesicle disease.
- Itch –vesicles at 1<sup>st</sup> in the neighbourhood of part originally touched by itch – virus between fingers and on wrists ; if hands 1<sup>st</sup> affected.

- Soon as the itch - vesicles have made their appearance sign of that the internal -itch is already fully developed
- For at 1<sup>st</sup> there is actually no morbid change observable on the affected part, no itching ; no itch - virus.

- Usually from [9 to 12 or 14 days] after the application of itch virus, occurs along with slight fever, which is noticed by persons.
- Eruption of 1<sup>st</sup> itch –vesicle ; Nature requires this time in order to complete the full infection ; that is to say the development of an itch – disease in the interior throughout organism.

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- Itch – vesicles now appear are hence no mere local malady , a proof of the completion of internal disease.
  - Itch miasm ; soon it has contaminated the hand; remains no longer local the instant it has cured inoculation. But proceeds to alter the interior of organism.

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- Itch – vesicles are an abnormal organ produced by inner organism upon skin.
  - So long as the vesicles remain on skin and continue to itch and discharge , the internal disease cannot make it appearance.

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- Whenever it is partially destroyed on skin without any previous cure of internal itch disease.
  - Internal disease then bursts forth rapidly often in a frightful manner in form of phthisis, asthma, insanity , dropsy , apoplexy , paralysis.

- Willan, Proteus like psora was source not only of most of those varieties of skin diseases;
- Almost all abnormal growths from the wart on finger; encysted tumour, haemorrhoids haematuria of suppressed as well as of catamenial discharge , described under different names

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- His observations convinced that all those chronic diseases which could not be said to arise from the infection of 2 venereal maladies;
  - But the partial development of very ancient chronic leprous and scabious miasm.

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- Of the chronic miasmatic disease itch is far most communicable.
  - Syphilis and sycosis seems to require that skin be rubbed a little; but mere contact of psoric miasm with epidermis is enough.

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- Nerve 1<sup>st</sup> attacked by miasm instantly communicates it to nerves to rest of body in a invisible dynamic manner.

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- Hahnemann protests against the dispersion by means of external remedies.
  - A case of fresh itch to treat 1 or 2 globules of tincture of decillionth potency suffice to cure the whole disease.

- Dr Stapf and Dr.Gross relate each few cases to show the efficacy of antipsoric treatment
- Dr Alexander Peterson of Pensa in Russia accepts psora – theory of Hahnemann and identity of psora with leprosy as a established fact;
- Seeks to trace the ultimate origin of disease.

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- He had known the connection between scabies and sarcoptes hominis, would have found in a strong confirmation of his creed of animal origin of psora
  - Dr. Alexander seeks shows that each individual symptom of cholera is decidedly a psoric symptom. Remedies used for cholera are essentially antipsorics.

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- Rau of Giessen , he allows it to be true that many chronic diseases really ever result of ill-cured itch.
  - The quintessence of doctrine he states hidden qualities any latent dyscrasia that may happen to exist in the organism.
  - Obstinate character of many diseases is owing to derangements are frequently secondary diseases of scabies, syphilis and sycosis

- Dr. Schron , he conceives that cure with homoeopathic medicines to be due not to their relation to the imaginary psora, but to their homoeopathic harmony with the disease.
- He admits that doctrine had a material influence on practice, because it had given rise to peculiar method of treatment; antipsoric treatment.

- Dr. Hering carried psora- doctrine . He holds that in a case of infection with psora , the infected person gets not merely , the ideal general disease psora, but the particular form of it that was present in individual, whom he was infected.

- Thus, if a infecting person was phthisical , infected would certainly take phthisis though he had not the phthisical constitution.
- Believes that all epidemic fevers are of psoric nature.
- Hahnemann says person perfectly free from psora would not take ague in a marshy districts, nor inflammation of lungs from a chill or draught of air.

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- Hering to discover a prophylactic for itch .
  - Hering talks a great deal about psorine, ennumerating various properties , it is a prophylactic against infection with itch.

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- In the 3<sup>rd</sup> volume of british journal of homoeopathy ; interesting observations by professor late beer , celebrated oculist of Vienna production of amaurosis by suppression of itch.

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- Dr. Weitenweber ; In Austrian medical journal enumerates 27 different diseases as a result of repelled itch; from his own and others observation.

- Appears about 640 years ago Abenzohr speaks of existence of small vermin accompanying to skin disease; which creep under the skin of hands legs and feet and there excite vesicle full of water , so small are animalcule they can be distinctly seen.

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- Itch depended on the existence of small vermin in the skin. Habit of driving by extracting these small insects with a needle or sharp pointed instruments and thus curing disease.

- Peasants of Germany name for this operation Sauren – graben
- Dr Adams work on morbid poisons described method of extracting the itch insect .
- He got in due time a severe attack of itch all over his person cured by means of an ointment of white precipitate.

- Dermatologists coincide a little insect called *Acarus scabiei* is essential to itch disease.
- 1844; Dr. Ferdinand Hebra of Vienna itchy department cutaneous disease ; medical journal upon scabies ; says its characteristic features presence in epidermis of certain tracks or passages termed canaliculi.

- Individuals and somewhat elevated above the surface of epidermis ; vesicle, pimple or pustule seat of residence of acarus represents of his entrance.
- Acarus confined to certain parts of body; hands , wrists, and forearm , feet and ankle anterior surface f thorax and knees.

- Scratching of patient ; owing to sympathetic itching over whole skin accompanies presence of this little vermin ;
- The acarus alone possesses power of propagating disease.
- No inoculation of fluid contained in vesicle will suffice.

- Dr Hebra in order to cure itch only require to kill or remove acarus this is done by rubbing the ointment ; consisting of chalk sulphur .
- Vermin is destroyed and sympathetic eruptions dependent on its presence together those produced by patient scratching gradually die away.

- Various secondary eruptions , it is true appear after itch –disease is removed readily yield to application of caustic potash.
- Dr. Puffer as chief medical officer in skin disease observed all manner of skin diseases
- He allows that every dyscrasia [every morbid condition of blood] under certain circumstances connected with the formation of exanthema

He says the acarus with its canaliculi , sole essential feature of itch – disease., and object of the practitioner should be to get rid of the insect by its destruction as quickly as possible.

He has, by means of placing acari on the skin , produced itch on himself , his students, and nurses, and cured it by means of sulphur ointment, and not the slightest bad or unpleasant effects have ever resulted.

- Dr. Griesselich pays great attention to Hahnemanns psora-theory .
- By the psora- theory material organism and relation of disease to its exciting cause are restored portion of their rights and choice of remedy not only on the morbid symptoms ; but also on those have been and are cause of disease.

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- DR. Griesselich declares after suppression of a skin disease , a neuralgia, a paralysis, or other serious diseases , evidently connected with suppressed skin disease.
  - Itch and its bad treatment appear to be awakening of slumbering tendencies to disease.<sup>1</sup>

- Griesselich Concludes with remarking that Hahnemann's psora – theory is much too one –sided , by accepting psora as a general morbidic cause we shut ourselves from investigating cause of diseases.

- Dr. Arnold : Recent work on homoeopathy remarks on itch and psora- theory , it is not only one particular form of skin disease that leaves secondary diseases, but that many and most different forms, do so; and among others the itch does so; but the most recent discovery have shown that the cause of this disease does not depend on any contagious principle.

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- Says, he how a skin disease that is caused and kept up by a parasite can give rise to disease of other organs.
  - In contagious diseases the pathogenetic operation frequently of such a nature composition of fluid is altered by miasm and they are in manner poisoned.

- The importance of the skin to the normal actions of the organism is not to be gainsaid.
- The parasitic doctrine, therefore, of the itch makes no change in the psora theory.
- Arnold remarks that, for the moment through it means the attention of the practitioner was diverted from the totality of the symptoms of the individual case to latent psora, as ground for choice of remedy.

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- Then the door was opened to all sorts of speculations on the ultimate nature of disease, and practice modified accordingly.

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- Professor Henderson ; that the doctrine of the itch – origin of chronic diseases is an allopathic doctrine and was thought long before Hahnemann was born by some of the most illustrious light of old medicine.

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- He tries also to show that Hahnemann's doctrine did not attribute the origin of chronic diseases to itch, but that his term psora included a large number of different cutaneous diseases.

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- The the integrity of skin is restored , then the balance of functions will be as much deranged by the return of the proper cutaneous action as it could havsympathetic union of skin with other organs renders every important change in it apt to affect such organs . If for a length of time the skin has been the seat of certain morbid actions.

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- If , now the integrity of skin be suddenly, restored , then the balance of functions will be as much deranged by the return of proper cutaneous actions as it could have been originated by sudden suppression.



Hence the occurrence of diseases from sudden suppression of itch is not only possible but probable.

- Dr. L. Simon , asserts that Hahnemann generalized too much in attributing all chronic diseases to only 3 miasms . He believes their number to much greater , besides these three there is probably the gonorrhoea-miasm, the lepra miasm, , the teania-favosa miasm and many others.



Dr. Nunez's observations with reference to the connection between the seat of the cutaneous affection and the internal organ affected.

- When herpetic eruptions, especially eczema on the anus and scrotum, are driven off, there follow, sooner or later, serious, even organic, liver diseases. On the other hand, liver complaints are often materially benefited by the appearance of herpes on anus.

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- The suppression of dry eruptions [ lichen] on the palm of the hand often causes nervous asthma.
  - Scabs in the nose and nostrils and erysipelatous swelling of the nose have a connection with discharges from the ears.

## Dudgeons view

- In pronouncing a verdict of condemnation on Hahnemann's psora-theory as it stands, I would once more briefly recapitulate those points which dudgeon believe to have led Hahnemann to adopt it.
- His non-discrimination of the different varieties of skin diseases, referring all or most of them to itch.

The connection of many chronic diseases with exanthemata

- Hahnemann's vicious system of reasoning that because a disease was curable by his so called anti-psorics it therefore originated from itch.
- His non-recognition of hereditary diseases , or congenital constitutional faults.
- The bad effects resulting from extensive skin diseases and their faulty treatment on the general organism , more especially where there is constitutional weakness , either congenital or acquired from exposure to some of the many inimical and morbid influences.

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- Dudgeon free to confess that the psora doctrine has not been without a beneficial influence on homoeopathic practice, for it has led us to inquire more carefully into antecedents of diseases, and not rest content with a mere comparison of the symptoms, actually present with recorded effects of medicine.



And, finally , to it we are indebted for a large array of very useful medicines of a wide sphere of action, but at the same time it has opened a door to much solvenly treatment and sulphur – giving , to eradicate the presumed psoric virus, in many cases where sulphur was not in the very slightest degree indicated.

- Now, as regards the treatment of itch, that presumed source of so many human ills, I believe there are few homoeopathsists , capable of accurately diagnosing the disease , who pretend to be able to cure it acarus and all, with one or two globules of the 30<sup>th</sup> dilution of sulphur.

- Dudgeon have attempted many times to cure itch according to Hahnemann's directions, but have never succeeded in the very slightest degree . The disease depending on the existence in the skin of a parasitic animal, the main indication to be attended to is the destruction of this troublesome vermin.

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- As the habitat of this insect is limited to certain definite parts of skin, our applications for its destruction should be limited to those parts.
  - Sulphur, , in the form of tincture or the ointment , mercurial ointment, preparations of lead and copper, oil of turpentine, and finally , simple fatty substances and soft soap , are all capable of producing the desired result.

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- The treatment dudgeon and others have found quite successful is to ascertain , from the presence of the canaliculi; where the acraus is, and in recent cases it will generally be found to be confined to hands and wrists; these parts are be washed once or twice a day with mixture of flowers of sulphur and spirits of wine.

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- In a few days the animals are all destroyed , and the general eruption will go off in few more days, quicker probably if assisted by the internal administration of a few doses of sulphur, either in tincture or a lowish dilution.

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- If we object to the external employment of sulphur, we may succeed equally well by the dirtier plan of larding the parts infested with acraus, with simple ointment , cold cream , soft soap , or cod liver oil, giving sulphur internally, at the same time.
  - Baths, Cleanliness, and frequent changes of linen are important adjuncts to the treatment.

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- This mode of curing itch dudgeon believe to be quite safe, and as the general eruption is not suddenly checked, the equilibrium of the function is gradually restored .

- About, syphilis and sycosis.
- The first , syphilis , is recognised by all as a fertile source of all chronic diseases , the symptoms and causes of sufficiently known render it superfluous for dudgeon to enter into any detailed account to them.s

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- As regards the third of hahnemann's chronic miasms , sycosis or the condylomatous venereal disease. The disease always arises in consequence of impure coitus, and appears in the form of dry or warty – looking or soft and spongy excrescences, in the form of a cockscomb or cauliflower, accompanied by a sort of blennorrhoea from the urethra.

- Their removal by the ligature or cauterly, actual or potential , is according to Hahnemann , followed by similar growths on the other parts of the body, or other ailments, only one he mentions sortening of the flexor- tendons, particularly of the fingers.

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- Dudgeon from his own experience that he know several persons who have had such venereal condylomata burnt off many years ago, and who have never had the slightest trace of those after-effects Hahnemann alludes to;

- Dudgeon observed a connection of certain pseudo-rheumatic affections and invertebrate gleans with fig wart disease.
- Dudgeon have frequently heard that heard homoeo practitioners attributing to sycotic infection the occurrence of ordinary warts and encysted other tumours.
- But, Hahnemann distinctly says that these are of psoric and not sycotic.

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- Hahnemann 's antisycotic medicines are thuja and nitric acid, but both cure many diseases besides, sycotic ones.
  - We would greviously err were we to infer the sycotic nature of a disease from its curability by either of these two medicines as Hahnemann did with regard to psoric diseases and antipsorocs.