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In this letter Krista Heron contradicts the criticism expressed by André Saine in his article "Homeopathy versus Speculative Medicine, A Call to Action" concerning the generalizing hypothesis that all creeping plants also have the desire or dream to travel. The formulation and following verification of hypotheses upon remedies were useful.

Krista Heron

Answer to André Saine

Dear editor,

André Saine, in his exhaustive rebuttal [Simillimum, Vol. XIV, No. 3] to the "21 prominent members of the homeopathic community," states that there is nothing wrong in formulating hypothesis and using scientific methods to verify them. He questions the example, given by the "21," whether creeping plant remedies have, as a constant, the dreams or desire to travel.

Being a curious sort, I researched this hypothesis. I looked at 11 remedies, most being well-known (Bryonia, Clematis, Cocculus, Colocynthis, Dioscorea, Dulcamara, Elaterium, Gelsemium, Lycopodium, Rhus venata and Solanum nigra), and examined whether they were well-represented in the rubrics having to do with wandering, traveling, and creeping.

All 11 had some kind of wandering sensation, four had creeping symptoms (Bryonia, Clematis, Colocynthis, and Lycopodium), two had a desire to travel or wander (Bryonia, Elaterium), and Lycopodium had dreams of journeys.

I too find it quite useful to formulate and verify such hypotheses.

It is a part of my daily study of remedies. And I find it quite interesting that a wandering sensation is associated with all of these remedies.

Sincerely,

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