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Theme: Homeopathy

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STANDARD CLUES - ACROSS:

1. A meeting with a health professional in order to seek advice [12]
8. Currently much touted as a wonder food. "Although preliminary research indicates potential health benefits from consuming _ _ _ _ seeds, this work remains sparse and inconclusive. In a 2015 systematic review, most of the studies did not demonstrate a statistically significant effect of _ _ _ _ seed consumption on cardiovascular risk factors in humans" [4]

10.	Named in tribute to this scientist, the number of molecules in 1 mole of a substance, $\sim 6 \times 10^{23}$ suggests that most homeopathic dilutions contain no active ingredient whatever [8]
13.	Exists [2]
15.	The chemical processes that occur within a living organism in order to maintain life [10]
16.	The treatment of a disease with the identical disease agent [8]
17.	To be swarming with [4]
18.	Egyptian sun god [2]
19.	Critically evaluated [6]
20.	Plantations of fruit trees [8]
22.	Vertebral column [5]
23.	A form of computer data storage [3]
24.	& 25 across: The energy that maintains life in the individual, according to homeopathic belief [5, 5]
25.	See 24 across
26.	Apparatus which creates an air current [3]
27.	Homeopath's term for conventional treatment of disease, with remedies having opposite effects to symptoms [9]
28.	Femoral area [5]
31.	Softened, subdued, restrained [5]
32.	Alluring [8]
35.	Recreational drug [4]
37.	& 38 across & 39 across: Major principle of homeopathy, sometimes called <i>The Law of Similars</i> [4, 5,4]
38.	See 37 across
39.	See 37 across
41.	In homeopathy, a botanical extract with a specific amount of alcohol. While undiluted, it represents the <u>lowest</u> possible potency of any particular homeopathic preparation [8]
42.	Physical injury OR a deeply disturbing experience [6]
43.	Tail-less primate [3]
47.	Insect [3]
48.	Projection at the point of an arrow or hook which is designed to make extraction difficult [4]
51.	Highly specific though somewhat violent serial dilution of a homeopathic active principle [10]
52.	Habitual spasm of facial muscles [3]

53.	A major reason for Homeopathy's continuing influence is the support it receives in British _ _ _ _ _ circles [5]
54.	Serial grain [3]
55.	Effluent conduits [6]
56.	In homeopathic terms, ascertaining the action of specific medicines on human health; roughly analogous to the clinical trials of orthodox medicine, but lacking control samples [7]
STANDARD CLUES - DOWN:	
2.	To influence an outcome using underhand methods [6]
3.	Relating to a specific mountainous region of Russia [4]
4.	Asexual [6]
5.	Undiluted [4]
6.	Imperial unit of area [4]
7.	Equable [4]
9.	System of alternative medicine created in 1796 based on the notion that a substance that causes the symptoms of a disease in healthy people would cure similar symptoms in sick people. Homeopathic preparations are not effective for treating any condition. " <i>Large-scale studies have found it to be no more effective than a placebo, suggesting that any positive effects that follow treatment are only due to the placebo effect and normal recovery from illness</i> " [10]
11.	Short title of Samuel Hahnemann's book in which describes the principles and practice of homeopathy [7]
12.	Lairs [4]
14.	& 29 down: The inventor of Homeopathy [6, 9]
15.	& 31 down: Hahnemann's title for his encyclopedia of therapeutic properties of homeopathic agents [7, 6]
21.	& 30 down: Source of the active ingredient of Oscillocoquinum, a popular homeopathic influenza remedy; this active ingredient being diluted one part to 10 ⁴⁰⁰ parts water! [4, 5]
24.	Bland, uninspiring [5]
25.	Person filled with excessive and single-minded zeal [7]
29.	See 14 down
30.	See 21 down
31.	See 15 down
32.	Appalling, atrocious [9]
33.	Medicine or procedure prescribed for psychological benefit rather than physiological effect [7]
34.	Reducing the concentration of a solute in solution: in Homeopathy, this often proceeds until none of the solute (active ingredient) physically remains [8]
36.	The claimed strength of a homeopathic remedy, which is determined by how

	many times the remedy has been succussed and diluted during preparation [7]
40.	Dagger with a wavy-edged blade [4]
44.	Twosome [4]
45.	Belief systems [4]
46.	Visible remnant of an injury [4]
49.	Yes [3]
50.	Uncooked [3]

CRYPTIC CLUES - ACROSS:

1.	Seeking another's approval of a course already decided on [12]
8.	Its promoters are making a mint of a mint [4]
10.	Take Voga Road to molecule counter [8]
13.	Exists as part goddess [2]
15.	It ables Mom to sort out biochemistry [10]
16.	"I never really acknowledged ... during my homeopathic medical training. It seemed too basic and one sided as compared to the deep multi-dimensional classical homoeopathy I was studying." Shilpa Bhouraskar [8]
17.	Encounter back swarm [4]
18.	Cut cranial membrane to expose radioactive element [2]
19.	Hate can be critically evaluated [6]
20.	Chekhov had one but it was sold [8]
22.	33 bones located by fir from the south [5]
23.	Sheep at centre of play [3]
24.	& 25 across: Woo can be fatal. The French army incorporated this doctrine into its thinking during the lead up to the First World War by arguing that the spirit of individual soldiers was more important for victory than weapons [5, 5]
25.	See 24 across
26.	Supporter blows cold [3]
27.	Take a loyal path to conventional medicine [9]
28.	Smiting place [5]
31.	Quietly shat on by birds [5]
32.	Attractive medical specialty tops the cake [8]
35.	Stupid person undertakes sports training [4]
37.	& 38 across & 39 across: Cue silkier elk for homeopathic notion [4, 5,4]
38.	See 37 across
39.	See 37 across
41.	Nett uric provides potion [8]

42.	Injury resulting from gold found in a wrecked street car [6]
43.	Crushed pisum for pongidae [3]
47.	Short aerial formed a biblical division [3]
48.	To a degree, an alkaline earth metal. It makes extraction difficult [4]
51.	Do homeopaths do this to check fluids in body cavities? [10]
52.	Non rhythmic motor movement in visible part of electromagnetic spectrum [3]
53.	Above topgallant [5]
54.	Catcher location [3]
55.	Stitchers carry effluent? [6]
56.	Return on investment in high pitched ring establishing truth [7]
CRYPTIC CLUES - DOWN:	
2.	Moving en blob to put in the fix [6]
3.	Centre removed rom lavatory collector finds mountain range [4]
4.	Concerning rock lizards, but they are not asexual [6]
5.	Shake up the ante. That's cool! [4]
6.	Northern Israel city is bigger than this [4]
7.	Song in key of F is moderately good [4]
9.	A theory and practice of medicine which aims to cure the diseases of fools [10]
11.	Instrument powered up presents Hahnemann's work [7]
12.	Offices of French National Service [4]
14.	& 29 down: <i>"He who does not walk on exactly the same line with me, who diverges, if it be but the breadth of a straw, to the right or to the left, is an apostate and a traitor, and with him I will have nothing to say."</i> Gospel according to ...? [6, 9]
15.	& 31 down: Academia merit could set up Hahnemann's opus but it does not have any [7, 6]
21.	& 30 down: Source of symptomatic flu treatment from pate spread magically thinly [4, 5]
24.	French chap goes with ratio of 500, but it is all rather insipid [5]
25.	One who over estimates the importance of convictions [7]
29.	See 14 down
30.	See 21 down
31.	See 15 down
32.	Bare excel is appalling [9]
33.	Feel good effect from pale cob [7]
34.	Solute/solvent = SFA [8]
36.	As homeopathic remedies are reduced in concentration, this increases beyond all

	imagining [7]
40.	Kringle's weapon of choice? [4]
44.	Sounds like two fruits [4]
45.	Miss is confused about belief systems [4]
46.	Damaged cars leave their mark [4]
49.	Cut the ends off hen? Yes [3]
50.	Trim shell fish and have it uncooked [3]

SOLUTION

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