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**LACHESIS**

Region	Worse	Better
Blood. Circulation	A. Depressing factors	A. Detension
Nerves	HEAT :Spring. Summer	Liberation
Vasomotor	Autumn. Sun. Room	Free secretions
Cerebrospinal	Bath (fainting)	incl. seminal,
Sympathetic	Foods. Drinks	katabolic waste,
Vagus	Cold: Weather. Snow	eruptions, deflation,
Solar plexus	Food. Drink	epistaxis etc.
Cellular tissues	Weather: Extremes	stool, rain-pour
Lymphatic	of. Changes of	Catharsis
Vessels	Warm wet	divesting,
Nodes	Cloudy. Stormy. Windy	diversion,
Glands; sex	Closed places	venting,
Liver	Confinement	weeping,
Mucous membranes	Before discharges,	talking,
Alimentary (G.-I.)	flow, menses	change,
Throat	Climaxis	end of eclipse
Urogenital (G.-U.)	Periodically:	end of winter
Respiratory (B.-P.)	Night	Clear weather
Side : L.; I. to r. (throat,	Morning, waking	Daybreak
chest, cranium)	Morning to evening	Rest; while
L. upper, r. lower	Evening to morning	asleep
R.: liver, appendix	12 N to 12 M;	(esp. early)
sciatica	12 M to 12 N	Sitting bent
to I.	1 to 3 am or pm	Bathing part
Alternating	Every 12 hours or	(cold or hot)
	their multiples	Eating
	Alternate days,	B. Stimulation
	nights, months	Spring
	Every 4, 7, 10,	Open air. Light. Day
	14 days	Slow fan
	Moon (?)	Cold bath (though
	Monthly. 1/2yearly	averse)
	Annually. Spring	Cold applications
	Darkness	(head)
	During sleep, siesta;	

<b>Worse</b> (contd.)	<b>Better</b>
latter part of; on awaking from	<b>B. Stimulation</b> (contd.) Warm room (chill)
Motion. Standing	Warm or cold
Vibrations	.(throat)
Suppr. eruptions	Warm foment
Overexertion	(forehead, teeth, abdomen skin)
Fasting. Night-watch	Keeping awake and occupied
Swallowing; empty; liquids	Pleasant atmosphere
(Long) after eating	Hard pressure
Drugs: quinine, metals, chemicals, organic, narcotics, synthetic vitamins, alcohol, tobacco	Rubbing, stroking. reassuring, patting
Bad foods, odors, sour	While eating ; citrus fruits, coffee
Slight touch	Normal thermic food, drink, bath
Pressure of clothes	Travel
Mental trauma, mortification	
cnstraints, jealousy, grief, shock etc.	
Aloneness at night	
<b>B. Depletions</b>	
Emissions	
Sexual excesses	
Hemorrhages	

Tense.	Hypersensitive.	Tactophobic
Hysterical.	Hemmed in.	Heliophobic
Hypnophobic.	Hydrophobic.	Hemotoxic
Hemorrhagic.	Purple.	Destructive
Blue.	Venous.	Phthisic

**Highlights** : Constrictions (mental and physical). Sensitive mind and surface. Blue in mind and surface. Sleep has a special role (agg. in lower schemes, amel. in higher). Flushes of heat. Disintegration. Septicemia.

**Make-up** : Nervo- bilious. Bilious-lymphatic. Tubercular. Mercurio-syphilitic. Syco -syphilitic (*Kali-i.* is syphilo-sycotic). Weak, emaciated, indolent. Vascular; the aged with (cerebro-) vascular ageing, but not senile otherwise . The aged (apoplexy etc.) facing young wives (*Agar.*, *Nat-m.*, *Onos.*). Psychopathic: melancholy (i.e. blue, choleric), unhappy, suspicious, jealous, impatient. Neurasthenic, but not neurotic. Lively, affable, sharp, even ecstatic. Generally out-spoken, but may be reticent also (due to inhibitions).

**Worse** : Whatever restricts or enforces. **Better**: whatever defends, expands, radiates, stimulates or releases (e.g. diversion, conversation, pleasant company, giving love, philanthropy, social work, creative ventilation). Even discharging, secretions; coitus amel.

**Action** : It is a tensive (irritative) depressant. On nerves-Vagus (irritation in throat, larynx, bronchi, gastrum, heart). Neurotoxy (prostration, convulsions, unconsciousness, paralysis, like *Zinc.* ). Haemotoxy [ decomposition, hemorrhages, abscesses, malignant inflammations and suppurations, gangrene, pyemia, sepsis (cp. *Am-c.*, *Bufo*)]. Local inflammation with secondary blood-infection (and nervous prostration) in visceral organs: gastritis, hepatitis, peritonitis, appendicitis, cystitis, metritis, oophoritis, mastitis, laryngitis; also meningitis (cp. *Med.*, *Rhus-t.*).

**Blood** : Hemorrhages of decomposed black blood looking like charred straw on settling, or contains dark particles, and perhaps occult too, like coffee-grounds; vicarious; after suppr. scabies. Blood-decomposition and tissue degeneration, with peculiar nervous phenomena. Purple or bluish affected or pressed parts, face, gums, tongue, sordes, inflamed parts etc. Cyanosis; congenital, with patent foramen ovale; < during sleep.

Blackish eyes, face, diphtheric membrane, vomit, stool, urine, sordes, blood, edges of ulcers, pustules; melanosis (dark blotches in the aged). Scorbutic; spongy gums; ulcers. Fungus haematodes. Purpura hemorrhagica; ecchymoses, extravasation, petechiae. Uremia (see Urinary). Varicosis.

### **Nerves**

Pains : Constricting. Bursting. Throbbing. Hammering. Burning. Twinges, (flatulent) in abdomen, chest or head. Play between localities. Periodical. Intermittent. Shifting. In spots. At climacteric. With voluptuous feelings (*Gins.*).

Universal Commotion : Trembling general, internal; of hands, legs. Formication; crawlings, in head (l.). Tingling in l. arm (splenic flexure syndrome), hands, toes, genitals, nose, face. Twitchings. Pulsations and wave-like sensations (orgasms) or surgings (in chest. See ears). Sudden jerkings; during sleep. Cramps (occasional). Rolling eyes. Lolling tongue. Chorea (l.); paralytic; with ulceration; after ear-puncture. Violent convulsive hiccoughs.

Numbness, l. arm ; < pressure; during sleep; in heart trouble.

Hysterical nervous exaltation and trembling; any news, excitement or a harsh word agg. (cramps in abdomen and chest, sinking, faintness). Frightened by a snake years ago; now the child hates mother and shrinks from strangers (a conversion hysteria).

Convulsions : from pains or abscess; during chill; puerperal; h/o sunstroke; with spurting. Begins in (or violent in): legs, in face (l.). Falls to l. side. None while awake, agg. fatigue.

Epilepsy : Sexual (excitement, onanism, excesses, emissions, hypersex, disappointed love). Traumatic (bite, blows, sunstroke). From jealousy etc. Before exanthem, leucorrhoea or menses appear. At climacteric. After suppr. (or pain stopping in) abscess, ulcer or caries.

Aura: confusion, vertigo, sizzling in forehead, pale face, eructations, flatulence, heart discomfort or palpitation, mouse running (or formication) down spine, or up uterus to throat, cold feet (and during).

Catalepsy : from jealousy, disappointed love, during (scanty) menses, at climacteric; with cold upper lip.

Fainting spells ; with vertigo, nausea, dyspnoea, cold sweats; from warm bath; during heart pain; at climax.

A general weak, sick feeling, morning on waking; in bed (*Agar.*). Weakness, even to sinking; with (? im-) perceptible heart beats. Rapidly growing prostration ; after confinement etc. Feeling as if the body was overwhelmed by a disintegrating process, with sinking of vital forces. Exhaustion; physical (followed by) mental weakness in morning; after a night of ecstasy. Weakness, vertiginous, from indigestion or flatulence. W. (rising from) abdomen, after sleep. Agg. heat, Sun or weather vagaries, after pneumonia etc.

Incipient paralysis. P. (l.) after apoplexy, diphtheria, cold exposure or extremes of temperature, cerebral exhaustion, typhoid. P. with heaviness, stiffness (and numbness) of limbs. Toxic paresis in typhoid, whitlow, dissecting (*Pyro.*). Functional P.: deglutition, speech; stool or urine involuntary. Paresis; of lower jaw; of l. arm, < morning. Tottering gait; paraplegia.

### Tissues

Lax tissues : (flatulent) hernias (*Lye., Syph.*). Prolapses: rectum, uterus, vagina. Para -oesophageal hiatus hernia (*Lye.*).

Cellulitis, with burning and blue skin (*Tarn-c.*). Infiltration of cellular tissue. Orbital cellulitis with sloughing.

Emaciation : Arms, legs, nates; with suffering and weakness; with insanity.

Dropsies : From liver, spleen, kidney, heart disease; after pleurisy, scarlatina, abuse of iron. Anasarca, with ecchymosis. Ascites. Oedema: (brain), face, lungs, wrists, ankles, feet from

sour (l. first). Elephantiasis, with ulceration. Exudates and debris of inflammations, to dry up and absorb (*Kali-i.*).

Glands : Hard; testes, ovaries, mammae. Buboos.

Mucous membranes : Dry (on waking), eyes, throat; with ulcerated margins. Discharges: copious, ropy, acrid, offensive, membranous.

Bone :(Peri-)ostitis. Caries. Necrosis; also of tendons; in whitlow. Joints: sprained pain; osteo- arthritis. Nails ?

Fissures; between toes. Fistulas : lachrymal; rectal.

Calcareous tendency: has tartar on teeth and sand in urine (hence suggested in gall-stone or renal colic); is yet not definite on gout. All the 3 make a remedy calcareous.

Growths : Polypi; fleshy growth in (l. side of) vagina. Wens (sebaceous cysts). Tumor on back. Hard tumors. Erectile tumors; bleeding. Brain tumors. Pterygium. Subcutaneous papilloma (rice-bodies). Warts; fleshy; hard; painful; infectious (molluscum contagiosum).

Breakdown, disintegration; general tendency to subcutaneous decomposition and ulceration. Inflammations and ulcers, or (strangulated) hernias turn gangrenous.

Degenerations: Brain softening; dementia after surgery (e.g. of anal fistula, uterus or phimosis). Liver: softening; nutmeg. Sclerosis : early progressive posterior spinal sclerosis (locomotor ataxia); awkwardness of hands and feet (fumbling, stumbling), mild ^coordination; laryngeal crises of. Myelitis; spondylitis; spinal irritation. Broadly however, destruction prevails over degeneration.

Malignancies : Cancer; of syphilitics, drunkards, chimney-sweepers (lupus). Of eyes, lips, tongue, oesophagus, stomach, bowels, ovary, uterus. Scirrhous, of rectum, mammae. Melanotic. Colloid . Encephaloid.

### **Other Features**

1. Oversensitive peripheral nerves; will not bear a touch even on hair, or a cloth around neck, abdomen, wrist, legs.



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