

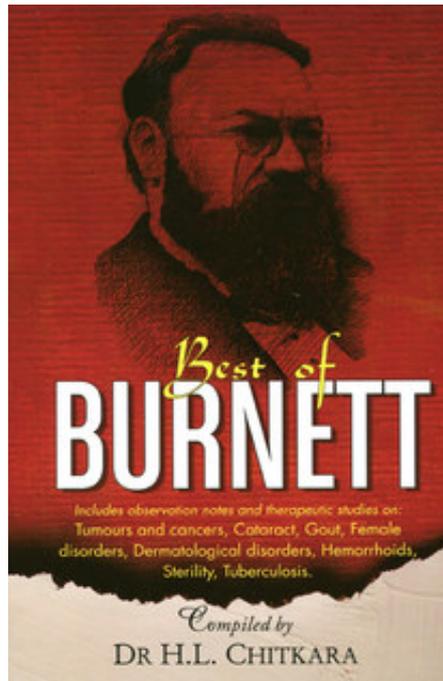
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Materia Medica Notes & Therapeutics

Acne Remedies

There is also a kind of acne that is distinctly of arthritic nature, and this yields well to *Urea* 6; in this variety pustulation is much less pronounced than in vaccinal acne or phthisic acne. Broadly put, vaccinal acne yields to *Thuja occidentalis*, *Sabina* and *Cupressus*, also to *Silicea* and *Maland*: acne from masturbation, to *Bellis perennis*; phthisic acne, to *Bacillinum*; when the acne is very pronouncedly pustular and scarring, to *Vaccinin.* and *Variolinum*; and arthritic acne calls for *hippuric acid*, *hippurate of Sodium* and *Urea*. The study of the varieties of acne is highly interesting and instructive, as almost all the great constitutional ancestral diseases show themselves in young persons in the form of acne. Not frequently cases of acne are of mixed pathological qualities, and these need *all* their pathologic *simillima* : Remedies only morphologically homoeopathic to the acne-form only palliate; to really and radically cure they must be *pathologically* similar. What a vast vista! (IX171)

Aconite

Aconitum napellus is, probably, the most frequently indicated remedy in the scientific treatment of neuralgia. This is as well known in homoeopa-

thic practice as the fact that woollen socks tend to keep one's feet warm. But some people who wear woollen socks have nevertheless cold feet, and in like manner a good many persons with neuralgia have taken *Aconite* and still kept their neuralgia. There is no such a thing as a panacea or specific for all sorts of neuralgia, a sure proof that there is neuralgia and neuralgia, or, in other words, every neuralgia has a pathology of its own. (XIV 3)

Had the homoeopaths done nothing in practical medicine but fix and precisionize the use of *Aconitum* in inflammations and fevers of the inflammatory kind, they would have well merited the undying gratitude of the whole human race. That the use of *Aconite* is thus by them fixed with scientific precision is a matter of common knowledge, and needs no further insisting upon, for "we do not drink our *Aconite* out of a Wilksian mug". (XII 7)

Acorn Water

With a few people, particularly with those who have suffered from old spleen engorgements, diarrhoea sets in after using it for two or three weeks that makes them feel better. It seldom lasts more than a day, and it is not weakening, but moderate. Hence it is not needful either to stop the acorn-water, or to lessen the dose. (X 49)

Aurum

In reference to the subject of this little volume Hahnemann says, "*Das Gold hat grosse, unersetzliche Arzneikraefte*" ("Gold has great remedial virtues, the place of which no other drug can supply"); and having myself used it in practice for several years, I have come to regard it in the same light: / *cannot do without it*. To my mind there are varieties of disease that *Gold* and *Gold only*, will *cure*, and others that *Gold*, and *Gold only*, will *alleviate to the full extent of the possible*; and not a few of these varieties of disease are of the gravest nature. As a heart-remedy alone it claims the most earnest attention of every medical man.

In homoeopathic practice it is neglected, and in allopathic practice it is practically unknown.

I claim for the following pages only that they constitute a rough Introduction to the Study of Gold as a Remedy in Disease. (II Preface (V))

Beginning with the sensorium, we note how some became *depressed in spirits, plaintive, tearful, melancholy, desirous of death, suicidal, restless, anjdous*, and some *timid, irritable, disagreeable, getting into quite a rage at the least contradiction, and wanting to quarrel and going into violent passions*. In some the opposite state of *great hilarity* is noted: and in others *the two states alternate*.

One sits *moping in a corner*, desirous of being left alone, another is *all vivacity*, and has a lively word for everybody.

In some *the memory* is rendered very *acute*, while in *others it becomes almost annihilated*.

Not only does Gold thus affect the brain, but it is a great disturber of the cranial circulation; there are *rushes of blood to the head and brain, headache, giddiness and hammering, and rustling noises in the head*. And not only are the contents of the skull thus so materially disturbed in their states and functions, but the bony shell itself is profoundly affected in its life and being, as witness the *pains in the bones of the head, with tenderness on pressure, and the bony lumps to be felt under the hairy scalp*. The eyes, too, are *powerfully and painfully* affected, and in one observer the *pupils* were at *first contracted and then dilated*, while the vision of another is interfered with; *"he sees indistinctly"*, and there is even *total loss of vision for a moment*; and finally Dr. Hermann is so affected that he sees *only with the lower half of his eyes, as if they were covered superiorly with something black* (see the eye cases later on), and then again he *cannot see anything distinctly, as everything seems double*, and thus objects get jumbled together. There is a *pustular eruption on the face, neck, and chest*, the *parotid and submaxillary glands swell and are painful*; the *bones of the face and nose are tender and painful*, while the *wings of the nose are sore and inflamed*, and there is a *sore within them that scabs over*.

The *teeth pain* and are loose, the *gums are sore*, and so is *the throat*; there is an *offensive smell from the mouth* (one of the earliest uses of Gold was to correct foul *breath*), with a *good deal of saliva in the mouth* (the muriate produces inodorous (?) salivation).

The digestive tract is irritated and disturbed throughout; *uneasiness in the stomach*, amounting at times to a *sense of weight, pain or swelling; stitches in the sides; nausea; retching; griping; colic; flatulence; flatulent colic; weight in the abdomen, with icy cold hands and feet; pressing in the right inguinal ring as if a hernia would protrude, an inguinal hernia protrudes with great pain; distention of the bowels with rumbling within; constipation, flatus, diarrhoea; stitches, burning and swelling of anal end of rectum*; in fact, the whole of the intestinal tube is irritated and fretted till it writhes and wriggles, protruding at the inguinal ring, and voiding its contents.

Nor are the kidneys exempt; there is *constant desire to mkturate, the urine is like butter-milk, and more fluid is passed than is drunk* (its use in dropsy is very ancient).

The genital sphere is powerfully moved (in these experiments all adult males); a *long dormant appetite is roused in one, and generally great orgasm of the parts, with all the known phenomena that result therefrom.* Their various anatomical parts are fretted; stitches in the urethra and glans, with escape of prostatic secretion; the scrotum itches, the *right testis pains* as if bruised in one observer, and in *another observer the same organ becomes a tumid mass with pressive pain when touched or rubbed against from 6 to 11 p.m.* Going back now to the respiratory sphere, we note *all the symptoms of a running cold in the head, and then congestion and catarrh of the entire bronchial lining with the dry and humid stages and cough with dyspnoea and constriction of the thorax, or just the opposite - viz., unusual freedom of breathing.*

The symptoms of cardiac asthma are thus and in the following well depicted : *extreme tightness of the chest with difficult breathing at varying times, great weight on the chest, especially a heavy weight in the sternum.* This latter symptom points to *angina pectoris*, in which I have used it with marked success.

In view of its ancient reputation as a cordial, the cardiac symptoms have a great interest. We read further: *In walking, the heart seems to shake about as if it were loose; at times a single thump of the heart; palpitation of the heart; violent palpitation of the heart; a kind of restless anxiety, arising in the region of the heart, and driving him from one place to another, so that he cannot stay anywhere.*

There are various *tearing stitch-like pains about the body, and the spine pained* a prover so much one morning that he *could not move hand or foot.*

There are *tearing pains in nearly all the joints, and the muscular system is considerably affected, so also the bones.*

There are *wheals in the skin of the lower extremities like nettle-rash that itch, are made worse by rubbing, and are worse out of doors.*

There is a weary, tired pain in the head and in all the joints in the morning in bed that motion ameliorates.

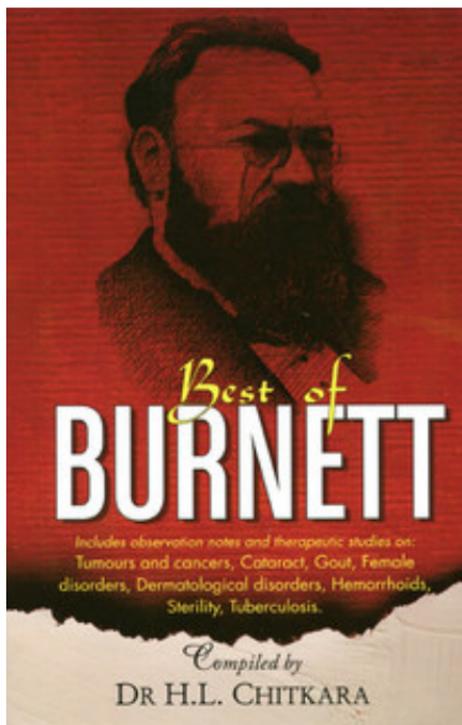
The arms and legs are numb and asleep in the morning on awaking. (I have cured this symptom, occurring in a middle-aged man, with Gold.)

There is *great liability to catch cold and great sensitiveness of the whole body to all kinds of pain, so that the very thought of pain is almost the pain itself.*

There is a good deal of *wakefulness by day and restlessness by night with bad dreams; "he often awakes in the night in a fright"; "he moans in his sleep".*

Chilliness and rigors are very prominent symptoms : "cold hands and feet", "cold down the back", "cold in the whole body", "shivers with cold", shudders with cold in bed", "cannot get warm all night", "in the evening feverish chilliness over the whole body with a bad cold in the head, but not followed by fever or thirst".

Symptom 440 in Hahnemann is "morning perspiration all over".



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