

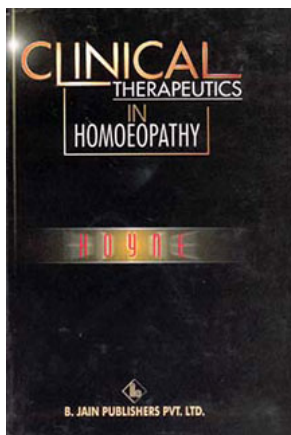
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ACONITE.

Aconitum napelhus.—Monkshood.

Antidotes.—Stimulants, *Camphor* and *Nux vomica*.

Duration of Action.—Five or six hours.

Mental Symptoms.—The mental symptoms met by this drug are few in number, but very well marked. Predicts the day he is to die; he is afraid to go out; to go where there is any excitement; his life is rendered miserable by this feeling of fear. Fears death.

CASE I. Mr. S., aged twenty; since a severe fright three years ago, great timidity; afraid to go out unattended after dark; is unable to control his feelings of apprehension and fear. *Aconite* 3, morning and, night cured. Dr. G. W. Richards.

CASE II. Dr. Bayes relates a case of 'delirium tremens' characterized by acute mania, with terrible imaginings, frightful fancies and constant terror, the patient springing out of bed with great desire to go out of the house. Cured with *Aconite* 1.

Hyperoemia.—For this affection *Aconite* is indicated when there is constant restlessness, great anxiety and fear of death, particularly when caused by violent emotions, such as fright, grief, etc.

Meningitis.—It may be employed in this affection with decided benefit only in the first stages, afterward other remedies are better indicated.

Traumatic Delirium.—*Aconite* should be employed for these symptoms: Inconsolable anguish; piteous howlings; fears and apprehensions; reproaches from trivial causes; despair; loud moaning; palpitation of the heart; oppressed, breathing; increased heat of the body and face; great weariness; apprehensions of approaching death; easily frightened.

ure to cold west or northwest winds, especially if the lids are swollen red and hard, and there is a mucous discharge from the eyes and nose, requires *Aconite*.

Conjunctivitis.—Also conjunctivitis from the same cause, or from foreign bodies having entered the eye, particularly at the commencement of the inflammation.

Dr. C H. Vilas, of Chicago, recommends the use of *Aconite* in the beginning of all inflammations of the conjunctiva, cornea, or iris. He says it will also be found valuable when the ciliary circle becomes implicated in inflammatory troubles, and to control inflammatory reaction after surgical operations.

Br. Payr says, in treating acute catarrh of the conjunctiva, simple dry warmth, without remedies will often cure mild cases, if smoke, dust, sharp air, candle-light, beer or wine are avoided. If the patients are restless, give *Aconite* before sleeping; also *Aconite* every two or three hours in serous infiltration of the conjunctiva. For blennorrhoea of the conjunctiva, warm dry compresses and *Aconite*. In acute croupous blennorrhoea of conjunctiva, clean with cold water, bandage, even keep in bed; diet of light soup and toast; dry, cold applications. In first congestive stage, *Aconite* 2. For traumatic conjunctivitis, *Aconite* is the best remedy.

Trichiasis, Entropium.—Dr. Hæzel advises the external application of *Aconite* for the cure of these affections.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.—Ophthalmia of new-born children is well met by *Aconite* when there is redness of the eye; restlessness; dry, hot skin and thirst.

Purulent Ophthalmia.—In purulent ophthalmia of infants, Dr. Leadam advises *Aconite* 30 every three hours. He also advises that the eyes should be sponged frequently with very warm water. In fact, cold water is seldom beneficial in the treatment of this disease.

Ulcers.—Dr. Geo. S. Norton recommends *Aconite* for ulcers of the cornea from traumatic causes.

Chorioiditis Serosa.—Dr. Payr employs *Aconite* for chorioiditis serosa, exudativa, suppurativa and sarcomatosa, in men of lively character and sanguine or bilious-nervous constitution.

CASES V AND VI. Dr. Hirsch reports two cases of total blindness, produced suddenly by taking cold, cured with *Aconite* 3, in water, every half hour.

NATKUM CARBONICUM.

Natrum Carbonicum.—Carbonate of Soda.

Antidote.—*Camrplwr.*

Duration of Action.—One Month.

Mental Symptoms.—The most important are: Intolerable melancholy and apprehension; depressed and extremely despondent mood; great timidity; weakness of memory; hypochondriac.

CASE 1. A young man, after a year's hard study, found his memory gradually failing, experienced an inaptitude for meditation or hard work, difficulty of conception or of combining ideas when listening or reading; figures and diagrams were void of expression to him, and seemed enveloped in a mist. *Natr. carb.* 30 a dose every week cured promptly. Dr. Dulac.

Vertigo.—The following forms yield to this remedy: Vertigo after intellectual labor; vertigo when working in the sun; vertigo aggravated by rest and ameliorated by exercise in the open air.

Coup de Soleil.—*Natrum carbonicum.*:—Useful for the sequelae. Inability to think; head feels stupefied and aches when in the sun; dazzling flashes or black spots before the eyes, dimness of sight; palpitation of heart; trembling of hands; debility from least exertion; restless, unrefreshing sleep; profuse sweat from every exertion.

Cephalalgia.—There is one form of headache to which this remedy seems particularly applicable, viz., headache in sad, desponding persons, with stitches in various parts of the head and through the eyes and dull, stupefying pressure in the forehead in any position of the body. The pain is aggravated by mental labor, reading, etc.; by working under gas-light or working in the sun, and is frequently accompanied with vertigo. Dr. H. V. Miller reports a case (*Hahn. Month.*, vol. II, p. 16) cured in a few hours by this medicine.

CASE 2. Man about twenty-six years of age; nervous temperament; had frequent headache; his occupation in close room near

cries out. The throbbing is followed by numbness, which involves the whole affected part. In women in whom the menses are too early and too abundant; the mind is filled with pride and contempt."

Heart Diseases.—*Platina* has proved serviceable for palpitation of the heart after mental exertions, when accompanied by anxiety and weeping

. Dr. Elbe recommends it for the "incipient stage of *endo-* and *pericarditis* in consequence of articular rheumatism, especially when there is intense anxiety and great palpitation of the heart."

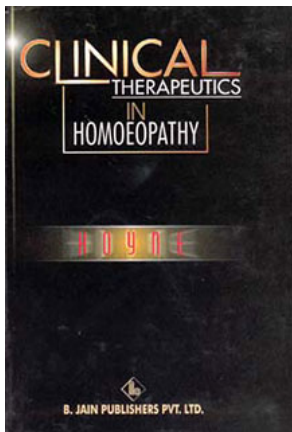
Typhlitis, Perityphlitis.—It has been recommended in these affections, and certainly *Platina* has very many of the symptoms, as the lancinating pains, the obstinate constipation, the frequent erections the nausea and vomiting, and the numbness in the leg.

Constipation.—We find *Platina* useful for obstinate constipation occasioned by lead-poisoning or traveling in the cars. The stool is excessively difficult; it adheres to the rectum and anus like soft clay.

Fissure of the anus, with crawling and itching in the anus every evening, and frequent urging with scanty stool and a painful sensation of weakness, suggests this remedy.

Painter's Colic.—*Platina* has been recommended in lead colic, and of the sixty-odd symptoms, it has twenty-nine, or less than one-half. *Nux vomica*, however, has fifty-seven, and hence is the best remedy. The pains indicating *Platina* are felt in the umbilical region, and extend through to the back; the patient is very restless, and gets into all possible positions, trying to obtain relief. It is very efficacious for constipation before or after the attack.

CASE 18. Carriage-painter, suffering with violent cramps in the abdomen, accompanied with excessive nausea and vomiting; the face was emaciated, and of a pale-yellow hue; the expression was one of intense pain; the thighs were strongly flexed, and the hand; were pressed tightly upon the abdomen; the material vomited was of a watery consistency, bright green in color, and bitter in taste; pulse slow and full; bowels constipated; characteristic dark-blue lines on both-gums; abdominal pain concentrated in the umbilical region. Treatment: Hot alcoholic fomentations externally, with *Nux vomica* and *Opium* in tincture internally. The following day, the vomiting had ceased entirely, the paroxysms of pain were moderated, and during the night the bowels were moved freely. In three days, the patient resumed his work. The following week, he had a second attack, which lasted about one day, and was unaccompanied with vomiting. The same treatment was employed. Four days after the second attack, he came to my office, expressing the desire to subject himself to a course of treatment which would entirely rid him of his disease. He was informed of the necessity of removing the cause



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