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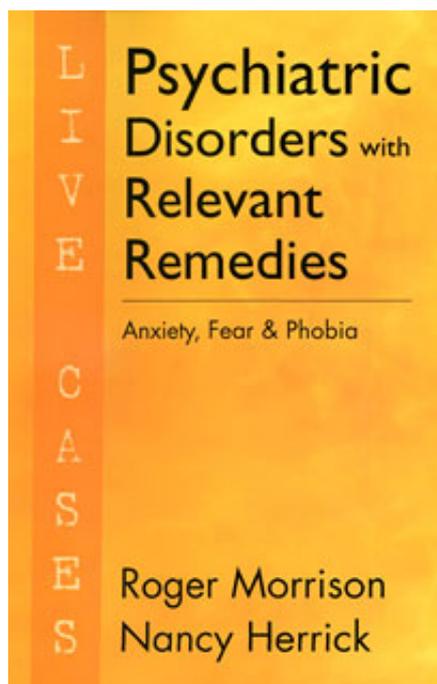
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PAPER CASE 10 AND VIDEO 4**PAPER CASE 10**

J. W. 36, female

Dysmenorrhoea (3), with nausea, like motion sickness (1), comes with gas (3), irritability (2), worse onset of flow, vertigo at onset (1). Better lying down, no motion. Better bleeding a lot. Pain in abdomen and ovaries, worse right ovary (1), worse standing. Tense lower abdomen. Right nostril bleeds three days before menses.

Joint pain (3), especially right thumb (2), right knee (2). Worse two weeks before menses. Wants to stretch knee, without any amelioration - it feels like it gives out.

Memory poor (3) for everything.

Hair falling out continuously (3), for many months.

Fears: spiders.

Desires: salt (3), bread (1), red drinks (3), dark chocolate with mint (1), sugar (3), especially before menses.

Instant salivation (3), when puts hands into water.

Scalp itchy and skin (2), "I feel incredibly dirty, I can't feel clean."

Low sex desire.

Sleeps right side curled up.

"I'm a control freak." Hard worker.

Rage (3), worse before and at onset menses. "I feel like a different person. I want to kill someone."

EVALUATION

NH: Instant salivation (3), when puts hands into water. One of those lovely rubrics where you think: "Oh, this will be the key to the case;" you look it up and it's nowhere to be found. "I'm a control freak" (American slang), which means she always wants to be in charge of everything, make sure everything is the way she wants it; she wants control.

I treated her for several years, actually, and I had moderate success with one remedy. I decided what the remedy was through the way she had the dysmenorrhoea and she had pain in the right ovary, pain in the right joints, rage during her menses. So if you put these all together, and plus she had a flushed face, you come up with Belladonna. Seemed like a pretty clear Belladonna to me. And actually, Belladonna helped her every single time, but it was a kind of thing like the Ignatia in the Lac caninum case; you had to keep repeating it. So it worked acutely, it helped her with her dysmenorrhoea each period. She would take it and she would feel better, but it was clearly not the constitutional one, because she had the recurrent dysmenorrhoea. So I finally decided I had to have a different approach to the case. And it's interesting how it occurred: I lost her chart. And she came in one day and I had to start all over again. So I said: "This is interesting, this is a kind of message." So I rethought the case from a completely different perspective.

This time I looked at the case this way: severe dysmenorrhoea, with right nostril bleeding three days before the menses. And severe rage, where she feels like a different person and she wants to kill someone. And a bright red face. Does that add up to a remedy?

AD: Melilotus.

NH: Good, that's the remedy. This woman has no headaches; there was no real indication. MELILOTUS is typically known for headaches; that's primarily why we think of it, but it also has severe dysmenorrhoea. Also, Melilotus is known for the haemorrhage of some sort that gives relief. In this case it doesn't actually give relief; we see that the bleeding just occurs. Melilotus has this very strange, unbelievable rage and states of maniacal paranoia. She doesn't describe the paranoia. It takes her over; she feels like a completely different person. This is the follow-up after Melilotus.

VIDEO 4 (just the comments)

NH: She comes in and the first thing she says is: "My memory is unchanged." And then she is describing how, unless she gives very strict importance to what she is thinking about, she cannot remember things at all. Her memory is very severely hampered.

RM: She is a very forceful person. She has a lot of internal power.

NH: Yes, she is a very intense person. Very strong-willed.

RM: You can see how close this is to Belladonna. NH: The bright eyes, the sense of humour.

RM: Practical, not flighty. Not at all like the Lac caninum (video 2), but much more down to earth.

NH: She is laughing, she is funny, she is cheerful. So it's very hard for me to believe that she was in this kind of rage state. But finally when I really heard it and really listened to it, then I realized how severe that was, that state she goes into.

RM: It normalized, between before it was rages, now it's irritability. That's a very good move in the right direction and that's what we usually see. We don't see a severe problem just stopping. First it has an intermediate period where it becomes more like normal.

NH: She says everyone is commenting on her; she is a different person. People notice the whole change in her personality. So it's much deeper than even I perceived and than even she perceived. Because she would describe it as happening mostly when her period started.

NH: I asked: "Are you still excited?" She goes: "Don't even mention it, yes, yes, that's still there." She is very excitable, very easily stimulated to the point that just talking about it stirs it up. Look in Boericke, Melilotus. In the paper case it says under knee, joint pain, wants to stretch the knee, without any amelioration. It feels like it gives out. So look under extremities, page 428. Pain in knee, wants to stretch leg, but does not relieve. Joints sore, aching in knee joints. It's exactly described in Boericke.

RM: And in Clarke (page 422), the mental section, you see irascible, impatient, discontented, fault-finding, furious. Had to lock him in a room. Indolent, unable to fix mind, stupid, indifferent. Total inability to study, memory will not retain anything - just what she

says. Omits words and letters in writing. Loss of consciousness (with gushing of blood from nose). Shyness and blushing - that's not her. Wants to go home. Thought there was something supernatural in always waking a few minutes before 3 a.m.

NH: Flushing of the face is very strong for *Melilotus*.

RM: Fear of danger, fear of being arrested. Panic fear. Suspicious. Increased mental power (came out in one prover). Attacks of weeping without much depression. Religious melancholy, with intensely red face. Like *Belladonna*, *Pulsatilla* and *Lachesis*, the bright red flush.

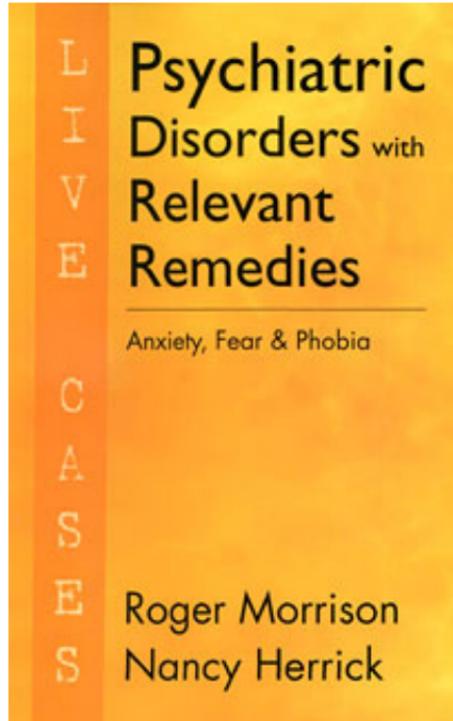
NH: What was also very interesting about this case was that the *Melilotus* dealt with the joint pain, the dysmenorrhoea and the rage. What was left was the memory problem, which was very severe, and the hair loss; her hair kept falling out. So we kept waiting and waiting, and still she was getting better and better. And then she comes in to the clinic and she says: "Now I have this kind of depression, where I feel flat. I feel like I have no interest in anything." So the memory loss, hair falling out, and indifference.

AD: *Phosphoricum acidum*.

NH: *PHOSPHORICUM ACIDUM*, right. So it was a beautiful combination of those two remedies, and then the *Phosphoricum acidum* really finished the cure of the case. But it was a two-layer situation.

RM: When you give a remedy that has a particular fear, and it helps the rest of the case but the fear is still there, that means that underneath there's another remedy that has the same problem. So the memory weakness doesn't go away from the remedy, but underneath there's another remedy of great memory weakness. That's very characteristic.

Mostly we were using *Melilotus* just as a headache -remedy with headaches very similar to *Belladonna* and *Glonoin*, which it resembles quite a lot. Only then we heard from Andre Saine it was useful for rages and mania, and then we started to spot it for that, but no case that I can recall had strong fears.



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