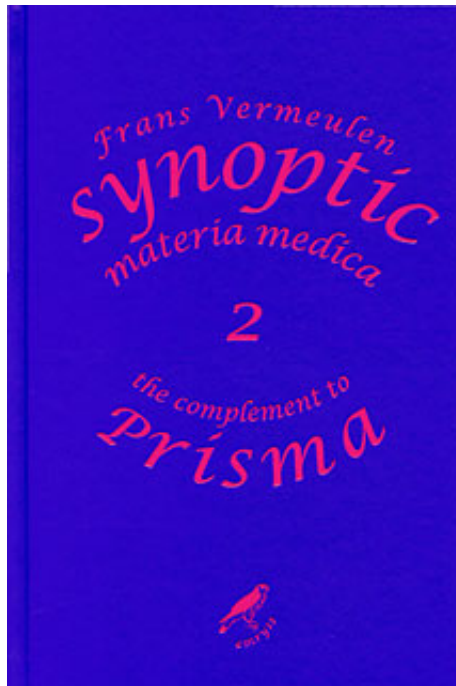


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## RUBRICS

MIND: *Ailments* from debauchery [1]. *Fear* of lung disease [1]. *Impatience* [1].

HEAD: *Pain* > leaning against something [1; Bell. ]; > walking in open air [1]; pain in forehead > pressure [1]; pain in temples > pressure [1].

NOSE: *Coryza* from a draft of air [1]; & asthma [2]; coryza extending to chest [1]. *Discharge* hot [1]. *Obstruction* in Spring [1/1]. *Pain*, rawness, of posterior nares [2; Carb-v.]. **Nose Sensitive to touch** [1].

MOUTH: *Salivation* & sensation of dryness [1; Merc.].

THROAT: Sensation of *foreign* body [1]; of apple core [1]. Burning *pain* during asthma [1/1].

STOMACH: *Nausea* felt in throat [1].

ABDOMEN: Feeling as after *debauchery* in morning on rising [1/1]. *Pain* as if diarrhoea would come on [1]; cramping, griping pain & leucorrhoea [1].

RECTUM: *Pain* extending to abdomen [1].

FEMALE: *Menses*, offensive [1]; suppressed from cold [1]; suppressed suddenly [2].

RESPIRATION: *Asthmatic* respiration > expectoration [1]; in Spring [1]. *Difficult* respiration > expectoration [1; Ant-t. ].

COUGH: *Dry* cough at night [1]. *Rattling* in morning [1]. Must *sit up* [1]. *Warmth* > [1].

CHEST: Burning pain & asthma [1/1].

PERSPIRATION: *Profuse* during sleep [1].

## NOTES

## ARANEAI XOBOLA

Aran-ix.

## SIGNS

Aranea ixobola.

Spider belonging to the Araneida order of the class Arachnida. The name of the order is derived from Arachne, a Lydian girl who could weave so well that she challenged the goddess Athena to a weaving match. In her recklessness, she went so far as to ridicule the gods in the scenes in her woven designs. The irate Athena consequently tore up Arachne's work and changed Arachne herself into a spider, so that she could weave to her heart's content for all eternity.

Together with the crustacea, millipedes, centipedes, insects, etc., the spiders belong to the Arthropoda, a major division of the animal kingdom, with segmented bodies and jointed appendages. Spiders differ from the insects in that their body has two rather than three parts, they have four pairs of legs rather than three, and they have no antennae or larva and

chrysalis stage.

*Aranea ixobola* is a wheel-web spider. These spiders make up a separate category and are characterised by their beautiful regular webs.

The wheel-web spider does not repair its web, but simply removes the sticky spirals every night and weaves new ones. The prey [insects] is simply grabbed, bitten and carefully woven in thread. An oily layer on the feet ensures that the spider does not stick to its own threads.

The spider's thread consists of a complicated albuminoid protein produced as a liquid that hardens immediately when stretched into fine threads and exposed to the air. The threads visible to the naked eye are actually a combination of many microscopically thin threads. They are extremely elastic and very strong. To protect itself from falling, the wheel-web spider attaches itself to its high perch using an anchor thread, and weaves its web from there. The mid-point represents the original nest, the radial threads are the lines along which the spider moves from the central nest and the cross-threads or spirals are later additions, with a gummy surface to trap flying insects. To span an area, the spider hangs on a sturdy thread and floats a fine thread across on the air. This fine thread is then tightened, while the spider walks across it [as it rolls up the fine thread and later discards it] and attaches the first, reinforced thread. This becomes the bridge on which it hangs the web.

Spiders can predict the weather extremely accurately. For example, a spider working quietly at its web means calm weather, and rain can be expected if the spider abandons its work.

*Aranea ixobola* is a black cross spider found in Europe and America, and is much larger than *Aranea diadema*. It is a powerful hunter, and one of its favourite locations is under wooden bridges.

Proved by Mezger, in 1952, on 32 subjects [25 men, 7 women],

### COMPARE

*Lycopodium*. *Pulsatilla*. *Phosphorus*. *Conium*. *Aranea diadema*. *Aconitum lycoctonum*. *Mandragora*.

### REGION

Peripheral nervous system. Muscles. Stomach; liver; gall bladder.

### LEADING SYMPTOMS

*M* Absent-mindedness, *difficult concentration*, tendency to do nothing but smoke.

*M* *Euphoric state*, as if he has drunk wine, talkativeness and need for speaking.

Followed by a melancholic mood, tired of living, *irritability*.

*M* Internal restlessness, & difficult concentration.

> OPEN AIR.

"The restlessness is reminiscent of the nervousness of the smoker who tries to calm himself by lighting another cigarette." [Mezger]

"Idea that nothing is finished soon enough."

M Pleasure in teasing others.

"In the Aranea ixobola patients that I have seen, the teasing nature is sometimes manifested as non-cooperation. Children may refuse to speak when asked questions and remain stationary while their mother tells of their intense restlessness, just to prove that she is wrong. They are restless, and have poor impulse control. They can be deceitful - after doing something wrong, they act charmingly and win you over. They like animals in general." [Nandita Shah, *Horn. Links* 2/96]

M Oversensitive to noises and odours.

M Fear that relatives will die. [Klein]

M Cunning; deceitful; witty. Complex people, talking hurriedly and associating their ideas easily. Go from one extreme to another. [Klein]

G Chilly, but > open air.

Sensation of general or local coldness.

G *Desire to move.*

Feels better in open air.

G Desire for sweet foods, which are well digested.

Craving for meat and cheese, [Shah]

G > Smoking.

Strong desire for tobacco [on account of internal restlessness].

G > Coffee.

G *Disturbed sleep*, by anxious dreams or fearful dreams.

[quarrels; death of near relative, wife or husband]

G < Rest [evening, lying in bed].

< Alcohol.

G > Motion [digestive organs; heart].

> Continued motion [joints].

G > Bending backward and stretching [abdominal complaints].

G > Eructations; flatus; stool.

G Sensation of internal trembling.

& Desire for motion, and hurry.

"Idea that nothing is finished soon enough." [Mezger]

G Vertigo.

& Sensation of heat in head.

P Dull, stinging headache, esp. on the right side.

< Bending; alcohol.

> Open air; smoking.

P *Sensation of dryness* in mouth and pharynx, sometimes localised on only one side.

- P Pressing and cramping pain, fullness and heaviness, in stomach and hepatic region.  
 < *Fats and rich food*; alcohol.  
 > *Pressure with closed fist*.
- P Pain in abdomen, esp. in *region of gall bladder*.  
 < Lying on right side and when curled up; bending; motion of right arm.  
 > Bending backward; rising and walking; flatus and stools.
- P Sensation of dryness in trachea.  
 & Intense thirst for cold drinks.
- P Cervicobrachial neuralgia.
- P Heaviness of the arms, esp. of the right hand.  
 & Sensation of swelling and awkwardness in right hand.
- P Increase of trembling of hands.

### RUBRICS

MIND: *Absent-minded* [1]. *Answer*, answers snappishly [1]. *Delusions*, everything seems unreal[1]; of being smaller[1]\*. *Dreams* of quarrels [1]; violence[1]. *Mental exertion* <[2]. *Hurry*[2]. *Impolite*[1]. *Restlessness* > open air [1; Arg-n]. *Snappish* [1]. *Witty talk*[1]. *Teasing*[1]. *Time* passes too slowly, appears longer[1]. *Witty*[1].

VERTIGO: With *nausea*[1].

HEAD: *Pain*, headache > profuse urination [1].

THROAT: *Pulsating* & palpitation of heart [1/1].

STOMACH: *Vomiting* < wine [1;ANT-C.].

ABDOMEN: *Distension* of right hypochondrium[1]. *Pain* > bending backward[1]; pain in gall bladder, biliary colic [1].

FEMALE: Bloody *leucorrhoea* before menses [1].

CHEST: *Palpitation* of heart immediately after lying m; palpitation extending to epigastrium [1/1].

EXTREMITIES: *Coldness* of painful parts [1]. *Pain* in left leg, sciatica, [1]; > motion [1].

GENERALITIES: Continued *motion* >[1]. *Numbness* of single parts [1].

Warm and wet *weather* < [1].

\* Addition of Louis Klein.

**FOOD**

*Aversion:* Fats and rich food [1].

*Desire:* Cheese [1]; meat[1]; sweet food[1]; tobacco[1].

*Worse:* Alcohol [1]; fats and rich food[1]; wine[1]. .

*Better.* Coffee [1]; tobacco [1].

**NOTES****ARSENICUM SULPHURATUM FLAVUM      Ars-s-f.****SIGNS**

Arsenic trisulphide. Orpiment.

Orpiment, from Latin auripigmentum [aurum = gold, pigmentum = paint], is a yellow mineral, used as a pigment. This solid and flaky mineral seldom consists of crystals. Its colour is usually golden yellow, and sometimes brown or orange. The hardness level is 1.5, which is very soft. The mineral comes about in mineral canals in low temperatures, often together with red realgar [Ars-s-r.], or as a deposit in hot springs.

In Aristotle's time, arsenic was used to harden copper. Orpiment and realgar have long been used as depilatories in the leather industry. Orpiment rubbed on silver gives the surface a golden colour. Orpiment thus appears to have one of the properties attributed to the philosophers' stone. Therefore it was an important material for alchemists.

Proved by Langhammer.

**COMPARE**

Arsenicum. Sulphur. Lycopodium. Mercurius. Rhus toxicodendron. Kali arsenicosum. Calcareo silicata.

**REGION**

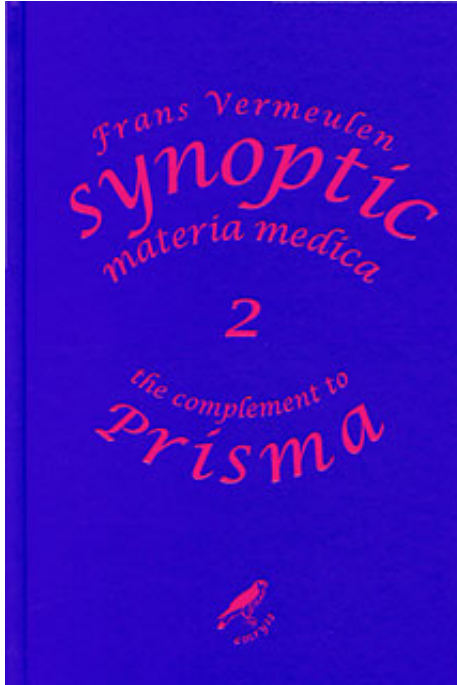
MUCOUS MEMBRANES. Respiration. Mind. Skin. Circulation.

**LEADING SYMPTOMS**

M Anxiety; evening in bed and at night.

M Fear of being alone.

M Easily frightened. Starting at night; as if he would fall out of bed.



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