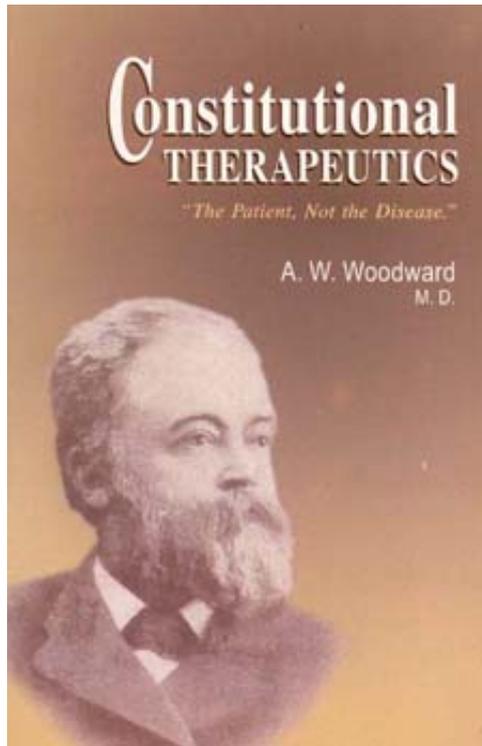


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THUJA OCCIDENTALIS.

PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS.

New Experiments.

Health good; pulse, 65. After ten drops of the ix dilution in water, he soon had *itching of the scalp*, and soon after, of the shoulders and arm; *fullness and aching in the region of the liver and diaphragm* ; *drawing in the right hand* and afterwards in the leg; gurgling; and pinching in the bowels and *drawing in the testis*.

Pinching in the pubic region and aching in the end of the penis; pressure in the rectum. *Nasal flux and sneezing*, with chilliness; *pulse, Sf*. Aching in the pubic region and itching of the perineum. Transient toothache with a return of the drawing in the testis. Touching the parts caused an erection; the testes ached as if bruised. * * *

DR. B. T. HOLMES, after ten drops of the tincture, had *a sharp stitch in the calf of the left leg*. Later, *his lips were dry and parched; his feet ached in the joints when walking*. He was called to *urinate* at an unusual hour. At noon his appetite was as usual; *he was inclined to be silent and moody*, and after eating he was very sleepy for an hour. On waking he was called to urinate again, the specific gravity of the urine being 1.012. He had a tired, stiff feeling in the legs and back, which was relieved by rubbing. He urinated a third time within six hours (this never happened before).

Among Hahnemann's provers of this drug, we find the following records:

DR. GROSS had a *painful spot on the occiput when lying down* ; the hairs of the scalp were sensitive to the touch.. *He hawked bloody mucus from the throat*. There was a lack of appetite and

much flatulency after a meal. He suffered from *weakness and weariness* with nausea, which compelled him to lie down. He had frequent, pappy stools, and *frequent copious, watery urine*. There was epistaxis; he also had frequent stitches in the chest and warm perspiration on the covered parts¹ * * *

FREDERICK HAHNEMANN experienced *headache* on waking, *toothache and nausea followed by vomiting*.

After vomiting he had a chill, with *heaviness of the limbs* and a *copious flow of urine*; there were also tearing pains in the occiput and in the fingers.¹

HARTMAN experienced *giddiness as if he were turning in a circle*, with heaviness in the head, jerking stitches through the whole head, pressure in the left frontal region, and itching, tearing in the occiput. There was a violent stitch in the left canthus, with ringing in the ears. He had a *gradually increasing stitch under the tongue*, as if a needle sticking there. He suffered from violent tearing in the left, upper jaw, stitches in the fauces, *stiffness in the nape of the neck*, pinching pains in the stomach, with throbbing; *frequent, copious urination* and violent stitches in the glans with desire to urinate. The sticking pains during urination were sometimes violent and the tenesmus vesicae continued as long as the pains. There was *pressure in the middle of the chest*, which did not interfere with the respiration. He had a jerking stitch in the sactum, which was relieved by rubbing, and tearing in the arms; there was a feeling of heat in the left hand, while the right was cold. His sleep was restless and dreamful ; his face was hot and his hands were icy cold. There was a chill over the whole body, without coldness to the touch.¹

The following are from the provings made by the Austrian Society and are taken from the same source :

DR. ZEINER took one drop of the tincture of Thuja occid. in water. Immediately after the dose, he had *vertigo*, followed by *scraping in the throat*, slight *griping above the navel*, sticking in the right temple, numbness in the *left foot*, with *weakness in it when*

¹ *Metcalf's Materia Medica.*

walking and a feeling of coldness over the whole body. One hour after, the griping passed from the umbilical region towards the right groin, causing pressure; the vertigo, scraping in the throat and lameness in the foot continued. Two hours after taking the dose the vertigo and griping were relieved in the open air, but stitches were felt in the right groin and between the sacrum and anus; there was *frequent urination* in the course of the day. At 6 in the evening, there was inflation of the abdomen, which was relieved by eructations. At 7 o'clock he had stitches in the anus alternating with burning in the prepuce. At 9 o'clock the prover's *sense of smell, was intolerably increased*. The night's rest was good. Next morning the stitches in the anus and biting in the prepuce returned. * * *

Third Experiment.—After an interval he took five-drop doses of the tincture. He had *stitches and pressure in the forehead*, sticking pains in the chest at intervals, *scraping in the throat, griping about the navel*, intolerable biting in the anus and *drawing in the left testicle*. Next day, after twenty drops, the same symptoms were repeated. There was general debility and weakness in the feet. There were also stitches in the groins, with a feeling as if the glands were swollen, with intolerable itching in the anus. There was *hasty urging to urinate* and a copious flow of urine. # * #1

DR. WM. HUBER, of Linz, after taking the 5x dilution of Thuja occid., experienced a *fine stitch in the left ulnar region*, and soon after there was a *sudden movement in the iliac region*, as of something alive; later he had a *painful drawing near the elbow*. In the evening he experienced an excoriated sensation in the glans penis; the glans was sore when touched; there were *stitches in the fossa navicularis*. There was sudden bounding in the abdomen, with starting of the whole body while asleep. Another dose caused drawing pains in the left temple and colic, with flatulence. The fourth dilution next day caused profuse salivation and painful tension in the neck and lumbar region. * * *

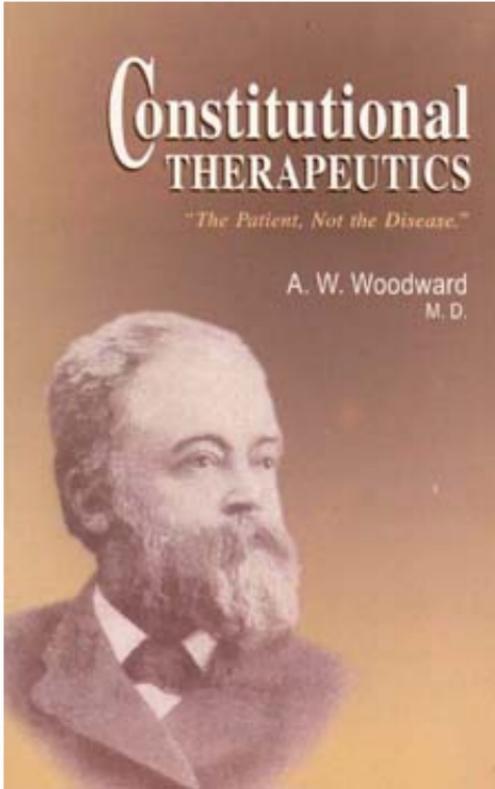
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Second Experiment.—Eight drops of the tincture caused *intense sticking pains between the left ear and the zygomatic arch*, which was worse when chewing, and *felt as if the jaw was dislocated*. Next morning ten drops of the tincture caused a painful, bruised sensation in the nape of the neck, extending down the back, and afterwards to the shoulder; upon chewing the pain in the jaw returned. Sixteen drops caused *voluptuous itching in the urethra*. The pains in the neck and back continued, attended by whizzing in the ear.¹ * * *

DR. C. MAYRHOFFER took one hundred drops of the tincture morning and evening. It caused *swelling of the haemorrhoidal veins*, with *tenesmus and itching and burning of the anus*. In the evening he had two slight stools, with much mucus, itching and burning. On the second day the itching and burning increased, and *the urine was frequent and copious*; immediately after urinating there was a renewed inclination and a few drops were discharged. After taking six hundred drops of the tincture, in addition to the above symptoms, he experienced frontal headache, *flying stitches under the shoulder-blades* and increased heat of the face, with confusion of the head and *terrible dreams*. * * *

Third Experiment.—After taking three hundred drops of the tincture he had *transitory drawing pains here and there, itching and burning in the anus, copious urine*, and sensitiveness of the glans. The same dose was repeated next day and in the night following he experienced *increased sexual desire*, which during the former experiment had been diminished. On the third day he had itching and burning below the os coccyx, lasting all day; the glans penis became sensitive and swollen; a red tubercle was developed between the scrotum and the thigh; the violent itching returned and the anus became very sensitive, as if the skin was cracked.¹

DR. VON ZLATAROVITCH, after fourteen drops of the tincture, had *pain in the vertex*. After eighteen drops he had *pressure and*
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