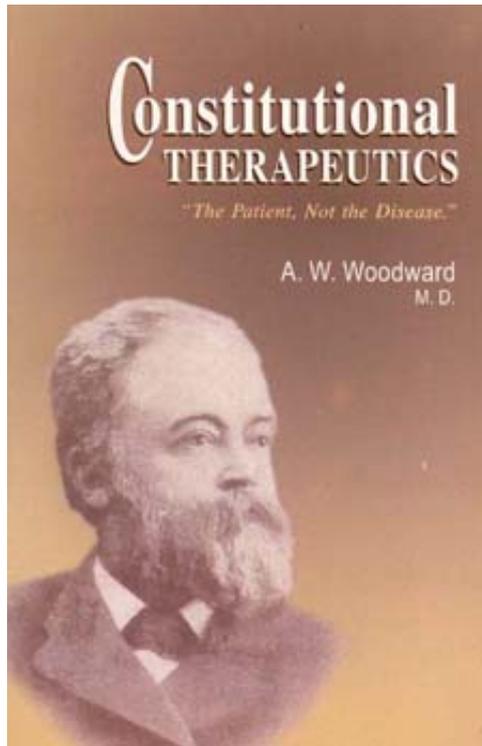


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pressure in the arms. * * * Dull pressure over both eyes; drawing in the right zygoma and also in the fingers and toes; in the afternoon the pupils were dilated. He had *shooting pains in the urethra*, a weak feeling in the right arm, shooting pains under the lower ribs, and also from sternum to spine, and much rumbling in the bowels. * * *

Lembke continued taking this drug in increasing doses with symptoms showing involvement of the skin and spinal and respiratory function. On the sixteenth day the urine was scanty, dark and frothy, and he had neuralgic pains in various parts, stiffness and pain in the tendons of the left knee and frequent urination; a vesicular eruption developed TK various parts. * * * *Drawing in the spermatic cord* at different times; *confused dreams at night*. Emissions without streams on three successive nights; excited sexual desire; hurriedness in all his actions; accelerated breathing; enuresis; sexual excitement without erection; memory weak.

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DR.----- . Health good, with complete sexual continence for thirty days past; pulse, 65. Took ten drops of 2x in half an ounce of water. Soon he had *flushings, followed by itching in various parts*.

In five minutes, *cramp in the right third finger prevented easy writing*; the itching returns; twitching in the eyelids; drawing in the forearm.

In twelve minutes, flushing, with sweat on the forehead; itching nostrils and *watery eyes*.

In fifteen minutes, itching of the hairy parts, especially of the scrotum; this was followed by *erection without sexual desire*.

In thirty-five minutes he had offensive perspiration in the axilla, itching in the anus, drawing in the tibia, sneezing and stopped nose.

In forty-five minutes *the pulse was 84*. at rest. There was *salivation and much mucus in the throat*. The sexual excitement returned without provocation.

In seventy minutes he had griping in the bowels and itching in the scrotum, which seemed swollen.

¹*Allgemeine Horn. Zeitung, vol. xlvii, 177.*

In one hour and forty minutes he had drawing in the spermatic cord and his pulse was *go*; walking across the room raised the pulse to *no*, with slight dyspnoea. There was pain in the arm as if it were bound.

In three hours he had slight headache with much flatus; the testes were heavy and sore; free urination.

In four and a half hours he urinated again, with dribbling afterwards. * * *

A man of great muscular development took increasing doses of Succus Conii, He perceived no effects until after taking 3vi. Soon after he had *sudden giddiness* and such *weakness in his legs* as obliged him to lie down. There was aching in the forehead and mistiness of vision. He could scarcely raise the eyelids, which seemed as if pressed down with a weight. He was disposed to sleep. After twenty minutes he got up and walked with tottering steps, his knees being inclined to fall forward. * * *

A delicate young woman took 3ij. of Succus. In twenty minutes *nausea* and *giddiness* came on. *She dropped an inkstand, lost her power of walking* and lay down. *The pulse rose to 220.* * * *

A medical student took 2 grms. of extract, which caused *diplopia* and *muscular contractions*. After this he took 15 grms. of the root. His head became affected and his eyes sensitive to light. *Delirium supervened* with walking about. Two hours after he had an epileptiform seizure, lasting five minutes. Before the convulsions *the pulse was 52*, and afterwards it became weak and frequent. *Spontaneous vomiting* followed.

CONIUM.

POHLMANN while preparing a solution of *Conium* had aching in the supra-orbital region. After taking twenty-five drops of the first dilution he had *vertigo*, with *weight in the extremities*, especially in the left arm. The vertigo soon ceased, but the feeling of weight continued. The pulse, which had been 70, full and strong, *fell in ten minutes to 59 and. was remarkably small.* After

twenty-four minutes it was 68, and in half an hour normal. After a few days he repeated the experiment, taking fifty drops, the results were the same, but more severe.

DR. BURMAN injected hypodermically a five per cent, solution and proceeded to play billiards. In five minutes he had *slight weakness of the legs* and *confused vision*. The symptoms increased, with tingling and numbness; his walking was unsteady. In fifty-five minutes he handled his cue awkwardly and his knees began to give way under him. In one hour his legs were very stiff and his movements awkward. Later there was some slowness of the mental operations.

CASAUBON reports that a vial of *Conium* being open in the laboratory a friend was seized (after exposure to the fumes for some time) with malaise and went out of doors. He said that he had *hallucinations of vision* and headache, and was found with *fibrillary tremors* and a *pulse of 108*.

ANALYSIS.

Twenty of these twenty-two cases of poisoning by Conium show primarily visual or cutaneous symptoms followed by phenomena of spinal origin. Of this number only fifteen show further disturbance, eleven of these exhibiting circulatory or respiratory symptoms third in order of development, while four indicate gastric symptoms at this time. Beyond this these records furnish little information, except in two instances, namely: Lembke's first experiment and the one proving made with the attenuated drug.

These observations would indicate a strong resemblance between this drug and Gelsemium, the symptoms of paresis being almost identical, yet it is strictly antagonistic to that remedy and Nux vomica, in both of which symptoms of paresis are primary. In this drug they are secondary, being preceded, in medicinal doses, by symptoms of spasm and spinal excitement. It is strange that the clinical experience of our school should not have demon-

strated this, for it is a well-established fact in the dominant school that Conium is a " spinal depressant " and useful in chorea, tetanus, Strychnine poisoning, whooping cough, asthma, etc.

Concerning the fourth and fifth functions disturbed by this drug no final conclusions are possible until further provings are made with the attenuated drug, for it is evident that this is one of the remedies that will not show its finer effects when taken in crude doses.

In view of the insufficiency of the proofs regarding the action of this agent the following sequence is adopted tentatively: *Cutaneous, Spinal, Circulatory, Sexual and Gastric* symptoms, *seriatim*.

This remedy is complementary to Rhus tox.

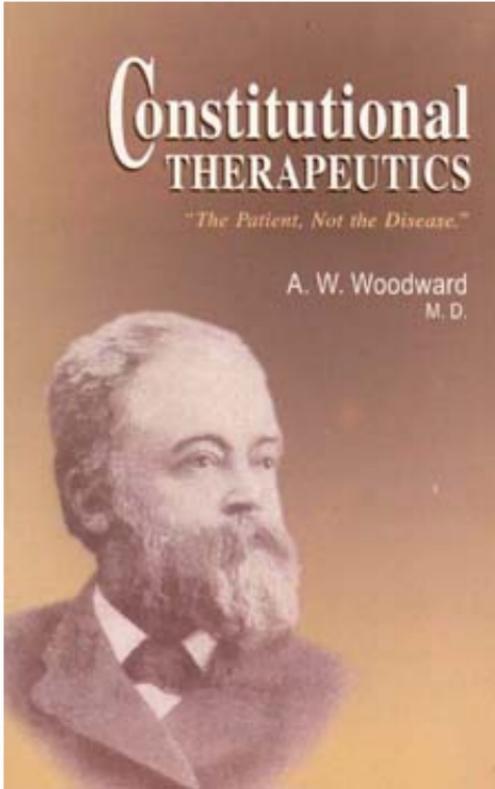
THERAPEUTICS.

DISEASES OF THE SKIN AND SENSORY ORGANS.—*Obesity, Indurations, Cancer, Morbid Sweats, Neuralgia, Anesthesia, HypercBsthesia, Photophobia, Myopia, Flushings of Climacteric, etc.*

This drug will prove curative when the leading concomitant is debility, paralytic weakness or great restlessness and tendency to spasms. These symptoms are closely attended by cardiac irritability with rapid pulse, by respiratory excitement or dyspnoea, or by catarrhal irritation of the air passages. There will also be in attendance pronounced irritation of the sexual or renal organs in one form or another, more especially about the age of puberty or the climacteric. The stomach or bowels are but little deranged.

Conjunctivitis.—BERTHA H., aged five; has been troubled much with phlyctenular conjunctivitis. Pustules superficial; she had been declared to be scrofulous by another oculist and her system had been treated on general principles. Photophobia intense, wholly out of proportion to appearances, and when the eyes are opened a gush of hot tears takes place She goes round with her head and body bowed down from the photophobia *Conium* 3x cured.—*Dr. C. H. Vilas.*¹

¹*Hoyne's Therapeutics.*



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