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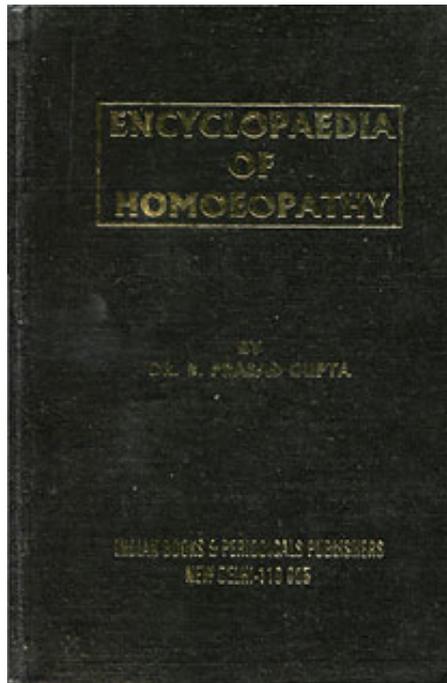
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ARNICA MONTANA.

Hahnemann has written it in M.M.P., and he has called Arnica the real remedy for the often dangerous general derangement of the health which is caused by a severe fall, by blows, knocks, contusions, sprains, or by over-stretching or laceration of the solid parts of our body. He further writes, "It is very beneficial in the most **severe** wounds **by bullets and blunt weapons**, as also in the pains and other ailments consequent on **extracting the teeth**, and in other **surgical** operations whereby sensitive parts have been violently stretched, as also after **dislocations of the joints**, after setting **fractures** of the bones, &c."

He further says, "It is a medicine of much utility, and I have found it an indispensable auxiliary and intermediate remedy even in the most chronic diseases". Regarding the **external use** of Arnica he mentions. "In severe and extensive contusion—injuries the cure is very much promoted when, in addition to a small dose of Arnica taken internally, the parts are also for the first twenty four hours externally moistened."

Here I would like to add two more medicines, that is, Ferr.phos., and Hypericum, both are indispensable for after-affects of all kinds of injuries and surgical operations. My experience is that these three remedies when used one after the other, repetition according to the need which depends upon the severity of the disease, gives the best possible and the most favourable results. I have treated cases of injuries, after fall, in which severe pains and complete stiffness of the neck were cured by Ferr.phos. 200, once a day, when Arnica, used and continued for *a* month, internally and externally both, had failed.

Arnica is applicable to both the acute and chronic effects of injuries. In acute cases we may take from simple bruises to fractures : concussions of the brain and spine. Other medical professions have no remedy which may replace Arnica, Ferr.phos., and Hypericum. *i* have cured by Arnica and Ferr. phos., absolutely hopeless cases, after falls, who were unconscious for a sufficient long time and their teeth were closed very tightly. In the chronic effects of injury we may use Arnica, when diseases may be traced to a traumatic origin; no matter what that disease is. if the injury is the exciting cause, the use of Arnica is indispensable. It has cured Hydrocele after injury. Hahnemann mentions that the male provers had **several pollutions in one night**. He also cites several cases of delayed menses even for years, cured by Arnica. He also cured a case of paraplegia induced by suppressed menstruation (from fatigue and fright).—Rhus., Calc.,

Calen., Hyper., Fer.p., Led., Staph., Symph.off., and Allium cepa are the medicines which may be needed in cases of injury when indicated.

Pertaining to paralysis after haemorrhage, Dr. Hart says, "Arnica stands high as an anti-paralytic remedy in these cases owing to its power of promoting the absorption of the clot, or, rather, of the effused blood, whereby the clot is contracted and the paralysis correspondingly relieved.

Arnica has much control on the blood. From the study of the symptoms of the head given by Hahnemann, and its recommendation for **Apoplexy** by Hering, we may consider it a good remedy for high blood-pressure and paralysis after the same. Arnica has bleeding from the various orifices of the body. According to the Knerr's Repertory, Arnica could be used very successfully for prevention of **pyaemia** in child-bed fever. It prevents postpartum haemorrhage and puerperal complications. Dr. Allen recommends it for ailments from spirituous liquors or from charcoal vapors (Amm.c.). Hering favours it for **Hydrogenoid constitution ; compound fractures, and their profuse suppuration ;** those who remain long impressed by even slight mechanical injuries ; **stings of wasps or bees ;** splinters ; typhoid fever ; intermittent fever ; gout and rheumatism. Dr. Kent recommends it for **appendicitis** and old cases of gout. According to M.M.P., there is **formication** in each and every part of the body including the spine and the lips as well. The symptom of formication seems a great characteristic of Arnica. Pain as from dislocation in any part of the body is another characteristic symptom. It is a great pity that generally Arnica is used for the effects of injuries only ; it is very deep acting medicine and is indispensable for many diseases without any history of injury. According to Dr. Hering **Arnica is injurious after the bite of a dog or any rabid or angry animal.**

Mind—Head & Face etc. :—Want of memory ; he forgets the word on his lips. Internal heat, especially in the head, with heaviness of it, without thirst. Burning in the brain : heat in the head ; the rest of the body being cool, at least not hot. Picks the bed clothes; delirium tremens (a delirious disorder of the brain produced by excessive drinking and often marked by convulsive or trembling symptoms). Sheds tears and makes exclamations ; after rage. Fears of public places ; dread of crowds. Stupor, with involuntary discharge of faeces ; typhus. She does not speak a word ; declines answering questions, dislikes sympathy. Fears being touched or struck by persons coming toward him ; gout. Ailments from fright or anger. Violent attacks of anguish; Angina pectoris. Headache only tolerable when lying, but on rising up and sitting in bed intolerable. Formication above the orbits. Formication in the forehead. Aching pain over the eyes, going towards the temples with sensation as if the integuments of the forehead were spasmodically contracted.

Apoplexy, loss of consciousness. with involuntary evacuations from the bowels and bladder ; paralysis (left sided) ; pulse full, strong ; stertor ; sighing, muttering. Exudations in brain and spine.

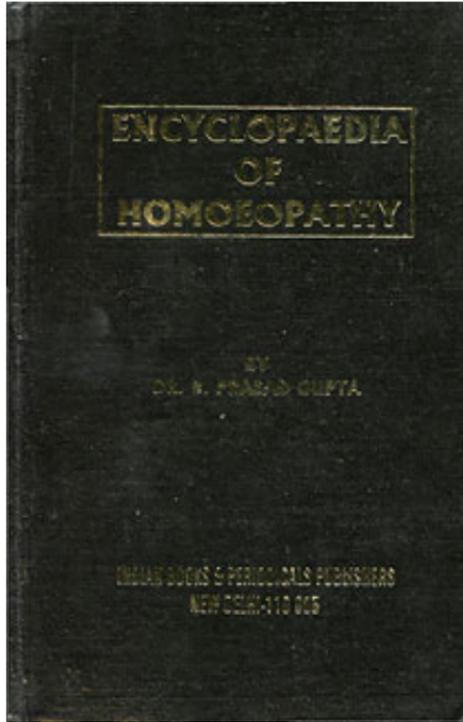
Face & Nose :—Dry heat in the face towards evening to behind the ears, without thirst with very cold nose. Heat running over the face, in the evening. Small-pox like eruption on the cheeks. The nose pains from above downwards, as if he had had a severe fall upon it. Sensation as if the nostrils were ulcerated; the nose is sore internally. Sneezing. Frequent sneezing. Severe coryza. In the evening on going to sleep, coryza, and in the morning on awaking, catarrh on the chest. Frequent epistaxis.

Abdomen—Stomach & Stools etc. :—Putrid, bitter, slimy taste. Want of appetite particularly in the evening. Bloody saliva. In the scrobiculus cordis a digging, and sensation as if something knotted itself there. Rumbling, rolling of flatulence and fermentation. Stools of undigested food ; bloody stools ; stools purulent, bloody, slimy mucus, with urging and violent belly-ache. Flatus smelling like rotten eggs. Fermenting flatulent movements below the umbilical region. Very great urging to stool every half hour, but nothing come away except mucus. Frequent small stools consisting of mucus only. Involuntary evacuation of faeces at night in sleep. Undigested but not liquid motion. Dysenteric belly-ache.

Chest—Breathing & Cough etc. :—Oppression of the breathing ; expiration and inspiration rapid ; Asthma. Cough at night during sleep. After weeping and whining cough in children. Cough causing vomiting. Haemoptysis. Whooping cough, child cries before the paroxysm. Cough causes blood-shot eyes ; nose bleed ; expectoration of foaming blood, or clots of blood ; sometimes in evening of putrid tasting mucus. On breathing deeply pain and stitches in the left side of the chest. Pain in the chest as from dislocation. Strain of the heart from violent running. Palpitation after almost any exertion ; goes of by rest.

Back—Limbs & nerves etc. :—**The sacrum pains as if beaten.** Formication in the spine. The spine is painful, as if it could not support the body. Painful blows in the arms almost like electric shocks (In paralysed limbs, to which Arnica was restoring power—Hahnemann). Twitching in the muscles of the upper arm. On flexing the arm, stretching of the flexor muscles of the forearm, so that extension of the arm causes tensive pain. A creeping and formication in the hands. The arms are tired as if beaten, so that he could not flex the fingers. **Pain** as from dislocation in the hips. The knee-joints have no steadfastness and totter when standing. Rheumatic pain in the foot with slight fever in the evening. Formicating sensation in the hands and feet, and shooting pains in various joints. Sometimes in the knee a sudden loss of power, they knuckle under him, whilst the feet are numb and insensible. Great sinking of strength. Limbs ache as if beaten. General sinking of the strength; he imagines he can scarcely move a limb. Frequent yawning. When yawning a violent shudder passes through him. All the limbs are affected ; a kind of paralytic pain in all the joints, and feeling as if bruised, on moving. Extraordinary heaviness of the limbs.

Skin.—Hahnemann says, "Pimple so painful when touched, with an inflamed red areola (which Arnica produces specifically, in provings), bears the greatest resemblance to the well known boils (furunculi), and consequently these are homoeopathically cured by Arnica; and persons who are frequently troubled with them are prevented by the use of Arnica, and their future occurrence warded off, as experience has taught me."



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