

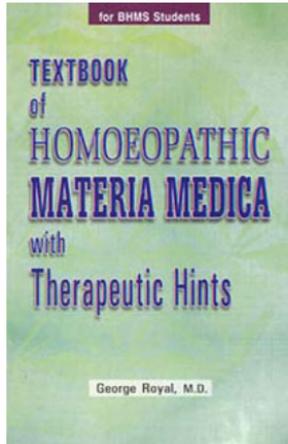
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## ACONITUM NAPELLUS

Make-up : Robust, healthy, neurotic.

Loc.: Circulatory system, nerves.

**Sen.:** *Fear*; burning; sticking; tearing; shooting.

**Mod.:** Agg. in warm room; stimulants; motion; open air.

Amel. in open air; lying on back; bending double. (You will note that open air both agg. and amel. This is true of both special and general conditions.)

Leaders: *FEAR*: *great restlessness; intense thirst*; rapid, wiry pulse; high temperature.

With exceptions enough to prove the rule, Aconite is always indicated at the beginning, the very outset of a disease. Even the exception is more apparent than real, *e.g.*, a condition which called for the remedy years before but which has not changed, will yield to the drug.

" There is only one drug which will be found to present a greater number of symptoms when using the repertory and that is Sulphur. Aconite acts as a prophylactic, Sulphur as an energizer. Keep in mind the fact that Aconite is used as a prophylaxis in seven out of ten cases for which it is indicated and that the symptoms calling for it are premonitory of many conditions. This is especially true of diseases of the respiratory organs and mucous membranes. You should never give Aconite, however, with "the hope of aborting such diseases as typhoid or smallpox.

### Circulatory System

Brain: *Aconite* will *prevent* and *lighten* convulsions due to disturbed circulation of the brain caused by fright, shock, exposure to the sun or cold air, the poison of pneumonia, scarlet fever, etc. The condition is always acute, never dependent

upon a *chronic* constitutional taint or diathesis. The characteristic symptoms of the drug are especially helpful in this condition; the cause is the next most important guide. If there be delirium the patient raves about dying, of being afraid of a crowd, etc.

**Head :** "*Fullness in sinuses, with heaviness and feeling as if something would come out; stitching in the muscles of the temples; stitching, aching in the vertex better from motion in the open air; scalp feels as if hair stood on end; stitching under the scalp; sensation as if the scalp were swollen and numb; scalp sensitive to touch.*"

With the headaches you have the high temp, and the hot, flushed face; internally the head feels hot, pulsating, bursting.

Eyes: "Bloodshot; *sensitive to air*; enlarged feeling of the balls, as if coming out of the orbits and stretching the lids."

Useful for acute inflammations of the various tissues of the eye, first stage before exudation has taken place; also for acute agg. of chronic diseases.

**Ears:** "*Sensitive to every noise; roaring; ringing.*"

Controls *inflammation* of the *external ear*, sometimes including tympanum. The *parts* are *hot*, the *pains* *excruciating*; the *cause* *cold air*.

Nose: "*Epistaxis*; blows out bright red blood in morning."

Will check flow of bright red, hot blood. The patient fears he will bleed to death.

**Throat:** "Redness; *dryness*; throat seemed to swell; swelling of tonsils; burning."

For acute inflammations, never for chronic or after induration, exudation or ulceration have taken place.

**Stomach:** "Pit sensitive to touch; anxious pulsation in pit with shooting pain; *Thirsti for cold water*; vomits after each drink; vomiting of dark grumous liquid; of mucus; of greenish-gray, watery substance; of green masses with diarrhea of the same."

*Useful* for the above condition at the *outset of eruptive dis-*

**Spine** : "Dartings, as if from knives, in the bones of the spine; gnawing in the dorsal spine."

There are three conditions we use Belladonna for in this section; *lumbago* when the pains are severe, acute, have come on suddenly, and shoot down over the hips into the thighs and legs. The pains are often cramp-like.

*Irritability of spine* with pressure upon the dorsal spine so severe as to cause screams. Cough which sometimes accompanies this condition, causes marked agg. *Hyperemia* of the spine with all sorts of difficulty in walking, due in most part—to loss of co-ordination. Do not think of locomotor ataxia for the loss of co-ordination for which Belladonna is indicated is temporary and yields to treatment in a short time.

**Extrem.:** "Sense of *stretching and twisting*; shooting pressure on top of shoulder; *paralytic drawing pressure*, upper arm and fore arm with weakness, cutting, shooting, pains in muscles above the knee only when sitting; pain in thigh and legs as if bruised, as if brittle, with shooting and gnawing towards shaft of the bone; tearing in joints obliging him while sitting to keep the feet in motion amel. when walking, tearing pressure in the middle of inside of leg."

Useful for *neuralgia* and *neuritis* especially of the *sciatic* with marked *sensitiveness* agg. from *pressure*.

**Sleep:** "*Sleep restless; the child tosses about, kicks and quarrels in sleep* (*Hyoscyamus*); *irrational talking and difficulty in keeping them in bed; starting and waking when falling asleep* waked, constantly by fearful dreams and twitching."

I have put the sleep symptoms of Belladonna in this location because they are the result of hyperemia of the brain. The hyperemia is often reflex but occasionally due to cerebritis. *Anything which will draw the blood from the brain will help the sleep condition.* You will find that such *patients have hot heads and cold feet.* Belladonna children usually sleep with the eyes **half open,**

same modalities as under herpes. The skin after the eczema is redder than after the herpes.

### KALI BICHROMICUM

Make-up : Light complexion, flabby; lazy.

Sen.: Sharp; stinging; sticky.

Loc.: *MM.*; skin; ligament; joints.

Mod.: *Agg. Cold open air*, undressing; *beer*; 2-4 a.m.; suppressed catarrh.

Amel. heat.

Leaders : *Thick, tough*, stringy, adhesive secretions; absence of fever.

#### Mucous Membranes

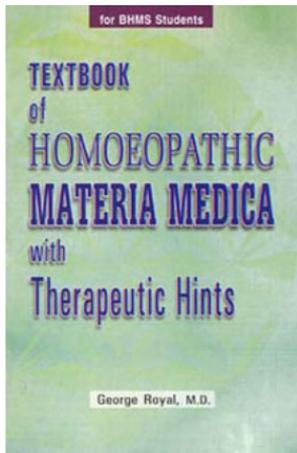
Eyes: "Inflammation, in the morning with yellow discharge and agglutination of lids; sensitiveness; margins of the lids red; a yellow purulent discharge in inner canth. in morning: itching with lachrymation and photophobia, *agg.* evening and night, with pain as from sand in them; *white, granular elevations, surrounded by redness* of the conjunctiva; pustules on the cornea with surrounding indolent inflammation; red, raw, rough feeling, of the margin of the lids so that winking causes rubbing against the balls, "burning in margin."

Kali bich. is very useful for many *sub-acute conditions* of the eye all of a *sluggish* nature with very little photophobia.

Some of the conditions are: *granular lids* with *burning* sensation, with scanty exudation; *ulceration* of the *cornea*, the ulcers being small, punched, deep; *catarrhal conjunctivitis* with *morning agglutination*; the latter stages of iritis generally *syphilitic*.

Ears: Nothing marked from the provers but clinically we find it useful for otorrhea after rupture of drum when the discharge is yellow, very *tough* and *stringy*. We had a clinical patient with the mucus so tough it could be drawn out four inches from the drum before it loosened.

Nose: "*Septum ulcerated away, in the upper part, as far*



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