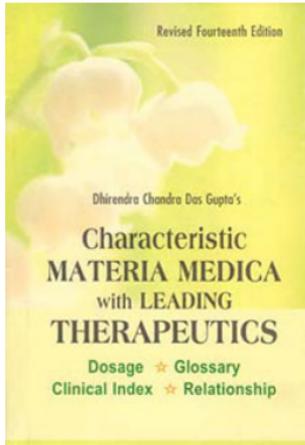


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# CHARACTERISTIC MATERIA MEDICA

## ABIES CANADENSIS

DESCRIPTION—An evergreen tree found in rocky woods of British America and the United States. The fresh bark and young buds are taken for medicinal preparations. Syn.—Hemlock Spruce. N. O.—Coniferae.

PHYSIOLOGICAL ACTION—Acts on mucous membrane of *stomach* producing a *catarrhal condition* (depraved appetite, lowered nutrition). Prolapse of uterus, as a result of defective nutrition.

GENERAL SYMPTOMS—Great appetite and tendency to overeat; gnawing, hungry, faint feeling in epigastrium. Catarrhal condition of stomach. *Peculiar craving and chilly sensations, specially in women.* Burning and distension of stomach and abdomen. Bowels constipated. Palpitation owing to accumulation of gas in intestines. Prolapse of uterus and a feeling of weakness in the pelvic region. Pain behind right shoulder-blade: *sensation of cold water behind shoulders. Feel as if right lung and liver were small and hard.* General coldness. Skin cold clammy. *Cold shivering as if blood were ice-water.* Patient greatly prostrated and desires to lie down.

THERAPEUTICS—**Fever** and other troubles from indigestion. **In dyspepsia** when the patient is irritable and easily

angered. In prolapse uterus, when it is a symptom of general defective nutrition, with little or no local congestion, *Abies Can* is one of the remedies.

**DOSAGE**—First to third potency.

## ABROTANUM

**DESCRIPTION**—A shrub of Southern Europe, about three feet in height. The young leaves are covered with whitish silky hairs. The taste is burning and bitter, the odour aromatic, mixed with that of lemon. The fresh leaves are taken. N. O.—Composite.

**PHYSIOLOGICAL ACTION**—Primary action on *nervous system*, producing hyperemia (anesthesia, paralysis, neuralgic pains). Action on *vegetative sphere*, depressing nutrition (disturbed digestion, marasmus). Acts on fibrous and serous tissue.

**GENERAL SYMPTOMS**—Great *wasting* specially of *lower extremities*. Intense indigestion and morbid appetite. Burning as from acidity. Sensation as if stomach were hanging or swimming in water. Great distension of abdomen. Hard lumps in different parts of abdomen. Food passes undigested. Rheumatism after suddenly checked diarrhoea. Alternate diarrhoea and constipation. Tubercular peritonitis. Exudative pleurisy. Metastasis of rheumatism to the heart. Hydrocele,

, emaciation of children. Face, pale, wrinkled, old looking, feels cold, blue rings around eyes. Skin flabby; hangs loose. High fever during rheumatism. Hectic fever with chilliness after influenza. Oozing of blood and moisture from the navel of the newborn. Sudden aching pains in back, relieved by motion; numbness, paralysis.

## ALUMEN

DESCRIPTION—Common Alum. Sulphate of Aluminium and Potassium. Formula  $AlK(SO_4)_2 \cdot 12H_2O$ . Molecular weight—949. The pure crystals are triturated with sugar of milk. The 2x dilution may be prepared by dissolving alum in water (1-100). Higher dilutions are made from the 2x with water, up to the 3rd dilution; after this the subsequent dilutions are made with alcohol.

PHYSIOLOGICAL ACTION—Astringent, coagulates albumen, producing local contractions and induration. Diminishes secretions and produces constipation. Large doses produce nausea, vomiting, and gastric and abdominal pains.

GENERAL SYMPTOMS—A peculiar kind of *paralytic weakness* in all parts of the body—a lack of tone. Paralytic sensation, with a *tight band feeling*. Sluggish action of muscles; relaxed mucous membrane; relaxed uvula; hoarseness and bronchial affections. Haemorrhages of various kinds; typhoid haemorrhage with large clots; slight scratches bleed. *Tendency to induration* marked, a low form of tissue making is favoured. Hardening of tissue of tongue, rectum uterus etc.; ulcers with indurated base. Tendency to induration of uterus and mammary glands. Constipation of the most aggravated kind, no desire for stool for days. Marble-like masses pass, but rectum still feels full. Sensation of dryness and constriction. Mental paresis. *Dysphagia specially to liquids*. Burning pain as of weight on top of head, better by pressure of hand. Attacks come and go suddenly; periodic. *Catarrhal condition* prevails throughout; copious, ropy, morning expectoration in old people. Adapted to old people, specially with bronchial catarrhs. *Many complaints come on during sleep*.

**THERAPEUTICS**—Strongly indicated for dry catarrh (Cart. Will). A great remedy to overcome lead colic in those who work in lead; it removes susceptibility (Kent). In typhoid haemorrhage from bowels it is an excellent remedy and the stool is of a dark clotted blood, in large quantities. Frequently removes constipation of the most aggravated character, as in cases of cancer of uterus and rectum. An excellent remedy for uvula in sore throat. Very useful in the treatment of old people who suffer from copious, rosy, morning expectoration, catarrh of chest, haemoptysis and great weakness of chest.

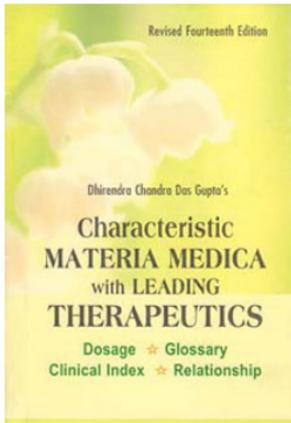
**DOSAGE**—First to 30th potency. The very highest potencies have proved efficacious. Powdered alum 10 grains on tongue is said to arrest an attack of asthma (B).

## ALUMINA

**DESCRIPTION**—Pure clay. Aluminium Hydroxide. Formula— $\text{AlH}_3\text{O}_3$ . Molecular weight—78. A light amorphous white powder, insoluble both in water and alcohol. It is prepared by adding Potassium Carbonate in solution to a solution of Alum.

**PHYSIOLOGICAL ACTION**—Affects directly the *motor nervous system*, giving a *paralytic condition*. Most *specific action* upon *mucous membrane*, specially of intestines and vagina—a condition of extreme dryness, lack of secretion, with more or less irritation.

**GENERAL SYMPTOMS**—Alumina acts best in aged persons of spare habit, who are rather wrinkled and dried up, or in girls at puberty, specially if chlorotic, and also in delicate or scrofulous children, who have been artificially fed. In-



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