

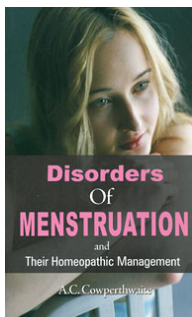
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## AMENORRHOEA

**Definition**—Amenorrhoea is an absence of the menstrual flow occurring at any time between puberty and the menopause, except during pregnancy and lactation, when such a condition is physiological.

**Varieties**—Amenorrhoea occurs in two forms :—1. Those cases where menstruation has never occurred, *emansio mensium* ; 2. those in which it has ceased after having been established, *suppressio mensium*. In addition, the term partial amenorrhoea has been used to designate a condition of scanty, tardy or irregular menstruation. The term vicarious menstruation is used to designate a condition in which, in the absence of a discharge of blood from the uterus, there are periodic

there is no reason to suppose that the exposure might not have produced phthisis, even had there been no disturbance of the menstrual flow. Such cases are not uncommon.

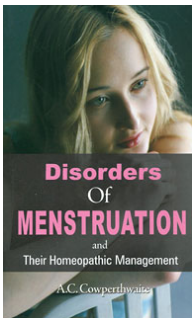
The wide range of pathological conditions liable to give rise to amenorrhoea may be inferred from the following quotation from Dr. Thomas, who says that "for the proper performance of the menstrual function three elements must exist in a perfect state of integrity : 1st; the uterus, ovaries, and vagina must be perfect in form and vigour •, 2d, the blood must be in its normal state ; and 3d, the nervous system governing the relations between the uterus and ovaries must be unimpaired in tone. Any influence disordering one or more of these may check ovulation, the great moving cause

elevated a few inches. None but cold acidulated drinks should be permitted, and cold applications, especially ice-bags, applied over the hypogastrium.

In all cases of menorrhagia, no matter how violent the haemorrhage may be, the homoeopathic physician will not forget that he has at his command remedies which, if indicated, will often control like magic the most desperate attack.

The remedies most often used during an attack are Ipecac, Belladonna, Aconite, Trillium, Erigeron, Sabina, Cinnamomum, Hamamelis, Ferrum, Sulphuric acid.

Not less important are the means which must be adopted to accomplish a radical cure. These depend largely upon the cause, which it must be our endeavour to remove. Constitutional defects must be combated by the indicated remedy and such



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