



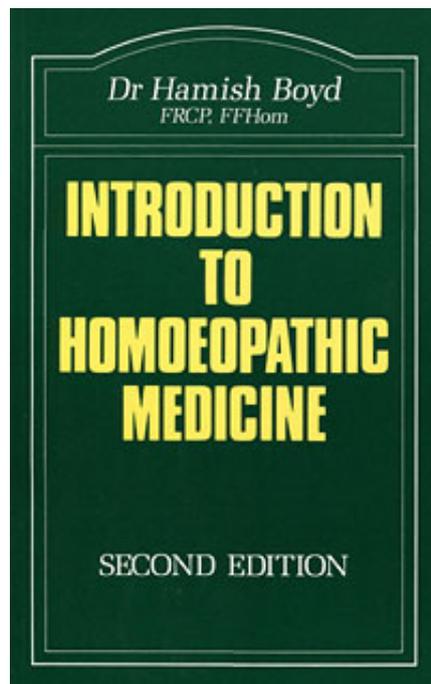
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Causticum

CAUSTICUM (Potash preparation. See Hahnemann's instructions in Tyler.)

Sallow, sickly-looking, dark hair, dark eyes, dark mood. Paralysis, contractures, rheumatoid, warts. After suppression of eruptions. Broken-down constitution.

Generals

Worse in cold dry winds, frost, causing paralysis, rheumatism.

Mentals

Hopeless, weepy, foreboding, apprehension, despair of recovery, fear something is going to happen, fear of dark, twilight.

Irritable, peevish and distrustful, but very sympathetic to suffering of others.

Ailments from grief, loss of sleep, anger. May sit silently, inattentive.

Memory fails and mental effort leads to symptoms.

Can be angry, dictatorial, contradicting everything.

Vertigo

Worse on lying down in bed, worse on stooping, worse at menses; tendency to fall forwards or sideways. Sensation of space between brain and skull, better from warmth.

Headache

Pulsating or stitching, neuralgia of face.

Paralysis

Of single parts *-facial*, swallowing, voice - throat, eyelids, limbs with trembling (all like Gelsemium). Especially after exposure to very cold wind.

Eyes

Dry, stinging, itching; wants to dab eyelids.

Respiratory

Hoarseness worse in the morning (Phosphorus evening). Burning rawness. Loss of voice. Inability to raise sputum, partly raised and then slips back. Urine spurts on coughing. Cough relieved by cold water.

Causticum

Stomach

Sits down hungry, but smell of food upsets (Arsenicum, Sepia, Cocculus).

Rectum

Paralysis - inactive, fills up, no desire - better standing up.

Genito-urinary

A most valuable remedy in cystitis - acute sensitiveness to cold. Great urgency with inability to pass urine, then later involuntary passage of urine without warning. Shooting pain in rectum when cannot pass urine.

Incontinence on coughing, sneezing or exertion.

Valuable following operation, when patient cannot pass urine.

Menstrual colic with tearing back pains better at night. Epilepsy with incontinence during irregular menses. I

Warts

Hands, face, nose, eyes, large, bleed easily (Thuja, Dulcamara).

Rheumatic

Advanced with contractures of tendons, drawing pains, cannot get ease, restless at night. Worse in dry cold. Better from warmth and wet.

Slow progressive loss of muscle power.

Painful stiffness of neck and back on rising from a chair.

Drawing, tearing pains in thighs, legs, knees, feet worse in the open air and better in bed.

Rhus Toxicodendron

RHUS TOXICODENDRON (The great rheumatic remedy, also of value in skin eruptions)

Rheumatic HEADACHE, feels sore in muscles, caused by draught or DAMP, especially occiput, worse bending head backwards. Rheumatic IRITIS from exposure to WET - pains shoot through the eyes to the back of the head, worse at night. Orbital cellulitis. Paralysis of eye muscles from exposure to cold and WET. Pain in maxillary joints, cracking. Stiffness and pain in neck and back, aching in SMALL of back. Strain of left shoulder joint - pains in joint and arm, aching and numbness. Articular inflammation. Pains in wrists and hands. Dull aching right sciatic nerve. Stiffness in knees and feet. Aching in legs, unable to rest for a moment. Paroxysmal pains from getting wet. The pains of Rhus Tox. are worse on first moving but relieved by continued movement. (Rhododendron pain is relieved immediately on moving.)

Stiffness of part on FIRST MOVING.

Aggravation from draught, first movement, cold, wet, at rest.

Amelioration from heat and when warmed by exercise.

RESTLESSNESS. Must move the part. Pains worse AT NIGHT. Numbness and twitching of extremities; traumatic paralysis. Alternation with Bryonia as symptoms change. FEVERS - with restlessness, delirium, suspicion of being poisoned.

(Influenza, paratyphoid.) Dryness of the mouth with great thirst; red triangular tip of the tongue.

Desire for milk. Effects of OVER-EXERTION of a group of muscles, or over-use of the voice, which is initially hoarse and then improves with movement.

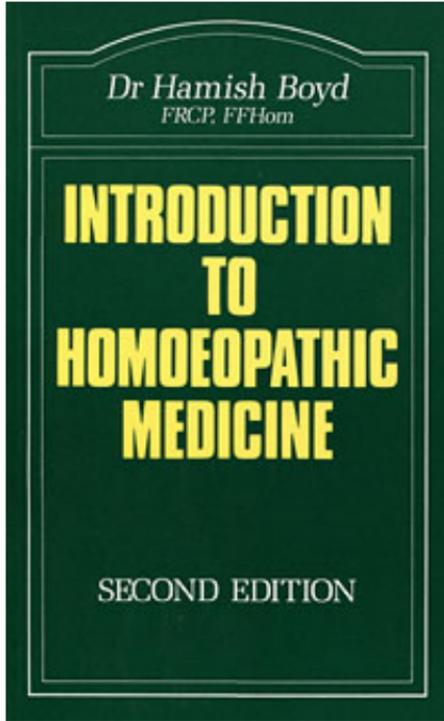
Mentals

Incapable of spontaneous warmth and expression, unable to relax, stiff on the mental level also. Fear of being hurt.

Skin

Eruptions which are *vesicular* or pustular, or even erysipelatosus.

Eczema of palms and fingers, blistering eruptions of the vulva, and *shingles*. Herpes of the lips.



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