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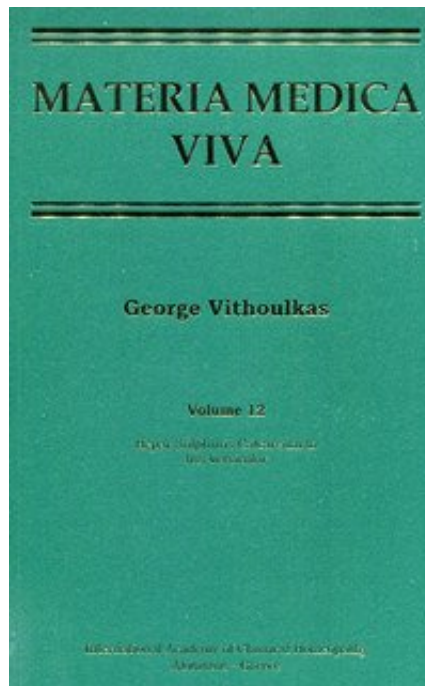
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## HYPERICUM CASES

Injury of dental nerves. Traumatic intercostal neuralgia. Traumatic neuralgia of shoulder and arms. Injury of thumb. Bite of a rat. Traumatic cerebro-spinal meningitis. Tetanus. Injury of head. Hayfever with asthma. Nervous shock. Pain in amputated leg. Lymphangitis. Tendonitis. Asthma. Appendicitis. Injury of the coccyx. Concussion of the brain. Progressive muscular atrophy. Epilepsy.

### **Injury of dental nerves**

I was called to see Mrs. M., who was reported as suffering very much with her head.

Upon reaching the house I found her in bed with her head bandaged and from all appearances suffering intensely. She is a woman of strongly marked nervous development and one whom I had often seen during attacks of physical pain, appeared quite unlike herself. As stated above, her head was bound up and she lay in bed with her eyes covered, her hands pressed to her head, moaning with the pain and at intervals of a few minutes would writhe and shudder and shriek from the intensity of her suffering. At first she seemed not to know that I had entered the room and made no response to my greeting and interrogation as to how she came to have such a severe attack. After a few minutes she ejaculated, "Oh, Doctor, I fear we have reached the limit of your skill; it is terrible. What can you do to relieve me?" She was suffering from the results of operations upon her teeth, she having made several visits to the dentist within the two or three days previous to the time of my call. She told me she had suffered more or less since going to the dentist, but after her last visit that day she had experienced such an increase in the pain that she could bear it no longer. Regarding this as pretty surely a case of injured dental nerves, I prepared some Hypericum cm in water and administered one dose. In a very few minutes relief came and at the end of fifteen minutes the patient was chatting pleasantly about her experience at the dentist and what he was trying to accomplish in performing some difficult work upon her teeth. Remaining a little longer I found no return of the severe pain and upon taking my leave

directed the attendant to administer a second dose of the medicine if the severe pain returned.

A.L. Kennedy

### **Traumatic intercostal neuralgia**

An old lady over 70, fell and struck her chest and bruised her muscles. For a few days she treated herself, until she found she could not relieve the intercostal neuralgia. The pain was so severe it made her nervous and prevented her from sleeping at night. Hypericum 30 made a complete cure in four days.

Dr. A. Von der Luhe

### **Traumatic neuralgia of shoulder and arms**

A gentleman while abroad in Scotland fell off his bicycle and sprained his shoulder joint and bruised the muscles of the upper arm. When he called upon me he had suffered with traumatic neuralgia for six months. Several fly blisters were tried in Scotland but gave him no relief. His upper arm was never free from pain, sometimes very painful. He never had during that time been able to sleep well at night, but was compelled to get up and walk about his room, until it eased a little, then he could lie down for awhile. I gave him a bottle of disks saturated with Hypericum 30. Three days after he called, and said his arm had undergone a marked improvement. The second night after taking this medicine he was able to sleep all night. His words were these: "This was the best sleep I had in six months." He has slept well ever since, and his neuralgia has been perfectly cured.

Dr. A. Von der Luhe

### **Injury of thumb**

A horsekeeper working in large stables came to the hospital many years ago with a poisoned thumb, due to the bite of one of his horses. The thumb was very swollen and painful, the swelling had gone up the wrist and nearly up to the elbow; the pains were shooting up the arm with great violence. Under orthodox treatment, it would have meant several operations and probably loss of the arm. He was given some Hypericum 30 internally four hourly, his thumb

## Hypericum Perforatum

was put into a warm Hypericum bath for half an hour, which relieved it greatly, and he was sent home with a Hypericum compress on thumb and on arm with the instructions to keep the dressings moist by pouring on Hypericum lotion, a few drops at a time, every two hours or whenever it felt dry. He returned 24 hours later, the swelling up the arm had receded and the shooting pains had disappeared. His thumb required Hypericum dressings for over a week; but it healed up nicely, no stiffness remained afterwards; the movements of the thumb were perfectly normal. In fact he had a 100 percent, useful hand and thumb. D. Shepherd

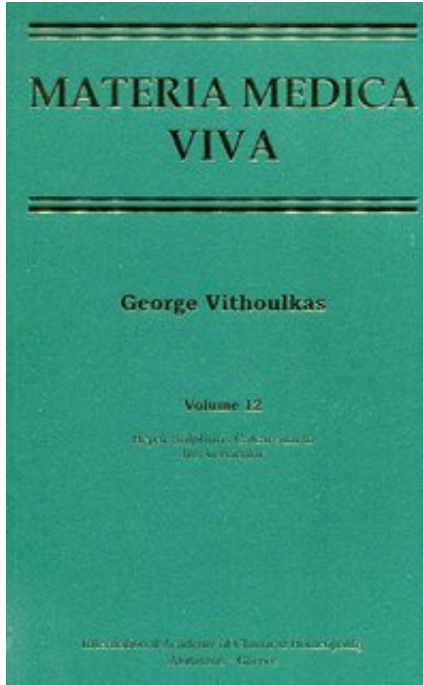
### **Bite of a rat**

A boy of about nine years while teasing a "pet" rat was bitten by the "varmint" on the first finger of the left hand. I found him horribly ill. The boy could talk only with great difficulty; his teeth were not quite firmly locked, but he was conscious of an almost momentary aggravation of the difficulty in separating the jaws; his neck was so stiff as to render any motion of the head almost impossible. With this was a nervous excitement and marked tremor of the body. I preferred Hypericum to Ledum, on account of there being more tenderness about the wound than its appearance would indicate, and gave him the 500th dose in water every fifteen minutes. This was about 8 p. m., and his mother stated the following morning that he had been very feverish and restless till 3 o'clock, when, as he "looked" better and was sleepy, she did not give the medicine but about every two hours, when he moved or awoke. I found him sitting up in bed at nine o'clock amusing himself and his mother by opening and shutting his mouth and turning his head about, and quite indignant because he could not be up and dressed, which was allowed on the day following. Wm. J. Guernsey

### **Traumatic cerebro - spinal meningitis**

Girl, aet. six, fell and struck her forehead with terrific force, upon the floor. An hour or two after, she complained of feeling cold, mostly in her back, which external warmth failed in any way to relieve.

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