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ARANEA IXOBOLA - PAPAL CROSS SPIDER

The Papal Cross Spider came from America but is now widespread in Europe. It is an orb weaver spider spinning a classic wheel shaped web. It is closely related to Aranea diadema and as such they have many features in common. However the Papal Cross Spider is much larger, which is reflected in the fact that it has much more self confidence than Aranea diadema. It is the only one of the main spider remedies that is not in the rubric Anxiety and it is generally much less anxious than the others, though this may be displaced to their dreams which are particularly violent and frightening.

Aranea ixobola like Aranea diadema is concerned with order but it is more the interpersonal environment than the physical one that it needs to have under its control and it is in this area that its symptoms are most dynamic. It is the only spider to be found in the rubric Dictatorial and it maintains order by controlling the people around it. It can be curious, witty and charming but is more likely to be rude and snappish. As a prover put it: "Had to make a great effort not to be impolite or rude."

The tool that Aranea ixobola uses to maintain this control is teasing and because it is a spider it can sense exactly where to tease someone to have the greatest effect.
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Although it is not a substantially proved remedy there is quite a good picture of its physical symptomology.

It has a sharp but perverted sense of smell with delusions around what it is smelling. There is an affinity to the throat with dry sore throats and coughs. The thyroid gland is affected and it is a remedy for goitre.

The liver and gall bladder are affected. There is distension of the abdomen, explosive yellow diarrhoea and aggravation from fats, though they do desire cheese, and particularly from alcohol and coffee.

It is chilly, as all spiders are, but it does have flushes of heat or a hot head and is generally ameliorated by motion and especially by walking in the fresh air.

The upper limbs are affected with heaviness, coldness, numbness and clumsiness.

It is an arthritic remedy with inflammation of the joints.

Libido is increased but with coldness of the genitals and impotence.

Aranea ixobola has a lot of eruptions and skin symptoms. Skin is cracked and there is psoriasis and pityriasis and eczema. Acne is found around the hairline and there are pimples forming in the hair follicles.
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