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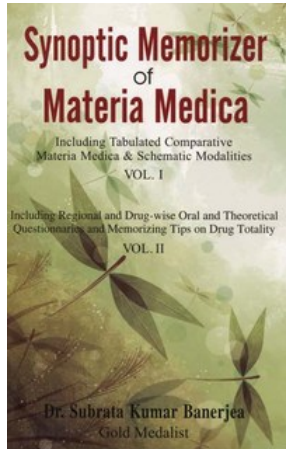
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CHAPTER - 1

MENTAL PICTURES

Q. Enumerate the Mental Picture of an ACONITE lady.

I like to impress the total mental picture of Aconite through the name of the medicine. Remember '**ACONITUM**' thence the mental picture will be before your eyes !

A=Anxiety.

C=Calmness contraindicates.

O = Overwhelming fear.

N=Nash's trio of restless -Acon, is mentally restless.

I = Ignatia like hysterical.

T=Tension is the keynote.

U—Uncommon peculiar sensations.

M=Music makes her sad.

Now to begin the mental symptoms first write mental causations.

I. Mental causations :

Mental ailments resulting from bad effects of :

- i) Fear, fright (Gels., Hyos., Opium.),
- ii) Vexation. (Bry., Chamo.) (Ref. Dr. Talcott.).
- iii) Shock.
- iv) Excitement.
- v) Grievances (Staph.) (Ref. Tyler).

II. Onset :

Characterized by intensity and acuteness. It was our lamented Dr. Dunham who has compared the onset of Aconite with a violent storm.

III. Character :

i) Anxiety :

The **anxiety** of Aconite pt. is *due to the internal turmoil* and hence the pt. is **restless**. This anxiousness of the mind is evidenced by her *intellectual tension* which is

reflected as great acuteness of all her senses. Her senses of smell, sight, touch etc. becomes exceedingly *hyperactive*.

In the mental sphere this hyperactivity is specially evidenced as she gets *vexed at trifles*.

In the physical sphere it is evidenced as slight bearable pain to her becomes unbearable she jumps in agony, a state of hyperaesthesia. Dr. Hering said due to this mental anxiety he is agonized and tossing about.

Note : Fear of future and forebodings also characterizes this anxiety.

ii) Calmness contraindicates Aconite :

Dr. Guernsey said, '*Mental calmness contraindicates Aconite*. (Chamo.—indicates, Puls.).

Thus whenever Aconite will be the drug of choice, there must be the *mental uneasiness, mental restlessness, worry, anxiety* and *great fear*, otherwise it is contraindicated.

iii) Overwhelming fear :

It is one of our leading remedy having different characteristic types of fear.

It has got not that type of fear viz., fear of poverty like Bryonia. fear of thunder like Phos.; fear of dogs like Bell.; fear of approach like Arnica. fear of being alone like Ars., Arg Nit.; but it has got that characteristic fear, that is fear of death with prediction of day and time of death.

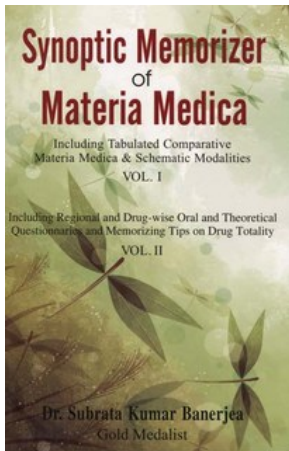
Dr. Tyler said, fear of death may be so great, that people have actually killed themselves for fear of dying.

Hence Aconite.¹ has got fear of death (Ars.¹, Calc. Carb.¹, Cimicifuga¹, Gels.¹, Lac Can.¹, Nit. Ac.¹, Phos.¹, Platina¹) (Ref. Kent's Repertory) but the characteristic is pt. predicts the day; even the time of death, i. e., the clairvoyance. Master Kent said, many times the pt. actually predicts the moment or hour of death; if a clock is in the pt's room, she may say, that when the hour hand reaches a certain point, she will be a corpse. Dr. Tyler said, it is Aconite pt. who calls her friends around her and takes leave of them. Fear of death

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AILMENTS FROM :

1. Complaints caused by exposure to dry cold air, dry north west winds : *Acon.*
2. Complaints caused by exposure to draught of cold air while in perspiration : *Acon.*
3. Gastric complaints from overeating : *Ant. crud. Nux vom.*
4. Disease originates from exposure in damp basements or cellars : *Ant. tart., Dulc.*
5. Ailments from, fright, rage, vexation, bad news : *Apis, Aurum met., Lyco.*
6. Ailments from abuse of mercury : *Arg met., Ars., Carbo veg., Puls*
7. Ailments from jealousy : *Ant. tart., Apis.*
8. Ailments from chagrin, mortification, anger : *Bry, Colo.*
9. Ailments from quinine, suppressed intermittents ; abuse of mercury, salt, salted meats, spoiled fish, meats or fats : *Ars., Carbo veg.*
10. Ailments from getting over heated : *Ant. crud., Carbo veg.*
11. Ailments from long lasting grief and sorrow : *Aurum met., Caust., Gels., Ign., Lach.*
12. Ailments from loss of sleep, night watching: *Caust, Colch., Ign., Nux vom.*
13. Ailments from sudden emotions, fear, fright, joy : *Caust. Gels*



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