

SARSAPRILLA

(*Sarsap*)

Common Name	:	English	:	Wild Liquorice
		German	:	Sarsaparille (HAB)
		French	:	Salseparielle
Family	:	Liliaceae		
Botanical Name	:	Smilax ornate Hook.		

Introduction

This medicine was first proved and introduced by DR. Hahnemann in *Materia Medica Pura*, Vol. II, 459, in *Chronic Disease*, Vol. II, 1393; and in *Allen Encyclopedia Materia Medica*, Vol. VIII, 526.

Description

A large perennial climber. Rhizome underground, large, short knotted with thickened nodes and roots spreading up to 2 to 2.5m. Stem is erect, semi woody, with, with very sharp prickles of about 1.3cm. Leaves: large alternate, stalked, almost ever green with prominent veins, seven nerved, mid rib very strongly marked.

Longitudinally wrinkled roots about 3mm in thickness, dark reddish-brown in colour and bear tolerably numerous branching rootlets, which are tough, flexible, not breaking easily even when bent double. Odorless; taste slightly bitter.

Part used: Rhizome and root

Distribution

Costa Rica, Mexico, Ecuador, Honduras, Peru and Jamaica.

Clinically Verified Symptoms

Name of Drug : Sarsaparilla		Potency : Q, 6, 30, 200		
Location	Symptom	Source	No. of patients prescribed	No. of patients relieved
Mind	Irritability easily offended	1,2,3,4	1	1
	Anxiety with trembling	3	13	8
Head	Pain, Throbbing, shooting pain in head	1,2,4	19	13
	(< morning)	-	13	13
	(> after sleep)	-	13	13
	Headache, heaviness	1	2	1
	Pain – temporal region	4	56	39
	Pain at occipital & right temporal region	4	20	16
	Headache at occipital extend to Eyes	4	2	2
	(with stiffness & tension in muscles)			

Location	Symptom	Source	No. of patients prescribed	No. of patients relieved
Eye	Pain right eye with redness	1,3	14	9
	Pain with redness in both eyes	1,3	44	30
Nose	Influenza	2	40	37 ✓
	Nasal blockage both	1,3	22	12
Face	Coryza- profuse	2	16	10
	(Recurrent) pimples on face with itching	2	36	30 ✓
	Eruptions on face & on upper eye lids	2	51	26
Mouth	Aphthae on tongue	1,3,4	2	2
	Excessive salivation	4	2	1
	(Recurrent aphthae)	-	2	2
	Tongue white coated	4	1	1
	Toothache < cold drink & cold air	3	16	8
Abdomen	Aphthae with salivation	4	40	77 ✓
	Pain, cutting in around naval < after eating	1,4	32	23
	Flatulence with heaviness in abdomen	3	24	22
	Pain, right sided, colic	4	3	1
	Renal colic	4	84	52
	Pain right kidney radiating downwards	4	1	1
	Rectum	Constipation	1,2,3	213
Diarrhea (< eating after)		2	1	1
Stool loose (with rumbling)		1,2	8	8
Genitalia Female	Menses late & scanty	4	5	3
	(Irregular menses with pus like discharge)	-	3	3
	Leucorrhoea (Thick, yellow)	1	4	4
	- Thin (watery)	1	4	2
	Tenesmus of bladder with tenderness	4	2	1
Urinary system	Burning scanty micturation with pain	1,2,3,4	193	130
	Burning with blood	1	46	41 ✓
	Urine comes drop by drop with occasional burning	1,2,3,4	293	187
	Frequent	1,2,4	277	148
	Bloody	1	17	12
	Urine dribbling	1,2,4	30	21
	With burning	1,2,4	18	12
	With itching in urethra	2	10	10
	With irritation in urethra	2	2	1
	Pain at conclusion of urination	2	11	8

Location	Symptom	Source	No. of patients prescribed	No. of patients relieved
Kidney	Pain right renal region	1,2,4	29	18
	Burning during micturation	1,2,3,4	117	98 ✓
	Retention of urine	1,4	24	22
	Burning after urination	4	117	108 ✓
	Urine slimy, scanty, bloody	1	115	104 ✓
	Child screams before and during urination	4	79	74 ✓
	Pain right renal region radiating down-ward to thigh with nausea and vomiting and restlessness	1,4	95	75 ✓
	Ureteric stones - right side (removed)	1,4	7	4
	Urine frequent	1,4	6	3
	Scanty	1	17	12
	Pale	1,2	6	4
	Sand in urine	4	2	1
	Pain in right kidney radiating to right groin & right side of abdomen	1,4	10	7
	Unsatisfactory urine & stool	1,4	4	2
	With vomiting <morning, >pressure	1,4	1	1
(Renal colic <morning >pressure)	-	4	4	
Back	Backache < bending	1,2,4	14	9
	< walking	1	1	1
Extremities	(Sciatica right sided < motion)	-	1	1
	Cracks over fingers with itching	4	2	2
	Deep rhagades on finger and toes	4	36	27 ✓
	Inflammation of nail beds	4	193	101
	Pain extremities	1,4	2	1
	Itching groins < night	4	1	1
	Cracks palms and soles with itching	4	305	286 ✓
	with bleeding < walking	4	10	7
	With pain	4	13	9
	Ulceration on legs	2,4	13	11
	Ulceration around the end of fingers	4	29	29
	Trembling of hands and feet	4	76	49
	Pain in joints	1,4	5	4
(Eczematous eruption over left ankle joints with itching, oozing watery discharge from the affected area in summer)	-	1	1	
(Pain in heels)	-	5	5	

Location	Symptom	Source	No. of patients prescribed	No. of patients relieved
Skin	Summer cutaneous eruption	4	260	238
	Small warts	1,2,3	255	133
	Warts, brownish, conical or flat in shape	1	110	53
	Boils, red, painful in summer	1,2,3,4	257	225
	Brownish discoloration	1	10	7
	(Abscess Buttock)	-	7	7
	Papular eruption	1,2,3,4	2	2
	(Over scalp with itching)	-	8	8
	Herpes	2,4	89	75
	Boil (< rainy weather)	2	44	30
	Eruption with itching	4	27	22
	Eruption with itching & boils	4	134	111
	Eruptions (lichen planus) on hands & Soles with dryness, thickening of skin, Cracks, itching, burning, bleeding on Scratching	1,4	2	2
	Dryness & redness of skin, itching			
	(<morning & change of weather)	1,4	9	8
Acne generalize	1,2	109	101	
Fever	Fever with chill	1	1	1
Generalities	Marasmus	4	9	9

Note:- Additional symptoms (which are not present in literature) are in brackets & bold.

Additional Symptoms	No. of Patients Relieved
Pain, Throbbing, shooting pain in head < morning, > after sleep	13
Recurrent Aphthae	2
Renal colic <morning >pressure	4
Sciatica right sided < motion	1
Eczematous eruption over left ankle joints with itching, oozing watery discharge from the affected area in summer	1
Pain in heels	5
Abscess Buttock	7
Papular eruption Over scalp with itching	8
Irregular menses with pus like discharge	3

Discussion

This medicine was first proved and introduced by DR. Hahnemann. The Council has reverified it, and similar type of symptoms have been observed but also some additional/new symptoms, not given in the literature, but observed during verification, like abscess buttock, recurrent aphthae, pain in heels, papular eruption Over scalp with itching, irregular menses with pus like discharge etc. have been observed.