

## MENTAL SYMPTOMS GUIDED LEUCODERMA CURE

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In homoeopathic treatment, mental symptoms have rightly been given their due paramoucy. Many a time, it will be seen that these symptoms have helped in unlocking the resistance of intractable cases. True, often the patients are reluctant in giving out correct mental symptoms. But it is worth trying for. The response to prescriptions based on mental symptoms is both quick and satisfactory. The following two cases of leucoderma would amply substantiate this point.

Master A. N., aged 13 approached me on 7th Oct. 1969 for treatment of a white patch, about 2 inches in diameter, on his right arm. There was loss of sensation in the region of the patch. It had *persisted since his birth*. His father told me that he had tried a large number of allopaths and homocopath without any visible sign of improvement. His other symptoms were:

*Mental*: Memory poor for names. Mild and easy. Desired company; too easily excited to tears, sentimental, easily offended; became irascible when aroused leading to destructiveness. Slow in answering questions.

*Generals*: Liked open air. (Peculiar symptoms) Aversion to meat, fish, onion etc., because he regarded them to be unfit for human consumption; could not even stand their *smell or sight*. *Slight heat on the palms*.

The symptom which attracted my attention most was his idea that certain types of food are unfit for human consumption; so much so that even their sight or smell was unbearable to him. It tallied very well with the mental symptom of Pulsatilla, given by Kent. The text reads: "They imagine that milk is not good to drink, so they will not take it. They imagine that certain articles of diet are not good for human race." Other mental and general symptoms further corroborated my earlier suspicion. Accordingly, he was given a dose of Pulsatilla 1M on 8th Oct. 1969.

On 29th Oct. 1969, he reported improvement. The patch had become very faint and sensation was returning on the affected part. No medicine.

On 11th Jan. 1970, he was given a dose of Pulsatilla 10M. It completed the cure.

A middle-aged lady came to me on 16th May 1977 with leucoderma patch on the lower lip of the mouth. She had tried a large number of allopaths without any benefit. They had diagnosed it to be leucoderma. It was a proudly looking patch with *burning sensation on the affected part*. Beyond this, I was unable to elicit any other information of diagnostic importance. She kept on repeating her physical trouble and nonsensical talks. Her loquacity was of an extreme nature. My questions evoked contradictory replies.

In disgust, I prescribed, much against my better judgment and normal practice, *Ars. sulph. fl.*

She returned on 20th July to inform me that excepting for some relief in the burning sensation, the condition of the patch remained unchanged. As usual, her chattering and repetition of the same thing over and again continued. At this stage, it struck me that she is a *Lachesis* patient and her mental symptoms conformed to those given by Kent. However, in the absence of other supporting evidences, I decided to go cautious. I prescribed *Lachesis 200*, 3 doses to be taken on three consecutive days.

Her next visit was in January 1978. The burning was gone and the proud flesh had taken a natural hue. But a faint patch still remained. Gave her a dose of *Lachesis 1M*. It completed the cure.

Whether or not, in the above noted cases, it really was leucoderma is immaterial. The point of importance is that even in skin affections, prescription on mental symptoms speed up the cure.

#### A HOMOEOPATHIC DRUGS CONTROLS MANGO FRUIT ROT CAUSED BY *PESTALOTIA MANGIFERAE* HENN

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of fruit infected. They further indicate that, although all the inhibitory potencies reduced the percentage rot, *Lycopodium clavatum* potency 190 was found to be most effective in both the types of treatment. Thus only *Lycopodium clavatum* potency 190 was effective both in reducing the percentage fruit infection as well as percentage rot (figure). Detail studies dealing with the analysis of the extracts of treated fruits with *Lycopodium clavatum* potency 190 showed that the drug did not induce any change in amino acid, amide, organic acid, sugar and vitamin C contents of the fruits. On the basis of the above results, *Lycopodium clavatum* potency 190 may be safely recommended for the control of mango fruit rot caused by *P. mangiferae*.

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