

APHIS CHENOPODII GLAUCI

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Aphis is a remedy, as far as I can determine, about which very little has been written. Several materia medicas have a nice short account of it, chiefly on the particulars. A peculiar symptom is the toothache that is ameliorated by sweat. *Chamomilla* has general amelioration by sweat. *Aphis* is one of the few remedies, like *Gelsemium*, that has chill up and down the back. It is the louse that feeds upon the plant *Chenopodium Glaucum* and, like *Coccus cacti*, partakes of the properties of the plant upon which it lives.

I suppose the biggest particular point that attracted me in its proving was in the fact that here we have a remedy that is good for a gall-bladder pain that does not obey the common rule of being referred under the right shoulder blade but synapses across to the left. Many similar puzzling situations do occur in diagnosis, such as an appendiceal pain that is referred across to the other side, and this remedy comes in very nicely for the gall-bladder. A remedy diagnosis of a gall-bladder pain that is referred to the right scapula is easy enough. In reading medical literature I ran across this point and it has served me well ever since. Kent's *Repertory*, page 902, has *Chenopodium vulvaria* under the left scapula in one degree but *Chenopodium vulvaria* is mentioned in the materia medica as a pain directly over the spinous process of the left scapula, which is quite a different matter than that directly under the left scapula. Could it be that *Aphis*, which is mentioned in the 2nd degree, is a misprint and is really meant to be *Aphis* instead of *Apis*? Checking *Apis* in the materia medica I could find no such location of pain.

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