

FICUS RELIGIOSA

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Anjana—age 4 years, was suffering from dysenteric stool, consisting of coagulated blood, mostly. Passing stool every hour. Temp. 104°: Tongue coated white dirty, thick. Not restless—no thirst—no appetite. Puls, Merc, Phos etc. were given without result. The case was fast deteriorating. I got some fresh leaves from a nearby Aswattha tree, washed them and extracted the juice which, then, was administered in a table spoonful dose. The result was miraculous! Right from that moment the child began to improve. She passed almost a normal stool after 3 hours. The fever came down to 99° and she began to cry for food. She required 3 more doses for complete recovery.

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My dog. Alsatian—1 year old, was passing dark putrid blood from rectum. The smell was extremely fetid, like spoiled fish. He had no appetite and was lethargic. Nit. acid was given without much benefit. I, then, gave it Aswattha juice in half-cup water. After second dose he was completely cured.

Since then I have used it in dysentery with much blood and bleeding piles (without guiding symptoms for other medicines) with much success. My experience with fresh juice has been more satisfying than with 1x or 3x potencies.

Editorial Comment

This drug was partially proved by Dr. Sarat Chandra Ghosh, his wife and his dog. These provings elicited certain symptoms, which have been incorporated in various books on Materia Medica, including Clarke's Dictionary and Boericke's Pocket Manual.

It has been successfully used by many homœopaths including ourselves; the main indication being *bright red* haemorrhage from any organ. We have used it in low potencies—3x to 6, in drop doses, but never in physiological doses of the raw juice.

We are glad to see that, it acted so nicely in the cases of dysentery with "Coagulated blood and even" dark putrid blood also.

But a note of caution is necessary—this drug, and for the matter of that, any drug in Homœopathy can never be a specific in all cases "Dysentery with much blood and bleeding piles".—J. K.