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SEXUAL ABNORMALITIES

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1. *Agnus castus*

The symptoms indicate that this remedy has a diminished primary action, which in the hands of a homœopathic physician becomes a valuable remedy in certain cases of impotency, as I have experienced in several patients. (Stapf.)

2. *Caladium seguinum*

a. This remedy is used very much by (American) negroes to produce impotence, either in revenge, or from jealousy. In the latter case they think that if they smear *Caladium* juice on the wife's coral girdle (which they always wear) it makes them more chaste, and produces impotence in men who come near the wife while the husband is away. (Hering.)

b. A traveler of 26 suffered from gleet with impotence, which had lasted for longer than a year. Patient was normal otherwise. *Caladium* helped. (Rosenberg.)

3. *Calcarea carbonica*

a. Voluptuous thoughts; lack of sexual impulse; weak sexual potency; no pollutions; too brief erection during sexual intercourse; stitches and burning when semen passes at intercourse. (Hahnemann.)

b. As little as this remedy can be dispensed with in

treating the results of onanism, yet it alone hardly ever sufficient; still, it sufficed in one of my cases. Man of 20, bloated, of spongy stature, had practiced onanism frequently since he was 16. Symptoms: His florid complexion had vanished; digestion disturbed; constantly thirsty for cold drinks; muscles weak; stitches in chest when lifting weight; dead tired when walking; bathed in perspiration from least exertion. Conscientious scruples. *Calcarea carbonica* was given. In a week his symptoms were worse, but gradual improvement soon followed. After six months patient felt better than ever. (B. in D.)

c. Woman of 21, generally well; though married for 2½ years has not conceived; inclined to obesity; was given *Calcarea carbonica* 30c, which reporter had found valuable in similar cases. After two months she became pregnant, and was confined at full term. (Schréter.)

d. Lady of 32 had last been confined 9 years previously, was now troubled with copper-colored facial eruption for which *Calcarea carbonica* was given; soon after she became pregnant. (Gerner.)

4. *Camphora*

a. Man of 28 became totally impotent; no erections even after zealous external stimulation, in spite of active inclination. *Camphora* 3c, one drop, decreased the inclination, but gradually new life returned to the genitals. One drop of *Acidum muriaticum*, and later *China* 6c strengthened patient completely. (Schüler.)

5. *Cannabis*

a. Man complains that he could not fulfil his conjugal duties during his 19 years of married life because when he gets to his wife she is "as hot as fire" and then his erection ceases. *Cannabis* 30c was given him twice daily, but his wife received *Platina* 6c, also twice daily, and she soon became pregnant. (Hartung.)

b. Mrs. F., 24, strong, her husband 30, also normal,

had lived together for 6 years without children. Both were given *Cannabis* 1c, a drop every night for two weeks. This produced in the man bloody nocturnal pollutions, in the woman vaginitis with corroding leucorrhoea. In the third week both were given *Mercurius solubilis* 9c, repeated after a few weeks. Pregnancy occurred. (Pleyel.)

6. *China*

a. Man 30, strictly moral and of strong character, has suffered for a few days with the following symptoms: Intolerable craving for various dainty tid-bits for which he previously did not care; day and night tormenting libido. Peculiar heavy physical sensation; laziness; weakness of entire body, especially in knees. He was given *China* 9c, one dose, which produced undisturbed sleep and cured everything. (Bethmann.)

7. *Conium*

a. Impotence and lacking erections; insufficient and shortlasting erections; weak coitus followed by exhaustion. (Hahnemann.)

b. It is a grand remedy in excessive pollutions in young men, and in partial impotence from such pollutions. (Lobeth.)

c. Man of 26, onanist, not married, has been treated for a long time by many allopathic physicians, and finally hydropathically on account of chest and stomach troubles, great irritability and hypochondriasis, with some improvement; but still has pollutions minus erections and libido. He was now engaged to marry. *Conium* 30c. Nine doses were given during four weeks; pollutions less and without following weakness. Libido and erections not lasting till ejaculation. *Sepia* 1500c was given every two days for several weeks, During 5 weeks he had only two pollutions. Coitus now normal. This was followed by *Lycopodium* 30c. One dose completed the cure. (Ehrhardt.)

d. Man, 30, of irritable, sanguine temper, had previous-

ly much indulged in venery, but for six years had abstained. Has now been married for two years, but, on account of weak and quickly passing erections and ejaculations, his hopes had been frustrated. *Sulphur spirit* gtt 12, was given twice, followed by bladder tenesmus, after which *Conium* 30c was given once weekly for about two months with complete result as to procreation. (Marschall.)

8. *Hyoscyamus*

Girl of 14, has not yet menstruated ; after long sleep in sun became almost insane, lascivious, will touch sexual organs of others. Is angry, hits everybody. She has attacks of fright and fear ; fears imagined wolf, or that she will be burned. *Belladonna* 60c and *Hyoscyamus* 30c, later *Sulphur* cured in 6 weeks. After *Hyoscyamus* followed itching over entire body, especially of sexual organs. (Hahnemann.)

9. *Lycopodium*

a. Weak erections ; excessive pollutions ; lack of sexual impulse ; impotent for years ; aversion to intercourse. Easily inclined to intercourse, even when thinking of it. Intractable desire for intercourse every night. Ejaculation too soon. (Hahnemann.)

b. von Boenninghausen recommends *Lycopodium* generally for impotence.

10. *Magnetis polus arcticus*

Helped in two cases of impotence where erection was present, but organ became relaxed at moment of climax minus ejaculation. (Hartmann.)

11. *Natrum muriaticum*

d. Excessive irritability of sexual organs, and excessive imagination toward copulation. (Hahnemann.)

b. *Natrum muriaticum* in brandy, a tablespoonful evenings is said to produce conception from intercourse the following night. Several surprising examples of this have been related to me. (Hering.)

Hahnemann' remarks concerning female aversion toward intercourse and *Hering's* report put together deserve attention.

12. *Nux vomica*

Obstinate pollutions (not caused by onanism) as often found in robust men, were at times cured by *Nux vomica*.

Fervent sexual impulses with frequent painful erections in the morning hours, are quickly cured by *Nux vomica*, if there is no gonorrhœa present. (Hartmann.)

13. *Phosphorus*

a. Too strong erections evenings; impotent and too quick ejaculations at intercourse; too frequent pollutions. (Hahnemann.)

b. Repeatedly I have observed that after *Phosphorus* had been taken (which has exact relations to the male and female sexual organs) pregnancy occurred, hence this remedy should be remembered in sterility, if the other conditions are in the realm of this remedy. However, during homœopathic treatment, as soon as the general condition is improved, women who had not conceived for a longer time, often became pregnant. This undoubtedly is due to the return of normal uterine function. One must avoid laying improved inclination to conception to a single remedy. Aside from *Phosphorus* also *Mercurius*, *Ferrum*, and perhaps *Cannabis* seem to have this characteristic in large degree. (Rummel.)

c. Mrs. F., married for 2 years, of tender, irritable body; is in fair health between menses, but during menstruation (which was not abundant) suffers from severe cutting abdominal pains, as if a knife were cutting around, with backache and vomiting of bile, mucus and food, preceded by leucorrhœa and frequent urination; weepy mood. *Phosphorus* 30c was given. The next menstruation was less painful and without vomiting. At the next menstrual time there was no discharge; patient was pregnant for the first time. (Rummel.)

14. *Phosphoric acid*

a. Before I became acquainted with Homœopathy, I had cured several patients suffering from pollutions (usually the result of onanism or frequent coitus) with *Phosphoric acid*, 5, 10 to 15 drops in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of water, given before retiring, continued for months. I do not recollect that this caused any proving symptoms. I also dispensed smaller doses and frequent repetition with favorable results. (Wolf.)

b. For frequent and weakening pollutions, especially in patients who had been onanists, the longer continued use of *Phosphoric acid* 6c and 9c was most helpful. (Lobeth.)

c. *Phosphoric acid*, one drop in a tablespoonful of water, taken morning and night is recommended in this strong dose for impotence from excessive venery with exhausting diarrhea and nightsweats. (Rosenberg.)

d. For a man weakened by dissolute living I prescribed (aside from other homœopathic remedies) *Phosphoric acid* in Hahnemannian doses. The action was minimal. Then I prescribed the same remedy unpotentized, 12 drops in water, several times. The result was excellent, general well-feeling and happiness enlivened the patient; the former long lasting nightsweats disappeared, and coitus was again normal. (Kopp.)

15. *Platina*

a. Mrs. M., 40 phlegmatic temperament, and lacking sexual desire, mother of several children, generally well and strong; without apparent cause suddenly developed excessive sexual desire which was unknown before; now constantly craving over-powering satisfaction, throttling all other feeling. In spite of best conjugal efforts her pathological craving was insatiable. Her dreams were full of voluptuous pictures, and when awake that was the topic of her talk. Voluptuous tickling in uterine location. *Platina* 3c, 1 grain, cured in thirty hours. (Stapf.)

b. Girl of 25, very irritable and sensitive, due to frequent sexual excitement developed insatiable sexual desire; voluptuous tickling in uterine region; sleepless excitement; alternately sad or merry; weeps easily. Menstruates every 14 to 16 days, copiously, lasting 6 to 9 days. *Platina* 3c, one grain, was given every morning. Fifteen minutes later wept excessively without apparent cause for 2 hours. Restless sleep that evening, repulses all sexual approaches; the next day quieter; sexual desire much less. A few days later she menstruated properly. (Stapf.)

c. Nymphomania was cured in a case by *Platina* 6c (Stapf.)

16. *Selenium*

Recommended by von Boenninghausen for impotency.

17. *Sepia*

a. H., 23, weakened by masturbation for a few years, but liberated himself two years ago, and since has these symptoms: Pollutions almost every night, followed by stitches in left side of forehead; practically always disagreeably sweetish taste; mouth always dry, but he is not thirsty; hard stools preceded by "bellyache" as soon as urging begins. Goes to sleep very late in evening on account of sensation of tiredness and restlessness in legs, especially in calves. *Sepia* 1500. relieved all in a week, and after that no more pollutions. Two weeks later complained of stitching earache, which was cured by *Pulsatilla* 30c. The next day *Sepia* was repeated once. In two weeks patient was completely cured. (B. in D.)

b. Man past 30 has complete falling of hair, redness and chronic inflammation of eyelids which feel heavy; has frequent weakening pollutions; congestion of head. *Sulphur* 60c was given, and after a week *Sepia* 1500c relieved much and cured the pollutions. Later he was given *Silicea* 30c which completed the cure. (von Boenninghausen.)

18. *Veratrum*

a. In nymphomania following suppression of lochia, *Veratrum* was valuable. (Gross.)

b. Mrs. D., married six years, childless, has suffered from severe congestion of head on the day before her regular but scanty menstruation, pain lasted for three days. *Aconitum* 30c, *Crocus* 12c and *Secale cornutum* 12c produced normal menstruation and cured her congestion, which was followed by pregnancy. (Fragm.)

c. Impotence in a man of about 30 was cured by a course of treatment with *Sulphur*, *Conium*, *Lycopodium*, then *Agnus* 3c and *Selenium* 3c in alternation. (Gross.)

d. A very complicated condition followed onanism, was cured by *Nux vomica*, *Sulphur*, *Lycopodium*, *Calcarea carbonica* and *Phosphorus*. (Glaser.)

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PAIN AND ITS HOMŒOPATHIC APPLICATIONS

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The definition of pain, given in a standard English dictionary, is "Suffering of either body or mind," also, (what was rather unexpected) "Suffering coming as the result of evil-doing."

It looks as though, if we spend too long considering what pain is, we shall get entangled in the thorny thicket of Metaphysics.

One cannot resist the remark, however, that as pain is an abnormal condition, anything that causes it must be wrong or evil. But here we are, upon the path of the thicket; let us branch off.

As pain was defined as suffering, it struck us to look up "suffering" in the dictionary, and we found "distress, loss, or injury," while to suffer was "to feel pain or punish-