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## UNUSUALLY YOURS

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You have surely felt that your path of practice is not adorned with roses, but is strewn with pointed thorns. You are to pass along a dangerous path. Cases got-up in the line of the Materia Medica are few and far between. A work on Therapeutics many times misguides you. But a mind that has mastered the Materia Medica and mastered itself is blessed enough to profit by a few moments of revelation, that in the most trying circumstances render him incalculable help. It is like the most unexpected and invaluable help rendered to one pilgrim in acute distress, by another that simply crosses his path and gives aid straight-way, without waiting for any introduction or foreword. A man in distress considers such a help as a boon from heaven.

Our medicines are portrayed in the true Materia Medica like living beings. Each one is a symbol of some thoughts and concepts, like a human being who is a symbol of his inner self. Like living bodies, they are your near or dear ones, old friends, associates, or acquaintances as the case may be. But, occasionally there are some that unexpectedly cross your mind in times of extreme need, and render the desired help of one pilgrim to another. They come in as suddenly as they depart as abruptly. They come not as old and tried friends or dear ones, but as strangers intending to serve you unusually. They are unusually yours.

### LACHESIS IN NITRIC ACID POISONING

A twenty-eight-year-old dark, medium-sized, ardent gentleman took one ounce of Nitric Acid by mistake. He was imme-

diately hospitalized and narrowly saved. But his throat-pit was in a paralytic condition. The least food or drink would cause gagging and vomiting of every thing taken. Liquids were a bit more difficult to swallow than solids. All he could do was to keep a few drachms of iced milk in his mouth in the hope that it might descend unwittingly. This condition lasted for about three months, and he was mostly starving all the time, was greatly emaciated and prostrated, despite daily doses of intravenous glucose. Allopathy, Homœopathy and Ayurveda could do him no good. The gentleman came under my care at the long last, but what do you think I could think about the case? I did not think at all. Rather a thought came upon my mind, that an enemy had to be set upon Nitric Acid. Lachesis is inimical to it as well as it follows Nitric Acid well. It is definitely antidotal. So, a dose of Lachesis IM was placed dry on his tongue, and he was advised to report after three days. The news that came was simply astounding. On the 2nd day of the medicine, he could take a few ounces of cold milk at a time, on the third day about a pound of it, and on the fourth day some quantity of gruel of rice with milk. The improvement continued steadily and he needed no more of medicine.

#### MERCURIUS IN RETAINED PLACENTA

Four years back, a 42-year-old blonde, medium-sized lady consulted me for rigor, high temperature, muscular aches, great uterine pain, restlessness, constipation, foul breath and horribly offensive but gushing uterine hæmorrhage on the fourth day of her miscarriage in the third month of pregnancy. It was a case of incomplete abortion. She was placed on Pyrogen 200, two doses, and gradually improved for 4—5 days. Fragments of decomposed placenta were being discharged now and then, meanwhile. On the 5th day, a single dose of the same medicine was repeated for a threatened reappearance of the said symptoms. The case was in a stand-still for the next five days, showing not the slightest sign of improvement, and the patient steadily declined in strength. Fragments of placenta continued to be discharged. There was legitimate cause for anxiety of one and all. It was even extremely risky to remove the patient

to a nearby hospital for the removal of the placenta and for curetting. Meanwhile, a most embarrassing complex developed. A lingering dry cough, continuing since Pneumonia, sometime back during pregnancy, developed into a most fatiguing one, exhausting the patient's power of endurance. Her heart was embarrassed, extremities became cold and livid and the patient would perspire copiously even during the height of temperature. The cough would get worse at night, and the patient had intense thirst for large and often, despite a moist tongue. The new phenomenon threw a flood of light on the case, which showed Mercurius in unusual prominence. Mercurius Solubilis 5C, in two doses administered morning and evening, controlled the cough in two hours, reduced the temperature in 24 hours, and helped to discharge the whole of the remaining fragment of the placenta in 48 hours, when the patient commenced to improve steadily and miraculously. Here Mercurius came in unexpectedly and was unusually yours.

#### ARUM TRIPH. IN CHOLERA

A 6-year-old dark boy of medium size and moderate health had been suffering from Cholera for twenty-four hours. I was called in consultation and under Cuprum Met. 200, purging, vomiting, cramps and other choleraic conditions were checked, and under Secale Cor. 30, the urine commenced to pass, though in very small quantities. All was going on well, when suddenly on the third day the patient became delirious, began to talk nonsense, tear clothes, and pick at his fingers, teeth and lips. Diarrhœa was present moderately. I was 14 miles away from the patient, and the attending physician administered Cina 200 and Verat. Alb. 30 during that day. There being no improvement, I was called again on the 4th day. The patient was extremely restless, had sunken eyes and low pulse, but the picking condition, moderate diarrhœa and scanty urine pointed to Arum Triph., which administered in two doses of the 200th, six hours apart, acted like a magic. After six hours, the patient slept for 9 hours at a stretch, and when he woke, he was as normal as a healthy boy of his age. The diarrhœa and prostra-

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and sexual urges. Since he is very sensitive to the way he is judged, in relation to his own artificially inflated standard, he is constantly forced to hide and suppress his real emotional and personal self. Living by the grace of artificially maintained appearance, he easily lays himself open to injury to his pride, which, again, never must be admitted or noticed by others. The price for the maintenance of this artificial structure is paid for in tension, hysteria, spasticity and impatient irritability.

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tion gradually passed in the next 72 hours. Arum Triph. is not usually a medicine for Cholera per se, but it served us here brilliantly. It was again unusually yours.

As your experiences multiply, you find many that are so unusually yours. Don't you ?

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