

GROWTH OF HAIR ON ODD PARTS

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We have read that a girl had developed moustache after being frightened; and persistent use of *Thuja* over a long period removed it; growth of hair on odd parts is a symptom of *Thuja*.

An elderly lady, with a thin moustache and some hair on cheeks below the ears, complained of sleeplessness; *Thuja* 1m, two doses gave her good sleep for four or five days. Her husband's words revealed that blood pressure was one of her complaints. She herself uses homœopathic remedies and was content to know that the medicine that had given her good sleep was *Thuja*.

Under the rubric; growth of hair, child's face, Dr. Kent has given; Calc., nat. m. ol.j. psor., sulph.

Women growing moustache seems to signify some defect. One homœopath says: 'Animals are more sycotic than we can ordinarily imagine.' *Thuja* is called the king of anti-sycotics. Can hair be a symbol of animality?

It is interesting to know that *Tarentula hispana* produced hair, which disappeared of itself. A delicate girl of 18 years bordering on insanity was extremely restless. *Arsenic* 200 had temporary effect. "She became worse again. Reporting the case to Dr. Kent, his telegram came: 'Give the patient *Tarentula* 10m.' It suited exactly . . . Three hours later her condition was completely changed. Instead of driving her mother from her room, not allowing her mother to touch her, she wanted to be with her mother every minute, as would almost any sick child. Gradual improvement from the dose of *Tarent.* Hands and feet became very dry and scaly about four weeks after beginning (?) *Tarentula*. After five weeks Dr. Kent advised *Tarent. hisp* 50m. About four weeks after the skin scaled and became natural, fine fuzzy hair three quarters of an inch long appeared on the entire body except palms and soles, but at present writing the face has cleared, the hair having entirely disappeared."

Tarentula cubensis is much like *Tarentula hispana*; it is the same spider or closely related, only coming from Cuba.

Dr. Nash, who calls it "*Tarentula cubensis* or the hairy spider", advocates it for boils, abscesses, felons, or swellings of any kind where the tissues put on a bluish colour, and there are intense burning pains. Dr. Nash gave it a place in his pocket case, among his 144 precious "cm"s.

Dr. T. F. Allen told Dr. Roberts that the *Tarentula cubensis* was being shipped to this country (America) in a container with alcohol to preserve it. The container broke on the way up, the alcohol ran out and the specimen decomposed. However, a potency was made, and it is the pyogenic effect of the decomposition that is the greatest differentiation between *Tarentula hispana* and the *Tarentula cubensis*, for all our higher potencies were made from that stock. It is worth consideration, because you get the mentality of *Tarentula hispana* and septic conditions of *Tarentula cubensis*.

Now, let us consider how 50m potency of the hair spider could produce fuzzy hair on the entire body; again, how the face cleared of itself, the hair having entirely disappeared.

The growth of hair appears to have been like the homœopathic aggravation and the life force itself caused its absorption.

There must have been some defect in the patient that bore similarity to some quality of the 'hairy spider'; it is that quality, highly dynamised in 10m and 50m potencies, which enabled it to draw out the similar quality dormant in the patient in the shape of hair, which characterises the 'hairy spider,' in order to eliminate it from the system.

This growth of hair involves the first aspect of the law of cure, which is now called "Hering's law of Cure"—'from within out'; 'from above down' and 'in the reverse order of their coming.' Evidently the growth of fuzzy hair in this case has been a movement from within outward.

It may be asked: Can we make use of *Tarentula hispana* for combating 'growth of hair in odd parts', even in the absence of its characteristic restlessness?

There is one ray of hope; Dr. Foubister, who has published in the British Homœopathic Journal, a resumé of two hundred cancer cases alone, says that Anthraxin can soften hardness even in the absence of its characteristic burning.

It appears that the law of similars is so accurate that every

remedy, instinct with affinity for similarity will tend to work to the extent of its similarity existing in the patient, discovered or otherwise by the prescriber, provided there is no other unknown and undiscovered factor standing as an obstacle.

Homœopaths may make experiments with *Tarentula hispana* for the removal of hair already grown on odd parts. 'Depraved imaginations prevail through the proving' (Kent). "There is uncontrollable sexual erethism" (K).

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Dr. P. S. Warriar : One Doctor's experience will not be the correct way to choose prophylactics, because each individual will vary. We have to study the cases in detail.

Dr. V. Sundara Varadhan : I endorse Dr. Warriar's views. The Genus epidemicus should be found out by a few Physicians sitting together, studying a number of cases in detail and arrive at the most commonly indicated remedy which will be the correct method. Dr. Hahnemann stated: "A single case will not present the totality of symptoms of an epidemic sickness. Well intentioned modest Physicians will co-operatively study an epidemic sickness to discover its most certain curative remedy and apply it.

This composite picture of the epidemic sickness will reveal the remedy for that epidemic. That remedy will master the epidemic, reduce the death rate, rob epidemics of their horror." This Genus Epidemicus will also be of use as a prophylactic for that particular epidemic.

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