

TARENTULA CUBENSIS

(*Mygale Cubensis*)

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In his Dictionary of (Homœopathic) Materia Medica Dr. J. H. Clarke states :

"The *Mygale cubensis*, which may be called the Cuban Tarentula, also found in South Carolina and Texas, is a large spider, of a dark brown colour, less poisonous, and covered with more hairs than the Tarentula Hispania" (Hering). He goes on to say :

"The bite is painless ; the person is not sensible of it till next day, when an inflamed pimple is found surrounded by a scarlet areola ; from the pimple to some other part of the body a red erysipelatous line is seen, marking the line followed by the spider over the skin after biting. This pimple swells, the inflamed areola spreads, chills and fever set in with copious sweat and retention of urine ; the pimple becomes a hard, large, exceedingly painful abscess, ending by mortification of the integuments over it, and having several small openings discharging a thick, sanious matter containing pieces of mortified cellular tissue, fasciæ, and tendons ; the openings by growing run into one another, forming a large cavity ; at this period the fever takes the intermittent type with evening exacerbations. In two cases, in delicate children, the bite proved fatal ; but the majority recover in from three to six weeks."

It is owing to the immutable homœopathic law : "Let likes be treated by likes" that this poison can be used strictly according to the law of similars, in many ways.

In order to learn how this can be done, let us turn to the great James Tyler Kent, M.D. Let me give you three of his cases.

(1). *Abscess on Face.*

"A middle-aged gentleman had an abscess on the side of the face just in front of the ear. Suppuration was advanced and the fluctuation was marked. *Silicea* had done some good, as it had controlled the pain. The cavity was

aspirated by a surgeon several times, but it continued to refill. After three weeks there was no abatement. The integument took on a new feature, becoming *bluish, bottled, with great burning and sharp cutting pains*. The hardness was extending, and the opening gave out a bloody thin excoriating fluid of foul smell. He was chilly and nauseated, and had symptoms of pyæmia. After *one dose of Tarentula cubensis 12x*, an immediate change for the better took place, no more pus formed, and he was well in ten days. The discoloured localization became a bright red and then faded to the natural colour. The nausea and general pyæmic symptoms were greatly relieved within twelve hours. No more medicine."

(2) *Bubo in the Left Groin.*

"A young man came to me with a Bubo in the left groin. He had been disappointed in that he had not obtained relief from the treatment used.

His bones ached, his tongue was loaded, and his breath smelled badly. The tumification was hard and painful, *bluish and mottled, with great burning and sharp cutting pains*. It spread some distance around, and the heat was intense. He took *Tarentula cubensis 12x* (there and then), and one powder dry on the tongue three mornings in succession. He returned on the third day after taking his last powder, saying that he was poisoned. He complained of a wild feeling in his brain, and a drawing sensation in his scalp and muscles of his face. He was in a great state of mental anxiety, and said he felt as if he was going to lose his reason. Mental restlessness was marked in his countenance. He could not keep quiet, even after I assured him that he was in no danger. His primary symptoms had nearly gone, and the bubo had lost its bad colour. The next day he was much improved in a general way, and the bubo had nearly disappeared. I saw him again in three days, and the improvement was going on rapidly. The chancre healed rapidly, and in one month he told me he had never been so well."

(3) *Carbuncle on the Back of the Neck.*

"A lady, aged about thirty, suffered greatly from a carbuncle on the back of the neck. She had applied many domestic medicines, and obtained no relief. The tumefaction seemed destined to suppurate. It was *mottled bluish*, and the pain was *intense, knife cutting and burning*. She felt terribly sick, even to vomiting, and at night she was delirious. Her eyes were staring, and there was some fever; the tongue was foul and the breath fetid. There was great *tension in the scalp and muscles of the face*. She begged for morphine to "stop that *burning and cutting*".

Tarentula cubensis 12x one dose produced quiet immediately, and the angry looking tumefaction failed to complete its work; it did not suppurate. The discoloration was gone in two days, and the hardness soon disappeared also. She regained her normal state very rapidly, and she said to me a short time ago, that she never had her old headaches since that swelling left her, showing how deeply the medicine affected her whole system. If the part is mottled, bluish, growing dark, with those symptoms, *Tarentula cubensis* must be the most appropriate remedy."

You see, therefore, that *Tarentula cubensis* is *not* a specific for an abscess, bubo or carbuncle but *only* when it is *bluish, mottled, with great burning and sharp cuttings pains*. When you have these you cannot go wrong.

Finally, another great tip from Dr. Kent :

When a person is beyond human aid, and the end is near, and various indicated homœopathic remedies have done what they can to alleviate the sufferings, Dr. Kent states :

"*Tarentula cubensis* soothes the dying sufferer, as I have never seen any other remedy do. I have seen *Arsenicum, Carbo. Veg., Lycopodium, Lachesis*, act kindly and quiet the last horrors, but *Tarentula cubensis* goes beyond these. I have lately administered it in the 30th potency. When death is inevitable, the first named remedies seem to be indicated, but no longer act, and the friends say : 'Doctor, can't you do something to relieve that horrible suffering?' the pain, the rattling in the chest, with no power to throw the mucus out ;

the patient has but a few hours to suffer, but he can be made as quiet as with the terrible Morphine, in a very few minutes by *Tarentula cubensis* 30."

Is not the homœopathic law marvellous, and is it not a great privilege not only to know these things, but to pass them on?

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ACTION ON ETHERIC LEVELS

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The researches and experiments of scientists are making discoveries which will soon produce several very great changes in our concepts in several directions, and it is impossible at present to foretell what they will lead to. The magnification of the so-called infinitesimals of certain substances has reached the point where matter or substance disappears and only fields of force in space take their place. The inferences which follow from this take us completely out of the normal physical world with which we are familiar and open up speculations which tend to confirm statements in the older philosophies from time immemorable.

However, from the practical point of view they actually prove that the homœopathic principle of potencies is quite correct, and sooner or later this should result in tracing the connection between the grosser physical reactions to the level from which the reactions occur, and perhaps also, the *nature* of the originating causes. This latter will be exceedingly interesting because of the great number of potentized substances with which we deal, and their undoubted physical effects.

The etheric levels affected by potentized remedies from 1 through 6, 12, 30 and higher, to CM are so vastly different that an entirely new classification and words are required to denote them with accuracy. It might be possible to formulate them on paper and to make logical statements, but to *prove* the categories and relationships is quite another matter,—no pun,