

out. The syphilitic desires cold food and has an aversion to meat. Bone pains and deformities and gangrene are seen in syphilitics.

This is a brief outline of the chronic diseases. It can be much more extensively studied in books dealing with this subject written by such authors as Drs. Hahnemann, Allen, Kent and Roberts.

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## EXCERPTS FROM "CLINICAL EXPERIENCES"

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### DISEASES OF THE TONGUE

1. A lady of 70, from the nobility, small, venous constitution and choleric temperament, has suffered for years from hæmorrhoids and gout, developed facial erysipelas and glossitis, the latter recurring often every month under allopathic treatment.

The tongue was very much swollen, blood-red on dorsal surface with dilated and very full veins, also on left edge. Tongue function much hindered. The organ was very painful, burning. No fever, but general malaise and depressed mood. Hæmorrhoids and gout less evident when tongue symptoms become prominent. An interdependence was plainly established.

*Pulsatilla* 12c. soon relieved then and also a new attack three months later; only vestiges showed every six to nine months.

2. Mrs. J.; 54, small, plethoric, formerly had often suffered from tonsillitis. She now has high fever; face and pharynx dark red; swallowing very painful, both tonsils swollen; tongue clean and of normal colour, but very sensitive upon pressure; salivation; great thirst; pulse fast, full, hard.

*Belladonna* 30c. was given; not much change after twenty-four hours, but salivation of tough mucus was present; face red and swollen; fever increased. Anxious tossing about in bed for fear of suffocation. *Mercurius solubilis* 3c. every six hours for three days was given, whereupon the swelling became less, and swallowing again was possible. Cured completely.

3. In two cases of glossitis where tongue was painful with hard swelling, redness, heat, dryness, speech was indistinct, swallowing almost impossible, tongue protruding between teeth, mouth always open, tongue covered with mucus, salivation, fear, thirst, *Mercurius solubilis* cured quickly.

4. Four cases of glossitis in which the tongue was very much swollen, and was lying in the mouth like a piece of shrivelled meat, moved only with difficulty, interfering with speech and breathing; very painful; anxiety; the dark red tongue like dry wood; covering it and teeth was tenacious mucus; difficult swallowing; face red and bloated; fever; all these symptoms were cured by *Mercurius solubilis* 12c. and 6c. in twenty-four to thirty-six hours. In one case *Belladonna* had been given previously without benefit.

5. A woman of forty suffered from painful glossitis. The tongue filled the entire mouth, painful from every touch, tonsils swollen; severe pain from swallowing and pressure on tongue, which is covered white while under surface is red. Face red, bloated; skin burning hot; pulse fast.

*Belladonna* 12c. and later *Mercurius solubilis* 15c. cured quickly.

6. For five weeks a woman had suffered from a hard tumour in left half of tongue. *Conium* 30c. was rubbed on every other morning. After five applications the volume of the tumour was smaller. Then *Carbo animalis* 30c. was

applied every fourth morning. The tumour was cured completely in a short time.

7. In a cachectic woman of fifty a malignant ulcer formed on tongue with deep, suppurative furrows; swallowing was frightfully painful; it was suspected being carcinomatous, with elevated rim and excrescences. *Arsenicum* 3c. and 1c. closed the ulcer, but in another location of the tongue the same condition appeared and in the same severe degree. *Arsenicum* now seemed to be without result, but *Muriatic acid* cured, except a few still appearing erosions of very little moment.

8. Man of 52, bilious-nervous, very debilitated by opium which had been given on account of spastic colic, had suffered for five months from a cancerous ulcer on right margin of tongue, irritated or caused by carious tooth. *Arnica* and *Conium* did not relieve.

Symptoms were: head tilted to right side on account of tension in and on sublingual and submaxillary glands; continual bloody, foetid salivation; the ulcer was green-black; stitching pains at tongue margin so severe that patient was groaning and weeping. Exhaustion. No pulse palpable. *Arsenicum* 8000c. produced a refreshing sleep for thirteen hours, diminished pain very much, and later cured entirely.

9. Tongue ulcer of bean size on side margin, surrounded by hard knots, ulcerated tongue furrows; ulcer bases were grayish, red, uneven, exuding foetid ichor; hard, elevated margins, burning pains; tongue much swollen, with white coating; speech difficult; salivation; gums bright red, inflamed, detached, bleeding; nocturnal tearing toothache; foul taste; painful sordes on lower lip; face pale with purple rings around eyes; all was completely cured by *Mercurius solubilis* 12c. in sixteen days.

10. Mrs. R., forty, had suffered for seven months from cancer of the tongue; the right margin was totally cor-

roded, exuding much pus. Four doses of *Silica* 30c. cured in three months.

#### RANULA

1. A man of fifty, of strong constitution, was the patient with the following symptoms: gums on left side inflamed; the ranula extended to the teeth, had white margins. Patient can neither move tongue nor swallow anything except fluids. Severe stitching, burning pains radiate over entire left side of head and left ear. Left submaxillary glands swollen and painful. *Hepar sulphur* 2c., one dose. After four days swelling was less, but there appeared tearing pains toward ear; warm food or warm drinks causes pain; the swelling continued to recede, and in a few days the cure was complete.

2. Under the right side of the tongue in a man a tumour had formed for two years, the size of a pigeon's egg, of flesh colour, purplish toward the point as if from dilated blood vessels, painless but squirting a watery fluid when patient was eating or talking.

*Lycopodium*, *Staphisagria* and *Mercurius* did not help. After *Mezereum* 30c. the tumour emptied entirely within a week. The following day patient expectorated a salty fluid, and the tumour recurred to the size of a hazelnut. *Mezereum* was again given for four days, and in three months a complete cure was achieved.

3. For eight years a girl of 18 had suffered from a ranula. Symptoms: under tongue to both sides of the frænum it was seen purple, gelatinous, almost transparent with smooth surface; tumours the size of halved walnuts, painful to pressure and when eating. At times patient can squeeze out a bitter fluid. Vertigo; tearing pains in arms. During five months she was given *Thuja* 12c., *Acidum nitricum* 24c., *Thuja* 30c., *Acidum nitricum* 30c., *Ambra* 3c. and *Calcarea carbonica* 30c.

After *Thuja* 12c. and 30c. the tumour gradually reduced, but during the action period of the remedy patient always suffered from paralyzing, tearing pains in arms, which were cured by *Acidum nitricum*. The tumour continued to get smaller under this remedy, and *Ambra* undoubtedly had a good effect too. *Calcareo carbonica* completed the cure.

4. A lady of thirty-eight, who had frequently suffered from toothache and dental ulcers, developed a ranula. Symptoms: ranula the size of a hen's egg, very painful, much heat in tumour and surface was very dry as was the entire mouth; swelling of entire mouth with submaxillary glands and face; bursting headache and fever of entire body.

*Mercurius solubilis* 3c., two doses, and later *Sulphur* tincture, one drop, cured in one week.

5. Girl of eighteen, brunette, had suffered from ranula on right side for several weeks. The tumour had been opened repeatedly and a half cupful of lymph-like fluid removed, but it always recurred after five or six days.

After another opening *Mercurius solubilis* 12c. cured completely.

#### PAIN IN TONGUE

1. For seven years a woman of forty-eight suffered uninterruptedly. Symptoms: pain in margin of tongue as from continual needle-pricking, worse from eating and washing of face; clonic contractions of facial muscles and mouth, and sensation in eyes as if they would burst. Vertigo, constipation, cold feet, heat and shivers over body alternate. Patient looks her suffering, emaciated, feels unhappy and depressed.

*Nux vomica* 3c., six times, a drop, for two days cured pain in a week. Only slight crawling sensation remained in tongue. *China* 4c., six doses, produced no result. *Platina* 6c. cured in four doses.

2. In a case of neuralgia on the right side of the tongue in a woman of twenty-eight all allopathic remedies had been without benefit. Symptoms: stitches in right side of tongue, worse from slightest motion of tongue; formication sensation from tongue to head. Pains prevent turning head to right side. Tumour of hazelnut size under chin; aggravation mornings.

*Spigelia* 30c. was given for five days. After a week there was much improvement. In two weeks the remedy was repeated in one dose. Complete cure after two weeks.

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## WHY I AM A CONFIRMED HOMŒOPATH?

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It is passing strange, when a man, in his right mind, will thank his Creator that he is denied the "advantages" of a college training. Why? Simply because my mind was not addled by a stereotyped training embracing so much "for sure" that is, and was not—"so." It left my mind receptive to truths, open to conviction at all times, and to investigate all things before condemning, I read, pondered and profited by the following, viz: "It is a salient characteristic of medical men of all times, and in all countries, that they have ardently followed other pursuits than that of their own profession," that learning and education may be totally divorced, that you may have a highly learned person who is totally uneducated, a little learning is a dangerous thing, highly learned men often read no better than eighth grade scholars; and, lastly, said Hippocrates: "To know is science, to merely believe we know is—Ignorance."

Science is defined: "Knowledge gained and verified by exact observation and thinking." How does that apply