

ESSENTIALS OF

Homœopathic Materia Medica
and

Homœopathic Pharmacy

CHAPTER V.

NOSODES.

Mention two of our principal Nosodes.

Psorinum and *Ambra grisea*¹

Do the allopaths employ Nosodes?

They use *Ambergris*, *Koch's lymph*, which is similar to *Tuberculinum*, and *Vaccine lymph*.

¹ Not always classes as a nosode, especially by pharmacists.

PSORINUM.

By whom was Psorinum introduced?

Dr. C. Hering. *North American Journal of Homœopathy*, Vol. II. Here is also described the preparation of the substance.

What is Psorinum?

It is prepared from the contents of the *itch vesicle*.

What are its principal spheres of action?

It acts chiefly upon the lymphatic-glandular system and upon the cerebro-spinal system ; it produces an impoverished condition of the blood and low cachexia.

Give its symptoms and application in skin diseases.

Herpetic eruptions accompanied by great itching, which becomes intolerable as soon as the patient becomes warm in bed ; the skin has a dirty, greasy look ; the sebaceous glands secrete in excess. Tinea capitis, with oozing of an offensive matter.

What are the ear symptoms?

Otorrhœa, with a horribly offensive odor, like that of rotten meat.

Give four more characteristic symptoms of Psorinum.

1. Offensive odor from the body.
2. Profuse sweating from the least exertion.
3. Headaches accompanied by great hunger.
4. For defective reaction due to psoric taint.

Mention some other drugs useful defective reaction.

Sulphur, when apparently indicated remedies fail to act.

Capsicum, lack of reaction in persons of lax fibre.

Carbo vegetabilis, in abdominal affections.

Cuprum, in patients who are "run down", overworked in mind and body, with tendency of all symptoms to relapse.

Laurocerasus, in chest affections.

Valerian and *Ambra grisea*, in nervous affections.

AMBRA GRISEA.

Where is the proving of this remedy found?

In the *Materia Medica Pura* ; *L'Art Médical*, Vol. XL.

What is Ambra grisea?

It is *Ambergris*, which is found floating on the ocean, and is supposed to be derived from the whale. The genuine gray *Ambergris* is triturated.

Give its general action.

Its general action is on the nervous system, producing many symptoms resembling hysteria ; it is especially a useful remedy in many affections of hysterical females.

What are the mental symptoms of Ambra?

Forgetfulness and hurry ; the patient does everything in a hurry ; time passes slowly.

Give indications for Ambra in sleeplessness.

Sleeplessness due to worry about business matters, with spasms and twitching of the muscles, especially in thin, spare, nervous men.

Give three other indications for its use.

1. In defective reaction from nervous weakness.
2. Thin, scrawny women, with obstinate constipation.
3. Cough, worse when strangers are present.

SYPHILINUM.

Name five other nosodes sometimes used.

1. *Syphilinum.*
2. *Hydrophobinum.*
3. *Tuberculinum.*
4. *Medorrhinum.*
5. *Anthracinum.*

Give an indication for Syphilinum.

In chronic syphilitic headaches, and in obstinate affections where there is a latent syphilitic taint. Also in chronic skin diseases and rheumatism in syphilitic constitutions.

HYDROPHOBINUM.

When is Hydrophobinum or Lyssin indicated?

Chronic headaches ; patient cannot bear to hear water run. Convulsions in pregnancy, which occur on hearing water poured out.

Has this remedy been proved?

It has. See *Hering's Guiding Symptoms*.

TUBERCULINUM.

What is the difference between Tuberculinum, Baccilinum and Koch's Lymph?

Tuberculinum was introduced by the late Samuel Swan, of New York, and consists of dried Tuberculous sputum triturated.

Baccilinum was introduced by Dr. J. Compton Burnett. It is the virus of the natural disease itself. A portion of the *Tuberculous lung* itself was used, containing everything pertaining to the tuberculous process. Bacilli, debris and tubercles.

Koch's lymph is artificially obtained from colonies of bacilli thriving in beef jelly.

Give an indication for Tuberculinum.

Tubercular troubles, tubercular meningitis, consumption, or tubercular arthritis. Dr. Burnett and others report many cures of phthisis with *Baccilinum*. A constant disposition to catch cold is a useful indication for its use. The circulation is feeble and there are suffocative attacks of cough at night.

MEDORRHINUM.

When may Medorrhinum be found useful?

In obstinate rheumatism, when this obstinacy is due to a latent sycotic taint.

Headache of exhaustion or from hard work.

Results of suppressed gonorrhœa.

ANTHRACINUM.

When would Anthracinum be found indicated in anthrax or carbuncle?

Where the symptoms are the same as under *Arsenicum*, only more intense ; pains cutting and lancinating, and *Arsenicum* has failed to relieve.