



Learn a remedy thru cases-*Medorrhinum*

Medorrhinum is an important nosode, effective for removing the ill effects of sycotic miasm. Allen says that it "bears the same relation to deep-seated sycotic, chronic affections of spinal and sympathetic nervous systems that *Psorinum* has to deep seated affections of skin and mucous membranes."

An exhaustive discussion on this nosode can be seen in chapters on this remedy in Dr Vitoulkas books:

The Essence of Materia Medica

Talks on Classical Homoeopathy.

He says "*Medorrhinum* is a remedy that goes to extremes in its pathology on all three levels (emotional, mental and physical). It seems incapable of maintaining a neutral stable state." At one end everything is profusion: in physical discharges, temper, impulses, sexual indulgence etc". At the other extreme is inversion, a "turning inward of the pathology to the point of suppression, timidity and loss of physical, emotional and mental power."

Like every other remedy *Medorrhinum* has a personality of its own with its characteristic mental symptoms, modalities and peculiarities. On the mental sphere, there is great hurry; feels that time moves too slowly; feels matters sensitively before they occur and generally correctly; very impatient, selfish and forgetful especially of names and words and initial letters; fear of dark and presentiment of death; gloomy and weeps while narrating symptoms; cannot speak without weeping. Thinks that some one is behind her and hears whispering.

On the physical level, there is intense nervousness and state of collapse; wants to be fanned all the time; ravenous hunger immediately after eating; insatiable craving for liquor, salt and sweets, ice and oranges. Nocturnal enuresis.

turnal enuresis.

PECULIAR SYMPTOMS: Can pass stools only by leaning very far back; breasts, especially nipples, are cold as ice to touch while the rest of the body is warm. Symptoms are aggravated when thinking of them: agg during day time and at sea shore and amelioration night and *lying on the abdomen or in knee-chest position while sleeping*

The cases discussed below illustrate the above facets of the remedy.

CASE 1: Many ideas but uncertain of execution

Hering's Guiding symptoms under *Medorrhinum* reads as Dullness of memory and desire to procrastinate, because business seem long lasting; as if it could never be accomplished. (Gonorrhoea)"

"Great difficulty in stating her symptoms, loses herself and has to be asked over again."

"Non-committal" (Dr Pathak)

A male patient, aged 30, consulted Dr Rajan Sankaran, for a stone in his bladder. Past history revealed that he had gonorrhoea 10 years back, after which he repeatedly experienced a burning in urethra while urinating. When he developed pain along with burning, an X-ray was taken which showed a calculus in his bladder.

O/E he appeared like *Baryta-carb*. He was very dull and slow in answering questions. He had a trawler business but was not attending to it well. He wanted to do many things but did not know how to go about doing them or getting finances for the ventures. He wanted to have a transport service and enter poultry farming also, but could not commit himself to any of these ventures and hence most of the time he was idle.

His mental disposition matched the mental symptoms of *Medorrhinum* as mentioned above which cured.

Dr RAJAN SANKARAN, HOMOEOPATHIC HERITAGE, Dec 1987



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CASE 2: CLAIRVOYANCE

Hering's Guiding Symptoms says "Is always anticipating; feels most matters sensitively before they occur and generally correctly. Anticipates death"

"Is sure that she is worse, knows that she is not going to live, cannot see any improvement even when it is pointed out: has no fear of death, speaks calmly about it and gives directions as to the disposition of her affairs." (Compare with *Aconite*, which has a fear of death and predicts the day he will die. Life is rendered miserable by fear. In Synthetic repertory: *Ars*, *Calc*, *Cimic*, *Gels*, *Lac-c*, *Nit-ac* and *Phos* have such fear of death but in *Medorrhinum* there is no such fear except anticipation of death and he advises as to how his affairs are to be dealt with in case he dies.)

I had not come across in the literature available to me, where this symptom was marked and this remedy was used curatively. Dr Rajan Sankaran, however, narrates an incident told by one of his patients; her father became mentally deranged at the young age of 30 but was otherwise healthy. At the age of 35, suddenly one day, he predicted that he would die in next 3 days. Knowing his mental disposition, nobody took him seriously but precisely on the third day he died without apparent reason, confirming the key mental symptom of this nosode.

Med is useful in treating certain cases of asthma when the modalities agree. Two cases of cured asthma.

CASE 3: Asthma cured on basis of modalities

A girl, five year old had, broncho-pneumonia; given allopathic treatment without much relief. She consulted Dr Dorothy Shepherd. Hers was a typical case of humid asthma: chest was full of numerous mucous rales, with rattling noises, continuously expectorated large quantities of white, thick ropy mucus; there was weakness in the chest; she was under-sized, thin with a pitiful appearance and face bluish. Her ribs were drawn in and upper part of her chest was barrel-shaped. On enquiry the doctor found that she was always *worse in wet weather*. All these symptoms pointed to *Natrum-*

sulph, prescribed in 30th potency; mother was advised some breathing exercises. On examination after a week: better; chest clear of abnormal sounds but expectorated large amount of phlegm. Next week because of the worsening weather, her condition deteriorated; she was helped with *Nat-sulph* 30 BDS x 3 days. She continued to improve but due to rains during X-mas, health deteriorated; but asthma attack were much shorter and posture much improved. No moist rales found, *Nat-sulph* 30 given at the clinic with another dose in the night and next morning if there was a fresh attack. The girl was free from asthma for the next two months but was not fully cured even with repetition of that remedy in higher potency. In May next, she had further weekly attacks. Dr Shepherd reviewed her case in detail again. It was found that the patient "lies in knee-chest position with her face buried in pillows during the attack," which clearly indicated *Medorrhinum*. The doctor therefore prescribed it in 30th potency; she improved and the asthma attacks became less. It was repeated in infrequent intervals. Since July she did not have any asthma attack for three months though the weather was wet and foul. In October she had attacks during day time only (which is also a characteristic modality of *Medorrhinum* while night attacks point to *Syph*); she was given *Medorrhinum* 1M and later 10M. The attacks became rare and the child gained in weight and turned into a pretty girl from one with a stunted appearance.

Dr Shepherd says that she changed the medicine to *Medorrhinum* on the basis of a clinical tip from the grandmaster Dr Kent who said that when *Nat-sulph*, well indicated does not hold, the complementary medicine *Medorrhinum* which goes deeper should be given. (TIP)

Dr DOROTHY SHEPHERD, More Magic of Minimum Dose p 42-47

Dr Shepherd gives the following guidelines for prescribing *Medorrhinum* in asthma cases. Choking cough; larynx feels as if closed up, so that no air could enter,



only improved on lying on face, deep hollow cough worse lying down, better lying on stomach, difficult respiration, *wants to be fanned*, feels cold yet throws the covers off. Worse from warmth, even *when icy cold to the touch* and worse by wet, damp, draught and thunderstorms, *worse from daylight to sunset, always brighter in the evenings. The general condition is better at the seashore. Always in a hurry and feels that time moves too slowly with a history of vaccination, small pox or gonorrhoea.*

CASE 4: ASTHMA

Master KT, aged 6 was brought by his father to Dr Kamlesh Mehta for bronchial asthma. H/o same complaint father, cured by same doctor. He gets asthma attacks once in 3/4 months. This particular attack starts with dry cough AF ghee and sweets which on Day 3 led to difficult breathing and yellow discharge, and feverishness. Complaints were worse in the night and mornings; *relieved by lying on abdomen*. When breathless, *he wanted the fan on top speed* and did not want to be covered. Very cranky and irritable- wants things done his way. Stools: 4-5 since morning Based on: respiratory spasms > lying on abdomen; hot patient, yellow discharge, cranky child and predominant sycotic miasm, also with F/H father: *Medorrhinum* 200 one dose given on 30-12-1995 with one SOS dose and was asked to report after one month.

The boy improved in health. The boy had fever and cough on 22-1-96 but no breathlessness; the mother gave the SOS dose of *Medorrhinum* and then brought him to the clinic. O/E the boy had cough but no breathlessness. Hot patient and slept on abdomen. As *Medorrhinum* already given, we decided to wait and took the opportunity to get more details about the family background etc. This breathlessness started after birth of younger brother. Cravings for bread, *butter and sweets* and items made in ghee. Aversion to vegetables, cabbage and potatoes. Mother hyperemesis gravidum throughout 1st trimester, from sheer smell of

cooking; particularly odour of ghee, which felt like fish during that period. She had craving for sour and sweet items. Father was an asthmatic; tense from business worries and frequent tours. The family lived in an area reclaimed from a creek. The patient was very jealous of his younger brother for the attention he was getting and would cry loudly, which brought on the cough. There were frequent fights with his younger brother, who was mischievous and irritating. The patient was very restless and very active and could not sit in one place; *hasty and hurried* in all his work

TOTALITY OF THE CASE:

A/F Envy, jealousy leading to spasms; H/o convulsions Hurried, restless even during sleep Sensitive and feels neglected leading to crying and spasms and cough. Cravings for sweets, fatty food and tasty food; sleeps on abdomen

Respiratory problem of asthma; inherited sycotic miasm

All these confirmed the original prescription of *Medorrhinum*

FOLLOW-UP: The boy continued to improve; had only mild cough. On 9th April '96, he had dysentery; given *Nux-vomica* 200 but cough re-started. So was given *Ars-iod* 200 to which he responded well. The case was followed up for the next few months without any more medication. The boy continued to improve in health.

Dr KAMLESH MEHTA- Wandering physician and Little wonders- IJHM vol 31/4

He has also discussed in detail in this issue another case of asthma cured with this nosode

CASE 5: RHEUMATISM

In 1875 a patient, aged 60, with acute rheumatism consulted Dr H C Allen. After some treatment he was relieved but was a wreck and it was thought that outdoor active life would restore his health with passage of time. But weeks and months passed without change. He could only walk leaning on a cane, bent over and wrapped up to his ears. His wife had given up hopes of his re-



covery and blamed his condition on his age. Dr Allen was very troubled. Thinking intensely about his condition, he wondered whether there was any miasmatic block such as a gonorrhoeal taint. He could not, for sake of delicacy, ask the patient of such a history. Taking a cue from Dr Swann's suggestion that an obstinate case of rheumatism might be due to latent gonorrhoea and *Medorrhinum* high would cure it and that in many cases where improvement stops at a stage, *Medorrhinum* has removed the obstruction and resulted in complete cure, Dr Allen gave three doses of *Medorrhinum* high to be taken every morning. Within 10 days the patient was much better and was given one more dose to be taken after some time. That was the last prescription. In one month. "patient dropped his cane and muffler and walked the street erect with a firm step, a perfectly well man" says Allen. He also gained in weight. **MATERIA MEDICA OF THE NOSODES - HC Allen, p328**

Dr NASH also had remarkable cures with this nosode in chronic forms of rheumatism. Here is one of his cases:

CASE 6: RHEUMATISM

A middle aged lady was not able to attend church, though it not very far from her residence, because of stiffness of her ankles. Her ankles and soles were so tender that she could barely walk. Dr Nash says that *Antim-crudum* which had cured such similar cases for him did not help in this case, but *Medorrhinum* CM one dose so improved her condition that she could walk where she pleased. Dr Tyler also refers to a case of a man who, because of suppressed gonorrhoea, had such a tender sole that he could walk only on his knees and was cured with *Medorrhinum*.

He says: "Since writing the above I have experimented more with the so-called nosodes and have had seemingly very good results from this remedy as well as *Syphilinum* in intractable cases of chronic rheumatism. The most characteristic difference between them is that with *Medorrhinum* the pains are worse in the *day-time* and with *Syphilinum* in the night" In this case the guiding symptom was "Tenderness of soles so that he

could not stand on them at all and had to walk on his knees. Suppressed gonorrhoea". (Hering)

LEADERS IN HOMOEOPATHIC THERAPEUTICS- Dr NASH, p 424

CASE 7

Mrs C S, a stout woman of 45 yr suffered from rheumatism off and on from the age of 12. After marriage, she contracted gonorrhoea from her husband. She suffered from several complaints and her uterus, ovaries and appendix were removed. She complained of hot flushes as she was in menopause. When she consulted Dr Farrington her symptoms were:

Spells of sadness almost driving her to suicide.

Difficulty in concentration.

Attacks of hysteria along with numbness of different parts of the body; numbness of the hands while sewing or grasping anything; great flatulence.

Headache in vertex and occiput < before thunderstorm.

Sudden, very sensitive swelling of joints, esp of knees and fingers of right hand < using them.

Lameness and stiffness of the larger joints < change of weather from warm to cold and from continued motion. Calluses and great sensitiveness of balls of the feet; cracks between toes, at times bleeding and also cracks and sores at the corners of mouth. Puffy swelling of the feet. No albumin in urine.

Based on the italicized symptoms which correspond to *Medorrhinum* the patient received six doses of this nosode in DMM potency at long intervals over 1 ½ years. The patient recovered completely.

Dr NASH, HOMOEOPATHIC RECORDER DEC 1921

CASE 8

Mrs MC a widow aged 59, consulted Dr Farrington for *throbbing pain in her lumbar spine* brought on by emotional excitement or over exertion as she had to work hard to earn a living plus keep boarders in her house. For a number of years she suffered from neuritis of the right arm and shoulder extending to occiput and shoulder < cold and damp weather.



One more characteristic: *weeping at the slightest provocation; tears flowed while telling her symptoms; relieved by weeping.*

Numbness of the hands at night; burning of the soles; at night feet become very warm and she felt like putting her feet outside her covers.

Dr Farrington gave a single dose of *Medorrhinum* 1M and after initial aggravation all her symptoms cleared up. There was no evidence of gonorrhoeal infection or inheritance but she exhibited the classic symptoms of the nosode.

CLINICAL CONFIRMATION OF MEDO-Dr HARVEY FARRINGTON, HOMOEOPATHIC RECORDER DEC 1921

BETTER AT THE SEA SIDE: is a peculiar symptom of this nosode. Dr Tyler gives 2 cases where this prominent symptom along with others pointed to this nosode and effected a cure.

CASE 9:

A woman, aged 38 had duodenal ulcer for the past 8 years with usual symptoms: pain two hours after food; excessive flatulence. But she *was much better at the seaside*. She was given *Medorrhinum* CM one dose. Rapid improvement followed.

CASE 10:

Another woman, aged 40, emaciated with itching scalp and hair falling. She was always *better at the seaside*. Another peculiar symptom was "*coldness of her breasts while other parts were warm*". All *Medorrhinum* symptoms, she got a dose in 10M potency. Itching and falling of hair stopped and the patient started putting on weight. The coldness of the breasts while the exposed parts are warm is a gem and peculiar to this nosode.

CASE 11:

Dr SANKARAN reports his own cured case as under: "Once I had to treat a young girl of 15 years for recurrent attacks of bronchial asthma. Several drugs

had failed and it was taken then I noticed that during a routine examination that her breasts were *icy cold*, especially the *nipples* while the exposed parts of her body like the arms and legs were warm. So this was a peculiar symptom and Kent's repertory gave *Medorrhinum* as the only drug covering this symptom. Further enquiry brought out the fact that patient's attacks were affected by the proximity of the seashore and that she slept *most comfortably on the abdomen*. *Medorrhinum* relieved her immediately"

SOME NOTES ON THE NOSODES-Dr P SANKARAN

CASE 12

A patient's behaviour, posture and gesture are also symptoms, which the doctor has to take into account while prescribing, as they speak more than words.

A 40 year old lady entered Dr Anne Schadde's clinic and occupied the chair but sat sideways and had to turn her head around to talk to the doctor. The patient said that she was the black sheep in her family and never wanted to conform to family norms. She had been a hippie, experimented with drugs and deliberately managed to get caught. When she was sent to a boarding school, she rebelled and was taken out. She said "I think I did these on purpose in order to be free to do what I wanted and not what my father wanted. Always contrary. She used the word battlefield while discussing her complaints-said her abdomen was her battlefield. She was acting as if she was fighting a battle against her parents for independence. During the interview also she sat crosswise in the chair. Her earrings looked like spears. She complained of inflammation of ovaries and had cysts. She had a chronic nasal catarrh and extreme desire for tobacco and fish.

The inflammation in the pelvic region, chronic catarrh and her extreme desires and disposition to contradict led to the prescription of *Medorrhinum* 1M. At the next follow-up she sat in normal fashion. The first thing she said that she could not follow the doctor's advice of not drinking coffee while under homoeopathic *medicines*. In the next four months she experienced consid-



erable relief but did not continue the treatment. Phoned later to say that she was better and full of energy.

Anne Schadde says: "There is something in *Medorrhinum* you get without asking; they enter the room and they have a particular kind of energy that is sexual. There is defiance, the extravagance, the contradictory and revolutionary attitude"

**ANNE SCHADDE, GERMANY- HOMOEOPATHIC LINKS ,
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Dr E Underhill summarises the key symptoms of this remedy in children:

- a) Knee-chest position of sleep in children with face buried in the pillow.
- b) > lying on abdomen
- c) Timid apprehensiveness with marked fear of dark
- d) Hurried and impatient feeling
- e) Marked sensitiveness
- f) Inordinate craving for sweets
- g) Marked > at the sea-shore
- h) > in the open air
- i) < in the day time
- j) Enuresis of children- passing large quantities of pungent, strong smelling or ammoniacal urine
- k) Pungent body odour and also of stool
- l) Marked tenderness of the soles and heels

TIP: Dr Clarke says that many cases of stunted growth of children are due to latent gonorrhoea and syphilis and unless this factor is taken into account while prescribing, permanent cure cannot be effected.

CASE 13: SEVERE WATERING OF EYES

A 14 months old girl, was brought to Dr Pierre Schmidt for treatment. Since birth, her left eye started watering as soon she was taken outdoors; sometimes even turning red. The child continuously rubbed her eyes. She cried easily and had offensive perspiration of her feet. It was difficult to get her to sleep. Dr Schmidt consulted the repertory and found *Bell, Sanicula, Calc-carb, Sil, Nat-mur, Puls and Tub*. Taking into account

the predominant mental symptoms of crying and mild nature he gave *Puls 200* one dose. After one month it was found that her eyes still watered and other symptoms also remained the same. Even after giving a dose of *Sulph 200* there was no improvement. In the mornings the eyelids got stuck up with redness of eyes. The child wet her bed at night and had exaggerated fear of motor cars and dogs, whereas she had no such fears earlier. On the basis of these symptoms *Bell 200* one dose was given. While her fears were less and she was not wetting her bed, the eyes were watering more abundantly now, burning the cheeks.

The case was retaken and the doctor particularly asked the child's sleep position and was told that the child *slept on her knees*, head buried in her pillow; she was found to be nervous and impatient. On further questioning her father admitted having contracted gonorrhoea, which was suppressed by an ointment. The diagnosis was clear-the child was suffering from inherited syphilis, which did not allow the indicated medicines to act.

The child was given one dose of *Medorrhinum 10M*. From the next day the eyes stopped watering and the child started sleeping on her back. The other symptoms started clearing slowly. The case was followed up for the next 2½ years during which it was found the child was enjoying good health and there was no recurrence of the complaint.

Dr Tyler says that this nosode is a very great eye remedy. She narrates a short case of an old lady whose one eye became blind after operation. She had to be led by another because the other eye was so inflamed that she could not see properly and could not be operated also. A dose of *Medorrhinum* cleared her eyes and she could get her eye operated for cataract successfully.

SOME OPHTHALMIC CASES: Dr PIERRE SCHMIDT, THE HOMOEOPATHIC RECORDER 1929 REPRODUCED IN HOMOEOPATHIC HERITAGE, OCTOBER 1989)

**CASE 15**

Dr Krichbaum was treating a woman who suffered from obstinate constipation over 20 years. Treatment gave only temporary relief. One day she came to the clinic and stated that she was going out of station for an important work and had only a limited time for consultation and was having colicky pain. She remarked that "If I could feel as good during the day as I do in the night, I will be all right. From sunrise to sunset I feel badly". This is the typical time modality of *Medorrhinum* and the doctor gave her one dose of the remedy. She was relieved of her complaints after 4 hours. Thereafter she had normal bowel movement and did not need any repetition of the *medicine*.

Dr KRICHBAUM HOMOEOPATHIC HERITAGE MAY 1990

CASE 16

After her husband's death from TB, a lady developed rigidity of the muscles of her jaw and face and it slowly spread to other parts. She was diagnosed as having paralysis agitans; she was emaciated and walked stiffly. She consulted Dr Julia Green and the patient could not give more details. But the patient's mother said that when she was worst affected by the complaint she *would sit on the edge of bed and bracing herself with both hands, would allow her head to hang down*. She would stay in that position for an hour or so as it gave her relief from her stiffness and pain. At about 9.30 in the evening she noticed that her nervousness and rigidity left her suddenly and for the rest of the evening she was her normal self. Dr Green gave *Medorrhinum* based on that symptom; there was good amelioration-the patient could use her hands better.

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CASE 17

A woman brought her five year old daughter to Dr Esmond for the complaint of soreness around the vulva and the anus and sometimes slight discharge from the vulva was noticed.. The doctor's enquiry about the possibility of history of gonorrhoea did not elicit any

confirmation. Notwithstanding it, the doctor gave the child *Medorrhinum* 1M and in ten days the whole condition cleared up and had not since returned.

CASE 18: FEAR OF DARK

In Synthetic repertory (p 487) against the rubric - Fear of dark' *Cann-i* and *Stramonium* are given in bold capital letters and *Medorrhinum* is given in bold along with some other medicines.

"Thinks that someone is behind her, hears whispering; sees faces that peer at her from behind bed and furniture." Persons come in, look at her and whisper and say "come".

A child whose father had a history of Gonorrhoea was brought to Dr Rajan Sankaran for treatment of predominant fear of the dark. It was told that the child was afraid of going in the dark, and felt that someone was behind him and that someone was whispering to him. When walking in the dark he felt that he was being pursued but when he turned there was no one. But the feeling persisted. He was in the habit of sleeping on his abdomen. *Medorrhinum* cured as the mental symptoms corresponded to this nosode and there was inherited gonorrhoeal taint.

RAJAN SANKARAN-HOMOEOPATHIC HERITAGE DECEMBER 1987

CASE 19

A young man 24 yr old, after serving at a hospital overseas was found to be *restless, fidgety and hurried in all his activities. The most persistent symptom he showed was fear of the dark and a feeling as though someone was behind him* (Del someone is behind him) On the basis of this peculiar symptom Dr Farrington gave a dose of *Medorrhinum* high and the patient was cured of these symptoms and became normal.

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CASE 20

A woman having severe menstrual pain (dysmenor-



rhoea) consulted Dr HC Allen. Menstruation was accompanied by severe pains. The flow was scanty and on the second day she passed a membrane. Her mental symptom was peculiar in that she had a constant feeling as if something was behind her, peering over her shoulder, causing her to look behind anxiously. As her symptoms corresponded to *Medorrhinum*, Dr Allen gave her a dose of this nosode. At the next menstrual cycle there was no pain and no membrane and the doctor repeated the remedy and the patient was having normal menses thereafter.

MATERIA MEDICA OF THE NOSODES - HC ALLEN

CASE 21

A Canadian consulted Dr McLaren for the severe cough and feeble constitution. AF working all winter in a factory. Despite well-chosen remedies, the cough persisted and the patient had to be confined to bed because of continuing poor health. It was then observed by the doctor that the patient was > *by lying on his face*. This along with the fact there was a family history of syphilis, made the doctor gave *Medorrhinum*. On the next day there was profuse gonorrhoeal discharge and the cough and other symptoms completely disappeared. The cure came about by removing the miasmatic block.

QUOTED BY DR CLARKE IN HIS DICTIONARY OF MATERIA MEDICA

CASE 22

Dr Clarke states that he had cured many cases of "dysmenia" based on the experience of Dr Burnett. He quotes "Burnett cured with *Medorrhinum* 1M

- 1) A woman patient who had fits at every menstrual period, the fits coming on early in the morning;
- 2) A man who had clonic spasms, with legs suddenly shooting up from the bed;
- 3) A case of right wrist rheumatism.

A girl, aged 11 was suffering from profusion of red sores on her face with poor health; her eyelids were also involved and was nearly denuded of her eyelashes; there was a mass of thick yellow scabs from which oozed a

highly offensive discharge. Her back, perineum and genitals were looking fiery red, oozing a yellow discharge which caused the undergarment stick to the body. The girl's parents consulted Dr Wildes. The doctor assessed that the complaint was due to latent gonorrhoea and gave a dose of *Medorrhinum* CM on dose. The conditions became worse initially but her other conditions improved and in nine months she became completely cured.

Dr Wilds treated successfully with this remedy another case of a girl aged 6 who looked completely disfigured with tinea capitis. There were dense scabs with very foul odour and hairs looked like distorted stumps. One dose of this nosode cured the patient in three months. Dr Wildes, as quoted by Dr Clarke, thinks that suppression of such skin complaints due to latent gonorrhoea will lead to hydrocephalus, bronchitis, severe teething diarrhoea and cholera infantum in children.

CASE 23

One peculiar symptom is that "the patient can pass stool only by leaning very far back; very painful as if there was a lump on posterior surface of sphincter; so painful as to cause tears" (Allen's keynotes)

Dr Clarke cured an obstinate case of constipation in a patient on this indication. The patient said that he was obliged to lean far back on the toilet seat or he could not pass stool. He was passing urine containing white mucous shreds. On enquiry it was found that he had contracted gonorrhoea several years back. On these symptoms Dr Clarke administered *Medorrhinum* 200 and cured the constipation.

DR CLARKE - DICTIONARY OF MATERIA MEDICA

CASE 24

Mrs C F A, aged 32 consulted Dr Farrington for several complaints and the major were the following: *Irritable, nervous; hurried and restless especially after lying in bed or sitting for long time; Fear of the dark* (though as a child she would go anywhere in the dark)



Failure of memory, leaves things unfinished or half-way and takes up something else.

Craves salads, salty things and fruit; very little thirst.

Constipated from childhood except during menses; gets tonsillitis from constipation

Heavy full feeling in abdomen after eating; much belching after eating fatty foods.

Menses every 26 days and uterus falls so low as to protrude from the vagina, worse during stool and better after passing stool.

Excruciating pains in the cervical and dorsal spine

extending to shoulders for the past several years; soreness of coccyx since birth of her child. Excessive desire to yawn.

Treatment: One dose of *Medorrhinum* DMM was given and in three weeks there was perceptible improvement in her complaints. The remedy was repeated at infrequent intervals over next 2 years and she became a woman of robust health with good memory and clear intellect.

Dr FARRINGTON, HOMOEOPATHIC RECORDER DEC 1921

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