



# Carbo-vegetabilis: The Corpse Reviver

**ABSTRACT:** In this series Dr Mangain is taking up cases which are incurable or very serious and not run of the mill cases. So they will have to be looked at in that light. And the results also viewed in that light.

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Sometimes in Practice, one happens to come across cases where death seems imminent. Such instances are extremely difficult to face for a Homoeopath. We Homoeopaths do not even possess an oxygen cylinder or other life saving gadgets. A Homoeopath only carries a few emergency Homoeopathic remedies; yet, at times the Homoeopathic medicines act magically saving life.

**CASE**

I am presenting herewith a case where the patient was discharged from the Hospital declared was hopeless! This was as reported by the daughter. The patient was a 70 year old gentleman.

**The PAST HISTORY:** His daughter said that about 40-45 years ago he was accidentally exposed to fumes chemical, presumably petrol, following which he was sick for a long time, had spells of vomiting of blood. Again recurred between 1989 - 1990 blood vomit which was blackish in colour. Since then he had recurrent attacks of vomiting of blood. Recently, he again had an episode with very offensive stools and great prostration. He was diagnosed now as suffering from pulmonary emphysema.

Two days prior to seeking my help ie on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2008, he had been hospitalized and was discharged on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2008 with a bad prognosis. Hepatization of lungs was suspected.

His daughter asked for my help and advice at 7 am on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2008. She told me that her father is bed ridden since two days. He had not even asked for a drop of water for the past 16 hours. His condition was so precarious that his demise

was expected any moment in the night. She had not slept the previous night and read the scriptures lest her father die. Her husband had been on duty at Badrinath and she was so disappointed by the situation that she was unable to decide what to do. So she rang me up.

As a Homoeopathic Practitioner I have no means with me to meet such emergency. He was discharged since the prognosis was bad. Still, to provide moral support I visited the patient. I examined the patient, he was lying prostrated; pulse was very weak, breathing shallow, with coldness of the body.

Though there were remote hope; yet, the need of the moment was to do something so that the daughter should find some consolation. So, I gave six potions of *Carbo-vegetabilis* 30 (4-5 globules of No 10 size in a little sugar of milk to be given to the patient every three to four hours).

At 2 pm the daughter rang up to tell me that half an hour after taking the first potion the patient asked for water; after two hours he asked for some food. And after this he gradually went on improving. His appetite has returned. He regained his usual strength.

The same medicine was continued till 24<sup>th</sup> September 2008. He did not take any further medicine as he felt much better. Now even after two months the patient is still alive and enjoying life!

**CASE 2**

This is a case I faced about 22 years back. I have yet reported this case somewhere previously, but I feel that repeating it will be useful. The patient was a six month old male child. Was one of the

twins, his grand mother had brought him from Patna, the mother could not accompany since had to look after the other kid. The grand mother used to stay in my neighbourhood.

When the child was brought to Dehradun he was suffering from diarrhoea and cough. I was consulted and I gave some medicine with which the child was improving. After two days his uncle came to my residence at midnight. He was perturbed and asked me to see the child immediately. When I visited, the child was absolutely limp, pulse could not be felt. Respiration was almost imperceptible. That day I felt that my reputation of many years of good practice was at stake. If the child dies I am ruined. There was no time to take the child to the hospital as the nearest hospital was far. So to do something immediately I put few globules of *Carbo-vegetabilis* 200 in the mouth of the child and asked his grand mother to bring half cup of warm water so that I may give the same medicine in solution frequently. But by the time warm water was brought the child took a deep breath with a shriek. The pulse returned and started beating fast. And simultaneously I felt relieved. Within next five minutes the child was perfectly normal. Now he is a young man of 23 years.

As it is documented, that day *Carbo-vegetabilis* proved to be the real 'Corpse Reviver'.

Such instances also create faith in the Hahnemanian principles of Cure and Minimum dose.

**DISCUSSION:** Some salient features of *Carbo-vegetabilis* to use in such alarming cases.

- For the bad effects of exhausting diseases, whether in young or old (*Cinch, Psor*).
- Persons who have never fully recovered from the exhausting effects of previous illness; asthma, from measles or pertussis of childhood; indigestion from a drunken debauch; bad effects of a long ago injury; has never recovered from effects of typhoid (*Psor*).
- Ailments: From quinine, especially suppressed intermittents; abuse of mercury, salt, salt meats; spoiled fish, meats or fats; from getting over-

heated (*Ant-c*).

- Bad effects from loss of vital fluids (*Caust*); haemorrhage from any broken down conditions of mucous membranes (*Cinch, Phos*).
- Weakness of memory and slowness of thought.
- Haemorrhage from any mucous outlet; in systems broken down, debilitated; blood oozes from weakened tissues; vital force exhausted
- Deficient capillary circulation causes blueness of skin and coldness of extremities; vital powers nearly exhausted; desire to be constantly fanned.
- In the last stages of disease, with copious cold sweat, cold breath, cold tongue, voice lost, this remedy may save a life.
- If there is one word that characterizes the pathology of this remedy, the word is emptiness. It is a feeling as if life has gone and left an empty space, a shell without life, an empty sack. Such are the feelings of the typical *Carbo-vegetabilis* patient: totally devoid of energy and he will feel this way in both acute and chronic conditions.
- It is interesting that this remedy has a reputation as a 'Corpse Reviver.'

This is the way the emptiness and lack of vital power is experienced on the body level, but the *Carbo-vegetabilis* emptiness is felt on all three levels. Emotionally the patient feels so empty of feelings that it causes him to be indifferent to anything and everything that happens around him, to all external impressions. It is one of the best remedies for this kind of depression that reaches that state of total indifference. The patient does not care whether he lives or dies, whether his house is on fire, whether his loved ones are in danger. He simply does not have the energy to care. This state is reflected in Hahnemann's proving symptom: 'Indifference; he heard everything without pleasure or displeasure, and without thinking anything about it.' If the patients previously loved music, it will not move or touch them any more when they are in a *Carbo-vegetabilis* state. ●



# Reader's Page

Glad to know about the SSMS. Glad you have finished it successfully.

I saw the Menstrual Disorders issue on my table when returned last night from Aurangabad and I missed my morning walk going through it. It is very very good.. , like clockwork, an issue is on my table every month.

I also received the Your idea to bring additional issues for students is praiseworthy. It was very nice to read the words of Secretary Ayush about you and Kumar Dhawale. I wish I had more time to devote to NJH. My present assignments keep me busy.

**Dr D P RASTOGI**

*Editor: We will await your time allocation to NJH. Your Boeninghausen corner is keeping all on their toes.*

My dear V,  
Congrats, for the Mother n Child issue. Please tell Dr Asrani, that I like the cover a great deal. Kudos for carrying NJH to the sweet age of 16 yrs and the "century" thereafter.

The following pages in the current issue have mistakes, mostly multiple. In our piece a line is missing. Pg: 4, 14, 15, 31, 45, 65, 67, 68.

-Your efforts must make a better deal.

**Dr MANU KOTHARI**

*Editor: Yes 2009 will see us tightening up on the proof reading. Infact this issue itself would show this betterment. The reason is mainly the delay in receiving articles, because then we have to rush though to finish on time. So authors please co-operate. Follow Swapan Paul's example. Before we finish printing one issue, his article for the next is ready! It is just a question of putting it in your scheduler.*

Respected Madam,

It's great pleasure for me and I feel so happy to see my article published in your esteemed Journal in the Nov 2008 issue (Vol.10 No.11 110<sup>th</sup> Issue). I feel very proud for your kind consideration of my articles "Mystery of Mother Tincture" & "Snapshots of Mother Tincture." I'll keep writing for your Journal in future on various topics. (As per your schedule)

I have received the Nov -Dec 2008 issue of your journal which has been gifted to me from your office. Hope for your kind consideration and co-operation in future also.

**Dr SWAPAN PAUL.**

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## WHY MEN ARE JUST HAPPIER PEOPLE...

### DRESSING UP

- A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the trash, answer the phone, read a book, and get the mail.
- A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.



**TITLE: A STUDY OF HAHNEMANN'S ORGANON**  
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The first 42 pages of the book give introduction

to topics like history of medical theories, materialist view of diseases, injuries and many others. The theoretical part covers Aphorisms 1 to 70 and practical part covers Aphorisms 71 to 291. The long introduction makes interesting reading and further understanding of Homoeopathic principles narrated by the Master.

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### BATHROOMS

- A man has six items in his bathroom: toothbrush and toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap and a towel.
- The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items.

### ARGUMENTS

- A woman has the last word in any argument.
- Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.