

## Clematis Erecta Flora

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*Clematis erecta flora*—the ecstatic. For those who make “dreams their master”; live in their ideals; but do little on the practical side. Often book lovers, and become lost in their reading, especially in earlier life.

They are carried away with religious or patriotic movements, becoming temporarily absorbed, and neglecting their ordinary duties. They will turn their attention from one enterprise to another rapidly.

They tend to form too strong attachments to other personalities, and place themselves under their power; this is voluntary and without fear, and may be associated with deep affection and the desire never to be parted. The stronger personality may use his influence adversely during life; or after death, call his partner over, hence the absence of fighting disease.

They have no great hold on life; it is not very much to them; they show little resistance to disease; seem to have no fear of death, nor desire to get well. They are placid, calm, resigned in illness, not from patient courage, but because of their indifference.

Thus they have two phases—ecstasy concerning ideals, and in illness, calm resignation.

The remedy brings stability, and places the patient on a more practical plane; brings them “down to earth”; and so enables them to fulfil their work in this world.

The keynote of *Clematis flora*, as indicated in the *Homoeopathic World*, Dec. 1930, are: Dreamy, drowsy dispositions; calm; resigned; loss of interest in daily life; often concentration too much on one individual. These patients are usually pale, sallow, and have a very weary and tired expression.

The following cases are typical examples of this remedy.

CASE I—Female, age 40.

HISTORY: Pain and weight in left breast several months; no medical advice sought until recently. Had lost fiance four

years ago, and since then had no interest in life, of desire to live.

PRESENT STATE : Carcinoma the size of a tangerine orange present, very adherent, nipple retracted, glands in axilla. Condition considered inoperable. Recently had x-ray treatment.

CHARACTER : Patient living in the past, calmly indifferent as to the result of the disease, and making no effort to be cured ; only now seeking advice for relief of pain. Desires much sleep ; day-dreaming during the day ; and unable to give real attention for any length of time ; loss of all interest and joy in life ; rather hopes to die, but wants to avoid suffering.

DIAGNOSIS ; The dreamy state, the indifference to disease, and even death, the absence of effort to get well, and the attachment to the fiance, all indicate *Clematis flora*.

DOSAGE : Third potency, two doses, on Nov. 11 and Dec. 19, 1920. Fourth potency, two doses, on Jan. 16. Seventh potency, two doses, on March 20, July 16, and Sept. 4.

PROGRESS : Improvement began at once, with less pain and discomfort. There was also a remarkable return of interest in daily life, and the patient decided to work hard and get well and forget the past. After two months, by Jan. 1930, the growth had practically disappeared ; the glands were no longer palpable and the nipple less retracted. In March, July and September 1930, there was some relapse into the dreamy condition, and the former mental state, desiring the past, accompanied by some return of the condition in the breast. Each time all was removed by further doses. When last seen, in November 1930, the whole state, local and general, was completely satisfactory. The x-ray probably helped to remove the growth in the first place, but there has been no such treatment since, during the later occasions of relapse. It is interesting to note that each time the patient relapsed into the longing to rejoin her fiance, the growth recurred ; and how, not only did the *Clematis* remove

the desire, but also with it the physical signs and symptoms in the breast.

CASE II—Female, age 38.

HISTORY : Asthma all life. Seven years ago lost favorite daughter ; since then became an invalid. Six years ago right arm and leg became paralyzed, with difficulty of speech. This followed the birth of a son, probably due to cerebral thrombosis. The patient was unconscious for three weeks at that time.

PRESENT STATE : Moderate chronic asthma. Right arm completely paralyzed, hanging by side, all sensation absent. Right leg spastic, able to walk with difficulty, very rigid. Speech hardly understandable, except to family.

CHARACTER : Patient obviously living in dreams ; unable to concentrate or give any fixed attention ; continuously weeping over loss of daughter.

DIAGNOSIS : The dreamy state, the complete living in the past, and the absence of interest in the present, indicated *Clematis flora*.

DOSAGE : Third potency, two doses for two days, on Nov. 24 and Dec. 1.

PROGRESS : No sign of asthma since the first dose. There is a complete return of interest in daily life, and very effort is being made to get well. All sad memories of the past have disappeared. The speech is quite understandable to strangers. There is less spasticity in the leg with more natural and easy movement. The patient has walked five miles without undue fatigue. There has begun a return of power, sensation and movement in the right arm and hand. She is full of happiness and joyful excitement at every little improvement, and is steadily progressing.

CASE III—Male, age 37.

HISTORY : Sent by firm in which he held responsible position, and was a valuable servant, because for the last few months he had become indifferent to his work, and was quite

unconcerned as to his failure to fulfill his obligations. Wife died one year ago.

PRESENT STATE: Always sleepy; great difficulty in waking in the morning; and continually feeling that he had lost confidence and ability to continue his work. Loss of power to concentrate. Perfectly complacent, and obviously paying no real interest to present day affairs, his mind being concerned with other matters.

DIAGNOSIS: The utter complacency to failure, lack of interest, and the dreamy state indicate *Clematis flora*.

DOSAGE: Third potency, two doses for two days on Nov. 7, Nov. 24, 1930, and Jan. 2, 1931.

PROGRESS: There has been steady, gradual improvement, and the patient has been able to continue work with increasing efficiency. He is now considered to have reached his normal state. The last six weeks an urticarial rash has been occurring, and is definitely associated with the improvement.

CASE IV—Male, age 47.

HISTORY: Overworked in city for several years. Last three months almost complete loss of memory, at times unable to remember home address or telephone number. Becomes sleepy during the day, and indifferent to his work. Domestic tragedy seven years ago.

PRESENT STATE: Expression vacant, thoroughly apathetic, quite contentedly resigned to the fact that he has become useless. Only with difficulty persuaded by friends to seek medical advice.

DIAGNOSIS: The drowsy state, the apathy, absence of all interest, and resignation, denote *Clematis flora*.

DOSAGE: Third potency, two doses, on May 1, Sept. 4.

PROGRESS: Rapid improvement, and the patient resumed business, and worked well until the end of August, when there was some relapse, and more doses were given. Since then the patient has remained well, and in a recent letter, stated that he considered himself cured.

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