

PROVING OF POLYMNIA UVEDALIA

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April 16, 1897. Mr. J. taking three drops of mother tincture every four hours.

April 20. No result. Takes fifteen drops every three hours. April 24. Constipated, no motion of bowels for five days. Appetite less.

Many amorous dreams of attempts at coition, but always awakens before accomplishing anything; at other times a sudden aversion seizes him and he desists.

Dose now increased to twenty drops every three hours.

May 1. Brown, diarrhoeic stool yesterday evening, mushy stool. Aching in left hypogastric region, with necessity to bend forward; if he straightens up, the pain is transferred to region of the left sacro-sciatic foramen.

This morning has aversion to beef, it causes a bad feeling in the stomach.

Eats bacon now with impunity, it formerly hurt him.

Onions and corn bread now agree, also, but formerly disagreed.

Now takes a dose of the third decimal potency every three hours.

May 3. Constant hot pain and soreness about two inches above tip of coccyx, seems to be in bone, from whence it extends straight through to pubic bone, where it is of an aching nature; it is worse from turning over in bed; the only time it is easy is in morning on first rising, it gets worse towards noon, it compels him to walk bent over, is worse in afternoon; if he straightens out the affected part seems strained.

Restless; can't sleep.

To take a dose of the third potency every two hours.

May 6. First part of stool hard, then yellow liquid.

Aching in small of back, worse morning and mid-day.

Excessively foetid flatus.

Urine scanty and red.

No appetite for two days.

Sticky taste in mouth.

Very irritable.

To take a dose of the sixth potency every four hours.

May 10. Bitter, bad taste.

No desire for sleep before 2 A. M., with restless feeling.

Anorexia.

Scanty urine.

Dull, miserable feeling in stomach, with crossness.

June 2. Taking one teaspoonful four times a day.

June 7. Good appetite.

Aching, nervous feeling about the heart.

Sleepy feeling in the hands.

Many unaccomplished things in dreams.

June 16. Aching between eyes and eyebrows and deep in brain, worse when in heat of sun.

Weakness on rising in the morning.

Bitter taste in the morning.

Thirsty in the morning.

Pain in the head compels him to think about it constantly, it feels like a heavy weight over forehead.

June 19. To take a teaspoonful before meals and at bedtime. After each dose ringing and buzzing in the ears.

Bitter taste.

Stomach feels weak, then gets weak all over.

Steady ache between eyebrows and upper lids, worse in afternoon and evening, and when warm.

Spleen slightly sore on pressure.

Constipated, stool every three days; stool hard, dry, first part like many little marbles stuck together.

Urine scanty, seldom.

Drawing all over front of neck.

Weakness in hands and below the knees, aggravated in the afternoon.

Stomach feels weak and heavy, worse after eating.

Weakness starting from stomach and going around left side to and up the back.

Dreamed he was crying and wanted to commit suicide by jumping into the river, but waked before doing it, also of getting money which never comes.

Leg jumps quickly and hard on falling to sleep.

Half sick at stomach.

Nervousness and weakness.

Sharp, momentary, pressing pain about the heart.

Thick, mushy, yellowish stool.

Aching across lower abdomen before stool, stools hang together, bad odor.

Case I Cutting, stinging in spleen, sometimes is in anterior, at others in posterior part, worse in evening and by warmth. (Worse by cold—Ceanoth.) Polymnia cured.

Case II. Aching in entire spleen, extending up the back under left scapula. Polymnia 2x cured.

DISCUSSION

Dr. Allen: How would you differentiate the Polymnia from Ceanothus, the heat or cold?

Dr. Boger: The Polymnia cases are worse in the evening and worse by warmth, and Ceanothus is worse by cold.