

XANTHOXYLUM FRAXINEUM

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MIND—*Resume.*

Depression, indifference, fear, apprehension, confusion, bewildered, irritability, stupidity.

Detail.

Great depression, feeling of depression and weakness; depression in morning on waking, with languor; felt as if I would rather die than live, as though I would like to take enough to kill myself, during . headache.

Indifference and malaise; no life nor ambition to do anything; did not care if I lived or died, and decided not to take a drop more if I ever felt better.

Terrible, nervous, frightened feeling; nervous feeling of fear; frightened at action of heart; awoke in fright, trembling violently Felt as if something bad might happen.

Bewildered sensation; head felt mixed, seemed entirely void of ideas; was an exertion to try to think; very cross and hungry. Stupid feeling after supper.

Clinical.

Apprehensive, fearful; starts at every noise or even at shadows; afraid to go to bed alone or in a dark room.

Vertigo. Faintness.

SENSORIUM—*Resume.*

Vertigo, on, attempting to rise in morning, as if falling forward; everything became black, and I grasped for support, with nausea preventing me from eating breakfast, vomiting of coffee and toast that I had succeeded in eating; with black spots dancing before eyes; on going up or down stairs felt as if I were stepping over too far and should fall; obliged to go to bed; on rising in morning, when waking, if I sat up, felt as if floating through air; if I lay down, as if sunken deep in bed.

Faintness spread over whole body.

HEAD—*Resume.*

Aching, heaviness; heavy pains; throbbing fullness; darting, shooting or sharp pains; constriction, tension, pressure, boring; enlarged sensation; dropping to pieces as if.

Detail.

Aching: in morning with sleepy feeling; and dull; and backache; neck stiff, carotids throb, weak and weight in it; intolerance of motion or shock; every step sends a shock through head.

Throbbing, delaying sleep, with bright, star shaped spots dancing up and down on shutting eyes; heaviness in head and in neck; dull and heavy.

Full feeling.

Constriction and tightness of, with increasing pain over eyes and severe pain.

Pressure in, with fullness of, veins.

Felt big, large, with intolerance of light.

Shaking the head produces a feeling of looseness or quivering of the brain, followed by dizziness, as if dropping to pieces, with fear that something would happen.

FOREHEAD

Frontal headache, severe, with dizziness, extending into orbits; toward evening, with nausea; waked at 4 a. m. by intense frontal headache, increased, of a burning, pressing nature, worse from moving head suddenly, extending into vertex and orbits, with feeling of heaviness in eyelids and bright spots before eyes; disappeared during evening; returned, with increased violence, with a perfectly exhausted feeling, as if I had had no rest for a long time; made it an effort to dress; ameliorated by cool water and open air.

Sudden pain over right eye at 6 p.m., with boring through temples, soon spread over whole head; no position comfortable, with heavy pressure on vertex, followed by blurred vision, as if looking through blue lace; dizziness and nausea.

Throbbing over right eye, with nausea.

Sharp, shooting pain over right eye and m right side; diffused pain in upper part of forehead,

right side, pain extends to base of brain, with soreness; shaking the head produces a feeling of looseness or quivering of the brain, followed by dizziness; pain over eyes, with throbbing above root of nose; aching in a spot over nose; a dull headache in a space not larger than half a dollar over nose.

Temples: heavy pain in; menses two days early; boring through.

Darting in left occurring again and again; ached violently through temples and vertex; top of head felt as if lifted in evening.

Sides, pain in left and left elbow.

Vertex, heavy pressure on, heavy feeling in.

Aching in upper half of head, with flashes of throbbing pain, as if the top of the skull were about to be lifted off.

Occiput; pain in, bewildered sensation in.

Scalp, tightening of and heavy pains in temples, with twitching in and trembling in right knee; afterward increase of head difficulties, with great heat and quiet menstrual flow, two days early.

Head sore to touch.

Clinical.

Headaches, with sensation as if the top of the head would come off. (Arg. n. Bapt. Cact. Cim. Cann. i Helon. Iris v. Bali-bi; Bob. Lac def. Lach. Merc. Syph. Ther. Ust.)

Head, as if surrounded by a right band.

Aggravation from noise.

EYES—Resume.

Congestion, burning, heaviness; pains, grinding sore; vision, bright, blue, black, flashes, etc.

Detail.

Bloodshot, with red margins; feel as if full of sand, with frontal headache; and heavy, with red, burning lids; and sensitive to light; photophobia.

Heaviness in; in lids.

Pain in lid of right eye; lachrymation.

Watering of eyes and nose.

Dull, heavy, grinding pain in left eye.

Motion is painful if much out of field of vision, and eyes are sore on pressure.

Pupils dilated.

Twitching.

Vision, bright spots before eyes; on shutting eyes, starshaped black spots dancing up and down.

Bright images before eyes, which were sensitive to light and bloodshot, with dilated pupils.

Blurred vision, as if looking through blue lace; everything looked blue; atmosphere appeared blue; and there were constant flashes of light before eyes; flashes of blue light before eyes; vision of blue sparks; black spots dancing before the eyes, with vertigo; objects seemed a long way off.

Clinical.

Ophthalmia.

EARS—Resume.

Pain, dull, darting; noises, ringing, roaring, whirring; dull pain in right ear and articulation of inferior maxilla, gradually ceasing; does not know it is in ear or tooth that aches.

Darting pain under and back of right ear

Sensitive.

Ringing in, right particularly; loud in right, loud in left.

Noise like a loud bell ringing at a distance.

Loud noise, resembling a windmill, in left ear; in right ear as of a valve continually opening and shutting.

Troublesome roaring in both ears.

Noises in both ears and numbness through all limbs.

Clinical.

Earache, pains alternating between ears and teeth; don't know whether they have earache or toothache.

NOSE—Resume.

Aching, dryness, watering, discharges.

Detail.

Dull ache at root of.

Dryness of both nostrils.

Watering of eyes and nose; decided catarrhal symptoms. Discharge of mucus from nose and feeling of congestion, as if it were about to bleed.

Discharge of dry and bloody scales of mucus.

Right nostril seems filled up.

Nosebleed in the morning.

Odour of food nauseated her.

Clinical.

Fluent coryza.

FACE—*Resume.*

Pain, pale, flushed.

Pain in lower jaw and left side of; in right jaw socket.

Pale, even to lips, with heart symptoms.

Much flushed; flushed after heart symptoms; flushed, but body cold.

Clinical.

Neuralgia of face, of left lower jaw.

MOUTH—*Resume.*

Saliva, dry, burning; tongue coated; taste peppery; saliva increased; tongue coated yellow.

Burning and dry feeling in mouth and tongue.

Tongue coated thick yellow; heavy white; white; whitish; yellow.

A smarting, strong, peppery taste in mouth, fauces and throat, extending to stomach, followed by increased pulse and slight heat all over body.

Tongue seemed alternately to expand and contract.

Clinical.

Peppery feeling on tongue.

An old remedy for toothache. (See ears.)

THROAT—*Resume.*

Lump, soreness, dry, husky, pain, aching, burning, stinging; enlarged, as if; clutched, as if.

Detail.

Aching in right side; and painful to touch; with profuse menses and occasional dyspnoe; it tired me to talk.

Sensation of soreness in right side of; s., with expectoration of tough mucus.

Dry and hoarseness at 5 a. m., after sleeping four hours, and it was a great exertion to talk.

Husky feeling in.

Intense burning and stinging in oesophagus, with slight nausea; peppery sensation.

Seems clutched, as if in a vise, in morning, on rising.

Feeling of enlargement of.

After dinner felt a bunch in left side of, when swallowing; on going to bed it shifted to right side.

Throbbing in throat and sensation of swelling.

Clinical.

Burning and peppery feeling.

STOMACH—*Resume.*

Nausea, faintness, hunger, anorexia, thirst, fullness, pressure, fluttering, eructations.

Detail.

Nausea: great, after lunch; seemed to awake me, half an hour later, and vomited breakfast; with vertigo increased; with frequent chills and pain in limbs; with headache; with oppression of stomach; could eat but a little breakfast, as even the odour or sight of food nauseated me; ameliorated by a glass of ice water.

Faintness at stomach, as if I had been fasting, but when food was brought, cared to eat only a few

mouthfuls, which nauseated me.

Hunger, but food increased nausea, while water relieved it.

Anorexia; could eat but a few mouthfuls at breakfast and drink half a cup of coffee, which were vomited soon after; with great thirst; craved coffee and lemonade.

Thirst after heart symptoms; drinking large quantities at a time; glass of ice water relieved all symptoms.

Feeling of fullness and pressure at epigastrium.

Fluttering in.

Empty eructations, with slight taste of ingesta.

Clinical.

Failing appetite.

ABDOMEN—*Resume.*

Flatulence; griping, pain, dragging, colics.

Detail.

Flatulence, rumbling, with soreness on pressure.

Severe griping pains soon after waking.

Griping at 7 a. m., soon after waking; with brown diarrhoea, mixed with mucus; next morning, griping on waking, continued at intervals through day, with indifference and malaise; griping and pain; then watery diarrhoea, fever and chill. (The diarrhoea could not be produced by large doses).

Pain in right side, below ribs.

Unbearable pain in abdomen.

Colicky pain in right iliac region.

HYPOCHONDRIA—*Resume.*

Pain, dull, boring.

Detail.

Deep, dull, boring pain in right region; severe, relief from hot compresses, constant pressure and motion; lying down or sitting aggravates; with rheumatic ache in wrists and knees.

Clinical.

Should be useful in rheumatism, with hepatic involvement, a not uncommon combination.

RECTUM AND STOOL—*Resume.*

Diarrhoea, burning, excoriating, watery.

Constipation.

Detail.

Urgent call to stool; movement large, dark brown; rather loose and offensive, causing much excoriation and pain.

Thin, brown diarrhoeic discharge, mixed with some mucus. Loose, causing burning and pressure for an hour or two.

Stool: small, watery, dark and offensive, followed by severe burning in rectum and anus; followed by stinging and slight haemorrhage as from piles; excoriating.

Constipation in morning; stool after supper, in fifteen minutes' discharge from bowels; next day three stools; on third day, stool before and after breakfast and after supper.

Slight stool twice a day.

Inodorous discharge, with tenesmus.

Clinical.

The stools of this remedy are characteristically inodorous, very dark or black, and corrosive, especially during dentition. (Inodorous stool, compare, Asar. Ferr. Gamb. Hyos. Paul. Rhus t. Verat-a.)

Epidemic dysentery, characterised by spasmodic tenesmus, intestinal spasms, tympanites, etc. Cholera, in stage of collapse.

URINARY ORGANS

Urine at night and next morning scanty and high coloured; frequent; increased, sp. g., 1,025, 1,030; slightly increased, sp. g., 1,015 to 1,019.

Clinical.

Profuse, light-coloured urine; nervous women.

SEXUAL ORGANS (FEMALE)—Resume.

Menses: early; profuse; painful; leucorrhea; ovaries affected.

Detail.

Menses a week before time, attended by a good deal of pain; menses two days early; early, with increased head difficulties; unnatural forcing of nature; awoke with dreadful distress and pain, baffling all description; profuse menses, relieving ovarian pain; felt tired; profuse flowing; profuse and early, preceded by leucorrhoea; profuse and eight days too early; bright red; slight dysmenorrhea, ameliorated by walking and hot applications; very nervous, easily startled and hysterical; early and painful; too early, with intermittent cramp-like pain in head and abdomen; inability to lie still; hungry, but food nauseated; drank much; urine profuse; left side numb; nape lame; eye twitched, pupils dilated; face flushed; blue light before eyes; chill; nausea, when vomiting it seemed as if the stomach rose and fell; pulse rapid; restless night's sleep; at intervals next day awoke with pain in right ovarian region; frontal headache, head light; left side numb; left foot went to sleep.

Sharp, cramp-like pain in left inguinal region, which increased until menses appeared five days early; for about an hour pain seemed better, but after that began with renewed violence, worse than in former provings.

Dysmenorrhea, with bearing-down feeling and pain in right ovarian region.

Leucorrhea, profuse; milky white, thin; whitish after menses.

OVARIES—Resume.

Aching, shooting, darting, sharp, cutting.

Dull pain radiating, especially into thighs, ameliorated by drawing up knees, heat or free discharges.

Severe aching pain in right ovarian region, causing me to forget all other pains and walk the floor; constant radiating from right ovarian region to hip, thigh and back, with occasional shooting, darting pain, causing me to hold my breath; at same time leucorrhoea coming with a gush of milk-white color, ceasing suddenly; it ameliorated back and head symptoms.

Sudden sharp pains in right ovarian region, radiating down thighs and across left hip; better by lying down and flexing thighs on abdomen; could not walk straight or upright, abdominal pain was so intense.

Sharp, cutting pain in right ovarian region, extending about hip and down thigh, awoke me at 6 a.m.; could not find any position comfortable, became almost unbearable; better by heat; pain not continuous, intervals almost regular, of about ten minutes, and spasm lasts five minutes; pain agonising, could hardly endure it.

Dull pain in left ovarian region; back of neck stiff; better by heat; pain in left, extending down thigh.

Intense pain in left ovarian region, began feebly and gradually increased, dying away in same manner.

Clinical.

Indicated in spare, delicate, nervous women.

Dysmenorrhea, neuralgic with agonising, excruciating, distracting pains, causing the patient to scream out, clutch the hair in desperation, with bodily contortions and tears of anguish; no relief in any position; pains extend down anterior thighs; generally left-sided, with neuralgic headaches, especially over left eye; congestion of head and eyes; photophobia; discharge scanty, thick, black, in strings and clots; intermitting every other day; weakness in lower limbs; wants to sit or lie all the time.

Membranous dysmenorrhea, with contractive pains, great bearing down; keeps limbs in constant motion, drawing them up and down in bed.

Chlorotic amenorrhea, with oedema and scanty, high-coloured urine; sight of food nauseates, and the smallest amount distresses; discouragement; aggravation from getting the feet wet.

Menses irregular and scanty.

Grinding pain in the pelvis.

Great increase in leucorrhoea, during time when menses should appear.
Sacral pains during pregnancy.
After pains; profuse lochia.

LARYNX AND TRACHEA—*Resume.*
Hoarseness; aphonia; hawking.

Detail.

Hoarseness, in open air, with husky feeling in throat; obliged to clear throat frequently; this continued after other symptoms sub-sided.
Aphonia and pain in lower right lung; vocal cords affected. Throat ached, and it was tiresome to talk, with hoarse voice. Almost constant hawking, without expectoration, sometimes arising from tickling in larynx, and again from a sort of oppressed feeling in lungs.

Clinical.

Aphonia from cold or general debility.

RESPIRATION

Detail.

Dyspnoe; cough; oppression.
Constant desire to take a deep breath, long breath, etc.; could not get air enough into lungs; with oppression; decided dyspnoe, with slightly increased action of heart; almost impossible to get a satisfactory inspiration; with severe coughing spells; with cutting in lower part of right lung. Suffocative feeling, almost inability to breathe; had to sit up in bed and turn, first, one way, then another, almost as in a severe case of asthma, even accompanied by severe spasmodic coughing spells; with cutting pain in region of heart, makes me catch my breath.
Awaking with a sense of suffocation; feared I should lose my breath entirely.
Difficult, on awaking; difficult inspiration; shortness of breath.

COUGH—*Resume.*

Hacking; spasmodic; stifled.

Detail.

Slight hacking; coming on only in open air, with slight hoarseness; without expectoration; sometimes from tickling in throat, again deep in bronchi.
Severe spasmodic coughing spells, with heart symptoms.
Cough, with scraping, sore feeling under sternum, spasmodic, of a voiceless, stifled character, recurring at almost regular intervals of about twenty minutes, with sharp pain in lower portion of right lung; awaking her at 4 a.m.; almost constant.
Cough, aggravated by exposure to cold; ameliorated in a warm room.

Clinical.

Dry cough night and day; from sheer exhaustion could hardly turn herself in bed; face pale, bloated; dark rings about eyes; head full and heavy; lips colourless; tongue pale and flabby; shortness of breath; no appetite; constipated; urine light coloured, alkaline, sp. g., 1,025; fluttering in stomach; pain in left side; limbs weak and bloated.

CHEST—*Resume.*

Pains, sharp, shooting, cutting, neuralgic, strained; constriction.
Sharp, shooting pain in right side, like pains of pleurisy, occasion-ally extending through to scapula, which increased in severity with constant desire to take a long breath.
Sharp, cutting pain in lower portion of right lung, on deep inspiration or coughing, of a neuralgic character.
Strained pain on deep inspiration, worse waking at night and turning in bed.
Slight pain in left side under scapula and in left hip.
Felt a good deal of tightening about chest, which continued, with much inclination to gape, with difficulty to inflate chest.
Constriction as from running or as from a weight on chest.

Clinical.

Menses irregular and scanty; tight, dry cough, which hurts chest and shoulders; bowels almost constantly loose; profuse night sweats; very much wasted and weakened; frequent violent

headache, affect-ing whole head, sometimes with vomiting; feet and ankles oedematous; bubbling mucus rales especially distinct in apex of left lung; appearance bloodless and miserable; family history of phthisis; thinks she is "going into decline."

HEART

Increased action.

Severe cutting pain in region of, lasting but a moment and recurring at irregular intervals of five minutes to half an hour, making me catch my breath and turn pale, even to lips, worse during inspiration, and passing directly through thorax in region of heart; after each attack was thirsty, flushed and exhausted.

Startled out of sleep at 1 a.m. by severe pain in region of heart, and then violent action of heart set in; apex beat felt and seen over a large area, with suffocative feeling and almost inability to breathe; had to sit up in bed and turn one way and then another, with cough without expectoration; three attacks at night; once almost unconscious from agitated, tumultuous beating of heart; pulse rapid; temperature, 101° at 4 a.m., 97.6° at 9 a.m.; slept hardly at all.

PULSE

One hundred and more, feeble; 82 feeble and irregular; 80; 74 and soft; 72 and irregularly intermittent; 110; 70; 130; 120.

Carotids throb.

VEINS

Fullness of; sense of heat all through veins, with desire to be bled.

NECK

Pain and stiffness in nape of neck, somewhat relieved by hard pressure or throwing head back; in evening, I involuntarily put my hand there constantly to try and relieve it by pressure.

Back of neck numb.

Dull, drawing pain from nape to right scapula; dull in back of neck. Very painful, extending into right shoulder and down back; difficult to turn neck to left.

Rheumatic pain in nape, better pressing head backward. Tired feeling in nape.

BACK—*Detail.*

Slight pain in left side and under left shoulder blade; also in left hip. Ached whole length of spine.

Severe pain in cervical and upper sacral region.

Coccyx seemed elongated, extremely sensitive to pressure, and ache; could not sit except on foot or air cushion to raise it from chair. Dragging pain in lower portion of pelvis and back.

Pain in sacral region.

Muscles seemed tired; twitched.

Clinical.

Pain in back, as if broken.

EXTREMITIES

Limbs ached.

Joints seemed loosened.

Numbness through all limbs; left sided; back of neck, especially left foot.

Limbs heavy to lift.

UPPER LIMBS—*Resume.*

Pain, numbness.

Detail.

Severe pain in right arm, beginning above bend of elbow; inside, just above elbow; in wrist, extending to thumb; slight above inner condyle of right arm.

Arms felt as if they had carried a heavy weight.

Arms felt better from being twisted.

Pain in right arm and right knee.

Numbness in left shoulder and arm; left numb and heavy.

Pain in elbows; in left, passing to palm, then to shoulder; in both elbows and back of head, with bewildered sensation; in left knee and left elbow, extending to hand, then in left side and top of

left foot; in left elbow and left side of head.

Pain in wrist, extending to thumb; sudden cramp-like in wrists and knees, ending in a steady ache.

A flash of pain in right thumb, extending to hand; another in calf of right leg.

Pain and pricking feeling in right arm, extending to third finger. Pricking and throbbing sensation in left arm and fingers.

LOWER EXTREMITIES—*Resume.*

Pain, aching.

Detail.

Pain in right knee; dull in right knee; in right leg in morning; in right ankle; in left heel; severe in left knee; slight in left hip.

Flash of pain in right calf.

Pain in both feet, shooting up to knees.

Pain in left leg, between hip and knee, and in various other parts. Aching, particularly of knee joints.

Taken suddenly at 4 p.m. with cramp-like pains in wrists and knees; wrists especially somewhat sensitive to touch; cramp and sharp pain soon settled down into a steady ache like rheumatism, with deep, dull, boring pain in right hypochondriac region, quite severe; relief from constant pressure and motion; lying down or sitting aggravated.

Weakness; legs and feet feel tired; with pain in knees; it is an exertion to walk; increased pain, with frequent chills.

Inability to walk straight; floor seemed soft like wool.

Twitching in left knee and trembling in right.

Clinical.

Severe neuralgic pains in course of genito-crural nerves; dysmenorrhea.

Sciatica, agg. hot weather; of anterior crural nerve after Gnaph.

SKIN

Blotches on face, with boils.

Measles, dullness, bewilderment, drowsiness; want of sufficient development of the eruption.

SLEEP

Gaping; drowsy all morning; all evening; sleepy feeling all day, with headache; sleep from 4 to 7 p.m. and then from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Slept hard all night and awoke languid, depressed, and without appetite; slept hard and heavy; dreamed of flying over tops of houses; heavy with constant dreams, till 4 a.m.; soundly without dreaming.

Frequent waking.

Restless night, although very sleepy; continually twisted and turned; when I did sleep, dreamed of being chased, and when overtaken, about to be scalped; could not make a sound to call help.

SLEEP

Restless all night, with frightful dreams of being killed or burned. Sleepy; headache kept me awake for an hour; on shutting eyes there

appeared bright, star-shaped spots dancing up and down.

Started out of sleep by severe pain in region of heart; slept hardly at all.

Dream of suffocation awoke me; dreamed that my throat grew up, and awoke in fright, finding it very difficult to breathe; with shaking, and left arm felt like lead and was numb; the position may have caused numbness.

Interrupted by attacks of dyspnoe.

FEVER

Chilly, although day was warm; frequent chills; chilly on rising; frequently with pain in limbs; in feet in morning on rising; chill at 2 p.m., with great nausea; with nausea and vomiting; followed by vomiting thin white mucus, and then weakness.

Temperature low.

Flash of heat from head to foot; over face and head.

Temperature high; 100°, 103°, 101.2°.

Sense of heat in veins, with desire to be bled.

Clinical.

Typhoid fever in stage of collapse.

GENERALITIES

While out of doors an indescribable sensation came over me; really thought I was dying; whole body seemed falling to pieces; atmosphere appeared blue, and there were constant flashes of light before my eyes; could not walk straight; noise in left ear like a loud bell ringing at a distance; my body felt as though elastic and stretched itself out. Feeling of numbness through whole left side of body from head to foot, the division very perceptible in head, where it affected half the nose; on awakening. (Hemiplegia after Nux failed.)

Paralysis of single muscles.

Feeling of weakness and depression; exhausted; very tired.

Pricking sensation; shocks as from electricity.

Very nervous; easily startled and hysterical.

General feeling of sickness. Ached all over.

Lying down ameliorates symptoms.