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“I here collate the *reliable* indications of *Pyrogenum*. I have not used any items from the work of Dr. Burnett, as that work is obtainable by everyone. I have omitted to record any symptom where the action of other remedies used in connection with *Pyrogenum* might influence its curative range. As the larger part of this record is clinical, and as the *symptoms cured with a single remedy* are reliable data, I do not indicate the difference. I use the language of the authors as far as practicable.

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Mind

- *Very loquacious*. "I never talked so much in one day in all my life." "I could think faster and talk faster than I ever could." Great desire to talk.
- Irritability.
- Feels good and buoyant, in the best of spirits, although feels sick.
- Delirious when closing the eyes; sees a man at the foot of the bed or in the further part of the room.
- Inclined to talk all the time at night during the fever. Talks to herself. Whispers to herself; whispers in her sleep.
- Sensation as if she covered the whole bed; she knew that her head was on the pillow, but she could not tell where the rest of her body was.
- She feels when lying on one side that she is one person and that when she turns to the other side she is another person.
- Sensation as though the fever would not run in her alike - i. e., she felt as though she was existing in a second person, or that there were two of her.
- Sensation as though he was crowded with arms and legs; when turning over in bed they were still crowding him.
- After the fever leaves him he still has the *hallucination that he is very wealthy*, and that he has a very large sum of money in the bank; this idea of having money was the last to leave him.

Sensorium

- On getting up in the morning staggers as if drunk.
- Dizziness on rising up in bed.

Head

- Pain in both mastoids, aching worse on right side. A dull throbbing in the mastoid region.
- *Great throbbing of the arteries of the temple and head*; every pulsation felt through the brain; this throbbing would meet on top of the brain. Every pulsation felt in the head and ears.

- *Painless throbbing*: Throbbing all through the fore part of the head; sounds like steam escaping from a steam tug; a puffing and purring sound.
- Forehead bathed in cold perspiration.
- Frightful throbbing headache, which was better from a tight band.
- In the case of *Bright's Disease* the headaches had most terrible aggravations, lasting from two to four days; during the aggravation she could neither lie in bed nor sit up, but was in constant motion, groaning and crying piteously for help.
- Excruciating, bursting, *throbbing headache with intense restlessness*. Headaches were often accompanied with profuse bleeding of the nose and nausea and vomiting.
- Sensation as if a cap were on the head; when she awakens and finds this cap on her head she knows she is all right, that she is not delirious.
- Cerebro-spinal meningitis. (See Limbs in General.)
- Rolling of the head from side to side.

Eyes

- Left eyeball sore, worse by looking up and turning the eyeball outward.
- Projecting eyes.

Ears

- Loud ringing in left ear, like a bell; also in right ear, lasting a few moments.
- Cold ears.
- Redness of the ears, looked as if the blood would burst out of them.

Nose

- Awakened by dreaming that the nose was bleeding, and found it had bled all over the pillow.
- Sneezing every time he puts his hand out from under the cover.
- Sneezing at night; nostrils closing, alternating from side to side.
- Cold nose.
- *Fan-like motion of the alae nasi*.

Face

- Burning of the face.
- Face yellow.
- Face very red.
- Face pale and sunken and bathed in cold sweat.
- Face pale, greenish or chlorotic.
- Circumscribed redness of the cheeks.

Tongue and taste

- Tongue coated white on the forepart and brown on the back part.
- Brownish coat on tongue, mostly back part.
- Tongue coated a yellowish brown.
- Tongue heavily coated, yellowish gray fur; edges and tip very red.
- Yellow brown streak down centre of tongue.
- *Terribly fetid taste*, as if mouth and throat were full of pus (which lasted some twenty-four hours; could only associate it with a broken abscess in the mouth. Proving).
- *Tongue fiery red, then dark red and intensely dry*.
- Tongue clean, smooth and dry; first fiery red and then dark red, glossy, shiny, and easily moistened.
- Tongue dry, not a particle of moisture on it. Tongue dry down the centre.

Mouth

- *Bad taste in the mouth.*
- Bad taste in the morning.
- Terribly fetid taste in the mouth and throat as if full of pus.
- Breath horribly offensive, carrion-like.
- Bitter taste in the mouth.

Throat

- Diphtheria with extreme fetor; rotten odor.

Appetite

- No appetite for breakfast.
- No appetite for dinner.
- No appetite nor thirst.

Eating and drinking

- Great thirst for small quantities, but the smallest quantity was instantly rejected by the stomach.
- Drinking very hot water relieves the sick stomach.
- Entire absence of thirst.

Nausea and vomiting

- Belching of sour water after breakfast.
- Vomiting and purging; stool profuse and watery.
- Nausea and vomiting persistent.
- Vomiting water when it becomes watery in the stomach.
- Sick stomach better by drinking very hot water.
- Vomiting ameliorates the sick stomach.
- Tries to vomit; urging to vomit, with cold feet.
- Feels better after vomiting.

Stomach

- Feels too full in the stomach and bowels.

Abdomen

- Great distention. Feels too full.
- Pain in the umbilical region, with passage of sticky, yellow stool.
- While riding in a buggy aching in, or pain on, left side of the umbilicus. Aggravated by drinking water. Ameliorated by passing flatus downward.
- Soreness of the abdomen. Bowels so sore she can hardly breathe. Bowels so sore she cannot bear any weight or pressure over right side.
- Sides: Bubbling or gurgling sensation in left hypochondrium, extending back to the left side of the spine; felt only when lying on the left side.
- Very severe pain in the right side; knife-like pains going through the back; worse from every motion, from coughing, talking, or taking a long breath; better from lying on the affected side; groaning with every breath.

Stool, anus, etc.

- Two soft, sticky stools, eight to nine A. M.
- On passing flatus per anus a portion of stool passed involuntarily.

- Stool very much constipated, large and difficult; required great effort; first part of stool composed of balls, last part natural; on stool there were streaks of blood, leaving a soreness in anus.
- *Constipation*, hard, dry, accumulated feces.
- Vomiting and purging; stool profuse and watery; no pain.
- *Stool horribly offensive*, a carrion-like odor.
- Tenesmus with strong desire to defecate without ability, reflected from the bladder. (See under Urine.)

Urine

- Bright's disease of the kidneys.
- Urine less frequent than usual; only twice in twenty-four hours.
- Urine very yellow after being made, scant; do not desire to urinate half as often as in health; urine after standing gets very cloudy with a substance that looks like orange peel; a red line was deposited on the side of the vessel which was hard to remove.
- Urine yellow. Urine scant.
- Red sediment at the bottom of the vessel looking like red pepper.
- Got up three times to urinate at night.
- Urine loaded with albumen, casts frequent, but never numerous.
- *Urine horribly offensive, carrion-like*.
- As soon as the fever came on he commenced to urinate; could tell when the fever was coming on from the frequent calls to urinate. This urine was as clear as spring water.
- Intolerable tenesmus of the bladder, it was more of a spasmodic contraction than anything else; at the same time this condition would be reflected to the rectum with a strong desire to defecate without ability to do so; involving also the ovaries and the broad ligaments.

- The following case will be of interest in this connection. On a former occasion I had given *Catarrh-vesica dmm* (Swan), which acted promptly and removed the distressing symptoms, but they returned in time. I concluded to test the remedy under consideration, with the following result:

June 4th, 1893. - A lady of thirty-nine years, blonde. Severe tenesmus of the bladder, involving the vagina and rectum, with soreness of the muscles of the abdomen. "The rectum would draw together so tightly she could not introduce her finger." She would have urging desire to pass water every few minutes, passing but very little foul urine at a time, with severe straining to pass more water. After each evacuation of urine a continual burning and pressure in the parts. Some relief, or rather endurance, by sitting over the urinal, which allowed the passage of the water at all times. There was a comfortable feeling in sitting: over hot water. The woman suffered continual agony.

At 9.30 a. m. I prescribed *Pyrogen cm* (Swan), a small powder in eight spoons of water, a spoonful every hour till better. In a very few moments after taking the first spoonful she commenced to gasp, and in less than one-half hour she went to sleep and slept for two and one-half hours. A little after noon she got up, feeling much better, and prepared dinner for the family. This work slightly aggravated the symptoms, upon which she took the second spoonful of medicated water and again slept for a couple of hours to awake feeling very much better, and by six P. M. perfectly relieved in every way except a slight hurting in the forehead and small of back; next day was still feeling better, but had a soreness in the region of the kidneys.

June 5th. - Felt quite well all day. Only trouble is a sense of weakness, or a don't-feel-like-doing-anything; in the private parts a sense of fullness, but none of the distressing symptoms of yesterday. When quiet she can feel her "pulse" beat all over the body; when sitting she feels it in her "bottom." No medicine.

June 6th. - "Feels very good this morning, yet feels that she has not entirely gotten rid of the trouble." Slept all night soundly; a good night's rest. Still feels the pulsation, but not so strongly. From too much exercise during the day she began to feel badly in the afternoon, with some strong indications of the trouble returning. She had to "hold up" in the privates and rectum; rectum felt drawn up or contracted, some headache.

Pyrogen dmm (Swan), one dose dry on the tongue on going to bed.

June 7th. - Feels better than at any time yet. No headache; the "holding up" and contraction in private parts and rectum all gone. Her abdomen feels sore still, and she is weakly but much encouraged. Remains better all day, but still "feels it to be there yet, but much better." No medicine.

June 8th. - Still improving. Feels the trouble only when passing water, and then only a very little. Feels "lots better in every way," but does not gain strength so rapidly as she would like. No medicine.

June 9th. - Felt some worse last night, which must have been from too much exercise and standing. Feels better this morning. Does not feel the trouble at all. No medicine.

June 10th. - Doing well. No medicine.

June 11th. - From a ride in a poor, shaky cart, which jarred her very much, last night the burning pressure and tenesmus returned so as to be distressing. A single dose of *Pyrogen dmm* (Swan), at once relieved and produced sleep during the night. Next morning quite well, and no more medicine.

June 14th. - Has been doing finely and without a return of the trouble. Has taken no more of the medicine. To-day, after assisting in a large washing, her menses came on entirely free from pain and of a bright red blood, and feeling unusually well. Other periods have been not to say painful, but disagreeable, with *very dark offensive blood, which could hardly be washed from the napkin.*

June 20th. - Has had on a couple occasions slight indications of a return of the trouble during the evening, but it passed off without any more medicines.

July 11th. - Remains well and feels better than for many months. This is her condition in spite of very much work. (W. A. Y.)

Male Sexual Organs

- Testicles hang down relaxed; the scrotum feels thin and it looks that way.

Female Sexual Organs

- Puerperal peritonitis with extreme fetor; a rotten odor.

- Bright's disease.

- *Menses horribly offensive, carrion-like.*

- Menses last but one day, and then a sanguineous leucorrhoea of the *horrible odor.*

- Hemorrhage of bright red blood with dark clots.

- Septicaemia following abortion.

- Has cured prolapsus uteri, with bearing down, relieved by holding the breath and straining, as in the act of labor.

- Pains start in the uterine region and passing upward to the umbilicus. It was the reverse [in direction] (a corkscrew pain); this was momentarily relieved by holding the breath and bearing down, as in labor; momentarily relieved by pressing the hands against the vulva; then she said she would have to turn loose, as it made her worse.

Pain starting in the umbilicus or a little above and passing down toward the uterus, but at mid-way of the distance to the uterus it would be intercepted by the same kind of a pain starting in the uterus and passing upward till they would meet midway between the umbilicus and uterus, then gradually die out, till another would come as before; ameliorated momentarily by drawing her knees up to her chin and grasping her arms around them and holding them tight.

- In a case of abscess of left ovary following oophoritis, the ovary very large, throbbing, acute pain, great distress, with fever and rigors, the administration of *Pyrogen cm* (Swan), produced a flow, as reported by the husband, of a "white, creamy pus the size of a man's arm from the womb," with general amelioration of the condition and rapid decrease of the size of the ovary. The case was cured, but required Lachesis and Calcarea carb. There is no question of the speedy and happy effect of Pyrogen. (W. A. Y.).

Breathing

- Wheezing when expiring.

Cough

- Coughing, spitting up phlegm from the larynx.
- Cough worse from moving, turning over, or the least motion.
- Coughs more in a warm room. Cough better by sitting up; worse when lying down.
- Coughing up rusty colored mucus. Expectoration horribly offensive. Coughing up yellow sputa through the night.
- Burning in the larynx and bronchi on coughing; coughing causes a pain in the back of the head.
- Stitches in small of back on coughing, only noticed in the chair.

Lungs

- Pain in the right lung and shoulder, aggravated from coughing or talking.
- Neglected pneumonia: "Cough, night-sweats, frequent pulse, and to all appearance as if in the last stage of pneumonic-consumption. An abscess had burst that day and was discharging a great amount of pus; tasted like matter." Made a rapid recovery on *Pyrogen cm*, three doses.

Heart and Pulse

- Pain in the region of the left nipple, as if in the heart, as if it was going to ache; increased heart action; pulse 120.
- *Every pulsation felt through the brain.*
- *Heart feels tired as after a long run.*
- Increased heart action from least motion.
- Circulation so active he could hear the blood pass through the ears and sound like escaping steam. Blood throbbed all through fore part of head; could feel it in every part of the body, even in the fingers.
- *Tired feeling about the heart, feels like taking it out to let it rest; it would be such a relief to stop it and let it lie down and stop throbbing. Pulse, 96; temperature, 98, nine A. M.*
- Every pulsation felt in the head and ears; a painless throbbing.
- Sensation as if the heart was enlarged; a distinct consciousness of a heart.
- Pulse, 140, feeble and wiry; temperature, 99. (Pulse, 160.)
- Violent heart action which is very tiresome.
- *Palpitation or increased action of the heart without corresponding increase of temperature.*
- Palpitation worse from motion, better by remaining quiet.
- Heart beats hard, has a laborious action.
- Sensation as if the heart was too full of blood.
- Heart beats very hard; can be heard a foot away from the thorax.
- Always can hear her heart beat.
- Could not sleep from the whizzing and purring of the heart; when she did drop off to sleep she was delirious.

Chest

- "A severe hurting within the lower part of the sternum, sometimes extending to the joints of the ribs, and up to the throat, as if the oesophagus was being cramped; a sensation of contraction, of drawing together."
- Soreness of the chest; purple spots on the chest.

Neck and Back

- Weak feeling: in the back.
- Stitching pain in the back on coughing; pain in small of back.
- Throbbing of the vessels of the neck; the carotids have a distinct wave-like throb. The throbbing is from the clavicle upward.

Upper Extremities

- Abscess in left shoulder joint, in front; seemed to be in the joint extending down the arm for three inches, the pain lasting till I went to bed. (From five P. M.)
- Numbness of the hands and arms.
- Hands cold and clammy.
- Pain in the right lung and shoulder; worse from coughing or talking.

Lower Extremities

- Aching about the left knee as though the bones were broken.
- Aching about the knees, deep in the bones, while sitting by a fire. Better by walking around and motion and by putting the legs on the stretch.
- After going to bed felt a pain about the patella, by flexing the leg.
- Tingling sensation on the right little toe as if frost-bitten.
- Feet and legs seriously swollen. Bright's Disease.
- Legs swollen to utmost extent of skin. Bright's Disease.
- Numbness of the feet.

Limbs in General

- Aching pains in the limbs; aching in the bones; aching all over the body as from a cold; aching with soreness of the flesh; the bed feels hard.
- Cold extremities.
- Numbness of the hands and arms, and of the feet, and the numbness extends over the whole body.
- Child with cerebro-spinal meningitis very sick; there was automatic motion of the right arm and right leg; this kept up till it would turn her around from left to right till her feet would get on the pillow or touch the head-board. When righted in bed the same would be repeated at once.

Fever, Chills

- "In all cases of fever commencing with pains in the limbs." (Swan.)
- *Chilliness*: Chilly all night; the bed feels hard.
- Feverishness.
- Felt chilly, with increased action of the heart.
- After getting into bed felt chilly, teeth chattered. Awoke at ten P. M. in a perspiration. Sweating mostly on upper part of the body.
- Feels hot as if he had a fever, but the temperature was only 99°; feels as if it was 105°.
- *Perspiration horribly offensive*, carrion-like; disgust up to nausea about any effluvia arising from her own body.
- Cold sweat over the body.

- Coldness and chilliness all day that no fire would warm; sits by the fire and breathes the heat from the stove; chilly whenever leaving the fire; at night when the fever came on he had a sensation as if his lungs were on fire, and that he must have fresh air, which soon brought relief.

- Frequent calls to urinate as soon as the fever came on; urine clear as spring water.

Sleep

- Dreams about various things - about business - dreaming all night; "dreaming that three ladies were stopping at the same house; we all had the diarrhoea and were all cured by Aloe."

- After sleeping awhile awoke to roll and tumble in every conceivable position.

- Feels weak in the morning.

- Activity of the brain prevents sleep; was making speeches and writing articles; could not keep my eyes shut. Could not sleep till toward dawn.

- Restlessness relieved after sleep.

- Cries out in her sleep that someone or a weight is lying on her. Could not sleep from the whizzing and purring of the heart.

- Whispers in her sleep.

Nerves

- Great debility in the morning so that he staggered when trying to walk.

- Great nervousness and restlessness.

- Could not lie long in one place without moving. "Thought she would break if she laid too long in one position."

- Great prostration.

- *Great restlessness, better when first commencing to move*; relief is but momentary; must keep up the motion.

- Death-like restlessness or the restlessness of death or those in *articulo mortis*; amelioration from sitting up in a chair and rocking hard.

- Symptoms of paresis; child could not stand nor walk; sat on the edge of the bed rocking the body back and forth - was relieved when in motion.

- Restlessness relieved after sleep.

Tissues

- Septic states.

- Typhoid conditions.

- Bones ache.

Generalities

- *Aching all over; bed feels hard*; can lie but a few moments in one position; aching with soreness of the flesh.

- The rapidity of the pulse, far above the temperature, seems to be a keynote.

- "Knew he was going to have typho-malarial fever, which he had two years previously, after a malarious exposure on a foreign mission field. Had every other day what he called 'dumb ague.' " *Pyrogen* cured.

- Relief from heat. Very fond of the hot bath.

- *Pyrogen*, has cured several cases of *blood poisoning*. It should be thought of in dissecting wounds.

- The hard bed, the hard pillow, and the intense aching that they sometimes compare to lying on a pile of rocks shows the intense soreness of *Pyrogen*; sometimes the patient declares that a train of cars has run over him.

- Aggravation from sitting up in bed; from rising up.

- Amelioration of the death-like restlessness from sitting up in chair and rocking hard. Amelioration of cough from sitting up in chair.
- In all fever cases when other remedies do not act, think of *Pyrogen*. (Swan.)
- In septic poisoning from wounds, after abortion, accouchement, etc., etc., think of *Pyrogen*. (J. H. Allen.)

Relationship

- "*Pyrogen*, resembles *Arnica*, *Baptisia*, and *Rhus* in the aching and hard bed. It is more similar to *Rhus*, as the restlessness is better from changing the position, or motion. The restlessness is as great as in *Rhus*, and *Rhus* is an antidote to *Pyrogen*. The cough is more like *Bryonia* as it is worse from motion and in a warm room." (Sherbino.)
- *Pyrogen* resembles *Ipecac* very closely in uterine hemorrhage. If you have an *Ipecac* case of uterine hemorrhage, and that remedy fails you, don't fail to think of *Pyrogen*."

(W. A. Yingling, M.D., Nonchalanta, Kansas, *Pyrogenum* (Pus from septic abscess), *The Homoeopathic Physician* vol. 13 (1893), p. 402-414)

1894 - Clinical cases

"No. 1. On the afternoon of November 11th, 1893, was called to see Mrs. J., aged 30, dark hair and eyes, medium build ; married ; mother of two children.

Began last night to feel tired; was up with the children during the night. This morning felt very tired, ached all over, feverish ; headache in the temples, in the morning it was only a dull, heavy pain, but now a shooting pain through the temples. Pains all left body an hour ago and all seemed to have gone to the head, with great arterial excitement. Tongue white, with red tip. Head and face hot and flushed. Pulse 124 ; thermometer 101. Breath somewhat offensive. Inclined to be costive. Had taken *Acon.* and *Bell.* from the family case without benefit. Gave one powder of *Pyrogen CM*, (Swan), in eight spoons of water, a spoonful every three hours until better, but in no case was to take more than three doses, or spoonfuls. Reported some weeks after that she made a very rapid recovery ; in several hours she was up and got supper for the family. No bad results whatever.

No. 2. The afternoon of November 12, '93, was called to see Inez, aged 4; rather light complexion. Commenced this morning with rather high fever, flushed face and head. Pulse 135 ; fever 103 ½ . Very restless. Dry cough. Face very red. Complains of being hot, and somewhat sick at the stomach. Breath smells like worms. Eyes red and injected. No appetite. Tongue white with red tip. Great enervation, or rather languor ; felt mopish. Had taken *Acon.* and *Bell.* from family case; no results.

Prescribed *Pyrogen CM*, (Swan), one powder as in Case No. I. Very rapid improvement; well next day, with no bad results.

No. 3. Afternoon of the twelfth of November, '93, called to see Lee, aged 8 ; medium complexion. Commenced last night feeling tired, some fever, head felt big, hot and flushed face and head ; nervous, very restless. Tongue slightly white with red tip. Pulse 130 ; fever 104. Looks languid and mopy. Some little moisture about the head; skin rather moist. Has been troubled with worms, which *Cina* has always relieved. Has taken from the family case *Acon.*, *Bell.* and *Cina* with no result.

Pyrogen CM (Swan), as in No. 1. Made a very rapid recovery ; well next day. No bad results.

No. 4. Mrs. M., aged 36; rather light complexion. On November 25, '93, her daughter came to the office for medicine stating that her mother had "the grippe." Head felt big; jumping headache which was ameliorated by rubbing. Very high fever, seemed like she was burning up, yet

her flesh felt cool. Pulse "very, very rapid." Ached all over; every bone in her body ached. When moving cold chills would run over her.

Pyrogen CMM, (Swan), in water as in No. 1. Relief in a couple of hours with very rapid cure. Well as usual next day. No bad results.

No. 5. Ida, aged 17, the daughter of the preceding, and the same who came for the medicine yesterday, who then was perfectly well. The father came to the office and said the symptoms were the same as those of her mother. Came on her very suddenly. Rolling all over the bed with fever and restlessness; ached all over; face red.

Pyrogen CMM, (Swan), as before.

Notwithstanding the very high fever and the severe pains through the system, she was so much better in several hours that she was up and out walking for a stroll. Rapid and effective cure. No bad results. The CMM potency has proven more rapid in its effects, though the CM is wonderfully prompt.

No. 6. November 17, '93. Mr. O., aged 28, dark complexion. Single. School teacher.

Felt very badly all day; could hardly get about his school room. After school he walked to my office, a distance of eight miles, and kept in the main travelled road so as to be found if he fell by the way. As soon as he arrived he threw himself on the lounge completely exhausted, hardly able to give his symptoms, which were very meagre. Ordinarily this walk would have been but a pleasure. Headache; fullness and confusion of the head. Face flushed; pain behind the eyes; eyes sensitive to touch; felt languid and hardly able to be up during the day. Great arterial disturbance felt the blood coursing through the body; pulse 125. Did not prescribe at once, as I desired the fatigue to pass away before deciding. Tongue white with red tip.

At bed time one dose of Pyrogen CMM, (Swan), dry on the tongue.

Slept very well during the night. Next morning felt very much better, but remained in bed "to rest" during most of the morning. Head somewhat uneasy. Got up at noon feeling very much better. Continued to improve all day and attended a social gathering in the evening. He received but one dose. No bad results.

Comments: - Pyrogen has proven a frequently indicated remedy in La Grippe, not for the disease per se, but because the present manifestation of the disease in the individual patient contains the pathogenesis of the drug. The pathological prescriber would have persisted in Acon, or Bell., probably both in alternation, in these cases. That these remedies were not indicated is plain to be seen from the first three cases which had taken the remedies without result, and as these cases required several hours longer time for recovery it is plain to be seen that they had a tendency, at least, to do harm by retarding the cure. In spite of domestic medication, Pyrogen caused a speedy cure.

Some new semeiological indications may be added to Pyrogen, and others may be more definitely located:

Aching in the temples; shooting pains through the temples; pains all leave the body and the head becomes more or less affected at the beginning of the fever.

This symptom is similar to the one already known, "feels better during the fever, but as soon as the fever is gone the pains return."

Pains worse during the fever belong to Baptisia and Rhus. Tox.

Dry cough; eyes injected, red; sense of head being big; "jumping" headache, which is ameliorated by rubbing; very high fever, great internal heat, yet the flesh feels cool; chilliness on motion; eyes sensitive to touch; pains behind the eyes.

It will be to the interest of all to further verify these symptoms, and all others, as Pyrogen will probably be classed among the polychrests of the Materia Medica. It is a grand remedy and

should be better known to the profession generally. The higher potencies do the best work and act more promptly."

(William A. Yingling, M. D., Nonchalanta, Kansas, Clinical cases, Proceedings of the International Hahnemannian Association 1894, p. 86-89)

1897 - Clinical Cases

"PYROGEN. January 10, 1897. Mrs. S., aet. 48, dark. Found her lying by the side of a hot stove, closely covered with numerous blankets, shaking with the cold. *Chilliness that no fire seemed able to remove*, yet her skin was hot, face flushed, and pulse 125. She said she felt as if her heart was pumping ice cold water. She had been shivering, in spite of a very warm room and abundance of covering, since last evening. *Sore all over, flesh and bones felt sore; bed felt hard; aching*. Felt the blood coursing through the head. *Restlessness*. Desiring frequent small drinks of water. Tongue slightly coated white, or a dirty white color. Bowels inactive. Pyrogen ^{cm} (Sw.), three doses two hours apart until better. The next morning she was found to be much relieved in every way, and the "sensation as if the heart was pumping cold water" had promptly disappeared. She was warm and comfortable.

The case made an uneventful recovery, but required Bell. and China, for symptoms arising a few days later, to complete the cure.

Pyrogen has been a very frequent remedy for the grippe in this locality, and in most cases has been the only remedy needed for a complete cure. In many cases three doses are needed to complete the cure. The remedy bears repeating well, and without bad results or aggravation.

PYROGEN. February 6, 1897. Mr. C., aet. 31. Has had the grippe off and on for eight years, or rather he has not been well since he had the grippe under the care of an allopathic physician. Now has a very severe pain clear round the body and small of back; a pain or steady ache which left the circle round the body, and settled in one large place in and a little above the small of the back; *very severe and unbearable. Worse when quiet and from continued motion. Better when first moving and directly after moving; changing position*; passing urine. *Very restless* last night, twisting and turning all the time; his wife said he would at times turn clear over in bed without seeming to touch the bed, and *very quickly*. Occasional pains in the forehead, a dull shooting pain. *Thirsty for small quantities of water frequently. Desire to change position* often and from place to place. Feels as if he would break in two if lying in one place too long. Face indicates his great suffering.

Pyrogen ^{cm} (Sw.), three doses two hours apart until better.

Prompt and rapid relief from the restlessness and pain. He became quiet within a few moments, with rapid diminution of suffering. On a slight aggravation the same night, about 12 hours after first dose, he took the second powder with permanent relief."

EPIPHEGUS. March 10, 1896. Mrs. M., aet. 45, small, dark.

She has had a severe headache all her life from childhood, except during pregnancy. Several members of her family have had the same headache, but none of her three children. Generally, not always, feels it coming on for several days. Scarcely ten days pass without a spell. She has never found any relief and expects never to be cured. Has tried all kinds of treatment.

Commences with a very hungry, stupid, dull condition; she has a tired feeling, then pain begins in whole length of spine, then back of head, and settles down over the eyes; eyes inclined to close, lids heavy; eyes sensitive to the light. After two or three hours nausea comes on, then the nausea predominates and she vomits several times. Before the headache her legs ache, a dull, heavy feeling. *A craving appetite* before; worse about 3 P. M. Compels herself to wait till 4:30 P. M., and then she eats her supper. Could eat and sleep all the time.

Headache always comes before or after her menses, more often before, but at any time. She is bothered with general itching if warm ; worse under arms and around waist; worse scratching. Menses : flows two days, stops two days and then flows one or two days. Profuse, dark red, bad odor; bearing down ; not much pain. Flows more at night. Itching of the vulva before. Inclined to constipation.

Sanguinaria^{cm} (F.), one dose.

April 10. Has had a bad headache for several days. Stiffness in the neck and a very severe pain going from neck over the whole head, but worse on the left side, left temple and left side of face. Eyes very weak ; can hardly hold them open. Some nausea, but no vomiting. Restless and nervous. No appetite ; averse to eating. Constipation always bad ; hard, dry, large stool. Stool recedes. Noise worries her and aggravates the head. Lies down and thinks she is better from doing so, then the pain drives her up ; change of position temporarily gives a little relief. A *sudden surprise*, as the coming of company for dinner, has often entirely relieved the head for hours at a time. Diversion of the mind also relieves. Some little dizziness. Feels as if head would split or burst open, with intense nausea.

Epiphegus^{cm} (Sw.), in water.

There was soon some relief, and she thought she was going to get over the spell at once, but it returned again and lasted until the next day. The pain was not so severe and she felt generally better.

April 15. Constipated. Stool dry, hard, impacted. Always before the headache the stomach is out of order. Nausea, feels like a load, or as if something was in the stomach that should not be there. Bad taste in the mouth. Wants to swallow all the time. When having the headache she used to vomit bile, now it is foam or water, running out of her mouth in large quantities. Eyes weak and ache. Head feels as if it would split open ; feels like the pain of a felon, she says. *Any unusual exertion or excitement*, like a party, being in a crowd, shopping, etc., brings the headache on. Always comes on at her menses, but has it at any time. Otherwise she has been seemingly well. (?) She was a two and one-half pound baby. Wakes up at night feeling so well, but feels bad during the forenoon.

*Epiphegus*³⁰ (B. & T.), six powders, one each day.

April 22. Threatened today with same headache. *Epiphegus*³⁰ (B. & T.), in water.

May 22. Last attack entirely warded off and none since ; doing well and feeling greatly encouraged. The longest she has ever been without an attack since early childhood. *Menses came on time with no sign of the headache*. Feels generally so much better. No medicine.

June 11. Two weeks ago had a slight headache which was relieved promptly by *Epiphegus*³⁰. The only time she has been threatened. Today has very slight indications of a headache, and feels as though it *might* come. Has a "carbuncle under the left arm as large as a hen's egg, a large knot" ; quite painful, a shooting pain, throbbing ; abscess *very sensitive* ; some soreness across chest.

A little constipated all the time. *Hepar*^{55m} (F.), one dose.

August 6. No headache, and did not have any at the last date above, and hence took no *Epiphegus*. The abscess broke in a couple days, but did not discharge freely, then came a cough, worse at night; coughs more or less all the time. Tickling in the throat-pit. Especially worse during the morning, some during the day and night. Expectoration thick, yellow pus. Cough much worse and dry *when in a cool cellar*, and from cold washing. Aching through the chest from cough. Cough worse lying on the back, riding in buggy, exertion. Holds chest when coughing. Cough dry at night. Catches cold very easy, very unusual. Very weak in the morning till about 11 A. M. ; feels better after dinner. Very stupid and sleepy during the day. Soles of feet burn and ache, mostly at night, some during day ; better by rubbing them. A kind of nervous feeling. Two sisters and a brother died with consumption, aet. 35 to 45. All

commenced in the same way the patient is now, and she fears she is going into quick consumption, and looks like it. Menses easy and regular. *Moved into a freshly plastered house and the cough began soon afterward.* Has not been really well since having the grippe three years ago ; has a bad cold every Spring. Dark yellow blotches all over the chest and neck and shoulders. Show much more plainly since present cough. Leucorrhoea corroding. Unusual appetite, seemingly from weakness.

Natrum sulf. ⁵⁰⁰ (B. & T.), night and morning for three doses.

Aug. 14. Has been very much better and stronger. Cough is less ; not so much tickling in throat. Expectoration not so much like pus. Lungs more sensitive to the cough; aching after coughing. Menses came on the 11th inst., and she is surprised that she feels so well and strong, and not a sign of the headache. No medicine.

September 1. The same night when at the office last, from the long walk and excitement, she had a slight headache; none since (Took no medicine). Feeling much better in every way. Cough much better. Gaining strength right along and going about a great deal, visiting, shopping, etc., and no bad results and no headache. Takes cold easily, or the chest feels tight. But little leucorrhoea. Dark yellow blotches, *copper-brown color*, on chest, neck and shoulders. Teeth serrated. Nervous. *Luesinum* ^{dmm} (Sw.), one dose.

October 12. No indication of the headache. No cough; feeling well. Leucorrhoea about well. No medicine.

December 1. Had quite a bad headache on November 28 and 29. Same as before. Headaches are always worse in winter. Knows of nothing that brought on the spell unless being in doors so much ; this used to bring it on.

Epiphegus ³⁰ (B. & T.), six powders, one each day.

December 22. Had a headache, though not so severe as formerly, on the 19th inst. Over work and running the sewing machine may have brought it on.

Epiphegus ³⁰ (B. & T.), eight powders, one a day.

March 12, 1897. Has had no indications of the headache since the above date, and feels perfectly well, although always before so much worse in winter. Does a great deal of work and is actively exercising without bad effect.

This case proves that those who claim *Epiphegus* will only act in the tincture and in massive doses are greatly mistaken. Like all other remedies it acts in the high potency, and will likely act in the higher and highest potencies. It is a remedy that should be better known and proven. May 10. No return of headache since December. Have seen patient several times lately, but she has not required any further medicine.

(William A. Yingling, M. D., Emporia, Kansas, Clinical cases, Proceedings of the International Hahnemannian Association 1897, p. 272-279)

1920 - *Stellaria media*

"*Stellaria media*, the common chickweed, has been before the profession since 1893, as stated by Clarke in his Dictionary. The HOMOEOPATHIC RECORDER, Vol. XIX, page 399, has a short article on the remedy. The rheumatic symptoms are prominent and pronounced and should be of great use. It acts prominently on the liver. Shifting pains may be a keynote according to Bellairs; Kopp confirms this.

Some eighteen years ago a merchant who had been the rounds of many physicians and pronounced incurable by a Chicago specialist on nervous diseases, stating that "nothing under the heavens could cure him," and charging twenty-five dollars for the encouraging diagnosis, came to me finally. He was a nervous wreck, neurasthenia or brain-fag, especially worse from mental work, fatigue and hard application, such as buying goods. He had pains in the occiput,

vertex, > pressure; > open air, < in close air; neck close to head felt heavy, > pressure. Had the itch when a boy. When tired knees felt as if they would give way; pain and weakness in knees. General health fairly good; bowels regular; digestion good usually. Nervous chill or jerk at night on waking. Cold feet. Very poor sleep. Pain in upper part of sacrum, which is the first indication of having worked too hard. Flushing of face. Weakness in small of back. Stomach at times deranged with slight pain. Eyes were defective and we had a hard time to get properly fitting glasses. Very tired and weary, depression marked, a kind of fearful feeling. Rheumatoid feeling here and there. Etc.

My first prescription was *Psorinum* 14m (Y) which gave him so much relief that he slept eight hours the first night and said the next morning he felt very much better, and so encouraged him he was willing to continue treatment for nearly two years, with ups and downs and a change of remedies as symptoms changed. Remedies required were *Psorinum*, *Picric acid*, *Actaea racemosa*, and a few others. Though much better he kept relapsing when overworking. Finally he complained so much of his knees paining, being stiff and rheumatoid pains, that I gave him *Stellaria* at various times as needed, clearing up the whole case with very marked and prompt action. Potencies used were from the 900 (Y) to the 4m (Y). He has had no return of the trouble in more than fifteen years and is in robust health, working hard, and, incidentally, had been able to make several hundred thousand dollars.

MIND. - Gloomy, depressed, discouraged.

VERTIGO. - Dizziness on awaking in the morning; < turning head. Vertigo.

HEAD. - *Headache*, > a drink of cold water; with nausea; > cool room; confusing frontal headache, < smoking with great sleepiness and lassitude; from sudden jar or motion; throbbing, < stooping over; dull frontal, < left side, < in morning, < motion, < warmth, passing off toward evening; dull headache from eyes upward; throbbing in temples and occiput, with nausea; dull, > pressure; violent all over; dull pulling pain as from a tight rubber cap; dull, extending upward from the eyes to the temples and back of head; cutting pain from temples through frontal eminences; dull supra-orbital, < over right eye, with faintness; ache with nausea and perspiration, > by going into cool room; pain in neck with stiffness of muscles with headache, < by motion.

Rheumatic pains over right side of head, especially at back; sore to the touch. Rheumatic pains darting through whole head, < right side; through left half of forehead, over eyes; sore to touch.

EYES. - Pain with nausea. Smarting and burning. Sensation as if eyes protrude. Lids feel swollen and hot, and eyes strained. Heavy sensation in lids. Swimming before eyes. Burning of vision. Dry feeling in eyes. Right ball sore to touch. Flushes of heat below right lid. Darting pains in right eye. Vision dim.

NOSE. - Dryness of nostrils.

FACE. - Neuralgic pains right side of face. Burning on lower lip.

MOUTH. - *Dry*. Thirsty for small drinks often. Drink of cold water relieves headache and nausea. Bad taste on waking. Numbness of lower gums and tip of tongue. Sensation as if incisors were set on edge.

THROAT. - Numbness and dryness in throat, followed later by sharp stitching in left tonsil.

STOMACH. - Nausea without vomit. Nausea almost constant, < in morning with drowsiness and lassitude. Loss of appetite. Smell of food nauseates. "Good dinners not palatable." Flatulence and belching of gas. Stomach sensitive to pressure. Irritable stomach. Slight nausea with frequent eructations, tasting of the drug.

ABDOMEN. - Stomach and bowels sore, < touch. Navel sore to touch. Soreness and dragging pains in lower bowels. Wandering pains around navel, settling between navel and liver. Sensation as if liver was too large for body. Burning pains all over liver. Liver sore to touch. Burning pressure in region of liver. Bilious feeling. Pains in right groin. Flatulence. *Liver engorged, swollen, pains stitching, tender, sore to pressure, < lying on right side.* Flatulent distention with griping pains in transverse colon. Pain in left hypochondriac region. Pain in epigastrium. Griping pains in small intestines.

RECTUM. - Stools loose, dark brown, attended with slight pain. *Constipation, or alternating with diarrhoea;* from inactivity, sluggishness. Violent pain in rectum after stool. Large, hard, dry, stool with much flatus, anus sore and burning.

URINARY ORGANS. - Region of kidneys sore to touch.

RESPIRATORY ORGANS. - Short cough from tickling in upper chest, < deep inspiration. Hawking of viscid, saltish mucus.

CHEST. - Tickling in upper part; constricted; oppression; heat. Severe pain in left side of chest. Stitching pain, especially left side.

BACK. - Rheumatic pains across small of back, < bending. Loins stiff and sore. Dull pain under right scapula. Sharp pain in small of back, over kidneys, coming suddenly, reaching maximum and stops suddenly. Dull pain from waist to shoulders, left side. Sharp stitching pains in left side of back in region of the spleen, severe and intermitting. Lancinating pains in small of back, both sides. Stiffness and soreness of neck.

EXTREMITIES. - Joints stiff. *Wandering and shifting pains.* Pain in both shoulders. Rheumatoid pains in different parts of the body. Pains in gluteal region extending down thigh into calf and ankle. Shooting pains in hip, ankle and knee. Dull ache in left arm and shoulder, < rest and warmth. Rheumatoid pains whole length of left arm. Intermitting pains in both shoulders, upper arm and neck, left side. Sharp, shooting pains in right knee, > motion. Rheumatoid pains in joints of fingers of left hand. Dull pain in elbow and arm. Intermitting pain in left elbow joint, > motion. Crampy pains in muscles of right forearm. Lameness in right shoulder as if from rheumatism. Pain in biceps and extensors of arms. Rheumatoid pain in right foot and leg. Pain in right shoulder and upper arm, < after going the bed. Pain in scapular region, < moving arm. Sharp shooting pain in left knee extending to ankle joint. Rheumatic pain in right shoulder, < lying on right side. Coldness of extremities. Hands warm, feet cold. Darting, rheumatic pains down right arm, and in middle of index finger of left hand. Rheumatic pains in right hip; left foot; ankle; left knee; right knee, < motion; below right knee cap; in calves which are sensitive.

SKIN. - Psoriasis of 20 year standing (cured).

SLEEP. - Sleeps well, but unrefreshed on waking. *Constant sleepiness.*

FEVER. - Pulse slightly raised, but temperature normal. Chilliness.

GENERALITIES. - *Lassitude, indisposed to work.* General feeling of malaise. Tired, sore, strained feeling as from overexertion. General irritability.

MODALITIES. - Pains < motion; parts sore to touch; < morning; < from warmth, tobacco, at rest.

Better in evening; from motion; fresh, cool air; pressure (headache); eating; drink of cold water (headache, nausea)."

(William A. Yingling, M. D., Emporia, Kansas, *Stellaria media*, The Homoeopathic Recorder vol. 35 (1920), p. 549-552)

1931 - Tela aranea

"Tela aranea, the spider cobweb, is a reliable remedy, acting on the nervous and arterial systems. It is a soothing remedy. With it I have given refreshing sleep to a number of very nervous patients who could get no rest at night from the nervous sleeplessness. Sleeplessness from nervousness is a prominent symptom and a reliable one. Nervousness, intense restlessness, cannot lie in bed or sit quietly, must move about. "I am so tired", is a feature that will be seen in nervous exhaustion. It produces a calm and delightful state of feeling followed by sleep. It rapidly lowers frequency of the pulse rate, produces a calm and delightful state of feeling, followed by a desire for sleep. It has a nervous cough, a dry, irritating cough.

It is claimed to be helpful and soothing in the last stages of tuberculosis; it soothes the declining patient. It has suffocation when lying in bed, must be supported on pillow, head raised. It is useful in organic heart disease. Nervousness, intense restlessness, languor and depression. "I am so tired." Spasms, startings. Action seems primarily on the nervous and arterial systems. In New, Old and Forgotten Remedies its action in intermittent fevers is given, but the crude tincture was used in the report. Clark gives a short resume of the remedy. I have used the potencies exclusively. If a remedy will act curatively in the crude it will act better homoeopathically in the potencies, 200 to the 5M, my own potencies; and of course in still higher potencies.

When I was a boy, possibly eight to ten, I cut my hand severely with a sharp axe. The old colored mamma rushed to the cellar, secured some cobwebs and bound up the bleeding wound. It acted promptly as a styptic. The wound gave me no trouble and soon healed. Calendula succus will do the same, stopping the flow of blood and healing the wound by first intention. The cobweb used in the above incident was covered with dust and more or less dirt, but there was no sepsis or other trouble. It is not that which goes into a wound (within reason) that causes trouble, but that which is kept in, or is within. There is much foolishness today mingled with truth among the false scientists. There is too much reading today coupled with too little thinking. This causes the assumed specialists and false scientists to jump at conclusions, from erroneous concepts or ideas, and fills their minds with cobwebs.

You will find mention of Tela aranea in I.H.A. Trans. 1890, p. 414; Medical Advance, vol. 26, p. 102; Hom. Recorder, vol. 13 p. 283. Also in Clarkes Dictionary and New, Old and Forgotten Remedies."

(William A. Yingling, M.D., Tela Aranea, The Homoeopathic Recorder vol. 46 (1931), p. 575-576)