

2 - Case of Chronic Right Ovary Pains

James Tyler Kent, Cenchrus Cases; *ibid.*

Mrs. H., tall, frail. Dec. 6, 1887. After being married for 3 years, complained of a pain in the right ovarian region, like an ulcer, with a thrusting in pain; that she cannot move her leg 2 days before menstruation. Flow black, dirty discharge, followed a few days later with coagulated blood; later leucorrhoea of large brown and yellow lumps. Under the use of Apis and Sepia, high and highest potencies, she considered herself well by Jan. 4, 1888.

But the trouble came back in the form of cramps in the right ovary. Apis high did good service again, but did not cure. Dec. 30, 1889. The menses had come 2 days earlier. First day, bright red, then dark, lasting 4 days; not much. After it, pain in the right ovary, like a jumping toothache, for a day. The size of the painful spot had tapered down from 3 or 4 inches in diameter to about that of a fingertip. Cenchrus CM.

Jan. 13, 1889. Had for the first time in her life a normal menstruation. There was only a slight intimation of pain in the right ovary. She feels good everywhere, and has gained. The ovarian trouble came probably from injecting cold water immediately after coitus, which the ignorant young thing did, according to the advice of her mother-in-law, who thought her unfit to bear children.

Effects

E 1 - Coldness, Gagging & Annual Purple Spots

Dr. J.W. Redfield, *The Bite of a Copperhead Snake*; American Journal of Homeopathy, Vol. 9, No. 2, June, 1854.

A clergyman, about 30 years of age, of general good health, with the exception of a bronchial affection; in Sept., 1852, was bitten in the calf of the leg by a copper-headed snake. He immediately immersed the leg in black mud, after tying a handkerchief tightly around just below the knee. The first sensation of the bite was as of a scratch, or prick of a pin, or a nettle sting; followed by a burning smarting, and then a severe pain set in with the burning and smarting. The burning was like fire, and accompanying it was numb prickling all over the body, but esp. in the wounded leg. This numb prickling sensation continued for several days.

The leg soon after the bite, began to swell and filled the boot-leg. When the limb was taken out of the mud, where it had been kept for about 1 hour; it was of a purplish colour, evidently caused by congestion of the capillary veins. On removing the handkerchief, a sensation as of a rush, passed all over the body; but centered on the stomach with the most violent force, and a deathly sinking sickness. He was hardly able to lift his hand or elevate his head. When holding his head down, there was a roaring in the ears, and a feeling as if the eyes would burst from their sockets. All the first night he applied slices of raw onions, frequently renewed, and took a cathartic.

The sensation at the pit of the stomach was accompanied by vomiting, and followed at each emesis by a feeling as though the snake was coiled up in the stomach, and very

cold. What he vomited seemed cold. There was also salivation, which had the same coldness. Every time he thought of the snake, vomiting and gagging took place. After vomiting, there was a desire for large draughts of cold water, but dared not drink much, because vomiting would come on of water and the same coldness. Mouth parched, with a burnt feeling in it, or like a canker. Tongue felt stiff. When the fever subsided, purple spots, similar in some respects to bee stings, appeared all over the surface of the body. On the way home after the bite, and all the first night, was very drowsy. Sleep, full of horrid dreams of snakes, and a dream of this snake produced the same sensations of coldness, drooping, gagging and vomiting, which were also reproduced by thinking of this snake in his waking hours.

For 4 or 5 years afterwards, about the same season of the year in which he was bitten, the same spots made their appearance, accompanied by itching. Each spot about the size of a 50-cent piece.

Provings

P 1 - Suspicious, Horrible Dreams & Intolerance of Constriction

J.T. Kent, Proving of *Cenchrus Contortrix* Copperhead - ; Medical Advance, Vol. XXV, No. 5, Nov., 1890.

Three female and 2 male provers. 6c, 30, and 10M fluxion centesimal.

Descriptive Symptoms – Mind

† Anxiety, with a feeling that she will die suddenly 8th day, lasting many days. -

† Instantly after lying down at night she was seized with a horrible, sickening anxiety, all over the body, but most at the heart and through the chest, exclaiming, "I shall die! I shall die!" This soon passed into profound sleep, which was not interrupted until morning, but full of horrible dreams.

† Afternoon and evening thinks her family plotting to place her in an insane asylum this lasted 4 afternoons and ended 14th day of proving.

† Suspicious of everybody.

† Angry when disturbed.

† Not able to rest in bed, must walk the floor to ease mind. Wants to be alone.

† Catch myself staring into space and forget what people are saying to me, or that there is anyone in the room. Absent-minded.

† Dreamy, absent-minded, took the wrong car without realising where was going. When riding in the car, she rode by the place she intended to get off at. Misdirected letters.

† Lack of determination and snap, have to use all my reserve mental force to make myself get up and go out many days. Painful procrastination, indecision.

† Time passes too slowly, seems to drag along. I am longing to go, yet I can not tear myself out of my chair and move along. When at last I do pick up enough determination to go, I go very suddenly.

† Feel hard and uncharitable. Selfish, envious, easily slighted.

† Longing for the woods so intense I wandered out to the park alone.

† Great depression and gloomy foreboding, followed by great hilarity. Alternation of opposite moods and desires.

† Dislike for everything put before her to eat, and finds fault with everything.

† Cough caused a feeling of helpless hopelessness.

Descriptive Symptoms - Dreams

† The night was full of horrible dreams of drunken people, dead people, naked people, robbers, indecent conduct of men and women.

† Dreams of wandering in the field with cattle, with fear of being hurt. Dreams of male animals following her in the field to injure her.

† Dreams of seeing animals copulating 2 provers.

† Dreams of rape confirmed.

† Dreams of male and female terrapin. Wakeful, after these dreams of animals.

† Dreams of wandering; of naked people; of wild animals pursuing her.

† Dreams, horrible; of the dead; seeing dead infants.

† Dreamed had all the upper incisors pulled out.

† Dreamed all night of snakes, they were coiled ready to strike, was bitten on left hand by one and hand swelled and pulse went up to 160 per minute.

† Dreams of plotting to fire the town or any building.

Descriptive Symptoms - Generals

† No appetite for anything at breakfast. Disgust for food at breakfast.

† Craves salt bacon.

† Pains throbbing.

† At 3 p.m., most symptoms; chill, fever, thirst, dry mouth, constriction of neck.

† Symptoms better from heat.

Descriptive Symptoms - Sensations

† Sensation of intoxication came on at 4 p.m., lasting 3 hours, feeling as if I would fall; unable to walk in a direct line; go from side to side of pavement

- † Sensation of fullness about the head. Feeling as if all the blood in the body rushed to the head.
- † Nose burning inside as though full of pepper.
- † Formication on left cheek, like crawling of a fly, also on septum of nose.
- † Teeth feel edgy, can feel that I have teeth.
- † Taste of copper in mouth.
- † Feeling as though that part of abdomen below umbilicus was not sufficiently expanded, on waking in morning.
- † Sensation of warmth over region of liver.
- † Feeling of a bottle of water in left hypochondrium, shaking up and down with motion of carriage.
- † Sensation as though back were going to have a crick catching sensation, while sitting on feet, worse on left side, had to hold back with hands, soon passed off.
- † Felt as though a cord were tied around the hip.
- † Feeling as though the whole chest was distended and the heart very sore.
- † Feeling as if the heart was distended, or swelled to fill the chest.
- † At 3 p.m. sensation of fluttering of heart, followed by feeling that heart fell down into abdomen; then pulse became feeble, with heat lasting until after midnight.

Descriptive Symptoms - Locals

- † Violent headache in both temples in forenoon; could not stand any warmth in the room; lips dry and parched. Headache in both temples on rising, passing off after breakfast. Headache in temples; passes off after eating.
- † Sore feeling in the scalp after the headache passed away.
- † Itching of eyes; begins in left eye and extends to right.
- † Sneezing violently on awaking in morning.
- † Discharge of mucus from nose, varying from cream to amber colour, specked with blood. Can not breathe well through nose. Impossible to breathe through the nose.
- † Mottled skin; purple, deep, dark red face.
- † Baggy swellings under eyes many days.
- † Constantly hawking up thick, tough, stringy mucus, hard to get up. The mucus is difficult to raise, loses her breath, and strangles in trying to raise it.
- † Nausea, >- ice, water makes sick.
- † Bands around the waist unbearable most of the time during the 3 weeks of proving.

† On waking in morning, had to hasten to the closet; stool watery, dark with a black sediment like coffee grounds; stool intermits, have to sit a long time, passing small quantities every minute or 2.

† Loses her urine when coughing.

† Desire to urinate at night, just after getting in bed; must get up and press a long time before a few drops pass many days.

† When doing mental work, frequent desire to urinate, pass large quantities of colourless urine.

† Menstrual flow very profuse, bright red, with dark clots. Dull aching in small of back and sacral region, at night during menses. Soreness in coccyx and gluteal muscles, and aching in abdomen at night, during menses.

† During the day, constriction about the external throat, clothing disturbed her, choking feeling.

† Suffocating feeling after lying down in evening. After lying down, a suffocating feeling came over her, with anxiety in chest as if she would die, worse on first lying down. She must lie with head drawn back, as she chokes so. Dyspnoea as if dying from anxiety. Dyspnoea on lying down and the thought of going to sleep brings on great anxiety. Stops breathing on going to sleep.

† Can hardly find breath enough to talk, have to stop and gasp in the midst of a word or short sentence.

† Drawing pain in right side of chest, below nipple, on lying down at night; makes him put hand on the pain; better by lying on that side and worse lying on left side.

† Want to put the feet up; unconsciously crosses the limbs.