

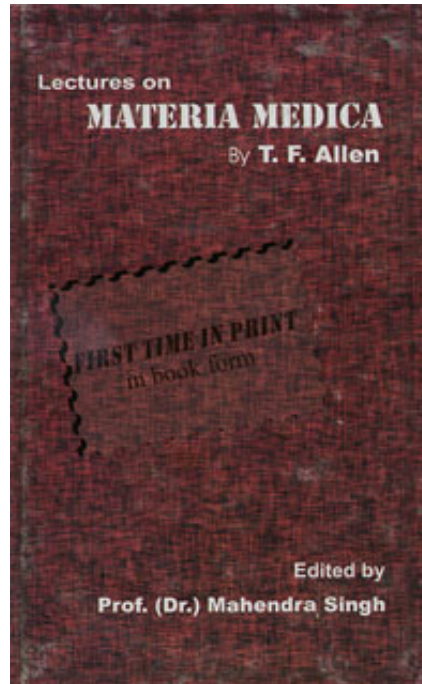
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## LYCOPodium

### **Mental:**

Melancholia and patient forgets to use the proper words and in writing forgets words.

### **Head:**

Vertigo on rising from bed or rising up, like *Rhus* and *Bryonia*. Throbbing headache in sides or top of head; often experienced after coughing. (*Natrum muriaticum*, *Belladonna*, *Bryonia*.) Not a long continued violent throbbing headache; more sensitiveness which is very great. Hair becomes very dry, scalp becomes scurvy, offensive moisture forms on scalp.

### **Eyes:**

Dryness of lids, agglutinated at night. Symptoms of chronic sub-acute conjunctivitis. Granular conjunctivitis with smarting pains like *Alumina*. Secretion not great. Tendency to formation of styes on lids or of ulcers on margins of lids. Styes and boils; often arrests the development of boils. *Staphisagria* in styes and for cure and prevention of small cystic tumours on lids and of ulcers on scalp, and will prevent recurrence. *Lycopodium* is useful for the small indurations in the margins of the lids left by styes. Action on the retina very marked. This symptom when marked in retinitis pigmentosa has been known to arrest the deposits; for floating black spots before the eyes as a result of indigestion or occasioned by effusion of opacities into the vitreous body. (*Mercury* has the intolerance of light, more due to fatty degeneration than from Blight's disease. Other symptoms

differ.) Objects obscured like *Lithium*. This may be due in *Lycopodium* to functional disturbances of circulation, of indigestion, while *Lithium* is more organic as in case atrophy or half of optic nerve.

**Nose:**

Dry catarrh with complete stoppage; no discharge whatever. Chronic hyperaemia of mucous lining of nose (not indicated the first day). (*Aconite* is called for if there is a chill and fever. *Camphor* if there are no general symptoms. If the catarrh persists after the first or second day under these remedies, then give *Lycopodium*. *Lycopodium* has no watery discharge. *Nux vomica* may have a stopped nose like that of *Lycopodium* except that there is a little running of clear water from the nostrils. The face is stupid and patient is generally sick. *Sinapis nigra*; for stopped catarrh of one or other nostrils with a great deal of burning heat in nose. *Sticta pulmonaria*; dryness of whole mucous membrane.) Heaviness, dull frontal pain and difficult deglutition.

**Face:**

Little redness of face, usually grey or yellowish.

**Teeth:**

Painful after eating.

**Tongue:**

Blisters on tongue.

**Throat:**

Diphtheria on one side. It is laid down in books as doubtful if diphtheria ever comes on one side and also as doubtful if *Lycopodium* is any good in diphtheria. Follicular inflammation

of tonsils on right side, associated with gastric disturbances. (*Salicylic acid* is indicated where there are no gastric symptoms.) Patient is weak and inclined to perspire without much fur on tongue and without *Mercury* symptoms and where there are, the trouble does seem to be gastric. *Salicylic acid* and salicylate of soda are apt to produce noises in the ear. Ulcerated sore throat with difficult swallowing, like *Lachesis* and sometimes *Belladonna*. Feeling as if a ball in the throat, without the nervous symptoms of *Ignatia*. Swelling and tenderness of the salivary glands (not good in suppurative tonsillitis but in superficial ulceration of the tonsils it may be used). The gastric symptoms are the most important as it is by these rather than the local symptoms that it is chosen. Always have increased appetite and are thirsty. Feels very hungry but as soon as a few mouthfuls of food are taken the stomach seems distended and has eructations and flatus and ceases to eat, particularly because of the feeling of fullness and partially from the unpleasant eructations. Eructations are sour and burning and sometimes like *Antimonium crudum* which has eructations tasting of food eaten; heartburn. Burning acid eructations and soreness in the stomach; very distressing heartburn. Digestion sluggish, considerable tenderness in epigastric zone; pains and soreness as if soreness of inflammation. (*Mercury* is extremely sore to pressure as if inflamed at spot of pressure.) *Lycopodium* has distension and pressure in epigastric zone; pains and pressure not under the finger but at side or from the outward pressure induced by finger. Cravings not characteristic. Soreness and dull pressing pains, the right hypochondriac region. Distress in region of liver after eating. Liver seems to drag when lying on side. Good in chronic hepatitis when abscesses are threatening. No acute inflammation. Symptoms of inflammation sub-acute, and irritation in large colon. Incarcerated flatus. Great deal of emission of flatus which relieves temporarily. Irritation of rectum

with sometimes protrusion. Painful constriction of anus, stool like *Silicea*. Partially constipated and part loose. A stool at first hard, then followed by soft with great deal of gas. Also, more rarely, a dry, hard stool.

**Urine:**

High coloured, scanty, sometimes bloody and sediment of red sand; especially indicated when red sand. Alternates with rheumatic gout or gastric symptoms which are relieved by reappearance of red sand; depression of spirits. *Lycopodium* has haemorrhage with general symptoms aggravated after food or drink. Desire for fresh air is very marked. Palpitation, dyspnoea and cutting pains in abdomen; aggravated by lying on back.

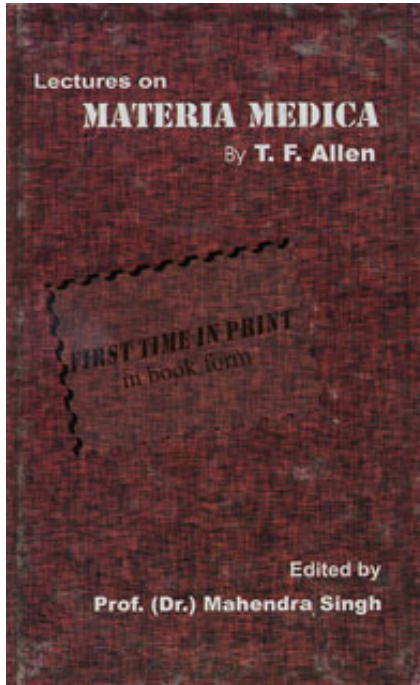
**Female sexual organs:**

Great variety of troubles but not very characteristic; does not produce them primarily.

**Respiratory organs:**

Cough at night caused by tickling in the larynx which although dry at first is generally followed by profuse expectoration of a yellow lumpy character. Salty, offensive sometimes purulent discharge associated with very great dyspnoea causing patient to sit up in bed. In last stages pneumonia, phthisis, abscess of lung, especially on right side. *Silicea*, *Hepar*, *Mercury* on right side; *Lachesis*, *Iodine* on left side. Patient is aggravated by lying on either side, excessive aggravation of cough and dyspnoea after eating. Dull, tight aching pain through chest. Sensation as of glowing coals on back between the scapula like *Phosphorus*. General weariness, prostration, drawing pains in back (lumbago); runs down back. Sciatica, especially of right hip. Indefinite rheumatic pains. Symptoms all worse at 4 P.M.

*Pulsatilla* may have the same stomach symptoms, patient is worse at 6 to 7 P.M. but aggravation continues on into the night. Chill comes on at 4 P.M., beginning in back and followed by sweat and not fever, and may have fever through the night and like *Natrum muriaticum* with fever followed by headache; we have *Lycopodium* with fever and belching. Patient perspires easily. Not useful for fresh malaria but in old broken-down cases; fever not marked, perspiration lasting sometimes for a long time, offensive and greasy. (*Thuja* fatty or greasy perspiration; smelling of rancid fat.) *Lycopodium* perspiration stains the clothing yellow. The eruptions vary. Scalp dry, scurvy, pityriasis, chronic eczema, like *Graphites* but more oozing and soreness and tendency to bleed in *Lycopodium* (like *Hepar* and *Graphites* combined). Skin cracks bleed easily; offensive oozing; burning ulcers as *Arsenic*. Varicose ulcers and varicose veins of genitals. (*Chamomilla* same; in cases of varicose ulcers, *Zinc*, *Pulsatilla* or *Lycopodium*.) Prescribe *Lycopodium* from other symptoms. *Zinc* local symptoms especially in old people. Sleep restless, frequent waking. *Lycopodium* gives best result in 20th potency.



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