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CARBO VEGETABILIS

(Vegetable Charcoal)

PHARMACY - Carb-v. Carbo vegetabilis. Vegetable Charcoal. Impure carbon. Trituration. *Historical dose:* Trituration and all potencies, first to third trituration. Thirtieth potency and higher in chronic conditions and in collapse. *Planets:* Saturn, Moon, Venus.

HISTORY - Carbo veg. or vegetable charcoal is itself a product of *imperfect oxidation* and disintegration are the keynotes of this remedy. It contains small quantity of Kali-carb., potassium carbonate.

The deodorant and disinfectant properties of charcoal in bulk had already been discovered when Hahnemann was at work on *Materia Medica*. Its a deodorant, disinfectant and anti-septic properties are more enhanced in potencies. Proving with the crude Carbo veg. and the potentized substances showed that the latter were much more powerful in their effect on the organism. These brought out the fact that there is an exact correspondence between the effect of crude charcoal and potentized Carb-v. Both are anti-septic and deodorant.

The signs and symptoms of decay and putrefaction are the leading indication for its medicinal use: Decomposition of food in the stomach, putrid diseases and ulcerations, symptoms of imperfect oxygenation of the blood. Carb-v. antidotes the effects of putrid meats or fish, rancid fats, salt or salt meats and also the pathogenetic action of China, Lach. and Merc.

A carbon ointment made by carbonizing a wine cork by plunging it into a clear fire and then in its still glowing state into vaseline and mixing thoroughly is regarded as a sovereign remedy in anal irritation and hemorrhoid troubles.

HOMEOPATHIC - Carbo vegetabilis acts upon the *venous circulation* and capillaries. The blood seems to stagnate, causing blueness, coldness and ecchymoses. *Vitality becomes low* from loss of vital fluids. Weakness from grave or serious diseases from effects of drug and disease or from obstinate complications.

Body becomes blue, icy-cold. Bacteria find a rich soil in the nearly lifeless blood stream and sepsis and typhoid state ensues. A lowered vital power from *loss of fluids* after drugging after other diseases in old people with venous congestions. States of collapse in cholera or typhoid. These are some of the conditions covered by the action of Carbo veg.

The patient may be *almost lifeless*, but the head is hot, coldness, breath cool, pulse imperceptible, oppressed and quickened respiration. *Must have air, must be fanned hard, must have all the windows open.* This is a typical state for Carbo veg. The patient *faints easily is worn out and* must have fresh air. Hemorrhage from any mucous surface. Very debilitated.

Patient seems to be too weak to hold *out. Persons who have never fully recovered from the effects of some previous illness.* Sense of weight, as in the head (occiput), eyes and eyelids, before the ears in the stomach and elsewhere in the body, putrid (septic) condition of all its affections, coupled with a burning sensation. General venous stasis, bluish skin, limbs cold.

State of collapse in cholera, typhoid or other grave diseases. When the patient is almost lifeless, cold body, breath cold, pulse imperceptible, respiration quickened. Must be fanned very hard, but head remains hot.

Hemorrhage, blood dark, oozing from shock after surgical operations, persistent for hours or days. Numbness of parts lain on. Burning, sense of weight or heavy aching in bones, ulcers etc. *Weakness, flatulence, fetor or air hunger*, are present with most of the complaints. Tremulous. Always *weak, sick and exhausted*, but those states may occur suddenly. Fainting fits. Thick acrid discharges.

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Lack of reaction after some violent attack, violent shock, violent suffering. Never well since. Cold, but wants air to be fanned or thirst for cold water. **Septic conditions.** Sensation of fullness. Venous stasis. **Blueness and decomposition.** Ulcerations, aphthous. General bruised soreness, old catarrhs. Lymphatic glands, are swollen, indurated or suppurating. Gangrene, humid, senile.

CLINICAL - Acidity, Acne. *Air hunger.* Angina Pectoris. *Asphyxiation.* Aortitis. Aphonia. Asthenopia. Asthma. Breast, erysipelas. *Blood loss. Breathing, labored.* Bronchitis. Burns. Carbuncle. Catarrh. Chilblains. *Cholera.* Colds. *Collapse. Coma.* Constipation. Cough. Deafness. Debility. Diarrhea. Distention. Dysentery. Dyspepsia. Emphysema. Erysipelas. Belchings. *Fainting.* Feet, cold. *Flatulence.* Gangrene. Hemorrhages. Hemorrhoids. Hair, loss. Headache. Heart, diseases. Influenza. Intermittents. Intertrigo. Irritation. Laryngitis. Lungs, congested. Measles. Mumps. Nosebleeds. Esophagitis. Orchitis. Otorrhea. Pregnancy, disorders. Purpura. Scabies. Scurvy. Shiverings. *S/zoc&*. Sleep, disorders. Starting. *Stomach, disordered.* Stomatitis. Trachea, dryness. Tympanites. Typhus. Ulcers. Yellow fever. Weakness.

Causations - Carbon monoxide poisoning. Blood loss. Shock. Surgery. Effects of alcohol, meat, fish, especially if tainted, ice-water, vegetables, salt or salt meats. Disorders from high living and especially butter-eating.

Constitutions - It is suitable to atonic conditions where there is lack of reaction. The typical Carb-v, patient is fat, sluggish, lazy and has a tendency to chronicity of complaints. Complaints of old people. Persons who have never fully recovered from the effects of some previous illness. School girls and boys are sluggish, slow to learn, suffer from night terrors, will not sleep alone or go to bed in the dark.

Modalities - Better from **belchings**, cool air from fanning, elevating feet. Worse from **high living, rich food**, decayed food, poultry, fat food, butter, coffee, milk, **wine**. Worse from **warmth, depletions**, cooling **off exhausting diseases**, worse from **dissipation**, overlifting, walking in open air, pressure of clothes. Worse from weather, extremes of temperature, cold night air, frosty, warm damp weather, humid, wind on head. Worse from suppressions, old age, reading aloud, singing, icy drinks.

MIND - Aversion to darkness. Fear of ghosts. Sudden loss of memory. Slow thinking. Indolent. Anxious. Irritable. Dejected. Unhappy. Indifference, hears everything without pleasure or pain. Sluggish, stupid, lazy. Easily frightened or startled.

Abdomen - **Greatly distended**, especially upper part, worse lying down., better passing wind. **Flatulent colic**, forcing the patient to bend double. Obstructed flatulence with complaints arising from. Pain as from lifting a weight. Colic from riding in a carriage, excessive discharge of fetid flatus. Abdomen feels as if hanging down, walks bent. Cannot bear tight clothing around waist and abdomen. Ailments from intestinal fistulae. The smallest portion of food worse the sufferings in abdomen. Epigastric region very tender.

Back - Severe pain in small of back with a sensation of a plug, unable to sit down, had to put a pillow under it when lying. Burning behind shoulder.

Breasts - Lumps in breasts with indurations of axillary glands. Breasts, hard, swollen with impending abscess. Prostration after nursing.

Chest - Heavy sore or weak chest, on awakening. Burning in chest with hemoptysis. Brown yellow spots on chest. Sore ribs.

Ears - Deafness or otorrhea, following exanthemata. Ears dry. Something heavy seems to lie before the ears. Deficient or badly smelling yellow wax. Mumps with metastases.

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Eyes - As of heavy weight on eyes. Hemorrhages from eyes with congestion to head. Vision of floating black spots. Burning in eyes. Muscles of eyes painful when looking up. Pupils do not react to light. Asthenopia.

Face - Face blue, cold with cold sweat. Puffy, cyanotic. pale, *hippocratic*, pinched. (Cupr., Op.) Mottled cheeks and red nose. Twitching upper lip, Brown or black looking, cracked lips. Great paleness of face.

Female - Menses too early and too copious menses, pale blood. During menstruation, burning in hands and soles. Menorrhagia, burning across sacrum, passive flow. Leucorrhea, thick, greenish, milky, causing itching and burning, worse before menses. Feels best when she has a free leucorrhea. Sore, hot, itching, swollen, vulva. Vulva swollen, aphthae. Varicose veins on pudendum and vulva with burning, bluish ulcers. Vaginal fistula, burning pains.

Food - Aversion o milk which causes flatulence, meat and *fat things*. Aversion to most digestible and the best kind of food. Desire for salty, sour things or sweet things, coffee. Worse from brandy.

Head - Cold sweat on forehead. Head hot with cold limbs. Takes cold in head easily. Dull, compressive, heavy. Headaches, worse occiput, worse overheating, lying or pressure of hat, *over-indulgence*. Pimples on forehead and face. *Hair, sore, falls off easily in* handfuls after severe illness after childbirth. Scalp itches when warm in bed. Hat pressed upon head like a heavy weight.

Heart - Continuous anxious palpitation, worse eating, sitting. Pulse, thread like, weak and small intermittent. Burning around the heart. Pulsation throughout the body.

Kidneys - Albumin, protein in the urine. Nephritis, septic or from alcohol. Urine, copious of clear yellow color or thick and whitish, diabetes. Bedwetting, at night. Urine, suppressed in cholera and retained from standing on the cold pavements.

Limbs - Heavy, stiff, feel paralyzed, *limbs, go to sleep*, want of muscular energy, joints weak. Numbness, when lying on limbs. Paralytic weakness of the wrists and of the fingers, when seizing anything. Burning pain in bones and limbs. Arms weary when writing. Pain in shins. Cramp in soles. Feet numb and sweaty. *Cold from knees down*. Senile gangrene of fingers and toes with fiery burning vesicles, oozing bloody water. Foul foot sweat, worse walking. Toes red, swollen.

Liver - Pain in liver. Jaundice from over eating or eating too rich food.

Lungs - Breathing, laborious, quick and short, worse walking. Wants to take a deep breath. Breath cold, *must be fanned*. Cough with itching in larynx, spasmodic with gagging and vomiting of mucus. *Cough with burning in chest*, worse in evening in open air after eating and talking. *Spasmodic cough*, bluish face offensive expectoration, neglected pneumonia. Whooping cough, especially in beginning with bluish face and its complications. Occasional spells of long coughing attacks. *Hoarseness, worse evenings*, talking, evening oppression of breathing, sore and raw chest. Roughness in larynx with deep rough voice. *Asthma in aged with blue skin*. Wheezing and rattling of mucus in chest. Expectoration with retching. Expectoration is very thick, sticky, yellow and profuse. Hemorrhage from lungs. Destructive lung diseases. Cheyne-Stokes breathing in organic heart disease.

Male - Discharge of prostatic fluid, while straining at stool. Itching and moisture at thigh near scrotum. Seminal discharge too soon during sex, followed by roaring in head. Swelling of testes from metastasis of mumps.

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Mouth - *Breath cold*. Tongue, cold, black, swollen, covered with white yellow —brown mucus. Aphthae, bluish, black ulcers with burning. Loose teeth. Teeth pain while eating hot or cold things. Teeth very sensitive when chewing. Scorbutic gums. Blood oozes from gums when cleaning teeth. Pyorrhea. Taste bitter, sour. Bad smell from. Increases saliva. Gums retracted and bleed easily, painful while chewing. Gums black. Blood oozing from gums when cleaning teeth. Pyorrhea.

Nose - *Nosebleed in daily attacks with pale face*. Bleeding after straining with pale face, tip of nose red and scabby, itching around nostrils. Varicose veins on nose. Eruption in corner of nose. Descending colds. Nose cold, hay asthma. Coryza with cough, especially in moist, warm weather. Sneezing from irritation in larynx, worse blowing nose. Ineffectual effort to sneeze.

Rectum - Flatus hot, moist offensive. Itching, gnawing and burning in rectum and anus. *Acrid, corrosive moisture from rectum*. Moisture on perineum. A musty, glutinous moisture exudes. Soreness, itching, moisture of perineum at night. Discharge of blood from rectum. Burning at anus, burning Varicose veins. (Mur-ac.) Painful diarrhea of old people. Frequent involuntary cadaverous, smelling stools, followed by burning. Excoriation of anus. *Bluish*, white, burning hemorrhoids, pain after stools. Stools, putrid ineffectual urging, even soft passed with difficulty. Feces escape with flatus.

Skin - Wounds heal and break out again. *Blue, cold and bruised*. Marbled with venous over distention. Burning in various places. Fine moist rash with burning. Itching, worse on evening, when warm in bed. Moist skin, *hot perspiration*, senile gangrene beginning in toes, bed sores, bleed easily. Falling out of hair from a general weakened condition. Indolent ulcers, burning pain. Ichorous offensive discharge. Tendency to gangrene of the margins. Senile gangrene beginning in toes. Bedsores, bleed easily. Purpura. Ulcers, foul, burning and bleeding. *Varicose ulcers*, carbuncles. (Ars., Anthr.) Ulcers, varicose, easily bleeding, pus smelling like Asafetida, heal and break out again. Varicose veins during pregnancy.

Sleep - Awakes often from cold limbs especially cold knees. Unrefreshing. Comatose sleep with rattling in throat. Frequent yawning and stretching which seems to better. Horror during sleep.

Stomach - *Digestion slow, food putrefies* before it digests. *The simplest food distresses*. Belchings after eating and drinking, temporary relief from belching. *Belchings, heaviness, fullness and sleepiness*, tense from flatulence with pain, worse lying down. Rancid, sour or putrid belchings. Waterbrash, asthmatic breathing from flatulence. Loathes even the thought of food. Nausea in the morning. Burning in stomach extending to back along spine with coldness. *Contractive pains extending to chest with distention of abdomen*. Faint empty feeling in stomach, not relieved by eating. Crampy pains forcing patient to bend double. Distress comes on a half-hour after eating. Sensitiveness of epigastric region. Stomach pain of nursing women. Epigastric region is very sensitive. Vomiting of blood, ulcers, cancer.

Temperature - Alternate chill and heat. Chill begins in forearm. Burning in various places. *Icy coldness*, unilateral of tongue, knees, legs, foot, at night. Coldness with thirst. Warm head and cold limbs. Internal burning heat, at heart, chest with cold icy skin and cold sweat. Sweats easily, on eating. Sweat sour, cold worse coughing, on face. Yellow fever. Hectic fever, exhausting sweats.

Throat - Sensation as if closed. Aphthous, sore. Hawking of bloody black mucus. Painful on swallowing food.

Vertigo - Vertigo with nausea and tinnitus.

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COMMENTS - It is suited to conditions where there is lack of reaction (like Opium) to low states of the vital powers, where the venous system is engorged, debility of greater intensity than Carbo an. to children after exhausting diseases to old people. Leading symptoms are: Numbness of limbs. Burning pains (as also Carb-an. both the products of a burning process). Great debility as soon as he makes the least effort.

Guernsey considers Carb-v. especially suited to cachectic individuals whose vital powers have become weakened. In cases where disease seems to have been engrafted on the system by reason of the depressing influence of some prior derangement.

Another form of debility is that following childbirth, causing falling out of hair. Among other effects of Carbo v. are: Aversion to darkness. Fear of ghosts. Excessive accumulation of gas in stomach and intestines. "Stomach feels full and tense from flatulence. Great pain in stomach on account of flatulence, worse especially on lying down."

Great desire for air, must be fanned, wants to be fanned hard. Worse from warmth: on the other hand it has cough worse entering cold air from a warm room. Coldness is characteristic: cold breath (as in cholera), cold knees, cold, but wants to be fanned. The mental state of Carb-v. is one of torpor and indolence, which distinguishes it from Ars. in many cases, slow thinking, worse in morning on waking. Indifference. There is also peevishness, easily in angered.

Vertigo from stomach with fainting, especially at meals. Lividity is a common indication, mottled skin round ulcers indolent gangrene, varicose veins of arms, legs, vulva. Hippocratic countenance, cold breath. Collapse with cold knees. Dull headache in occiput with confusion of mind, proceeding from occiput to forehead, dull, heavy aching over eyes in warm room, buzzing in ears, very sensitive to pressure of hat.

The congestive symptoms of Carb-v. are those of poisoning by carbonic acid, pulse thready, face pale, covered with cold sweat, desire to be fanned, anxiety without restlessness, Dyspnea. Hemorrhages are frequent. Nosebleeds or hemorrhage from throat, in dysentery from the bowels, menorrhagia and metrorrhagia with burning pains across sacrum and spine, hemorrhage from the lungs, Dyspnea from chronic aortitis.

It corresponds to fever of many types: typhoid intermittent, yellow fever, hectic and cholera. In intermittents of long standing where quinine has been abused, thirst only during chill, feet ice-cold up to knees, heat in burning flushes, sweat sour or offensive, weak, mind befogged.

A. H. Birdsall has recorded a typical case of Carb-v. intermittent. A man, 36, had fever eight months, partially suppressed by Arsenic and Quinine. Type, tertian. Headache for one or two hours before chill. Chill always from 9 to 10 a.m., beginning in feet and hands, spreading over body, nails very blue. Thirst with chill. Cold stage lasts two to three hours, followed immediately by hot stage, much heat in head and face, which is flushed red, thirstlessness. Sweating stage short, sweat sour. Apyrexia: Sweats easily, especially from least warmth, awakens in morning always with slight sour-smelling sweat. Weak, dispirited, flatulent. A single dose of Carb-v. cured. There were only three more attacks, each of diminished intensity.

There is catarrh from warm, moist atmosphere. The cough of Carb-v. is worse on entering cold air from a warm room. Hoarseness from damp air worse morning or evening. Cough caused by a sensation as if sulphur fumes were in larynx. There is leucorrhoea, greenish yellow, worse in morning. The leucorrhoea excoriates.

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Many symptoms occur during menses: headache, itching burning soreness and smarting at vulva and anus, hemorrhoids. The menstrual discharge is corrosive and has a strong pungent odor. Premature and profuse. Preceded and followed by leucorrhoea. Perineum moist, raw, oozing. Carbo-v. has weak digestion with enormous production of flatulence, better by eructation. Flatulence accompanies many other complaints, as asthma and heart disorders. Heaviness, full feeling and burning. Aversion to fat to meat to milk, which causes flatulence. Desire for coffee (which does not relieve), for acids, for sweet and salt things. Burning itching on skin, frozen limbs, chilblains, excoriations between toes. Tinea capitis or scald-head. Scalp very sensitive, feels as if bruised. Whooping cough with pain at base of brain. Excessive gagging cough in the morning, compelling him to vomit everything, immediately after breakfast. Dros. is complementary to Carbo v. in this. Bedwetting, which is worse in morning after the first sleep.

COMPARE - (1) Raph. in flatulence. Caust., Lach., Eup-per., Phos. and Rumex in hoarseness, Rumex is worse 4 a.m. and 11 p.m. Caust. worse in morning from dry cold. Carb-v. worse evening from damp evening air. (2) Camph., China in hemorrhages intermittents, hectic disorders of alcoholics, Ip. in hemorrhages and intermittents, Meny. in intermittents with coldness of legs. (3) Op., Sulph. and Psor. in deficient reaction. (4) Sul-ac. in dyspepsia of alcoholics. Carb-v. has more putridity, Sul-ac. more sourness. (5) Phos. in easily bleeding ulcers, Puls., bad effect from fat food and pastry, Sulph. in acrid-smelling menses, erysipelas of breasts, Ars. and Bellis in effects of ice-cream and ice-water in hot weather. (6) Nux-v. in dyspepsia, easily angered, effects of debauchery. Nux-v. is thin, spare, yellow, wiry, Carb-v. sluggish, stout, lazy. (7) Sec. in hemorrhages, cold breath, coldness worse by warmth. Calc., Carb-an. and Stram. in aversion to darkness. (8) Lach. in weak digestion. Lach. craves milk, Carb-v. has aversion to it. Intolerance of clothing round waist intermittent fever, flashes of burning heat without thirst. (9) Sep. in bearing-down in rectum and vagina. Carb-v. has strong odor of menses which Sep. has not. (10) Rhus-t. in strains in typhus, Colch. in cholera, cold breath, prostration. Cupr. (11) Carboneum - Spasms commencing in tongue, down trachea and limbs. Tingling sensation. (12) Lye., Ars., Chin., Carb-v. contains potash.

RELATIONS - *Antidoted by:* Ars., Ambra, Camph., Coff., Lach., Nit-s-d., Ferr. (Teste). *It antidotes:* Effects of putrid meats of fish, rancid fats, salt or salt meats, Chin., Lach., Merc. *Complementary:* Chin., Dros., Kali-c. - stitches in heart.

SOURCES - Boericke. Clarke.

CARBOLIC ACID

(Carbolicum Acidum)

PHARMACY - Carb-ac. Carbolicum acidum. Phenolum. Carbolic Acid. Phenol. Monoxy Benzene. Phenic Acid. Phenyl Alcohol. Solution in rectified spirit. *Historical dose:* Trituration and all potencies, third to thirtieth potency. *Planets:* Moon, Mars, Saturn.

HISTORY - Carbolic acid like the Carbons is a powerful anti-septic and its use as such in surgery has led incidentally to the poisoning of both patients and surgeons. These experiences have provided a number of the symptoms indicating its medicinal use.

R. K. Ghosh finds it admirable in cases of cholera where Verat. seems indicated and fails. There is intolerance of warm room, but also sensitiveness to cold air which worse many symptoms.

Dr. Proctor has recorded a brilliant cure of a double basal pneumonia with drop doses of the B. P. solution after failure of more commonly used remedies. Nervous dyspepsia of intensely painful character has frequently been cured by it.



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