

sented me with a little pin with a cat's eye in the middle and a poem supposed to have been written by the cat to thank the doctor.

REPERTORY OF FOOT-SWEAT.*

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I have no doubt that many of my colleagues, among the true followers of Hahnemann, have often felt, like myself, the need of a complete repertory on *Foot-sweat*. The material for this repertory was culled from the materia medicas of Hahnemann, Allen, Hering, Lippe, Farrington, *Jahr's Manual*, *Jahr's and Possart's New Manual*; *Hull's Jahr*, *Hale*, and *Mure*; and from the periodical medical literature of our school in the English language for the past thirty years.

I have given the modalities and concomitants when I have found them in the materia medica—not otherwise, with a very few exceptions.

I do not believe I have omitted any foot-sweat symptoms, but if I have overlooked any I should be glad to be informed of the fact.

I hope this short paper will be of use to some of my busy confreres, assisting them in finding the *similimum* from the true Hahnemann standpoint. This is my principal excuse in yielding to the wishes of several friends, who have requested me to send it to *The Homœopathic Physician* for publication.

SWEAT OF THE FEET. Acon., Am-c., Am-m., Anan., Ang., Ars., Ars-m., Arum., Bar-c., Bell., Benz-ac., Bry., Calc-c., (Calc-p.), Calend., Cann-s., Canth., Carb-ac., Carb-an., Carb-v., Caust., Cencl., Cham., Chlcl., Cimic., Coc-c., Cocc., Coff., Coloc., Cupr., Cycl., Dros., Euph., Fago., Farfa., Fl-ac., Graph., Hæm., Hell., Hep., Hur., (Hyper.), Iber., Ind., Iod., Ip., Jab., Kali-bi., Kali-ca., Kali-p., Kalm., Kreos., Lach., Lac-ac., Laur., Led., Lil-t., Lyc., Mag-m., Mang., Med., Merc-sol., Merc-sul., Mez., Mur-ac., Nat-c., Nat-m., Nit-ac., Nux-j., Ox-ac., Plb., Ped., Petr., Phos., Phos-ac., Phyt., Pic-ac., Podo., Psor., Puls., Rhus-t., Sabin., Sal-ac., Sanic.,

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Sec., Sep., Sil., Squil., Staph., Sulph., Tell., Thea., Thuj., Verat., Verat-v., Wies., Zn.

SWEAT OF THE FEET, CONSTANT, Sil., Thuj.

—MORNING. Euph., Sulph.

—, in bed. Bry., Lach., Merc-sol., Phos., Puls., Sabin.

—, after rising. Am-m.

—P. M. Graph., Ple.

—EVENING. Calc-c., Coc-c., Graph., Podo.

—, in bed. Calend., Clem., Mur-ac.

—NIGHT. Coloc., Nit-ac., Sulph., Thuj.

—, on waking. Mang.

—MENSES, before, during and after.

Calc-c.

—, during, from severity of pain.

Verat.

—SITTING, while. Bell.

—, in warm room. Mez.

—SUMMER. Cham.

—WINTER. Med.

—RIGHT FOOT, night. Sulph.

—, the left remaining quite dry. Ple.

—LEFT FOOT. Cham., Nit-ac.

—, with moist, painless vesicles between toes. Hell.

—BURNING with, of feet. Calc-c., Calend., Lyc., Mur-ac.,

Petr., Sep., Sulph., Thuj.

—COLDNESS with, of the feet. Acon., Bell., Calc-c., Cann-s.,

Dros., Fago., Iber., Ind., Iod., Ip., Lyc., Pic-ac., Sil.,

Sulph., Verat.

—ITCHING with, of the soles. Sil., Sulph.

—SWELLING with, of the feet. Graph., Iod., Kali-c., Kreos.,

Lyc., Plb., Petr., Phos-ac., Sabad.

—WALKING, when. Carb-v., Graph., Nat-c.

—PAIN, with tearing, in feet and hands. Graph.

—SORENESS, with, at end of nails. Merc-sul.

—COLD. Acon., Ars., Benz-ac., Calc-c., Canth., Carb-v.,

Cimic., Cocc., Dros., Fago., Farfa., Hep., Hur., Ip.,

Pali-p., Lil-t., Lyc., Med., Merc-sol., Mez., Mur-ac.,

- Nit-ac., Ox-ac., Plb., Ped., Squil., Staph., Sulph., Verat-v.
- MOISTURE, rather than sweat. Calc-c.
- DIARRHŒEA, during. Sulph.
- COLD, AND HANDS, in typhoid fever. Carb-v.
- SWEAT OF THE FEET, COLD AND CLAMMY. Calc-c., Laur., Merc-sol., Pic-ac., Sanic., Sulph., Thea.
- evenings. Pic-ac.
- one foot hot, the other cold. Hur., Lyc.
- and clammy, up to knees. Laur.
- damp, followed by very cold feet. Ped.
- followed by very hot feet. Hur.
- and sticky. Calc-c.
- WARM. Ars-m., Led.
- EXCORIATING. Bar-c., Calc-c., Carb-v., Coff., Graph., Iod., Lyc., Nit-ac., Sec., Sanic., Sep., Sil., Zn.
- or corrosive, so much so that the hose and shoes are quickly destroyed. Sec.
- making feet raw or sore. Cham., Calc-c., Graph., Lyc., Nit-ac., Petr., Sabad., Squil., Zn.
- making soles raw or sore. Bar-c., Calc-c., Nit-ac., Petr., Sabad., Sil.
- causing soreness of soles, with sticking pains, as if walking on pins. Nit-ac.
- making toes raw or sore. Bar-c., Carb-v., Coff., Graph., Nit-ac., Sep., Sil., Zn.
- FŒTID. Am-c., Am-m., Anan., Arund., Bar-c., Calc-c., Carb-ac., Chlol., Graph., Kali-c., Kalm., Lac-ac., Lyc., Nat-m., Nit-ac., Nux-j., Plb., Petr., Phos., Psor., Rhus-t., Sal-ac., Sanic., Sec., Sep., Sil., Sulph., Thuj., Wies., Zn.
- moisture, rather than sweat. Petr.
- cheese, smelling like old. Plb.
- eggs rotten, smelling like. Staph.
- sole leather, smelling like. Cob.
- sour smelling. Calc-c., Cob., Nat-m.
- urine, smelling like. Canth., Coloc.
- menses, after. Sep., Sil.

- in persons of rheumatic tendency, much exposed to rough weather and hard labor. Rhus-t.
- ODORLESS. Graph. Lac-ac., Merc-sol.
- PROFUSE. Ars-n., Arund., Carb-an., Carb-v., Cench., Cham., Coloc., Fl-ac., Graph., Ind., Kali-c., Kreos., Lach., Lac-ac., Lyc., Nit-ac., Petr., Phyt., Ple., Puls., Sabad., Sal-ac., Sec., Sep., Sil., Staph., Sulph., Thuj., Zn.
- SWEAT OF THE FEET, PROFUSE. Can almost wring the hose. Cench.
- right foot of, so that the hose was completely soaked. Ple.
- obliged to change hose, which was wet through. Sulph., Thuj.
- the feet being cold in winter and sore in summer. Sil.
- SOLES. Acon., Am-m., Arn., Fago., Kali-c., Merc-sol., Nit-ac., Nux-m., Oxy., Petr., Plb., Sabad., Sanic., Sil., Sulph., Wies.
- soles always wet, and without feeling. Nux-m.
- cold, on the left. Sulph.
- as though he had stepped into cold water. Sanic.
- fœtid. Plb., Petr., Sil.
- with tender feet. Petr.
- sour. Nat-m.
- sticky, as though he had stepped into molasses. Sanic.
- the hose sticking to feet. Sanic.
- with callosities on the soles, which are painful on walking. Bar-c.
- causing exfoliation of skin of soles. Thuj.
- HEELS, PROFUSE. Thuj.
- TOES. Acon., Arn., Lach., Phyt., Puls., Sep., Squil., Tell., Thuj., Zn.
- mornings in bed. Lach.
- walking when. Graph.
- fœtid, with redness and swelling of tips. Thuj.
- under. Phyt., Tarax.
- between. Acon., Arn., Clem., Cob., Cycl., Ferr., Kali-c., Lyc., Sanic., Sep., Sil., Squil., Tarax., Thuj.
- between. Softens the corns, so that they can be taken out with the finger-nails. Lyc.
- fœtid. Cycl., Puls., Sil., Thuj.

SWEAT OF THE FEET, SUPPRESSED. Apis., Ars., (Awa Samoa), Bad., Bar-c., Bar-m., Coch., Colch., Cupr., Form., Hæm., Kali-c., Nat-m., Nit-ac., Nux-j., Puls., Rhus-t., Sep., Sil., Thuj., Zn.

- by a cold. Apis.
- bath. Bar-c.
- getting wet. Colch., Sil.
- followed by angina tonsillaris. Bar-c.
- chorea. Form.
- icy cold feet and legs, worse evenings in bed. Sil.
- eyes, affection of. Sil.
- lameness. Bar-c.
- lost appetite. Sil.
- nervous excitement. Zn.
- palpitation. Ars., Hæm.
- paralysis of feet. Zn.
- toothache. Sil.

FEET, FŒTID ODOR OF, WITHOUT SWEAT. Graph., Sep., Sil.

- carrion like. Sil.
- sour. Sil.
- sensation as though the feet were sweating, and the hose soaked full. Lac-ac.
- a cold sweat were trickling down the feet, at night on rising. Croc.
- had on cold damp stockings. Calc-c., Saponinum.

THE LEGITIMATE USE OF THE KEYNOTE.*

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The keynote has been shamefully abused by some of our best prescribers, so much so that even its legitimate use has been ostracised by some excellent homœopathic physicians. These critics apparently forget that Hahnemann points out in the *Organon* (section 153) that "the more prominent, uncommon and peculiar (characteristic) features of the case are especially and ALMOST exclusively considered and noted"; or as Dudgeon translates it: "the more striking, singular, uncommon and peculiar (character-

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istic) signs and symptoms of the case of disease are almost solely to be kept in view." *Per contra* the common symptoms without modalities or concomitants are of comparatively little use in individualization though they may be of use in certain cases in deciding between two or more remedies.

The abuse of the keynote consists entirely in depending on some peculiar symptom whether that symptom is a true keynote or not; for what is a keynote in one case may not be a keynote in another if less prominent or peculiar in its setting or if another keynote of greater significance should be present. I attended a young lady who was in a dazed condition with inability to pass urine in the presence of others, even the mother or nurse. This symptom was prominent and emphasized by the nurse and family. This is a keynote of *Natrum-mur.* but that remedy made no impression whatever on the patient. That was an abuse of the keynote system. The next morning I watched the patient carefully and noted great sensitiveness about the neck, unable to endure the slightest pressure or lightest clothing about the neck. There was also great sensitiveness about the pubes and lower abdomen; she was continually picking up her light chemise from these parts. Here we have a double keynote or two keynotes, both very prominent and peculiar and superior to the one belonging to *Natrum-mur.* *Lachesis* 9M. (F), 3p. 2h. apart completely relieved the entire condition promptly so that all were smiling and rejoicing when I called that evening. She needed no more medicine and was as well as usual in a couple of days.

The keynote is not the only note by any means but it is the guiding and controlling note as in a piece of music. No musician would try to make music by banging on the keynote alone; there would be no harmony nor music in such playing; but neither can there be intelligible music without the keynote. Of course the keynote is not applicable in all cases because some present no keynotes or only superficial or irrelevant symptoms that resemble but really are not keynotes. Some remedies with only a paucity of symptoms have only one keynote which, when it does occur, does valiant work. "Sensation of a hard-boiled egg in the stomach" is about the only guide to *Abies nigra* but when it is present it is a thriller. "Sensation of corkscrew pains in the uterus and ap-