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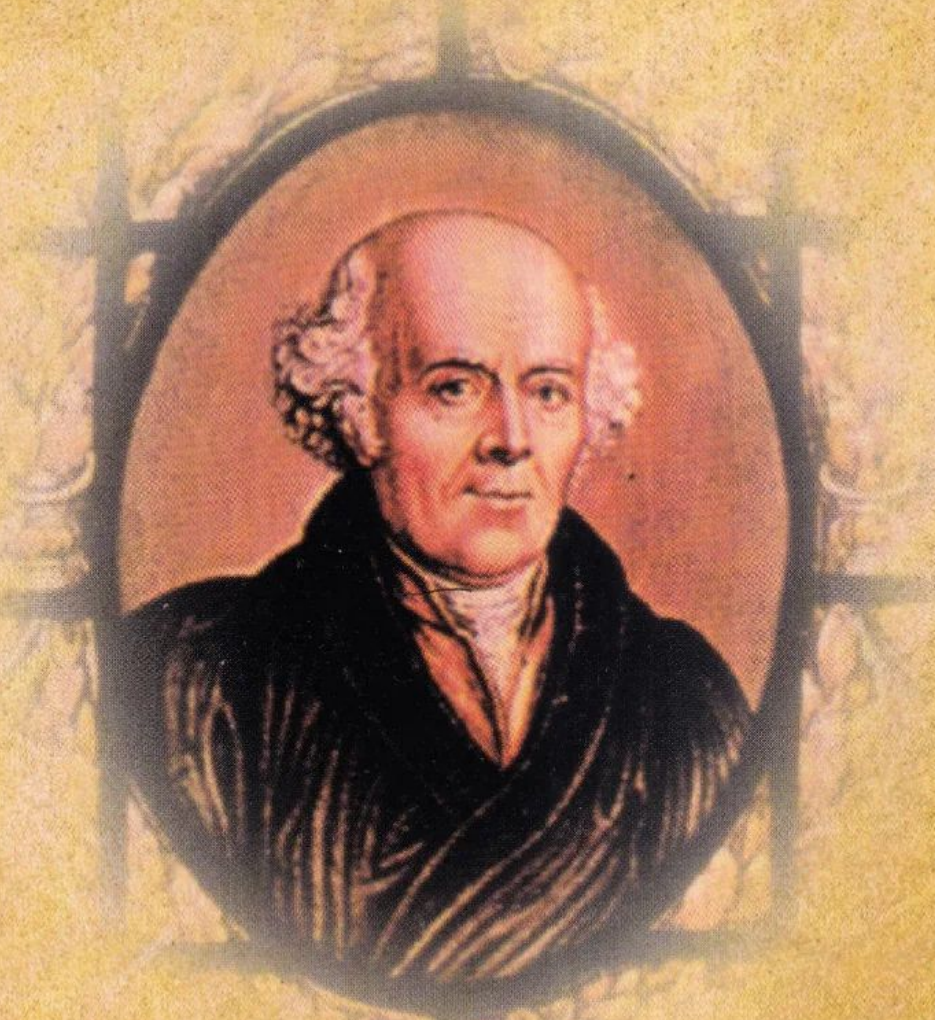
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ANTIPSORIC MEDICINES.

AGARICUS MUSCARIUS.*

(TOAD-STOOL.)

Agaricus is the fetid toad-stool with scarlet-red top, which is studded with whitish warts and has a white border. Of the toad-stool carefully dried take one grain, or two grains of the fresh plant, and triturate it like any of the other medicines with sugar of milk for three hours; this preparation is afterwards dissolved, attenuated and potentized by two succussive strokes for every potency until we reach the thirtieth potency (or x).

Apelt found it useful in pains of the upper jaw-bone and of the teeth, as well as in pains of the bones of the lower limbs (seemingly in the marrow) and finally in itching eruptions as large as millet seeds, set closely together; as also in lassitude following coition.

Whistling cured with it convulsions and trembling, and *J. C. Bernhard* cured with it even several varieties of epilepsy.

Dr. Woost saw the effects of agaricus in large does extend for seven or eight weeks.

Camphor is the chief antidote in ailments due to toad-stool even when they become chronic.

The abbreviations of the names of my fellow-provers are as follows:

Ap., *Apelt*; *Gr.*, *Dr. Gross*; *Fr. H.*, *Dr. Frederick Hahnemann*,

* Agaricus appears for the first time in this second edition, but Hahnemann acknowledges that his fellow observers and he himself also had already published their observations—Hahnemann with his son and Langhammer in Vol. IX., Apelt in Vol. X., of the *Archiv*; Gross Schreter and Stapf in the *Prakt. Mitth. d. cen. Gesell. hom. Aerzte* for 1828, Ng., Seidel, Sch., and Woost in Hartlaub and Trink's *Arzneimittellehre*, Vol. III., 1831. Apelt proved a tincture of the fresh fungus, beginning with six to eight drops of the tincture and going on to the twelfth and thirtieth potencies; he gives his symptoms in schema form only, and does not indicate how each one was obtained. Of the Goses taken by Gross we have no record, and the same may be said of the remaining observers; but from the dates of their publications it may fairly be inferred that their provings were made after the earlier rather than the later manner. For the same reasons Hahnemann's own symptoms—to which no addition has here been made—may be accounted as derived from provings on the healthy and not from observations on the sick. Triturations of the dried fungus seem to have been used by all but Apelt. (Concerning Ng. see note on preface to Alumina.)—*Hughes*.

Lgh., Dr. Langhammer; *Ng.*, an anonymous contributor; *Sdl.*, Seidel; *St.*, Medicinalrath Dr. Stapf; *Schrt.*, Schrëter; *Sch.*, another anonymous contributor; and *Wst.*, Dr. Woost, in Oschatz*

AGARICUS MUSCARIUS.

Dejection of mind. [*Ap.*]

Despondency. [*Ap.*]

Anxious forebodings, as if she were about to experience something disagreeable. [*Ap.*]

Unsteadiness and restlessness of spirit and of body (after ½ hour.) [*Schrt.*]

5. The mind is restless and troubled; he was always solely occupied with his present and his future condition. [*Lgh.*]

Disinclination to speak, without being ill-humored. [*Ap.*]

He compels himself to speak, but answers in few words, though otherwise cheerful. [*Ap.*]

It seems as if he could not find the words to express himself. [*Ap.*]

Disinclination to speak with treffulness, peevishness and disinclination to work. [*Lgh.*]

10. Fretful mood. [*Wst.*]

Very peevish and irritable. [*Ap.*]

Ill-humored and indifferent. [*Sdl.*]

While at other times full of great solicitude, she is now altogether indifferent. [*Ap.*]

Indifferent, self-absorbed mood with aversion to all occupation. [*Sdl.*]

15. Disinclination to all work. [*Ap.—Gr.*]

He trifles with all manner of things, merely to avoid working. [*Schrt.*]

Disgust for all work which occupies the mind, and if he nevertheless undertakes it, there arise a rush of blood to the head, throbbing in the arteries, flushes in the face, and the thinking faculty is disturbed. [*Sdl.*]

Forgetful; he finds it difficult to recall what he has before heard and thought. [*Schrt.*]

Loss of consciousness. [LERGER, *Memorabilien* vol. iii, p. 334.]

20. Drunken fearless frenzy with bold, vengeful determinations. [*Voigtel A. M. L.* vol. ii, part ii, p. 352.]

Shy insanity. [MURRAY, *Apparatus Medicam.* v, 557.]

*Throughout the work the symptoms without a name or mark are contributed by myself. With respect to the symptoms of other contributors, I have sometimes found it necessary for the convenience of my readers to abbreviate phrases unnecessarily extended, sometimes also to substitute more intelligible expressions in the place of obscure or idiomatic ones. I have not knowingly omitted anything essential.—*Sam. Hahnemann.*

- Frenzy. [VOIGTEL *ibid.*]
 Fearless, threatening, destructive frenzy, also such as turns against itself and injures itself, combined with great exertion of strength. [MURRAY *ibid.*]
 Causes cheerfulness. [*Pharmakol. Lex.* vol. i, p. 74.]
25. Cheerful, careless mood. [*Wst.*].
 Cheerful mood but without any impulse toward conversation. [*Ap.*]
 Extravagant fancy, rapture, prophesying, making verses. [*Murray ibid.*]
 Quiet, equable, sociable, active, and glad of having done his duty (curative action). [*Lgh.*]
 Muddled feeling in the head. [*Ap.*]
30. Muddled feeling in the head with dull pains (aft. 2 h.). [*Schrt.*]
 Muddled feeling and heaviness in the head (aft. 5 h.). [*Sch.*]
 Continued heaviness in the head (aft. 5 h.). [*Sch.*]
 Painful heaviness in the forehead (on 5th d.). [*Ng.*]
 Sensation of a tugging down heaviness in the two temples, reaching to the middle of the ears, as if there were a heavy load hanging on both sides of the head, more during the day than in the morning, and worse when touched. [*Fr. H.*]
35. Heaviness of the head as after intoxication (aft. ½ h.). [*Schrt.*]
 In the morning heaviness and chaotic sensation in the head, as if he had been on a spree the day before; this lasts for six days. [*Sch.*]
 Dulness, imbecility (after-effects in old age). [*Murray, App. Med.* v, p. 557.]
 Dizziness, stupefaction.
 Dizziness as from intoxication. [VOIGTEL, *ibid.*]
40. Pleasant intoxication. [MURRAY, *ibid.*]
 Drunkenness. [*Pharmakol. Lex. ibid.*]
 Reeling and sinking down (on 2d d.). [LERGER, *ibid.*]
 Reeling when walking in the open air (aft. 1 h.) [*Ap.*]
 Reeling as from spirituous liquors; in walking in the open air he staggers about. [*Lgh.*]
45. Vertigo.
 Vertigo and stupidity in the morning (aft. 3 h.). [*Fr. H.*]
 Vertigo in the morning as after a spree (aft. ¼ h.) [*Ap.*]
 Vertigo coming on especially in the morning and lasting for 1-8 minutes, returning after short intervals several times during the day. [*Ap.*]
 Strong sun-light in the morning causes a momentary vertigo, even to falling down. [*Wst.*]
50. Attacks of vertigo with a tottering gait and obscuration of the vision even as to near objects, coming and going at intervals of five minutes; this can only be entirely removed by the reception of different ideas. [*Ap.*]
 Vertigo while meditating while walking in the open air (aft. 8 d.) [*Ap.*]

- Attacks of vertigo in the open, air which passed away in the room, for several days. [*Sch.*]
- Vertigo in the room while turning around. [*Ap.*]
- Vertigo which passes away for a length of time by quickly turning about or by turning the head. [*Ap.*]
55. Headache early in bed. [*Ap.*]
- Headaches of various kinds in the left half of the occipital bone, *while sitting*. [*Ap.*]
- Dull headache in the right temple. [*Ap.*]
- Dull headache especially in the forehead, during which he has to move his head to and fro; this causes the eyes to close as if for sleep. [*Ap.*]
- Dull, stupefying headache with thirst and heat especially in the face (at once). [*Schrt.*]
60. Dull pressive headache which passes away after a copious stool, with flushes of heat. [*Wst.*]
- Pressive headache in fits and starts, before going to bed.
- Pressure in the frontal sinuses. [*Ap.*]
- Violent pressive pain in the forehead with vertigo, while sitting down. [*Ap.*]
- Pressure from the forehead down on the upper half of the eye-balls (aft. 1½ h.). [*Wst.*]
65. Violent pressure in the right temple or the temporal bone. [*Gr.*]
- Pressure on the upper part of the left temporal bone just above the auricle, extending deep into the brain, increased by pressure or by touching the hair, attended with complete despondency. [*Ap.*]
- Painful pressure in the zygomatic process of the left temporal bone. [*Gr.*]
- Pressure in the occiput (on 1st d.). [*Sdl.*]
- Violent pressive headache, especially in the occiput; after dinner (on 9th d.). [*Sdl.*]
70. Pressure with stitches in the forehead above the eyes. [*Ap.*]
- Painful drawing pressure from the left side of the forehead to the right, while sitting down (aft. ½ h.) [*Lgh.*]
- Drawing pains in the head, early on awaking, with pressure on the eye-balls. [*Sdl.*]
- Drawing pain in the forehead. [*Ap.*]
- Drawing from both sides of the frontal bone to the root of the nose. [*Gr.*]
75. Very painful drawing through the temples, forehead or eye-balls. [*Sdl.*]
- Drawing in the head in all directions with a sensation as if becoming unconscious. [*Gr.*]
- Drawing pain in the occiput, in the afternoon. [*Ap.*]
- Drawing headache in the occiput early in bed, as if the result of lying in a wrong position, increased by extending the arms and stretching while holding the breath. [*Wst.*]
- Drawing cutting pain in the forehead while standing; when sitting down this becomes a pressive stupefaction of the head (aft. 1½ h.). [*Lgh.*]

80. Intermittent drawing and tearing pain in the forehead (aft. 33 h.). [*Lgh.*]
 Tearing in the forehead, just above the root of the nose. [*Ap.*]
 Tearing in the region of the right temple. [*Gr.*]
 Tearing in the left side of the occiput, returning at short intervals. [*Ap.*]
 Jerking tearing in the head, terminating behind the right ear where it is most painful.
85. Headache as if the brain were being torn.
 Tearing with pressure in the whole left circumference of the brain, strongest in the left orbit and zygoma with a muddled feeling in the head (aft. 8 h.). [*Gr.*]
 Tearing stitches in the occiput from one side to the other, early in the morning (on the 2d d.). [*Wst.*]
 Violent lancinating tearing from the crown to the left ear (aft. 6 h.). [*Wst.*]
 Fine stitches in the right temple (aft. ½ h.). [*Schrt.*]
90. Burrowing pain in the head, lasting only a few minutes, but returning very frequently. [*Ap.*]
 Violent burrowing pain in the left frontal eminence (aft. 3 h.). [*Ap.*]
 Boring pains deep in the brain at the crown of the head. [*Ap.*]
 Pain as from a nail in the right side of the head. [*Gr.*]
 Throbbing in the crown of the head with a desperation bordering on frenzy.
95. Tearing drawing pains externally in the integuments of the head (the skin and bones), increased by pressure, especially in a little spot on the crown, which pains as if it were internally festering, at night (aft. 18 d.). [*Sdl.*]
 Sensitiveness of the skin of the head as if ulcerating.
 Twitches in the skin of the forehead over the right eye. [*Ap.*]
 Repeated painless twitches on the right temple, beside the eye (the 7th d.). [*Ng.*]
 Cramplike pain in the left temple (aft. 37 h.). [*Lgh.*]
100. Sensation of cold as of ice on the right frontal bone which is covered with hair, while externally it feels warm. [*Ap.*]
 After a preceding itching and scratching, icy cold in the region of the coronal suture frequently returning, and progressively more in front until it comes into the part of the forehead not covered with hair. [*Ap.*]
 Itching of the hairy scalp. [*Ap.*]
 Itching of the whole hairy scalp, as if it were healing; this provokes scratching. [*Lgh.*]
 Troublesome itching of the hairy scalp, especially early after rising; it passes away by scratching with a sharp comb. [*Wst.*]
105. Pimples on the hairy scalp. [*Ap.*]
 In the eyebrows, itching. [*Ap.*]
 Falling out of the hair of the eyebrows. [*Ap.*]
 Pressure in the eyes. [*Fr. H.*]
 Pressure in the left eyeball (aft. 10 h.). [*Wst.*]

110. Pressure in the eyes and inclination to close them, without sleepiness, after dinner. [*Ap.*]
 Pressure in the eyes and upon the forehead, as if something were pressing inwardly (aft. 10 min.). [*Schrt.*]
 Pressure in the corner of the left eye, as if from the presence of a foreign body. [*Ap.*]
 Pressure and drawing in the eyeballs, especially on the left, reaching into the forehead (on 4th d.). [*Sdl.*]
 Very painful drawing in the eyeballs (on 3d and 4th d.) [*Sdl.*]
115. Spasmodic pain under the curve of the right eyebrow, which renders the opening of the eyes difficult (aft. 5 h.). [*Lgh.*]
 Itching and tickling in the right eye (aft. 1 h.). [*Schrt.*]
 Tickling itching in the left eye, which necessitates rubbing (aft. 3 h.). [*Lgh.*]
 Itching and quivering of the left lower eyelid, necessitating rubbing. [*Ap.*]
 Itching and pressing in the right eye, which only ceases for a short time on rubbing it. [*Schrt.*]
120. **Burning of the eyes** with a sensation of contraction, in the evening (on 1st d.). [*Ng.*]
 Burning of the inner canthi of the eyes, as though they were inflamed, with increased painfulness on being touched. [*Gr.*]
 Burning in the inner canthi when he compresses the lids. [*Gr.*]
 Burning pressive pains over the right eye with lachrymation (aft. 1½ h.). [*Sch.*]
 Redness of the white of the eye. [*Fr. H.*]
125. Yellow color of the white of the eyes (on 3d d.). [*Sdl.*]
 Swelling of the lids of the left eye toward the inner canthus, whereby the eye is somewhat diminished in size. [*Ap.*]
 Contraction of the eyelids (aft. 2 h.). [*Schrt.*]
 Contraction and narrowing of the inner canthus of the left eye. [*Ap.*]
 Sensation of contraction of the right eye with increased brightness of vision, followed by itching in the eyeball and lachrymation, and finally twitching in the left eye such as had previously occurred in the right eye; wine at once did away with this symptom [*Ap.*]¹
130. **Contraction of the open space between the eyelids for several days** without swelling and often with twitching and quivering of the eyelids. [*Ap.*]
 The open space between the eyelids is narrower than usual, and can only be enlarged by exertion. [*Schrt.*]
Twitching in the eyeballs often, first in one and then in the other, in the left eye it is sometimes accompanied with lachrymation. [*Ap.*]
 Frequent twitching and pressure in the left eyeball while reading. [*Ap.*]

¹ 129. This symptom with 5, 327, 506, 582, 692, 694 and 708 on a second application occurred in a patient affected with involuntary twitching of the right eyelid, for which he held to the open eye for a few moments a vial of the thirtieth dilution.

- Twitching with pressive pain in the left eyeball at any time of the day and under any circumstances ; it necessitates wiping the eyes, but this does not cause it to cease. [Ap.]**
135. **Frequent quivering in the eyelids, mostly in only a small portion of them and extending more towards one canthus. [Ap.]**
 Quivering of the right lower eyelid, with pulsation of an artery to the left and at the back of the nose, and twitching in the skin on the left side of the nose. [Ap.]
 Dryness of the eyes. [Ap.]
 The lachrymal caruncle of the left eye is enlarged for several days. [Ap.]
140. **Lachrymation of the right eye (on 1st and 2d d.). [Ng.]**
 Lachrymation of the right eye (aft. 3 h.). [Schrt.]
 Sensation in the eyes as if they ought to be constantly wiped. [Fr. H.]
 The eyelids are joined together as if by mucous threads, and this only passes away temporarily by wiping them.
Gum in the canthi of the eyes (aft. 6 h.). [Lgh. Schrt.]
Viscous yellow humor (at first white) which glues the eyelids together; this exudes continually, even during the day; but most in the mornings and evenings in the inner canthi. [Gr.]
145. **The pupils are first dilated (aft. $\frac{3}{4}$ h.) then contracted (aft. 25 h.). [Lgh.]**
 Gradual diminution of the vision while walking in the open air (aft. 7 h.). [Ap.]
 Great weariness (weakness) of the eyes, things grow pale if she looks for some time at any object. [Ap.]
Short-sightedness and dimness of vision of both eyes. [Ap.]
Very indistinct vision; objects must be quite near to his eyes in order that he may properly distinguish them. [Ap.]
150. **He is obliged in reading to bring the letters more and more closely to his eyes, in order to distinguish them clearly, then he must at once remove them to a greater distance, as else the vision becomes dim again. [Ap.]**
 Dimness before the eyes, with sleepiness. [Wst.]
Dimness of vision, everything appears obscured as if seen through turbid water, so that he must make a great effort to recognize objects. [Ap.]
 All objects appear enveloped in a fog and thus obscured. [Ap.]
 Whatever comes before his eyes is as it were covered with a cobweb and obscured. [Ap.]
155. **A black fly floats before his left eye at the distance of half a yard and when winking it flits to and fro. [Fr. H.]**
 In rainy weather a brown fly flits before the left eye toward the inner canthus. [Ap.]
 In closing the right eye, there appears before the left a small somewhat elongated dark-brown spot, which flits about pretty near to the eye, mostly in an oblique direction toward the inner corner of the eye. [Ap.]

- He imagines that he sees things double. [*Wst.*]
 Photophobia. [*Ap.*]
160. Earache, a tearing in the auditory meatus of the right ear, which is excited and increased by cold air penetrating into the ear, extends to the upper jaw and continues several days. [*Ap.*]
 Stitches in the left mastoid process. [*Wst.*]
 Itching in and behind the ears. [*Ap.*]
 Itching in the external meatus of the right ear. [*Ap.*]
 Itching with tickling in the right ear, inciting to scratching (aft. 29 h.). [*Lgh.*]
165. Itching, mostly in the left ear, which induces boring with the finger. [*Ap.*]
 Itching on the lobules of the ears. [*Ap.*]
 Itching on the external ear compelling him to rub; this causes redness and soreness, without stopping the itching. [*Ap.*]
 Itching, redness and burning of the ears, as if they had been frozen. [*Gr.*]
 Itching and pimples on the posterior surface of the external ear. [*Ap.*]
170. Sensation in the ears as if ear-wax was running out. [*Ap.*]
 Buzzing in the ears.
 Ringing in the right ear while walking in the open air (aft. 4 h.). [*Lgh.*]
 On the nose: a sudden pressure on the upper part of the dorsum of the nose. [*Ap.*]
 Sharp stitches in the left side of the root of the nose. [*Gr.*]
175. Great sensitiveness of the inner walls of the nose. [*Ap.*]
 Itching on the outer surface of the nose. [*Ap.*]
 Violent itching on the alæ of the nose, compelling him to rub. [*Ap.*]
 Pricking in the right nostril and eye, as from an incitation to sneezing. [*Ap.*]
 Tickling itching in the left nostril, that compels rubbing (aft. 14 h.). [*Lgh.*]
180. Burning pain in the nose and the eyes (from the vapor).
 Soreness and inflammation of the internal paries of the nose. [*Ap.*]
 Blowing of blood from the nose in the morning immediately after rising from bed, followed by violent bleeding from the nose (aft. 33 h.). [*Gr.*]
 Epistaxis. [*Sch.*]
 Increased acuteness of olfaction. [*Ap.*]
185. In the face, in the left cheek, stitches extending upward from the lower jaw (aft. 1 h.). [*Wst.*]
 Obtuse stitches in the right cheek-bone. [*Schrt.*]
 Lancinating, drawing pain in the right cheek (aft. 2h.). [*Sch.*]
 Quick throbbing of an artery in the left cheek with shooting stitches from the left eye to the upper jaw. [*Ap.*]
 Quivering, like pulsation, in the right cheek (aft. 8 d.). [*Ap.*]
190. Burning of the cheeks. [*Wst.*]