



Tarentula

‘A Hysterical Remedy’

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Spider Group

- Class: *Arachnida*.
- Subclass: *Aranidae*.
- Spiders are solitary creatures as their mothers lay the eggs and die before they hatch.
- Free spirits by nature, thus deep acting in nature.





History: Greek Mythology

- Arachne, a Lydian girl, exceptionally skilled at weaving, in arrogance, challenged the Goddess Athena & mocked the gods in the design of her woven cloth.
- Gods sought vengeance by turning her into a spider so she could weave to her heart's content. Spider species has been termed “arachnid” in honour of this myth.
- Remedy Picture:
 - ✓ Notoriously industrious, workaholics.
 - ✓ Women are often exceptionally good at knitting, weaving, tapestry and similar crafts.
 - ✓ Men often pursue rock climbing.
 - ✓ Very boastful and often have a vengeful streak.
 - ✓ Revenge comes easily to a spider!



Doctrine of Signature

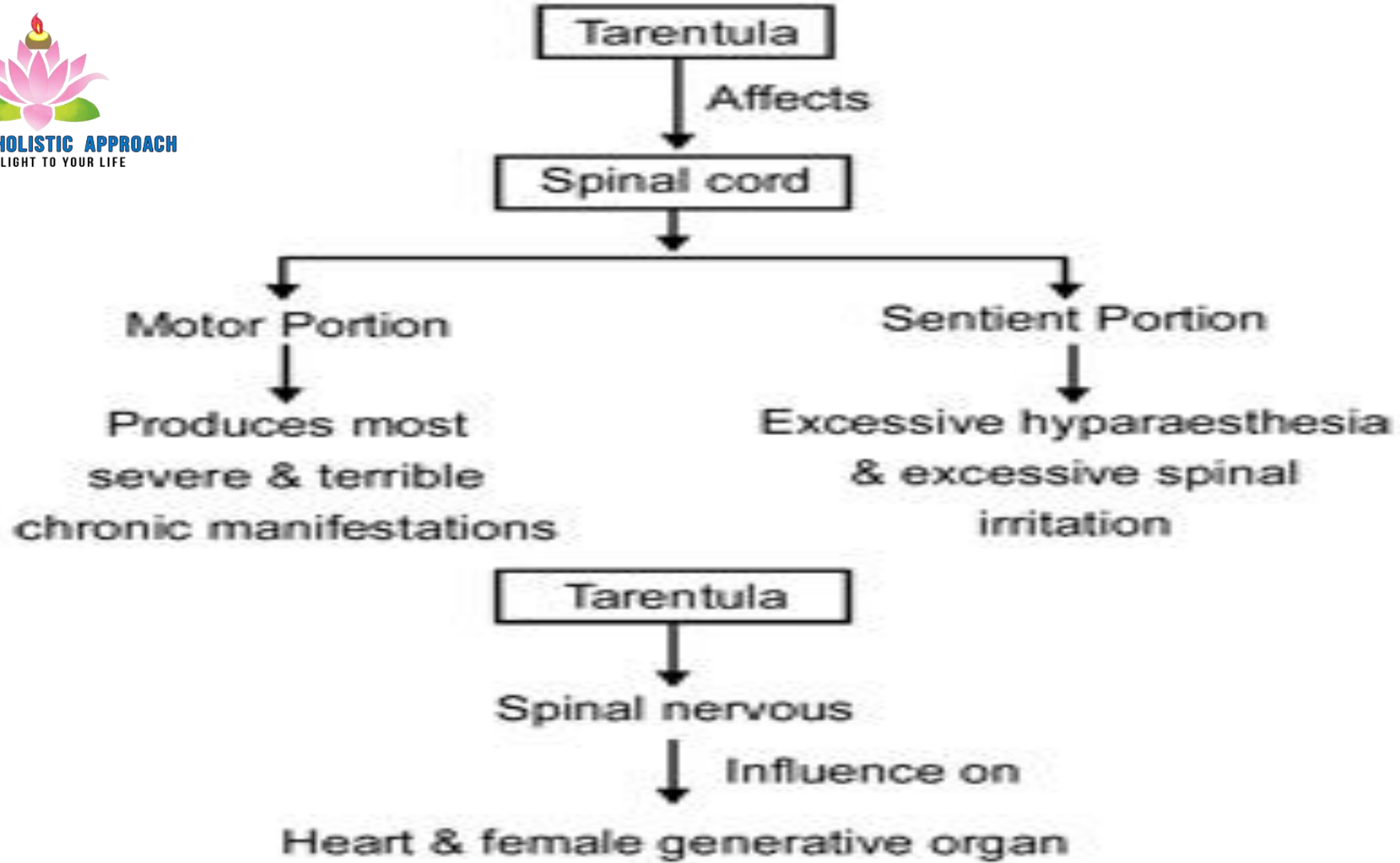
- Restlessness: Spider has eight legs surrounding the whole body and they are in constant motion.
- Cunning & Deceptive behaviour: Spider captures its prey in a very cunning and deceptively woven web.
- Violent: Spider's poison has a very violent action. Also, female spider kills her mating partner, if she does not get the required space after mating.
- Desire to Dance, which ameliorates: Male spider is known to dance during the mating season to attract the females.

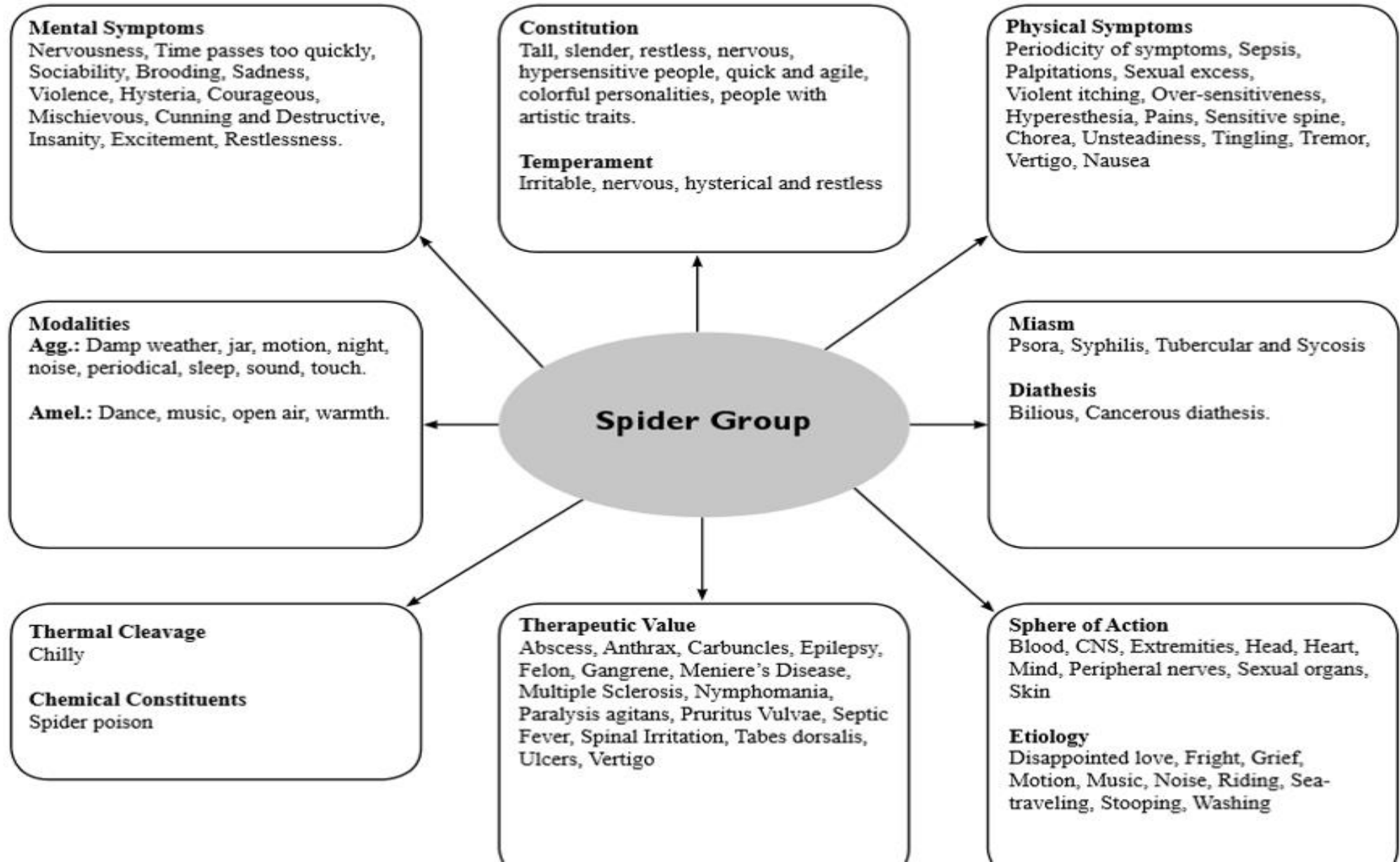


Theme



- ❖ Traps
- ❖ Jealousy
- ❖ Revenge
- ❖ Vindictive
- ❖ Periodicity
- ❖ Suddenness
- ❖ Intelligence
- ❖ Hurriedness
- ❖ Restlessness
- ❖ Changeability
- ❖ High sexuality
- ❖ Power struggle
- ❖ Possessiveness
- ❖ Productiveness
- ❖ Sensitivity to noise
- ❖ Involuntary movements
- ❖ Manipulative relationship







Important Remedies

- *Aranea diadema* (Spider papal cross)
- *Aranea scinencia* (Gray spider)
- *Latrodectus hasselti* (New South Wales black spider)
- *Latrodectus kalipo* (New Zealand and spider)
- *Latrodectus mactans* (American black widow)
- *Mygale lasidora* (Black Cuban spider)
- *Tarentula cubensis* (Cuban spider)
- *Tarentula hispanica* (Spanish spider)
- *Tela araneorum* (Spiders web)
- *Theridion curassavicum* (West Indian orange spider)

Tarentula: Introduction



- Tarentula hispanica/Lycosa tarentula: Proved By Nunez.
- “Tarantella” is a dance named from the city of Tarentum.
- "Tarantism” is a dancing mania, set up in persons bitten by the Tarentula, or in those who imagine themselves bitten. Cure of which is music and dancing.
- A patient dancing up and down, with fits of nervous laughter, then suddenly screaming, may be Tarentula – Dr S.R. Phatak.



Characteristics as per Doctrine of Signature

- Spiders hurriedly make their webs, similarly a patient of *Tarentula hispanica* are hurried, highly industrious and productive in their work.
- Like an intelligent spider digs a vertical hole in the ground and covers it with the web so that it resembles the surroundings to tempt the prey, *Tarentula* is extremely **intelligent** and **cunning**.
- Spiders attack their prey suddenly and violently, such **violence** is seen in patients in the form of violent movements like twitching, jerking, and epilepsy.
- *Tarentula hispanica* is the most **dramatic** of the spider remedies.
- *Tarentula* patient frequently imagines that she has been insulted.
- Full of excitement with singing, dancing and weeping.
- May see monsters, animals, faces, insects, ghosts or strangers in the room.



Poisoning By Tarentula's Bite

- Bitten part swollen and discolored.
- Lymphatic glands enlarged.
- Neck swelling of a dark red or purplish hue.
- Choking after epistaxis with discharge of dark clots.
- Cerebral congestion, violently throbbing carotid arteries.
- Pale, earthy hue to face.
- Fauces swollen and purplish.
- Difficulty in swallowing, of a paralytic origin.



TARENTULA HISPANICA

Ailments From

- Fall.
- Unrequited love.
- Bad news.
- Scolding.
- Punishment.
- Sepsis. (especially *Tarentula cubensis*)

~~HYSTERIA~~ ~~HYSTERIA~~ ~~HYSTERIA~~ ~~HYSTERIA~~ ~~HYSTERIA~~
EPILEPSY CANCER DEPRESSION ANXIETY ?



Mind



- Very sensitive.
- Hysteria and foxiness when she finds people observing her, she feigns all sort of sickness like fainting and other manipulations.
- Feigning, demeanour, shy but actually very cunning.
- Destructiveness, insanity.
- All complaints are relieved by music.
- Express rhythm through dance.
- Energetic: Spot the Tarentula woman at the nightclub, dancing on the speakers! The rhythm is all-important.
- Clairvoyance, usually in a “gut feeling” sense (not true visions of clairvoyance) as
- Great fear, especially of death.



Characteristic Symptoms

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- Burning thirst for large draughts of water.
 - Dark and foetid stools.
 - Scanty urine, voided with difficulty.
 - Nervous symptoms & hysteria.
 - Marked spinal irritation.
 - Great excitability of nerve terminations.
 - Hands in constant motion, trying to work off this over-excitability.
 - Playing of a lively piece of music excites her, and starts her to acting like one crazy.
 - No observers, No hysterical attacks.
 - Attention = Twitching.
 - Headache, better from boring the head into pillow and rubbing.



Leading indications

- Restlessness, can never sit still.
- Mentally and physically, keeps in constant motion even though motion aggravates.
- Sensitive to music/better by music and rhythm, massaging, dancing and rubbing.
- Chorea and involuntary movements.
- Constant motion of different parts of body with special affinity to right arm and left leg. Movements stops only during sleep.
- Chilly, yet desire for and relieved in open air.
- Aversion to colours red green and black.
- Hysterical disposition, feigns sickness when observed, better when alone, sudden changes in mood.
- Complaints recur at the same time or period annually.
- Hyperesthesia with sudden attacks of chorea.
- Nymphomania, increased sexual desire going to a state of mania.



Remedy of Synalgias and Concomitants

- Neuralgia of inferior maxillary nerve accompanying pain with irritation in pit of stomach.
- Snapping and pain in ear associated with hiccough.
- Heat of face with heat of palms.
- Faint feeling in stomach with frontal headache.
- Desire is excited in both sexes to the point of mania. Coitus only < the sufferings of both.

Hysterical Symptoms



- Restlessness, particularly in the lower extremities, with desire to cry: must keep moving about though walking < all the symptoms.
- Mental symptoms, which almost exhaust the protean range of hysteria, in connection with sexual disorders; sighing, yawning; laughing and crying; joking and profound melancholy.
- Unceasing movements: twitching jerking, dancing.
- Hysterical hyperaesthesia: the least excitement irritates, followed by languid sadness; great excitability of nerve endings; tips of fingers extremely sensitive; feels sore and bruised all over, < moving about; spinal irritation, slightest touch along spine.
- Spasmodic pain in chest and heart regions.

Peculiar Sensations

- As if head were knocked, in morning.
- As if thousands of needles were pricking into brain.
- As if occiput were struck with a hammer (this sensation as if hammered occurs in many parts and may be considered a general indication).
- As of a hair in eye.
- Singing like a tea-kettle in left ear.
- As if lower teeth were going to fall out.
- As if a living body in stomach rising to throat.
- As if body were bruised.
- As if there were not sufficient space in hypogastrium.



Peculiar Sensations



- Painful uneasiness in coccyx.
- Motion in uterus as of a foetus.
- As of something crawling up legs under skin from feet to uterus.
- As if heart turned and twisted round.
- Heart as if squeezed and compressed.
- As of needles sticking into muscle of neck when touched.
- As of insects creeping and crawling.
- Tickling, burning, scorching, and numbness are prominent sensations.

Sexual Symptoms of Tarentula in a Proving

- Semen may be bloody, causing a sensation of heat in its passage.
- Sexual desire was so excited in one woman that when playing or dancing with men she hugged them before everybody; and was angry when reproved, but did it again.
- The periods were scanty and pale with severe pains in teeth and buttocks; at times she had a desire to take things which did not belong to her; the "Tarantella" played on the violin produced no effect on her, but as soon as she took in her arms a little girl, she began to cry until it was taken away.
- Cuttings and contractions in uterus; shootings in vagina; swelling and induration of uterus; expulsion of gas from uterus; pains in other parts associated with uterine pains; restlessness, hysteria.



Clinical tip: Action on Uterus & Ovaries

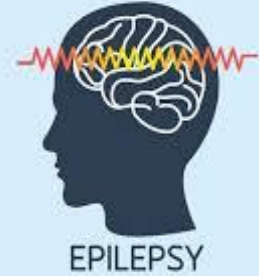
- As a palliative in uterine and ovarian enlargement.
- Pain in uterine region, with constrictive headache.
- Burning pain in hypogastrium and hips, with sensation as of a great weight in the pelvis.
- Profuse menses, followed by pruritus vulvae.
- Soreness and bruised all over, particularly when moving about.
- Longing for sleep, but so nervous that she cannot sleep.



Generals

- Like spiders drink the blood of their prey, hence there is thirst and lack of appetite.
- In extreme cases, this may develop into anorexia nervosa or bulimia.
- Desire for fruit, sour things, or very cold drinks.
- Aversion to colours like red, green and black.

Particular Symptoms



- Marked Emaciation, as if flesh falls off from him.
- Creeping and crawling in the skin all over the body.
- Paralysis of any part of the body, or of all the limbs.
- Trembling and jerking convulsions like St. Vitus' Dance, cure chorea when better from music, and also cure when worse from music.
- Full of pains in the body and limbs.
- Chill in the evening followed by fever without sweat.

Peculiar Features



- Stools occur immediately the head is washed.
- Wetting hands in cold water = symptoms.
- One pupil dilated, the other contracted.
- Extreme restlessness of the limbs is like *Ars.*, and it is a deep acting medicine like *Ars.*, and it sometimes has cured where *Ars.* has failed, although it seemed well selected.
- Anxiety, restlessness, constant motion of the arms, legs, trunk and head.
- Restlessness of the limbs in the evening, in bed before going to sleep, like *Ars.* and *Lyc.*

Modalities

- **Aggravation:** Periodicity, touch, cold, noise, damp, evening, night, hands in cold water, after menses and after coitus.
- **Amelioration:** Riding in a carriage, rubbing, pressure, relaxation, sweating, rhythmic music, warm water, open air.
- **Antidotes:** Lach.
- **Complementary:** Arsenicum album



According to Dr Farrington

- "When there are no observers there is no hysteria; when attention is directed to her she begins to twitch"; and "cunning attempts to feign paroxysms of wild dancing."
- The chorea of Trn. is most marked on right side.
- The neuralgias of Trn. may be anywhere; in the head they are of great intensity: "as if thousands of needles were pricking to the brain.
- They are < by noise, touch, strong light, > by rubbing head against pillow. ("> By rubbing" is a keynote condition of Trn.
- "Termini of nerves become so irritated that some kind of friction is necessary in order to obtain relief."
- Constrictive headache with pain in uterus.



Few Quoted Cases

- Dr Farrington relates a case of typhoid in a child cured by Trn. The child rolled its head and bit its nightgown. Apis. and Agn. improved. Trn. slightly aggravated at first, then rapidly improved.



Few Quoted Cases

- A Girl, three months old, was bitten by a tarentula. She appeared at first uneasy, then exhibited dyspnoea, and complained, showed signs of suffocation, vomited, was agitated and much convulsed. Music was played; movements of the limbs were set up, whence resulted profuse sweat, followed by sleep and complete recovery.



Few Quoted Cases

- Francis Mustel, a peasant, was bitten by a tarentula on the left hand, about the middle of July, as he was gathering corn. He went home with his companions but on the way fell as if struck by apoplexy. Dyspnoea followed, and face, hands, and feet became dark. Knowing the remedy, his companions fetched musicians. When the patient heard their playing he began to revive, to sigh, to move first his feet, then his hands, and then the whole body; at last getting on his feet he took to dancing violently, with sighing so laboured that the bystanders were almost frightened. At times he rolled himself on the ground and struck it vehemently with his feet. Two hours after the music began the blackness of his face and hands went off, he sweated freely, and regained perfect health. Every succeeding year at the same season the pain and attending symptoms returned, but less violently; and they could always be averted by music. But if the imminent paroxysm was not averted in time, he was found by his friends struck down as at first and was restored in the same way.

Few Quoted Cases

- C. M. Boger (Hahn. Ad., xxxviii. 40) cured a case of irritative cough with Trn. 30: Mr. B., 41, sore all over, throat feels dry, cough lying down at night and in morning after rising; dry with tearing pain in chest; excited by pressure of phlegm in chest feels short of breath for at least an hour after each coughing attack only > from smoking. Bad taste evening. Three doses cured. Diphtheria; tonsillitis of an intensity to threaten suffocation; cystitis; septic and intermittent fevers have been successfully met in Trn. on its indications.

Few Quoted Cases



- P. C. Majumdar (Ind. H. R., v. 43) reports this case: Girl, 18, had oppression of chest, suffocating sensation, continued jerking and movement of hands, foam at mouth, complete insensibility, profuse and delaying menses; very sleepy. Hystero-epilepsy was diagnosed. Ign. 30 did nothing. Trn., high, brought her out of the fit and restored her completely in a few minutes. But Trn. is not a hysteric remedy only.



Few Quoted Cases

- In M. A., xvii. 568 a case of hyperaesthesia of finger-tips is mentioned. The patient, a lady, 33, could not dress herself without gloves. The irritation caused at once a sensation in the teeth as if set on edge by a strong acid. The pain was not in the fingers. Trn. gave relief after Asar., Gels., and Sul. ac. had failed.

Tarentula Cubensis



- C.N. Mygale Cubensis. Arana peluda. Cuban Tarantula.
- N. O. Araneidae.
- Tincture of whole spider.
- Prepared from a decomposed specimen.
- Has a pyogenic effect on the body.
- Clinical utility: Carbuncle. Chorea. Intermittents.
- "The Mygale Cubensis, which may be called the Cuban Tarentula, also found in South Carolina and Texas, is a larger spider, of a dark brown colour, less poisonous, and covered with more hairs than the Tarentula Hispanica" (Hering).



Leading indications

- Remedy for pains of death, soothes the last struggle.
- Haemotoxic: Malignant suppurative conditions like carbuncles, felons, abscess and anthrax. (most severe).
- Periodicity: troubles occur at the same time every year.
- Atrocious burning and stinging pains, violent, aggravated at night, patient is forced to get up and walk about.
- Bluish purple hue of affected parts.
- Early and persistent prostration in septic conditions and diphtheria.
- Pthisis, especially about the genitals.
- Restless feet.
- Intermittent fever aggravated at night with septic chills.
- Left sided chorea.
- Whooping cough violence with dryness & hoarseness & and rawness of chest. After paroxysm gets out of breath.
- Malignant suppurative conditions like anthrax, carbuncle, Felons, abscess gangrene, especially where pain and inflammation predominates, Scirrhus cancer of breast, senile ulcers.



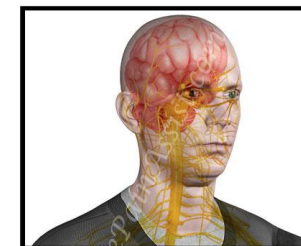
Characteristic Symptoms

- Carbuncle, even to sloughing; with great prostration and diarrhoea.
- Intermittent fever, with evening exacerbation.
- Keynote symptom is "atrocious pains."
- Compare: In intermittents, *Aran. d.* Carbuncle, *Anthrac.*, *Lach.*, *Sil.*

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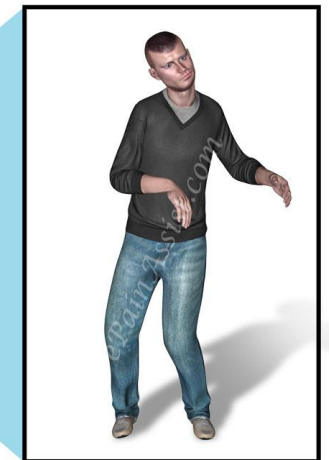
- A case of chorea in a girl of twelve is reported (H. M., March, 1901) cured with Trn. c. 6. The movements were confined to the left side, and occurred chiefly at night, when Trn. c. was prescribed.

Chorea



This is a genetic disorder which affects the functioning of the brain

Chorea is a medical condition and a type of movement disorder





Tarentula Hispanica

A viscous looking creature with two large fangs and long legs found mainly in Italy & Spain

**Overstimulation of the nervous system.
Overactivity. Industriousness.**

Dances up and down, erratic impulsive.



Tarentula Cubensis

A large hairy spider found in Texas and South California.

Pain of death, soothes the last struggles.

Anxiety while walking, which makes him walk faster.

A Case of Hysteria Cured By Tarentula



- A Father came with his son of 9 years, having complaints of recurrent episodes of symptoms like nervous coughing and headache since 6 months, which sometimes often led to irritability, extreme restlessness. The child also used to gasp for breath during the episode.
- The Episode used to occur once in a week, mostly in evening or night.
- He used to become more highly irritable at once when touched, and suddenly laughs at the same moment.
- No relief after medications even.
- Parents reported that they feel that he used to exaggerate the cough or his pain, showing off he is gasping for breath. As whenever they used to give him medicine and leave him aside for a moment. He started shouting, moving here and there.
- Also, he used to eat food hurriedly during that time.



More About The Case....

- Keynote symptom: Parents explained that if there is music around or we start the music, the child used to forget the pain or breathlessness and used to become calm listening to music.
- Generals: Desire for cold drinks.
- Mentals: H/o an episode of scolded by teacher without his mistake in school aorund 7-8 months back.

Prescription

- Tarentula hispanica 200/1 dose.
- PL 30/TDS/2 weeks.

WHY?

Concerning other related remedies we may profitably study the following. Compare Tarentula with :

In choreic symptoms, ACTEA RAC., STRAMON., *Hyosc.*, *Crocus*, AGARICUS MUS., *Caust.* (Mygale is comparable with the same remedies.)

Hysterical symptoms ; IGNATIA, MOSCHUS, STRAM., *Plat.*, *Hyosc.*, *Bellad.*, *Nux Mosch.*, *Nux Vom.*, *Laches.*, *Phos.*, *Zinc.*, *Origanum*.

Of these, STRAM., IGNATIA, *Hyosc.*, and *Bellad.* are most similar in the mental symptoms; MOSCHUS, IGNATIA, *Laches.*, in suffocation; *Mosch.*, *Plat.*, *Zinc.*, *Hyosc.*, *Stram.*, *Phosph.*, *Origan.*, in sexual excitement,



Follow up

- After 2 weeks, 1 Episode in 2 weeks. Prescribed Placebo for 1 week.
- After 1 week, no such episode. PL 30/TDS/2 weeks.
- Patient called in between after 9 days, as the episode recurred. Tarentula 200/1 dose repeated again.
- No episode since past 3 months.
- Patient is on PL 30 till date.



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