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Uncommon Remedies Some Random Thoughts

I know many remedies which are uncommon rare and mysterious but the one which has a long-lasting impression on my mind is a case which I palliated of bronchiectasis in a 65 years old woman living in a very poor circumstances almost hand to mouth living on charity, she was brought to me in Bombay hospital by a social worker with following complains.

Chronic bronchiectasis since many years on irregular treatment, the face was very dirty with lots of eruption oozing offensive sticky discharge, chronic cough with expectoration which was copious, viscid and very purulent, she was carrying a large mug in her hand to remove this, I was feeling so much nauseated looking at the sight of the patient. When I examined her, she had generalised crepitation all over the lungs, her body temperature was quite warm, her expression was full of suffering, she also complained of pain in legs esp. Tibia without any modality.

Here was my totality in words form.

- Bronchiectasis
- Chronic loose cough
- Facial eczema

- Fever due to suppuration in lungs
- Old lady
- Profuse expectoration
- Purulent expectoration
- Sicky expectoration

She had taken lots of antibiotics, ayurvedic herbs and tons of action 500 tablets for her fever, now since few years because of no money she does nothing just drinks hot water.

From the above totality I prescribed her Balsamum peruvianum 6c, for one month she was much better and later I increase it to 30c and 200c

which all most gave her 70 % relief then I took her case in detail adding some extra information and gave her Tuberculinum bovinum chiefly on following symptoms

- Cold wet weather aggravates
- Desire fresh open air
- Desire ice cream, spicy, salty.
- Lots of air hunger
- Milk allergies

What I learned from the case was following

- Chronic cough
- Copious expectoration
- Easy expectoration
- Old people
- Pain in legs esp. Tibia.
- Purulent cough

What I applied in future from this case was

- Bronchiectasis
- Cancer of lungs with copious cough which is purulent
- Chronic bronchitis
- Chronic fever
- Pain in tibia
- Pulmonary Tuberculosis with cough
- Purulent variety of pulmonary Tuberculosis
- Suppurative fever

Conclusion

It remains for homoeopathy to take up these neglected medicines and make of them valuable curative agents.

Although no systematic provings have been made of it, we know enough of it to assert that it is an analogue of phelandrinum, Stannum, and Myrtus chekans.

Its sphere of action is upon the mucous membranes, especially those of the respiratory tract. Its special indication is for muco-purulent discharge-yellow, green and foetid. The pathological condition calling for its use is doubtless purulent catarrh.

For many years I have made extensive use of this balsam, and have seen most gratifying results in the following affections:

Chronic, purulent, foetid anterior or posterior nasal catarrh, with or without sinusitis

Coughs, with copious expectoration of thick, yellow green and foetid pus.

This condition occurs commonly in old people, and may arise from laryngitis or bronchitis, or neglected pulmonary tuberculosis. It will not cure tubercular phthisis, but may act as useful palliative.

My usual dose is 6c, 12c or 30c or 3x. (It seems to act best in trituration.)