The Robert Scott Bell Show: Homeopathic Hits - Lobelia purpurascens

Lobelia purpurascens: The Respiratory Weakness/Paralysis, Drowsiness and Collapse Remedy

Introduction:
Today's Homeopathic Hit is Lobelia purpurascens, commonly known as Purple Lobelia. Boericke highlights this remedy for profound prostration of the vital forces and nervous system, respiratory paralysis, nervous prostration of influenza, coma, and a white, paralyzed tongue.

Origin of Lobelia purpurascens:
Prepared from Purple Lobelia, Lobelia purpurascens reflects a remedy picture centered on collapse-like weakness, depressed nervous energy, slow superficial respiration, drowsiness, headache with nausea and vertigo, and the sensation that the heart and lungs feel paralyzed.

Key Characteristics and Primary Uses

Profound Prostration: Marked exhaustion of the vital forces and nervous system is central to the remedy picture.
Respiratory Weakness: Respiration may be superficial, slow, and suggestive of respiratory paralysis.
Nervous Prostration of Influenza: Boericke specifically includes nervous prostration following influenza-like states.
Coma and Drowsiness: Coma, drowsiness, and inability to keep the eyes open are included.
Paralyzed Tongue: The tongue may appear white and feel paralyzed.
Confused and Depressed Head State: The head symptoms include confusion, depression, headache, nausea, and vertigo.
Pain Between the Eyebrows: Headache is especially noted between the eyebrows.
Spasmodic Lid Closure: The eyelids may close spasmodically, making it difficult or impossible to keep the eyes open.
Heart and Lung Paralytic Sensation: The heart and lungs may feel paralyzed, with the heartbeats sounding like the boom of a drum.
Slow Respiration: The chest picture includes slow, superficial breathing.

Dosages and Potencies

Boericke's Dose: Third potency.
Low to Medium Potencies: 3x, 6x, 6c, 12x, 12c, 15x, 30x, 30c.
Higher Potencies: Consult your favorite homeopath through GNHShealing.com or VibrantLife247.com.

Complementary Remedies

Based on nervous prostration, influenza weakness, coma, respiratory weakness, superficial breathing, chest oppression, and Boericke's listed relationships

Baptisia: Boericke lists this comparison; consider where prostration, stupor, and low vitality dominate.
Lobelia cardinalis: Boericke compares this for debility, oppressed breathing, pleurisy, and sticking chest pain on deep breathing.
Gelsemium: Compare in influenza-like prostration with drowsiness, heaviness, weakness, and dullness.
Bryonia alba: Liver and lung polycrest.
Antimonium tartaricum: Compare where respiration is weak, difficult, and burdened with chest oppression.
Carbo vegetabilis: Compare in collapse-like states with weak vitality and labored breathing.
Opium: Compare where coma, stupor, and heavy nervous depression are prominent.
Camphora: Compare in collapse states with great prostration and coldness.
Lobelia inflata: Compare in nausea, respiratory distress, and nervous weakness within the Lobelia family picture.

Cautions:
Respiratory paralysis, coma, severe prostration, slow breathing, chest oppression, or inability to stay awake should be treated as urgent medical warning signs. This remedy discussion is educational and should not be used to delay emergency care.

Conclusion:
When the vital forces feel drained, when influenza leaves behind nervous collapse, when the eyes cannot stay open, and when breathing becomes shallow with a sensation that the heart and lungs are paralyzed, Lobelia purpurascens reflects Boericke's focused remedy state - a Purple Lobelia remedy centered on nervous prostration, respiratory weakness, coma-like heaviness, and profound collapse.

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