The Robert Scott Bell Show: Homeopathic Hits - Mercurius dulcis

Mercurius dulcis: The Eustachian Congestion, Meningitis, Cirrhosis and Ulceration Remedy

Introduction:
Today's Homeopathic Hit is Mercurius dulcis, commonly known as Calomel. Boericke highlights this remedy for catarrhal inflammation of the ear, Eustachian catarrh, deafness, bilious diarrhoea, soreness of the anus, prostatitis, plastic exudates, dropsical states, jaundice, and cirrhosis of the liver.

Origin of Mercurius dulcis:
Prepared from Calomel, Mercurius dulcis reflects a remedy picture centered on catarrhal inflammation, mucous membrane irritation, glandular and liver involvement, and inflammatory states marked by plastic exudation. Boericke especially emphasizes its use in ear catarrh, bilious fevers, peritonitis, meningitis, and combined renal-cardiac dropsical states.

Key Characteristics and Primary Uses

Eustachian Catarrh: Catarrhal inflammation of the ear, closure of the Eustachian tube, and deafness are prominent.
Otitis Media: Middle-ear inflammation may occur, especially with retracted, thickened, immovable membrana tympani.
Scrofulous Ear Troubles: Boericke notes ear troubles in scrofulous children.
Bilious Diarrhoea: Stools may be dark-green, watery, griping, or contain scanty bloody mucus and bile.
Sore and Burning Anus: Diarrhoeal states may be accompanied by soreness and burning of the anus.
Mouth and Throat Ulceration: Offensive breath, salivation, sore gums, ulcers, black tongue, dysphagia, and granular pharyngitis are included.
Cyclic Vomiting of Infants: Boericke compares this picture with Cuprum arsenicosum and Iris.
Plastic Exudate: Inflammatory states with plastic exudate are part of the remedy picture.
Dropsy with Jaundice: Dropsies from combined renal and cardiac disease, especially with jaundice, are noted by Hale.
Liver Cirrhosis: Boericke includes cirrhosis, especially the hypertrophic form.
Prostatitis: Prostatic inflammation is included among the remedy indications.
Skin and Glands: Flabby, ill-nourished skin, swollen glands, phagedenic ulcers, and copper-colored eruptions may appear.

Dosages and Potencies

Boericke's Dose: Third to sixth trituration.
Low Triturations: Boericke notes use of 1x in cirrhosis, according to Jousset.
Palliative Note: Boericke describes non-homeopathic use for bowel evacuation, but this is not a do-it-yourself recommendation.
Low to Medium Potencies: 3x, 3c, 6x, 6c, 12x, 12c, 15x, 30x, 30c.
Higher Potencies: Consult your favorite homeopath through GNHShealing.com or VibrantLife247.com.

Complementary Remedies

Based on Eustachian catarrh, otitis media, deafness, bilious diarrhoea, ulceration of mouth and throat, plastic exudate, jaundice, dropsy, liver cirrhosis, and Boericke's listed relationship
Kali muriaticum: Boericke lists this comparison for catarrhal and plastic exudative states.
Pulsatilla: Compare in catarrhal ear inflammation, Eustachian obstruction, and middle-ear complaints.
Kali bichromicum: Compare in thick catarrhal discharges, ulceration, and chronic mucous membrane inflammation.
Mercurius solubilis: Compare in salivation, offensive breath, ulcerated mouth and throat, and glandular involvement.
Chelidonium majus: Compare in jaundice and liver involvement.
Carduus marianus: Compare in cirrhosis, hepatic congestion, and portal-liver disturbance.
Apocynum cannabinum: Compare in dropsical states linked with heart and kidney weakness.
Arsenicum album: Compare in offensive diarrhoea, weakness, burning, and deep prostration.
Cuprum arsenicosum: Boericke compares this in cyclic vomiting of infants.
Iris versicolor: Boericke compares this in cyclic vomiting with gastric and bilious disturbance.

Cautions:
Ear infection, hearing loss, jaundice, bloody mucus in stool, persistent vomiting in infants, dropsy, suspected meningitis, peritonitis, cirrhosis, or combined kidney-heart disease should be evaluated promptly by a qualified health professional. This remedy discussion is educational and should not be used to delay urgent care.

Conclusion:
When catarrhal inflammation settles in the ear, when the Eustachian tube closes and hearing is affected, when bilious diarrhoea brings soreness of the anus, and when liver, kidney, cardiac, or plastic-exudative states enter the picture, Mercurius dulcis reflects Boericke's remedy state - a Calomel remedy centered on catarrh, bilious disturbance, ulceration, exudation, and sluggish eliminative systems.

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