

WHAT A SHOCK!

The fact that we do not really know what electricity is gives an indication as to some of the symptoms of this remedy.

Electricity is electrons and protons; electromagnetic activity; flowing and direct current; alternating current; static energy; atmospheric energy; fields of energy; sparks of nitrogen and oxygen plasma; volts, amperes, joules and watts. It is all these and more, all at the same time.

So, it is easy to see that mental turmoil animates this remedy – depressed and weary; moral depression; anxiety and anguish; nervous tremors; restlessness; lassitude; paralysis of the mind and body; epilepsy; sensations of heaviness and weightlessness; tearful and timid; violent uneasiness; terribly fearful of an approaching storm; crying out with nervous fear; internal anguish especially in the chest; involuntary and hysterical laughter; rage; cannot comprehend time; general comprehension is slow and difficult and there is loss of memory. The face carries an expression of alarm and fatigue.

It is enough to make your hair stand on end! All those electrons and protons scattered and zapping like a static electric shock. But ‘static’ this remedy isn’t. It is all over the place and mediates between both ‘positive’ and ‘negative’ states, although neither can be considered healthy because they characterize the connection between turmoil and paralysis.

The type of pains are what you might imagine with Electricity – darting; tearing; shocks; roaring; pricking; undulating; stinging; gnawing; pressing; shuddering; tingling and burning.

The sensations are also predictable – giddiness; spasms; stupefaction; swellings in ear, mouth and eyes; whizzing noises in ears; bursting in the bladder; swellings of limbs; numbness, ‘pins and needles’ and paralysis; trembling; intense chilliness and heat; powerful sensation of heaviness like marble but also a feeling of weightlessness.

As you might imagine these pains and sensations are felt throughout the whole body. Specifically:-

The head feels giddy and confused and the pains are drawing; crushing; shooting; tearing; cramping; pulsating and tingling. The pains are felt throughout the head and are accompanied by a feeling of coldness or heat.

The eyes ache and feel drawn, deep or swollen. The pain is pressing, inflamed and red. Vision becomes clouded or perverted by colours, especially yellow.

The ears have pulsations and swellings. There is a sense of heat and strange murmurings.

The nose tingles with a sensation of outward pressure.

The face sweats, swells and the muscles contract. Eruptions are scabby.

Toothache comes from the head. Pains dart around.

The mouth is either very dry or it has excess saliva to the extent of foaming at the mouth. The tongue is sensitive. The voice becomes paralysed and they cannot speak.

The abdomen has cutting pains and the anxiety before a storm is felt here. There is a tendency to liquid, black/yellow diarrhoea accompanied by a drawing up of testes or a sense of constriction with dry stools.

Frequent urination, the bladder feels as if it will burst. Urine is deep coloured, even red and then gets paler as the day advances.

Copious menses and very large lumps in leucorrhoea.

Respiration can be either arrested or accelerated.

The heart palpitates at the approach of a storm.

The neck and back tingle and burn.

The limbs suffer terribly – intense tearing pains or paralysis with a feeling of heaviness. The veins swell and there is a burning internal heat (as if the blood is boiling?). A change in temperature tends to <<<. The whole body shakes and burns, then the limbs become stiff and eventually paralyse or relax.

The skin feels swollen, there are a variety of eruptions – red, white, black, - which sometimes fill with a greenish fluid.

Throughout the whole symptom picture it is as if there is a great abundance of pains and sensations = turmoil, and then a shutting down = paralysis. A bursting = the shock, then the relaxing = the switching off, turning the power off. Excess and depletion.

It is quite a colourful remedy – black, yellow, red, green and white all feature in the symptoms.

But this ‘bolt from the blue’ does have one compensating feature at least. Within the theme of excess and depletion, potentised Electricity encourages a rapid growth of hair. So next time your hair stands up on end and refuses to grow back due to some sustained shock, think about Electricity.

Thanks for reading. Joy Lucas RSHom, October, 2004.