

BROMIUM(Bromine)

- Br. (A.W. 79'9).
- Solution in distilled water.
- Bromine forms a leading constituent in the mineral waters of Kreutzach and Wood hall.
- Bromine is useful in scrofulous children with enlarged glands, which are swollen and indurated, but seldom suppurate.
- Like the other Halogens, Bromine is a strong antiscorbutic.

General

Most marked effects are seen in the respiratory symptoms, especially in larynx and trachea.

- ~~It seems to affect especially scrofulous children with enlarged glands.~~
- BLOND TYPE. Enlarged parotid and goitre.
- Tendency to spasmodic attacks.
- LEFT-SIDED MUMPS.
- Sense of suffocation;
- excoriating discharges, profuse sweats and great weakness.
- Complaints from being over-heated.
- TENDENCY TO INFILTRATE GLANDS, BECOME HARD, BUT SELDOM SUPPURATE.

Mind.

Delusion that strange persons are looking over patient's shoulder and that she would see someone on turning.

- Quarrelsome.
- Takes no interest in the household duties.
- Cheerful mood, desire for mental labor.
- Sad. Indifferent. Low spirited inconsolable.
- Does not feel normal, but cannot tell why.
- Sits alone in her room without doing anything, looks constantly in one direction without saying anything.

Head.

Megrim of left side; worse stooping, especially after drinking milk.

Headache; worse heat of sun and by rapid motion.

Sharp pain through eyes.

Dizzy when crossing stream of water.

Nose.

Coryza, with corrosive soreness of nose.

- Stoppage of right nostril.

- Pressure at root of nose.

- TICKLING, SMARTING, AS FROM COBWEBS.

- Fan-like motion of alae. (Lyc.)

- Bleeding from nose relieving the chest.

Throat.

Throat feels raw, evening, with hoarseness.

Tonsils pain on swallowing, deep red, with networks of dilated blood vessels.

Tickling in trachea during inspiration.

Hoarseness coming on from being overheated.

Stomach and Abdomen.

Sharp burning from tongue to stomach.

- Pressure as of stone.
- Gastralgia; better eating.
- Tympanitic distention of abdomen.
- Painful hemorrhoids, with black stool.

Respiratory.

Whooping cough. (Use persistently for about ten days.)

**DRY COUGH, WITH HOARSENESS and burning pain
BEHIND STERNUM. SPASMODIC COUGH, WITH
RATTLING OF MUCUS in the larynx; suffocative.
HOARSENESS.**

Croup: after febrile symptoms have subsided.

Difficult and painful breathing. Violent cramping of chest. Chest pains run **upward**.

COLD SENSATION WHEN INSPIRING. (Rhus , Sulph.) Every inspiration provokes cough.

LARYNGEAL DIPHTHERIA, membrane begins in larynx and spreads upward. Spasmodic constriction.

Asthma; difficulty in getting air INTO lung. (Chlorum, in expelling.) Better at sea, of seafaring men when they come on land. Hypertrophy of heart from gymnastics. [Rhus.] Fibrinous bronchitis, great dyspnoea. Bronchial tubes feel filled with smoke.

Male.

Swelling of testicles. Indurated, with pains worse slight jar.

Female.

Swelling of ovaries.

Menses too early; too profuse, with membranous shreds.

Low spirited before menses.

Tumor in breasts, with stitching pains; worse left. Stitch pains from breast to axillae.

Sharp shooting pain in left breast, worse, pressure.

Physometra; loud emission of flatus from the vagina (Lyc.);

membranous dysmenorrhoea (Lac. c.).

Sleep.

Full of dreams and anguish; jerking and starting during sleep,

Full of fantasy and illusions; difficult to go to sleep at night, cannot sleep enough in morning;

Trembling and weak on awaking.

Skin.

Acne, pimples and pustules.

Boils on arms and face.

GLANDS STONY, HARD, ESPECIALLY ON LOWER JAW and throat.

Hard goitre. (Spong.)

Gangrene.

Aggravation.

WORSE, from evening, until midnight,
when sitting in warm room;
warm damp weather
when at rest and lying left side.
> after shaving (< after shaving, Carbo an.).

Amelioration.

BETTER,
from any motion;
exercise,
at sea.

■ Relations. - Compare: in croup and croupy affections, [Chlor.], Hep. , Iod. , Spong.

Hard goitre cured after Iod. failed.

Brom. has cured in croup after failure of Iod. , Phos. , Hep. , Spong. ; especially in relapses after Iod.

"The chief distinction between Brom. and Iod. is the former cures the blue-eyed and the latter the black-eyed patients." - Hering.

Relationship.

Antidotes: Ammon. carb.; Camph.

■ Salt inhibits the action of Brom.

Compare:

Conium; Spongia; Iod.; Aster.; Arg. nit.

Avoid milk when taking Brom.

Hydrobromic acid. (Throat dry and puckering; constriction in pharynx and chest; waves of heat over face and neck; pulsating tinnitus with great nervous irritability (Houghton); vertigo, palpitation; arms heavy; seemed as if parts did not belong to him. Seems to have a specific effect on the inferior cervical ganglion, increasing the tonic action of the sympathetic, thus promoting vasoconstriction. Relieves headache, tinnitus and vertigo, especially in vasomotor stomach disturbance. Dose, 20 minims.)