

HIDDEN TREASURES OF HOMEOPATHY: NAVIGATING THE WORLD OF RARE MOTHER TINCTURES

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ABSTRACT

Mother tinctures, extracted from diverse drug sources through methods outlined in pharmacopeias, are the subject of this article. The content delves into information regarding select but potent mother tinctures that find application in practical use. These mother tinctures, though uncommon, possess effectiveness in addressing a spectrum of health issues, ranging from mild to severe, rendering them valuable in therapeutic contexts.

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INTRODUCTION

Homeopathic mother tinctures are concentrated liquid extracts derived from various medicinal substances using specific methods outlined in homeopathic pharmacopeias. These tinctures capture the essential therapeutic properties of the source substances and serve as the

foundation for preparing different potencies in homeopathic practice. Despite debates surrounding their inclusion in homeopathy, mother tinctures are valued for their efficacy in addressing a range of health issues. They can be administered internally or externally, and their use is guided by the principles established by homeopathic pioneers such as Dr. Hahnemann and supported by practitioners like Dr. Boericke. Mother tinctures play a crucial role in providing holistic and individualized healing in homeopathic medicine.

Dr. Hahnemann himself said that use of mother tincture in his 6th edition of Organon of Medicine {aphorism 284, 285} that the curative remedy should also be continued internally while the same remedy is used externally as an ointment, liniment, cerate, etc. The external application is the combination of two or more mother tinctures to dispense in the vehicle to provide quick relief. The Mother tinctures are needed where the organs have deteriorated due to pathological changes.

PREPARATION OF MOTHER TINCTURE

- The mother tincture can only be prepared with drugs that are soluble in water. Dr. Hahnemann has given the method for the preparation of mother tincture.
- **Old method:** In this method, the mother tincture is classified according to source solubility and the moisture content of the drug substance. When the drug source is plant and animal then it's called mother tincture. When the drug source is Minerals and chemicals then it is called Mother solution.
- **New method:** In today's time the mother tincture is prepared by a new method
- **Maceration:** Finely chop or grind the source material. Place it in a specified ratio with alcohol (usually a mixture of alcohol and water). Allow the mixture to macerate or soak for a specific duration, often several weeks. Periodically shake or stir the mixture during maceration. Filter the liquid to obtain the mother tincture
- **Percolation:** Coarsely grind the source material. Pack the material into a percolator. Allow a specific solvent (usually a mixture of alcohol and water) to percolate through the material. Collect the percolate and filter it. The first portion is often discarded (discard fraction), and the subsequent portions are collected to obtain the mother tincture

USES OF MOTHER TINCTURE

The use of homeopathic mother tinctures is an integral part of homeopathic practice and involves administering these concentrated liquid extracts for therapeutic purposes. Here are common ways in which mother tinctures are utilized:

1. Internal Administration

- **Oral Intake:** Mother tinctures are often ingested orally, either directly or diluted in water. The dosage and frequency depend on the specific remedy and the individual's symptoms.
- **Sublingual Absorption:** Some practitioners advise holding a few drops of the mother tincture under the tongue for faster absorption.

2. External Applications

- **Topical Use:** Mother tinctures can be applied externally as ointments, liniments, or compresses. This is often recommended by homeopathic practitioners when addressing localized issues or skin conditions.
- **Washes and Compresses:** Diluted mother tinctures can be used for cleansing wounds or inflamed areas.

3. Combination Therapy

Internal and External Combination: Dr. Hahnemann, in his 6th edition of *Organon of Medicine*, suggested the use of both internal and external applications of the same remedy for certain conditions. This approach aims to enhance the overall healing effect.

4. Customized Prescriptions: Homeopathic practitioners may customize prescriptions based on the individual's specific symptoms and health history. Mother tinctures are selected to address the totality of symptoms.

5. Supportive Role: Mother tinctures are often used as supportive measures in chronic conditions or as tonics to enhance overall well-being.

6. Quick Relief: External application of a combination of mother tinctures is sometimes employed for quick relief, especially in cases where the organs have undergone pathological changes.

7. Preservation of Vitality: The use of mother tinctures is believed to preserve the vital energy of the medicinal substance, providing a holistic approach to healing.

DISADVANTAGE

- **Medicinal poisoning:** Since the mother tincture is a pure extract of the crude drug, excessive repetition may develop alkaloid poisoning.

- **Potential for Aggravation:** In some cases, the use of mother tinctures may lead to an initial worsening of symptoms before improvement occurs. This phenomenon, known as a homeopathic aggravation, can be unsettling for patients.
- **Need for Professional Guidance:** Homeopathic treatment, including the use of mother tinctures, is most effective when guided by a trained homeopathic practitioner. Self-prescription without proper understanding and individualization can lead to ineffective or inappropriate use.

RARE MEDICINE AND ITS EFFECTS

1. **Abel-Moschus:** Addison disease, acute or chronic glaucoma. Heavy feeling in the head.
2. **Aconitum Lycotonum:** Swelling of glands, itching of the nose with cracked skin; eyes, anus, vulva. diarrhea after eating pork.
3. **Alstonia Constricta:** Useful in debility, diarrhoea, and dysentery vomiting in pregnancy, lower blood pressure.
4. **Ambrosia Artemidiaefolia:** Hay fever, lachrymation, summer diarrhea.
5. **Apocynanum Antrosaemifolia:** Rheumatic symptom with wandering pain in all joints. The sole of the foot is swollen with a burning sensation. Trembling and frustration.
6. **Agrimonia Eupatoria:** Painful kidneys. Impaired digestion. Menstrual difficulties. Bronchia.
7. **Alnus:** Indigestion due to imperfect secretion of gastric juices. Leucorrhoea with erosion of the cervix. Bleeding easily. Amenorrhoea with burning pains back to pubis. eczema. chronic herpes. Enlarged submaxillary glands.
8. **Aquilegia Vulgaris:** A remedy for hysteria. Globus hystericus. Women in the climatic period with vomiting of green substance especially in the morning. Sleeplessness. Menses; scanty. Pressure at the right lumbar region.
9. **Arum Dracontium:** A remedy for pharyngitis with sore, raw, and tender throat. Pain worse swallowing. Continue croupy hoarse cough with thick expectoration.
10. **Asclepias Syriaca:** A great remedy for dropsy. Hepatic. Renal or cardiac. Increases the urinary output. Acute rheumatic inflammation of a large joint. Headache followed by increased urine with increased specific gravity. Headache from retention of urine.
11. **Blumea Odorata:** A great remedy to control hemorrhages. From uterus, piles, and dysentery. Excellent remedy for bleeding piles. Menorrhagia, Leucorrhoea mixed with blood, and miscarriages are benefited by this drug. Excellent remedy for tertian fever.

12. **Carum Carvi:** acts on intestinal muscles. Relieves colic, gripping pain, bloating, and flatulence, and increases breast milk production.
13. **Cichorium Intybus:** stimulants for the liver and digestive tract. General heaviness, headache, weight in stomach. Great indisposition to bodily and mental exertion.
14. **Caesalpinia Bondocells:** Excellent remedy for chronic fever, especially of intermittent nature. Fever is very regular and may come anytime. Fever appears with chilliness. Thirsty during the heat stage. Great weakness after remission of fever. No desire to talk. The patient wants to lie down quietly in bed with closed eyes. Liver and Spleen enlarged and tender.
15. **Carlspad:** Famous for its action on the liver and in the treatment of obesity, diabetes, and gout. Tongue-coated white. Offensive breath. Sour or salty taste. Heartburn. Stools constipated passed with much abdominal pressure.
16. **Cassia Sophera:** nasal discharge. Fluent thin, watery with sneezing and thick expectoration. Homeopathic broncho dilator. Cough with pain in the chest. Thick yellow expectorations< morning, evening >warmth. dry cough with wheezing > night. Dyspnoea > winters from exposure to dust. Change of weather, cold drinks.
17. **Castoreum:** Great remedy for Hysteria with frustration. Nervous women continuously suffering from one or another disease. Constant yawning. Restlessness and irritability with frightful dreams. Amenorrhoea and Dysmenorrhea.
18. **Chimaphila Umbilata:** Acts principally on kidneys, and Genito urinary tract. Hepatic and renal atrophies. Chronic alcoholism. incipient and progressive cataract. Prostatic enlargement. Urine turbid, offensive, containing ropy or bloody mucus. Burning and scalding during urination and straining afterwards. Must strains before the flow comes. acute prostatitis.
19. **Cynodont Dactylon:** Excellent remedy for Hematemesis. Epistaxis. menorrhagia. dysentery. scabies. Dropsy Vesicular Calculus. Dysuria or Catarrhal Ophthalmia. Very useful in acute and chronic dysentery with or without blood.
20. **Doerheavia Diffusa:** It has got a great diuretic properties. Dropsy due to liver peritoneal conditions is benefitted by this drug. Asities with liver, kidney, and peritoneal pathology. Cirrhosis of the liver.
21. **Embelica Ribes:** Great children's remedy. Complaints associated with or produced by worms. Diarrhea, Dyspepsia, and Flatulence due to worm. Urine is pungent and blood-colored. The patient is cross, and morose, with grinding of teeth, stool undigested itching of the rectum abdomen distended, and worms passing with stools.

22. **Equisetum:** A remedy for Enuresis and Dysuria. Frequent urging and severe pain at the close of urination. Urine flows drop by drop. Sharp pains. Cutting pains while urinating.
23. **Eriodictyon:** Cough Asthma and Bronchitis better by expectoration. Cough after influenza.
24. **Eugenia:** Acene simple and indurated. Pimples are painful.
25. **Ficus Ciarcia:** Acts as Purgative and has a soothing effect on cough-producing expectoration.
26. **Gossypium:** Powerful emmenagogue. Retained placenta. Suppressed menstruation.
27. **Hydrocotyle Asiatica:** Elephantiasis. Lupus.
28. **Helianthus Annus:** Spleen remedy. Stool black. Coryza; old catarrh, nasal haemorrhage thick scabs, and nose < by heat.
29. **Luffa Amara:** Excellent drug for irritation and inflammation of gastric mucosa. It is also used as a gastric tonic.
30. **Lycopus Virginculs:** Goitre.
31. **Lamium Album:** Hard stool with blood. Farrington recommends it for external piles. Much uneasiness of mind and body. Trembling of limbs. The backward and forward motion of the head.
32. **Leptandra:** Mild stimulant. Useful for liver and gall bladder disorder. In enfeebled portal circulation. Jaundice with black tarry stool.
33. **Mimosa Pudica:** Sensitiveness and headache above the eyes < by motion > by closing eyes. Pain in shoulders and ankles. Diarrhoea with abdominal colic and irritating stools.
34. **Melissa Officinalis:** Anxiety, Depression, and Restlessness. Irritability, Insomnia. cold sores. Headaches. Hyperchlorhydria.
35. **Origanum Vulgare:** Low sexual desire in females. Also promotes menstrual flow when suppressed by cold.
36. **Psoralea corylifolia:** In the cases of leprosy and leukoderma.
37. **Pareira Brava:** Bladder catarrhal. Calculus. Dysuria. Prostate enlargement. renal colic.
38. **Quassia Amara:** Great gastric tonic. Dyspepsia with gas and acidity.
39. **Rhamnus Californica:** Rheumatism and muscular pain. Tendency to metastasis and profuse sweat.
40. **Taraxacum:** Chronic disorder of the kidney and liver. diuretic without loss of potassium and detoxifier.
41. **Trigonelia Foenum:** Diabetes mellitus. scrofula. rickets. anaemia. Debility
42. **Uranium Nitricum:** Diabetes mellitus. Duodenal ulcer and gastric ulcer.

43. Wrightia tinctoria: anorexia. Debility and emaciation. Amoebic dysentery.

44. Zingiber: Asthma without anxiety. Cough; dry, hacking with copious sputum in the morning.

45. Veronica Beccabunga: Stimulates appetite. Given in scurvy and diuretic.

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