Evolution of Lycopodium Clavatum

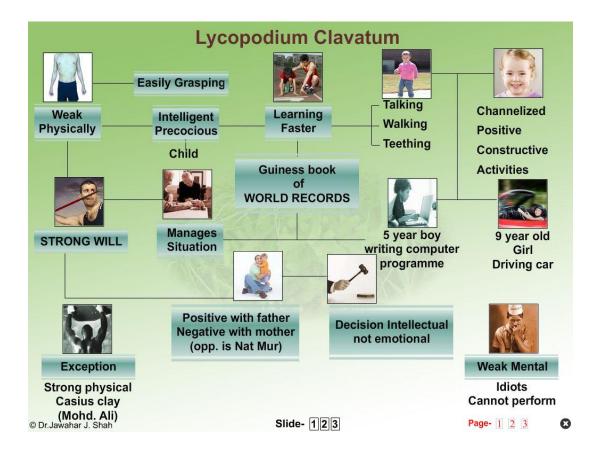
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Let us study in-depth, the evolution of one of the most well proved remedies belonging to the Cryptogam group. This remedy is known to be a very deep-acting remedy and it has a very prominent place in our Materia Medica. Part of the evolution described here is what we have learnt from hundreds of cases and which has been verified over and again in many new cases. We may have read a lot many books on it but it still fascinates us to know more about this drug. Let us delve into the evolution of this drug - Lycopodium Clavatum.

Evolution

Lycopodium belongs to the plant kingdom - Cryptogam group - and it is a very deep-acting remedy.

Lycopodium child is a very intelligent and precocious child. Normally, the Lycopodium child starts learning things faster than other children of his age group do. He may talk early, walk early or the teething may start early. Sometimes, these children have a tooth erupting right from when he/she is born. This child starts reading big words and letters at a very young age. These are the children who are in the Guinness Book of World Records or who are considered prodigies. Whatever they take up, they learn very very fast. Occasionally, one hears of incidences like a five year old boy writing computer programs or a nine year old girl driving a car on the road. These children normally are Lycopodium. Lycopodium symbolizes channelized, positive, constructive activity.



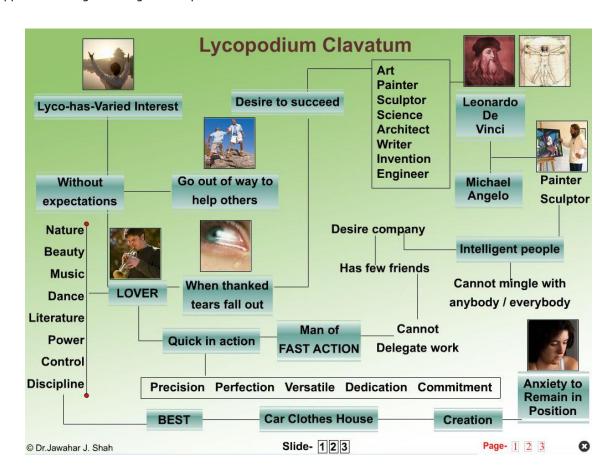
Lycopodium has a strong will and weak body. Most of their actions are based on strong will. Even if the body does not work, they will drag their body along. There are a few exceptions to this rule, i.e. with their will, they also create a very strong and muscular body. In addition, very rarely, you will find a few cases that carry only the physical aspect of Lycopodium, for e.g. aggravation from 4 - 8 p.m., flatulence passing from anus and desire for sweets, while mentally they might be idiots. However, these expressions of Lycopodium are found only in few cases.

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As the body is weak, other children will bully him. However, a Lycopodium child will very cleverly manage a situation like this by making friends with the strongest boy of the class. Normally, that boy is the one who is not very good in studies and so Lycopodium will help him in his studies, homework, give him notes, etc. In return, Lycopodium will be thoroughly protected. Lycopodium is always able to find his way out from the difficult problems and situations. I have seen Lycopodium reading geography when he has to appear for an exam in maths. In mathematics, even without working for a single day, he can get the highest marks. Normally, these boys are toppers in their class. This child usually vibes with his father very well and less so with his mother. (Opp. Nat.Mur.)

Lycopodium personalities have varied interests, but whatever they take up, they always succeed in it. As they grow in life, their decisions are more intellectual than emotional. However, they will do many things from the heart and will go out of their way to help people and not expect anything in return. That is why when they are thanked, ears come to their eyes. Lycopodium does have emotions but they are very well camouflaged.

As he grows older, he gets more and more lonely at the top because people cannot be upto his level of intelligence. Lycopodium has many admirers, but very few friends. He desires company and companionship, but it should be at the level of his intelligence. He cannot mingle with anybody and everybody. He is very fast in his work, he doesn't like slow movements and actions- he is a man of action. Many a times instead of delegating work, he will prefer to do even the smallest work himself. He likes precision and perfection. He is a strong lover of nature and beauty. He likes good things in life. Whatever is created or made has to be the best. He likes his house to be the best, his car to be the best, his clothes to be the best, etc. But at the same time, if he cannot have it, he will not be jealous or envious and will appreciate the good things and aspire for them.



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Lycopodium is exceptionally versatile in nature. Some of the most concrete examples of Lycopodium will be Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, etc. Each of them was a painter, sculptor, architect, writer, engineer, etc. Their creations and contributions to mankind have been exceptional. These are the people who are extremely dedicated to their work and will continue working till late age.

Lycopodium loves power, control and discipline. Usually Lycopodium is a very good administrator. As he is able to manage situations and problems well and as he looks after the interest of his employees, he creates many enemies. It is meant for politicians who are not corrupt. As they love power and the associated position, they develop anxiety to remain in that position. These anxieties affect them a lot. They are always shaky in the beginning, but once they take up the task they are always successful.

Till the time they are in a state of health and position, everything is fine. But once the downfall starts, they develop tremendous anxiety and anticipation. Now it becomes important for them to remain and prove the power that they have and so they do not like any opposition. Aggravated by Contradiction+++. If there is any opposition, they get very irritable and can also become revengeful. They simply cannot bear any contradictions.

They like company but the person should be in the other room. They don't like anybody to disturb their work and waste their time. For them work is the only worship which is worthwhile. Even in the worst of health, they will prefer to continue working.

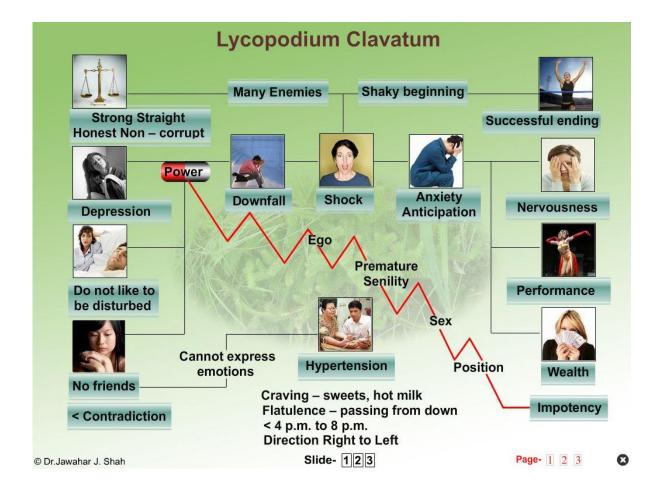
As this person grows further in life and as he is physically weak, he develops many complications of health and mainly there are two systems which are very weak in Lycopodium. The first one is the Gastro-intestinal tract and the second one is the Respiratory tract. He also develops premature senility, graying of the hair, wrinkles on the face, etc. He looks older than what he really is.

Now when he is all alone at the top with very few or no friends, he gets frustrated. This problem gets compounded by the fact that he is not able to express his emotions.

If there is any threat to his position or power or his ego, he is finished. His decline starts now - he just cannot bear it. As he has created a few enemies on his way to the top, people will now get combined to pull him down and this creates tremendous frustration in him and creates many problems. At this stage, he develops suicidal thoughts. This is the stage where he develops illnesses like diabetes, hypertension, loss of memory, etc.

He usually does not have a positive and healthy relationship with his wife mainly because of the intellectual difference. He will develop a negative attitude and this subconsciously acts on his mind and he develops impotency and premature ejaculation. However, he will still have very strong desire and erections in the presence of other women.

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The downfall of Lycopodium is also very rapid, but it comes only after a lot of frustrations. There are some Lycopodiums, who live upto ninety or hundred but only when they are emotionally stable and when they are in control of their lives. Once this control is lost, it is very difficult for them to face the problems of life.

We have, thus tried to study Lycopodium from birth till old age. This different way of studying is the Evolutionary Materia Medica.

If in a given case, the evolution of the patient matches with the evolution of a remedy then results are instantaneous. In such cases where not only the 'Nucleus' but the 'Complete Evolution' matches, even if the present status (of messed-up symptoms) does not indicate the remedy, you can still prescribe it and get the desired results!

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