



Lac Felinum

Sociable

Flirt

Independent

Contempt for others

Spiritual

Unsociable

Dependent

Fearful

Irritable

Self-loathing

Self-esteem/humiliation

Self-confidence/lack of

Provings

Swan/Morgan^A (1883)

Divya Chhabra^B (1995)

Keynote essence

*Tension between the state of dependence
vs the need for independence*

Cat

The fat cat on the mat
may seem to dream
of nice mice that suffice
for him, or cream;
but he free, maybe,
walks in thought
unbowed, proud, where loud
roared and fought
his kin, lean and slim,
or deep in den
in the East feasted on beasts
and tender men;

but fat cat on the mat
kept as a pet,
he does not forget.

JRR Tolkien; in: *The Literary Cat*
Eds: Suarès JC; Chwast S (1977)
Berkley Windhover Books, New York

Memory

Memory, all alone in the moonlight
I can smile at the old days
I was beautiful then
I remember the time I knew what
happiness was
Let the memory live again

Daylight, I must wait for the sunrise
I must think of a new life
And I mustn't give in
When the dawn comes tonight will
be a memory too

And a new day will begin

Grizabella; *Cats* Andrew Lloyd Webber

Causation

Eye troubles coming on in the Fall (Autumn) [Clarke]

A/f: incest¹; abuse and sexual abuse ²

Cases requiring *lac-f* may express the need for nurture from the father rather than the mother. Chhabra suggests that sexual exploitation is a major theme; *lac-f* is the **Prostitute**.

Müller³ observes that a lack of self esteem associated with the *lac-f* state may degenerate into self-contempt and self-hatred, with an eventual tendency towards self-destruction, manifesting in the form of abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs. There is a suicidal tendency. Life is a game!

¹ Chhabra D:^B The story of the cat; A proving of Lac felinum *Homœopathic Links* 1995; 8(1):11–12

² Wirtz A:^C A caring capricious creature: Lac felinum *Homœopathic Links* 1996; 9(3):145–148

³ Müller KC:^D *Lac felinum; a synthetic remedy picture from clinical confirmation* Verlag 2002; Zweibrücken

However, Bailey⁴ states that there may also be a fear of death. “I have a fear of dying . . . death is very final”.

Miasm **Syphilis:** Everyone “knows” that the cat has nine lives!

Affinities nerves; female organs; head⁵
left side; right side
sense organs: eyes; ears; nose; mouth (*lac-as; lac-m*)

The syphilitic miasm, which has a specific affinity for the sense organs, governs death (destruction of the corporeal body) and rebirth (return into a corporeal body). It is at birth that all the sense organs, especially the nose, play a primary role in allowing the newborn to search for the nipple; something s/he is programmed to do. Paradise Regained! As Grof has expressed it, van der Zee has reminded us and Wirtz confirms in a case:

“She took the Rx in 200K potency . . . [and] . . . some hours after taking it she felt unreal with a sensation ‘as if walking on clouds’. She walked through a (familiar) glass door, after which she came back to reality. She felt very alone and forsaken . . . she felt reborn.”^C

Generalities **GRACEFUL MOVEMENT**
Graceful^C
Moveable, flexible body^{C;G}
Active; desire to be^C (NB: dance; travelling)

Wirtz notes that children have rapid motor development; *lac-f* has no vertigo rubrics nor has *lac-leo*.

AWKWARD MOVEMENT

Constant nervous trembling, especially of hands; as in drunkards
Right side from crown to sole weak; heavy; distressed; difficult to walk

GENERAL

Allergy; cats, to⁶ (confirmed by Wirtz)
Oedema; generalised; menses, before; > menses^C
< night^F > night^E

Mind **SOCIABLE/UNSOCIABLE**
Attachment by others; fear of^D
Alone; desire to be^C
Withdrawn^C
vs
Relationship, lacks; desire, for a^D

⁴ Bailey P:^F A case of Lac felinum *Similia* 2005; 17(1):32–34

⁵ Vermeulen F:^F *Synoptic Materia Medica* II

⁶ Timmermann A:^G The symbol in a remedy as a key factor; a case of Lac felinum *Homœopathic Links* 1996; 9(3):148–150

Passionate^C
 Sociable; interested; people, in^C
 Cares for and protects children^C
 Loves cats^G (Look for a/f: death of a cat^D)

DEPENDENCE/INDEPENDENCE

Morbid consciousness; every little fault appeared a crime
 Conscientious; trifles, about
 Influenced easily; others, by^G
 Indecisive^G

vs

Independence; desire, for^{C;G}
 Freedom; desire, for^C
 Suspicious^C
 Curious^C
 Impulsive^C
 Opportunistic^C
 Cunning^C
 Persistent^C
 Obstinate^C
 Strong-willed^C
 Quality of life/living is important^C
 Orderly; organised; clean^C
 Efficient^C
 Enthusiastic^C
 Vehement^C
 Forced; being; aversion, to^C

Dislike for closed doors can be part of the *lac-f* picture; so can a desire for fresh air; Vermeulen quotes Timmermann's observation that the *lac-f* type has "an intolerance for obligation and pressure". Müller says "the desire for liberty, the wish to be a free agent, is one of the most frequently occurring desires in *lac-f*, and it is expressed in many forms and on many levels. This corresponds to a clear feeling of being restricted by one's partner and yet we may also find marked jealousy."

Bailey suggests the delusion: "I feel like I have a rope around my neck"

Müller nominates the delusion: "Escape; cannot"

FEARFUL

Fear; exams, before^D
 Fear; pointed objects, of [Schmidt] [*lac-cp*; *silicea*; *spigelia*]
Mind: delusion; corners of furniture, or every pointed object; will stick into her eyes
 Fear; mice and snakes, of^C
 Fear; great; falling downstairs, of; vertigo, without

IRRITABILITY

Hurried^G
 Restless^C
 Bored easily^C
 Patience; lack, of^{C;G}

Indignant^{B:C}

Irritable; (“cross”)

Angry^B

Bastard; has an impulsive desire to call someone a bastard^B

Anger with impulse to kill; when let down by a fellow human being^D

SELF-LOATHING

Every little fault appeared a crime

That I am fat; obese; performing, while^G

Mind: Critical as to own appearance^F

That others look at me with contempt and think that I don’t know anything^G

Forsaken^G

That I am not afforded the respect that I deserve^B

That I am not moving ahead; that I am stagnating^B

That I am powerless^G

Strangulation; sense, of^E (*lac-leo*)

Feels dirty* and full of hate; touch of a male, from**^B

* “Dirty” may also manifest in a penchant for washing the hands (*syph*)

Bailey has recorded it as a cured symptom.

** Mating is a painful experience; male cat’s penis has spines that stimulate ovulation.

That I submitted myself, sexually, for the sake of preserving a relationship^B

Chhabra contends that this conflict emerges as a result of some sort of cellular memory concerning the need for the wild cats of antiquity to become domesticated in order to survive. “The trick had been to control their fear of humans, to learn to tolerate handling and even to enjoy it, as the necessary prize that had to be paid for an easy life. In a way they had to prostitute themselves, but once they had mastered the art, the rewards were impressive. They allowed the domestic cat to live longer and more healthily than its wild ancestors.”⁷

FLIRT

Cuddles; caressing; desire, for^C

vs

Inappropriate touch; averse, to^C

Makes love on her own terms^C

Wirtz also cites the rubric “Misleading” which may be associated with sexual teasing; flirtatious behaviour. Chhabra⁸ describes the central delusion as that of being a “prostitute.”

Vermeulen cites that “they absolutely hate dishonesty”. This is suggestive further of the tension that exists between the need to live in a dependent state but desirous of an independent one.

⁷ Chhabra D: *op cit*

⁸ Chhabra D: *op cit*

SELF-ESTEEMSuperior; contempt for others^EIndifferent^CAlert^C (*lac-lup*)Intuitive^CVerbally expressive^CClothing; jewellery; ornaments colourful and tasteful, wears^C

The desire to make the most of one's looks/appearance is confirmed by Bailey

Prudent^C

vs

Humiliation; feelings, of⁹**SELF CONFIDENCE, LACK OF**

Nervous trembling (especially of hands) as in drunkards; with dryness of mouth

Nervous^GSelf-confidence; lack, of^GGreat depression of spirits; sad^D*Dullness*; gaping expression, withDull; chaotic feeling^C**SPIRITUALITY**Interest in religion; spirituality^COrder; desire, for^CHarmony; desire, for^CClairvoyant^CDesire to escape from reality^CMesmerism; (eg Reiki) desire, for^C**Mind:** delusion; floating sensation: "as if walking on clouds"^C**Mind:** delusion; that various parts of the body are packed in cotton wool^D**Head**

Pulsations; head; sensation of heat in forehead and constriction in bridge of nose, with

Heaviness; forehead

Heavy pressure; sides of head and vertex

Heat in vertex

headache, before

Pain; head; < reading

Pain; dull; forehead; eyebrows

Pain; acute; vertex

frontal region

left eye; temple

> holding head firmly in hands

> *running from room to room screaming*⁹ Rozencwajg J: homeopathystudy@yahoo.com August 1, 2008

Pain; intense; early morning; left vertex; flush of heat, with; spreading down whole side of a head, like a veil; extending to left side of nose, jaw and left ear

> closing eyes

> bending head down, chin to chest

> *running from room to room screaming*

Pain; sharp; lancinating; zigzags; intermittent; (every 10 minutes) left side head; from vertex to left ear

Pain; cold, chilly sensation; root of nose, beginning with; passing up median line to vertex and from vertex to left ear

Eyes

Pain; sharp; lancinating*; centre of left eyeball, through

* **S/if:** a knife running through eye to left occiput [Berridge] (*spigelia*)

Lachrymation profuse; eye pain, with

Watering; slight; accompanied by a **s/if:** *eyes were sunken in head*

Heavy pressure; downwards of eyebrows and eyelids as if parts were lead

Twitching; outer end of left upper lid

Twitching eyelids; right and left (ciliary neuralgia)

Pain; great; right eye; lying left side, on; **s/if:** it were moving about and too heavy [Ward]

Pain; sharp; lancinating; throbbing; interior of right eyeball

extending to temple

photophobia; intense, with

redness of conjunctiva, with

lachrymation, with

< reading

< writing

< looking fixedly

Pain; extremely sharp; in eyes; back into head with; **s/if:** eyes extended back into head [Ward]

Pain; right; lower orbital border; accompanied, by

soreness; tenderness on touch

shooting in right eye [Ward]

Choroiditis (pain in back of orbits)

dim sight when reading, with (*ruta*)

constipation, with

loss of appetite, with [Clarke]

legs weary, with

S/if: sand in right eye; waking, on [Ward]

Corneal ulcers

Styes [*staph; puls; hep*]

left upper lid; right lower lid

Vision

Sight confused; letters run together; reading, when
 dull aching pain behind eyes, with
 shooting pain; eyes, in; < right eye
 < catching cold
 < over fatigue

The plethora of eye symptoms is probably due to the fact that cat's milk is very high in taurine (2.87 mmol/litre). Only the gerbil has a higher amount of taurine. Human milk contains but 0.34 mmol/litre; (which is higher than cow's milk where the amounts are negligible). Taurine is, among other things, important for visual acuity; and when a cat's milk is low in taurine the kittens experience all manner of eye problems. High taurine levels are due to the cat's predominantly meat diet (they are carnivores; not omnivores). They are totally reliant on an intake of mostly meat protein to ensure that taurine levels are optimal.

Ears

Noises, hears [Müller]
 Swelling in front of ear; menses, before [Müller]

Nose

Averse smell of clams
 Pain; right border of nose; as if sore; with tenderness there on touch [Ward]
 Nosebleed; inflamed throat, with^G
 Icy cold; headache, before^F

Mouth

Palate elongated
 Pain in all teeth from hot pain in head
 Tongue **s/if**: scalded by hot drink
 Redness: under tongue
 on gum
 whole buccal cavity; soreness, with
 Sore tongue; roof of mouth; **s/if**: ulcers, on
 Ulcers; small; white; covering tongue and whole buccal cavity
 (*mercurius*)

 Mouth dry
 Dryness; rim of glottis
S/if: parts of mouth stuck; requiring an injection of air or saliva to separate
 vs
 Saliva fills mouth from intense pain in head extending along lower jaw
 Salivation increased (*mercurius*)
 Tongue enlarged; serrated at edges; imprint of teeth, by (*mercurius*)
 Brassy taste in mouth (*mercurius*)
 Sense of taste lost

Throat

Mucous; tough; pharynx, in
 difficult to expel; must swallow
 Expectoration yellow, thick, tough, stringy; sickly sweet taste

	Posterior wall of pharynx slightly inflamed, with sensation of soreness Scraping pain; throat, in ^G Voice lost; inflamed throat, with ^G
Neck	Rigidity of neck muscles
Stomach	Nausea; slight <i>Appetite diminished</i> Anorexia ^C Fussy; food, about ^F Thirstless ^C Hunger ^B tremendous intolerable 11.30 am–12 noon Eats hurriedly ^C Acid eructations ^C
Desires	Great desire to eat paper Strong desire for chocolate ^G Sweet food ^C Pungent food ^C Salty food ^D Milk ^{C,E} Milky coffee ^C Fish ^D Prefers fish to meat ^C Healthy, clean food ^C Vegetarian desires to be; love of animals, for ^D
Averse	Milk; fat; avocado; mushrooms ^C
Abdomen	Heat in epigastrium Sensitivity in epigastrium <i>Pain, in; (back also) s/if: menstruation was to commence</i> <i>Feels swollen; eating, after; > loosening clothes</i> Pain; sore; all around; just below belt S/if: cold bandage over lower part of abdomen; midnight
Rectum	Pain in bowels Straining to pass normal stool Seeming inability of rectum to expel contents Stool; long, tenacious; slipping back when ceases to strain Urge to stool; 2 am Flatulence ^C Diarrhoea ^C
Bladder	Urine pale Frequent desire to urinate Obstructed flow of urine; must wait

Female

Leucorrhoea (yellow)
intermits

Itch; furious; vulva, inside and out (voluptuous itching)

Herpes vaginalis^F

Weight and bearing down sensation in pelvis; **s/if:** womb would fall out

< walking

< standing

Pain; pelvis through hips

< pressure as of placing arms akimbo

Dragging pain; left ovary

Dysmenorrhoea^C

Amenorrhoea^C

Menses absent; travel, during^G

Menses infrequent (every three months)^C

Mammae

Swelling; menses, before^C

Chest

Breathing oppressed

Deep inspiration difficult

Breathing done in upper part of lungs alone

Sighing^C

Back

Pain; cramping pain^C

Pain; lower back^G

< exertion

> massage

> rest

Extremities

Pain; medial; left wrist; using index finger, when

Eruptions hands^G

< using chemical cleansers

< emotional tension, restrictive relationship, from

Legs ache

Foot; left; feels cold when touched by right foot

Coldness of foot; one cold, the other hot^F

Sensitive feet^F

Sleep

Sleepiness

Heavy; profound

Difficult to awaken

vs

Superficial < slightest sound (cat-napping)^D

Sleeplessness^C

Dreams

Earthquakes

Nightmares

stuck; pipe, in^D

Inadequate feelings; supervisor, in front of^B

Body devoid of surface markings (bones, contours)^B

Pulse; radial; unable to find^B

ANIMALS

Camel pestering me; food, for^B

Cat saved; drowning, from^D

Cats fighting^D

Crow; pure black; flying^B

Dogs^C

Dogs; chased, by^D

Fishes^C

Hen; sharing food from the same plate as a rat that is pregnant; asking me if she can stay^B

Snakes; bed, in^D

SENSUAL

Red satin handkerchief across the face^B

Coats and furs^C

Blouse; low cut; hand-stitched; mother, by^B

Make-up; heavy^B

Sexual intercourse^B

Pursued for the purpose of rape

relatives by; for the purpose of rape^B

Eunuchs, assaulted by; feeling of revulsion^B

Penis, huge^D (*lac del*)

Brothel; home of friend, is a^B

Observed undressing; man, by a^B

Temperature

Alternating short bursts of heat and chills [Allen]

Chilly; prefers warm weather^C

Hot flushes; perspiration, with^C

DD

Causticum

Mercurius

Muriaticum

Staphisagria

[*Spigelia*; *Sulphur*; *Lycopodium*; *Rhus-t*; *Belladonna*; *Bryonia*; *Sepia*; *Asarum*; *Marble Vermeulen*]

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