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I. INTRODUCTION

This Homoeopathic Repertory is a guide to the pile of symptoms of diverse drugs, and the numerous symptoms can be accurately detected according to the requirement. It adds on nothing, also changes nothing, but provide merely as a guide to the profusion. we all are using one Repertory in every case before prescribing. The majority of us use only our mental Repertory, which is naturally slender because of the limited capacity of the Human brain.

Disparate repertoires have evolved over the course of time, and the layout has changed in many of them. Besides the nature and utility of the repertoires depends on the quality of the symptoms included in them. This concept of evolution of repertoires on the anatomical basis gave to the "Regional Repertoires."

In the section on anatomical regions, under the heading "Eyeball (including conjunctiva bulbi)," we find "Tubercles (warts)" with fifteen remedies attached. We are baffled to know if these remedies have caused or cured tubercles.

II. SUMMARY

In this second edition of Dr. Berridge's Repertory contains the symptoms about the eye. It is meant to be used, notably in the treatment of ophthalmic diseases. It contains all the ophthalmic symptoms which occur in the proving of 1171 remedies, arranged under different headings, somewhat after the manner of Dr. Boenninghausen.

The preface states that a perfect Repertory should contain every symptom of the Materia medica under every rubric where it can be looked for, and the book is compiled in accordance with that idea. To effect this, he has divided each chapter of this Repertory into two Sections:

1. The Symptoms themselves and
2. Their Conditions, (including Concomitants).

The Conditions including the Concomitants are arranged in 23 groups as follows:

(1) Time, (2) Situation, stages and External effect, (3) Posture, (4) Touch, (5) Motion, (6) Head (along with Mental Symptoms), (7) Eyes, (8) Ears, (9) Nose, (10) Face & Front of Neck, (11) Teeth, (12) Mouth as well as Throat, (13) Abdomen (along with Stomach, Anus, including all Functional Symptoms thereof, (14) Urinary Organs, (15) Sexual Organs, (16) Chest and Larynx, (17) Back and Nape of Neck, (18) Arms, (19) Legs, (20) Sleep, (21) Fever, (Chills, Sweat, and Heat), (22) Generalities (together with Convulsions, Skin, Bones, Other Drugs, & c.)

Clinical cases are decisive for determining concomitants as it is often challenging or impossible to determine from the proving alone what symptoms are actually connected among each other.

He was in the support of application of the doctrine of analogy for selection of remedy as materia medica of his time was inadequate.

As per Dr. E. W. Berridge, if we wish to obtain maximum benefit from Homoeopathy, then we can only do so by following the three great rules of the Master as follows careful selection of Similimum, Single remedy, and Minimum dose.

III. GRADATION OF RUBRICS

a) 5 Grades

- 1st Grade: Italic Capitals
- 2nd Grade: Plain Capitals
- 3rd Grade: Italics
- 4th Grade: Roman Letters
- 5th Grade: Roman(Bracketed)–Doubt Full Symptoms

b) Sources

- C. Hering's Materia Medica
- Symptoms from later proving.
- Cases of poisoning reported in allopathic journals.

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IV. ABBREVIATIONS

The author has used consistent and scientific practice of cyphering of his time. But, it is cast away by scientific nomenclature.

Cyphers of the elements and simple haloid salts are the same as their chemical symbols	Na. = sodium. S. = sulphur
The -ate salts are cyphered by adding -a	Na-sa. = sulphate of sodium.
Ite salts are cyphered by adding -i	Na-si. = sulphite of sodium.
Ic acids are cyphered by adding -x	S-x = sulphuric acid.
Ous acids are cyphered by adding -ix.	S-ix = sulphurous acid
Hydracids cypher by adding -hx to radical	S-hx = sulphydric acid
Ide salts are cyphered by adding -S	Na-s = sulphide of sodium

In the medicines obtained from the Animal as well as Vegetable kingdoms, each genus is customarily revealed by a divergent cypher and by that only.

V. THE CHAPTERS AS FOLLOWS

Table 1

Section I: Symptoms (PP. 1-99)
<i>Further divided into 5 subsections:</i>
IA: Functional Symptoms (PP. 1-14)
IB: Anatomical regions (PP. 14-58)
IC: General character, sequence & directions (PP. 59-74)
ID: Right side (PP. 74-86)
IE: Left side. (PP. 86-99)
Section II: Conditions (Including Concomitants) (PP. 100-312)
<i>Further divided into 2 subsections:</i>
II A: Aggravations (PP. 100-289)
II B: Ameliorations (PP. 290-312)

To explain this Repertory use, Dr. E. W. Berridge mentioned the following cases from his practice:

Case 1

Aug 9, 1871. At 2 pm a child put his finger into his mother's left eye, scratching the upper part of eye ball; smarting in the eye followed with heat, redness and hot lachrymation followed; "cannot open the eye

because of pain." Cold water application relieves the pain and watering; the light of day increases the watering.

Remedy Diagnosis

As the symptoms arose from a mechanical cause, the author did not consider the locality (left eye) as a characteristic of the case.

Table 2

Page No.	Rubric	Medicine
290	Relief from Cold-Heat	Al-o, Amm-cl (thu).
	Relief from Cold-Lachrymation	Al-o.
	Relief from Cold-Smarting	Al-o, N-x.
293	Relief from Washing-Heat	Al-o, Amm-cl, asr, k-na (thu)
	Relief from Washing-Lachrymation	Al-o, Asr. Mg-ca.
	Relief from Washing-Smarting	Al-o, Na-ca
175	Worse from Natural Light-Lachrymation	Al-o, Bry, dig, Dl-s, Dt, Eug.Grp, K-bicra, Kre, Lyc, Mg-cl, Qu-sa, S-x. (Str-i), Vr-s, Zn.

Thus *Alumina* alone corresponds to all these symptoms and it was found also to have.

Table 3

Page No.	Symptoms
16	Redness of eyes
47	Difficulty opening if eyelids
24	Hot Lachrymation

He gave a single dose of *Alumina* CM. in fifteen minutes all the symptoms were gone, except a little stiffness.

Case 2

On nov. 6th, three weeks ago when blowing her nose, she felt as if something broke in the right eye, which watered much. Since then, at times, when blowing the nose, has had a feeling as if a tight skin came halfway down over right eye, preventing the sight of that eye; removed by rubbing. After it has gone feeling as if something were pricking the eye; eye waters. On the last two occasions, this sensation came on without blowing the nose.

Selection of Remedy

Table 3

Page No.	Rubric	Medicine
209	By blowing nose. Sight impaired	K-o.
	By blowing nose. Pellicle.	K-o.

As *Kali Oxidum (Causticum)* was the only medicine which possessed these most characteristic symptoms, and, moreover correspond to the remaining symptoms as a reference to the repertory, So he gave one dose of *Causticum* 6 m. (Jenichen).

Dec. 11th Reports that the symptoms ceased at once and did not return.

VI. CONCLUSION

Complete repertory to the homeopathic materia medica disease of the eye is one of the useful repertories, in this repertory use perfectly anatomical parts of the eye and a several rubrics are given which help in the selection of remedy. In this repertory given a large number of medicine for supporting the practitioner.

There are also some Limitations:

- Drugs are less in numbers.
- Drugs Grading has not been done.
- The abbreviations are different from the regular using repertories.

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