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AND

All other Loose Evacuations of the Bowels.

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- Originally prepared for the personal use of the author - as
time saving notes

PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

THIS little work was prepared for my own use as a labor-saver, and as a receptacle for clinical observations, and for gleanings from others and from the periodicals.

But some may inquire, Why should diseases of the bowels be honored above others by a special monograph?

Those who have Boënnighausen on Cough, on Fever, and on Head-ache, will not ask this question, but will desire that the work go on until we possess such special aids in the treatment of all affections that most tax the busy practitioner.

- **Basic intention** – not to include all remedies producing diarrhea, but only those remedies of which symptoms regarding following are present:

- **Type of stool.**

- **Condition of Aggravation, Amelioration & Causation.**

- **Concomitants.**

It has not been intended to include every remedy that has been known to purge, but only every remedy of which enough is known, either of its stools, or conditions, or concomitants, to distinguish it from any other remedy.

Editions:

- I edn – 1869
- II edn – 1881
 - Dr. W.T. Laird added 32 new remedies & more than 100 pages & also remodelled the Repertory part
 - Dr. A. Lippe contributed 2 annotated copies & many suggestions
- III edn – 1888
- IV edn – 1896
- 11th edn – 1920
- Till date 15 editions have come.

Sources:

- Own clinical experience of about 10 years.
- From various journals.
- Hahnemann - Chronic diseases.
- Jahr's New manual Repertory
- Lippe's Materia Medica
- Hale's Materia Medica
- Boenninghausen's Therapeutic Pocket book
- Hartmann
- Wells Diarrhoea etc.

LIST OF AUTHORS

CONSULTED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS WORK.

- HAHNEMANN.** Chronic Diseases.
JAHR. New Manual. Repertory.
LIPPE. Materia Medica.
HALE. Materia Medica.
MURE. Materia Medica.
METCALF. Homœopathic Provings.
GROSS. Comparative Materia Medica.
POSSART. Arzneimittellehre.
BEENINGHAUSEN. Repertorium. Keuchhusten. Pocket Book.
RAUE. Pathology and Therapeutics.
GUERNSEY. Obstetrics and Diseases of Females and Children.
HARTMANN. Specielle Therapie Acuter und Chronischer Krankheiten. Spec. Therap. Kinderkrankheiten.
TESTE. Diseases of Children.
WILLIAMSON. Diseases of Women and Children.
CROSERIO. Obstetrics.
WELLS. Diarrhœa.
WOLF. Hom. Erfahrungen, Erstes bis fünftes Heft.
JOURNALS. Am. Hom. Review, Vol. I. to VI. Hahn. Monthly, Vol. I. to III. British Jour. of Hom., Vol. XXV. U. S. Med. and Surg. Jour., Vol. I. to IV. Monthly Hom. Review, Vol. VIII. Am. Jour. of Hom. Mat. Med., Vol. I. to II. New England Med. Gazette, Vol. I. to IV. Am. Hom. Observer, Vol. I. to VI. Medical Investigator, Vol. II. to VI. Ohio Med. and Surg. Reporter, a few numbers. Western Hom. Observer, a few numbers. North Am. Jour. of Hom., Vol. V. and XIV. Proceedings of Am. Inst. of Hom.; of N. Y. Hom. Med. Soc.; of Mass. Hom. Med. Soc.; a few volumes.

ADDITIONAL WORKS

CONSULTED IN THE PREPARATION OF THE SECOND EDITION.

- ALLEN.** Encyclopædia of Pure Materia Medica.
HERING. Condensed Materia Medica.
HERING. Guiding Symptoms.
HUGHES. Pharmacodynamics.

MACROCONSTRICTION

- 2 parts
 - Part 1: Remedies with their indications
 - Part 2: Repertory proper

• PART 1 – mm

• 141 Remedies

- 2nd edn – 32 remedies added
- 3rd edition – 4 remedies of little importance have been omitted viz.: Cactus, Euphorb., Opuntia and Castoreum
 - 5 medicines considered to be of much value have been added, viz.: Acetic ac., Crotaulus, Angustura, Carbolic ac. and Valeriana.
- 4th edition – no addition or deletion

1) Type of stools.

2) Aggravations.

3) Ameliorations.

4) Before stool.

5) During stool.

6) After stool.

7) Accompaniments.

8) During convalescence – given only in few drugs

2. ACONITE.

Stools : *Watery; Black; Green, like chopped spinach; Bilious; Corrosive; Bloody, slimy, mucous; Small; Brown, small, painful; Frequent* (dysenteric stool); Involuntary (when passing flatus).

Aggravation : In summer, with cold nights: *After getting wet; After being overheated; After exposure to cold, dry wind, or a draught; After anger or fright; After suppressed perspiration; At night; After eating fruit; In infants.*

Amelioration : After eating warm soup—(pains).

Before Stool : Cutting pains: Nausea and sweat: Anguish.

During Stool : Cutting pains: **Tenesmus:** Sweat: Much flatus (with watery stools).

After Stool : Relief, except from anguish, nausea and sweat, which may continue.

Accompaniments: *Anxiety; fear of death. Restlessness. Vertigo or fainting on rising up, with paleness; face flushed when lying. Bitter taste of everything except water. Lips dry, dark. Unquenchable thirst. Nausea. Vomiting: of blood; of blood and mucus; of bile; of what has been drunk with profuse sweat. Sensation of a cold stone in the stomach. Distended abdomen sensitive to the touch. Abdomen very hot. Violent pains (cutting) in the abdomen. Colic, of infants, which no position relieves (with bilious stool). Rheumatic pains in head, nape of neck and shoulders. Urine high-colored, scanty and pungent, without sediment.*

Sleeplessness. General dry heat. Full, hard, very quick pulse. Internal shuddering, with dry, hot skin, and tendency to uncover. Sweat on the covered parts.

In Cholera: *Hippocratic countenance; face bluish; lips black; expression of terror and imbecility; cold limbs with blue nails. Collapse.*

Acon. is especially useful in the very beginning of acute diseases of the bowels, and is then often able to cut short dysentery and even cholera morbus without any other remedy. It is also a valuable intercurrent in dysentery, when **Merc. corr.**, although indicated, fails to relieve. It closely resembles **Dulo.** and is followed well by that drug, also by **Bell.**

Abuse of **Acon.** calls for **Sulph.**

- some symptoms will be found in *italics*
 - frequently observed & which sharply distinguish the remedy from others
 - The more of these emphasized symptoms we have under any one remedy the easier the selection.
- While there are some symptoms which are especially characteristic; they are printed in **black type**.

PART – 2: REPERTORY PROPER

- 141 remedies

It is based on –

- Doctrine of complete symptoms.
- Doctrine of concomitants.
- Doctrine of evaluation of remedies.

Gradations used: 4

- I grade – **Roman bold** – well proved and repeatedly verified
- II grade – *Italics* – well proved, but s/m lack clinical information
- III grade – **Simple roman** – possess only fragmentary and imperfect pathogeneses. -> “the suggestive remedies”
 - Coto Bark, Gent. Lut., Geran., Hura., Oenothera, Paullinia, etc
- IV grade – (**Roman**) – remedies whose indications are derived solely *ab usu in morbis* (Knowledge obtained from the use of medicine in disease)

Plan & Construction: 5 parts

1) Pathological names.

2) Character of stools.

3) Conditions of the stools & of the accompanying symptoms (Modalities)

a. Aggravation.

b. Amelioration.

4) Accompaniments of the evacuations.

a. Before stool.

b. During stool.

c. After stool.

5) General accompaniments

23 Subsections are given.

- Alphabetical

- Chapter 1: Pathological names

- Cholera, Cholera infantum, Cholera morbus, Diarrhoea,

Dysentery etc

PATHOLOGICAL NAMES.

CHOLERA : Acon. *Ars.* *Camph.* *Carbo v.* *Cicuta.* *Colch.* *Cupr.*
Jatr. *Phos.* *Phos. ac.* *Podo.* *Sec.* *Sulph.* *Tabac.* *Thuja.* *Verat.*

—, *asphyctica s. sicca :* *Camph.* *Carbo v.* *Laur.* *Tabac.*

—, *infantum :* Acon. *Æth.* *Ant. c.* *Ant. t.* *Ars.* *Bell.* *Bis.* *Calc. c.*
Camph. *Carbo v.* *Colch.* *Coloc.* *Colost.* *Crot. tig.* *Elat.* *Grat.* *Ipec.*
Iris v. *Jatr.* *Kali bich.* *Kali brom.* *Kreos.* *Laur.* *Phos.* *Podo.* *Raph.*
Sarsap. *Sec.* *Sil.* *Sulph.* *Tabac.* *Thuja.* *Verat.*

—, *morbus :* Acon. *Ant. c.* *Ant. t.* *Ars.* *Camph.* *Colch.* *Coloc.*
Crot. tig. *Elat.* *Grat.* *Ipec.* *Iris v.* *Jatr.* *Kali bich.* *Phos.* *Phos. ac.*
Podo. *Raph.* *Sec.* *Tabac.* *Thuja.* *Verat.*

DIARRHŒA : Acon. *Æscul.* *Æth.* *Agar.* *Aloe.* *Alum.* *Amm. m.*
Ant. c. *Ant. t.* *Apis.* *Arn.* *Ars.* *Asaf.* *Asar. e.* *Asclep.* *Bapt.*
Bar. c. *Benz. ac.* *Bol.* *Bor.* *Brom.* *Bry.* *Calc. c.* *Calc. ph.* *Canth.*
Caust. *Cham.* *Chel.* *China.* *Cicuta.* *Cina.* *Cist.* *Coccul.* *Coff.* *Coloc.*
Con. *Cop.* *Corn. c.* *Crot. tig.* *Cub.* *Cyclam.* *Dig.* *Diosc.* *Dulc.* *Ferr.*
Fluor. ac. *Gamb.* *Gels.* *Graph.* *Grat.* *Hep.* *Hip. m.* *Hyos.* *Ign.* *Iod.*
Ipec. *Iris v.* *Jabor.* *Kali bich.* *Kali c.* *Kali nit.* *Kreos.* *Lach.*

• Chapter 2: Character of the Stools

- Albuminous, Bilious, Bloody, Coffee ground like, Copious, Frothy etc.

CHARACTER OF THE STOOLS.

Albuminous: Diosc. Natr. m.

Alternating with constipation: Amm. m. Ant. c. Arg. n. Ars.

Bry. Carbol. ac. Chel. Cina. Coff. Con. Cop. Gamb. Ign. Iod.

Kali c. Lach. Natr. mur. Nux v. Phos. Rhus. Sulph. Zinc.

— — — during pregnancy: Diosc.

— — heat in head: Bell.

Attack sudden: *Camph.* (Cupr.) *Sec.*

Bilious: Acon. Æth. Agar. Aloe. Ant. t. Ars. Carbol. ac. *Cham.* China.

Cina. Coloc. *Corn. c.* Cub. Diosc. Dulc. Elat. *Fluor. ac.* Ipec. Lept.

Lil. tig. Merc. c. Merc. v. Phos. Podo. *Puls.* Sulph. Verat. Zinc.

—, in albuminuria: Tereb.

Biliary coloring matter, deficiency of: Chel.

Bloody: Acon. Æscul. Æth. Agar. Aloe. Alum. Ant. t. Apis. Arg. n.

Arn. Ars. Asar. *Bapt.* Bell. Benz. ac. Bol. Bry. Calc. c. *Canth.*

Caps. Carbo v. Carbol. ac. Caust. Cham. China. Cina. *Colch.*

Coloc. Cop. Crotal. Cub. Cupr. Dulc. Elat. Ferr. Hep. Hip. m.

- Chapter 3: Conditions of Stools and of the accompanying symptoms

- 2 sub chapters,

- a. Aggravation – also many causative modalities

- b. Amelioration.

Acids after, Beer after, Cabbage after, Fruit after etc.

CONDITIONS OF THE STOOLS AND OF THE ACCOMPANYING SYMPTOMS.

a. AGGRAVATIONS.

Acids, after: Aloe. *Ant. c.* Apis. Ars. Brom. Bry. Coloc. Lach. *Phos. ac. Sulph.*

—, —, worse at night when lying: Bry. Lach.

Acute diseases, after: *Carbo v. China. Psor.*

Afternoon, in the: Aloe. Bell. Bor. Calc. *c. China.* Dulc. Laur. Lept. Tereb. Zinc.

—, 4 to 6: *Carbo v.*

—, 4 to 8: Hell. *Lyc.*

—, 5 to 6: Dig.

—, regularly: Ferr.

Aged persons, in: *Ant. c. Carbo v. Coff. Fluor. ac. Gamb. Iod. Op.*

— — with dark complexions: *Nitr. ac.*

— prematurely, with syphilitic mercurial dyscrasia: *Fluor. ac.*

— women: *Kreos. Natr. s.*

Air on the abdomen, from cold: *Caust.*

—, in cold: Sil.

—, — — evening: *Natr. s.*

—, — currents of: *Acon. Caps. Nux v.*

—, — open: *Agar. Amm. m. Coff. Cyclam. Grat.*

Ale, after: See Beer.

- Chapter 4: Accompaniments of the evacuations

- 3 subchapters.

- a. Before stool

- b. During stool

- c. After stool

ACCOMPANIMENTS OF THE EVACUATIONS.

a. BEFORE STOOL.

Abdomen, aching, sore, in upper part of: Bell.

—, **bursting feeling:** Ars.

—, **colic:** Aloe. Alum. Amm. m. Arg. n. Asaf. Asclep. Bapt. Bar. c. *Bell.* Bor. Bry. Canth. Caps. *Cham.* China. Colch. **Coloc.** **Diosc.** Dulc. Gamb. Gels. Graph. Hell. Hip. m. Ipec. Kali c. Kali nit. Lept. Lyc. Mez. Mur. ac. Natr. c. Natr. s. Nitr. ac. Nuph. Ox. ac. Petrol. Phos. Plant. Podo. Puls. *Rheum.* Rhus. Rum. Sep. Tereb. *Verat.* Zinc. Zing.

—, **constrictive feeling:** Ars.

—, **cutting pains:** Acon. *Æscul.* *Æth.* Agar. Aloe. Ang. Ant. c. *Ant. t.* Ars. Asar. e. Brom. Bry. Calc. ph. Caps. Carbo v. *Cham.* Chel. **Coloc.** Con. Crot. tig. Dig. Dulc. Grat. Iris v. *Jalap.* Laur. *Magn. c.* Merc. c. Merc. v. Natr. c. *Nicc.* Nitr. ac. Nux mos. Nux v. Petrol. Puls. Rhus. Sang. Sarsap. Sec. Staph. *Sulph.*

—, **distress in:** Bol.

—, **drawing pains:** Nitr. ac.

—, **distension:** Arn.

- Chapter 5: General accompaniments

- 23 subchapters - Hahnemannian schema

- Under each heading peculiar concomitant state of patient is given

GENERAL ACCOMPANIMENTS.

1. MIND AND MOOD.

Agitated, constantly : *Carbol. ac.*

Agitation, nervous : *Valer.*

Anger : *Aloe. Ars. Bar. c.*

— **when consoled :** *Natr. mur.*

Wilfulness : *Calc. c.*

Will power, lack of : *Picric ac.*

2. HEAD.

Bones, cranial, soft and thin : *Calc. ph.*

Fontanelles, open : *Apis. Calc. c. Calc. ph. Ipec. Merc. v. Sep.*

Sil. Sulph.

—, **anterior, large and sunken :** *Apis.*

—, **posterior, very large :** *Calc. ph.*

—, **sunken :** *Apis. Calc. c.*

Hair, dry : *Calc. c.*

—, —, **rapidly falling off, with much dandruff :** *Kali c.*

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Method of Using This Repertory: Detailed case history is taken with respect to:

- Sensation
- Modality
- Concomitants

Working out of a case : According to the following factors,

- Pathological names.
- Character of stool.
- Modalities.
- Concomitants.
- General accompaniments.

The Administration of The Remedy:

- most satisfactory with 12th. 15th 30th 200th & often higher potencies
- administered in water
- repeated every one to six hours according to the urgency of the symptoms
- suspended as soon as decided improvement appeared.
- same remedy resumed again – better in a higher potency, but on this point we cannot yet speak with entire assurance.

Special Features:

- Handy & very concise
- Contains rubrics related to diarrhoeal diseases with concomitants at one place
- In first part, common indications of remedies in diarrhea are given.
- It has expressed not only the symptoms of the bowel but the general state of the patient too (General Accompaniments)

- **Accompanying symptoms** before, during and after is well elaborated in separate sub-sections.
- **Desires and Aversions** related to food items are mentioned in **Appetite** sub-section.
- This book also mentions the guidelines regarding the **selection of the remedy and also its potency selection.**

Criticism:

- Number of remedies is very less
- Remedies in each rubric are very less
- Moreover the author has not included medicines—
 - Whose proving is indefinite.
 - This the author has said in context to a much larger number of medicines given in Allen's Symptom Register and Knerr's Repertory of the Guiding Symptoms

- Where **diarrhea is simply accessory** to a larger and more important group of symptoms and not well defined
E.g. *Diadema* in Intermittent fever, *Asterias rubens* in Epilepsy or *Arum triphyllum* in Typhoid or Scarlet fever
- While describing under the heading 'Character of the stools' many **sub rubrics are found which do not actually correspond** with the meaning of the main rubric.
 - E.g. Involuntary, Expulsion difficult, Alternating with constipation.